

Review of: "Could governmental interventions improve subjective well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic? Findings from 750 street vendors in Cali, Colombia"

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Dear Author(s),

Thank you for your submission to Qeios and for the opportunity to read this paper. Overall, the paper is clear in its structure and intent. However, unfortunately, I find myself puzzled and wondering how speculative your arguments are. I offer more detailed comments below as much as I appreciate your attempt to examine this issue. I hope the comments are helpful.

The background

1. **Directions of the paper.** The research question contains too many non-content words (e.g., has, there, a, in, the, and, of, since, to, before), which may indicate wordiness. The research objectives are not clearly linked to the research gaps. Consider revising these in building the discussed cases.
2. **Importance of the paper.** Given the relevance of the gaps investigated, the underlying contributions are incremental but need to be highlighted from theoretical and conceptual standpoints. Maybe I am missing the link between your paper's theoretical and practical contributions. What new understanding does this paper offer in COVID-19 literature? How did the governance interventions advance well-being?

Discussion

The discussion must go deeper to discuss the substantial implications of the research for the theory and the practice. In doing so, it would be more interesting if the authors focused more on the significance (relevance) of their key findings to the key stakeholders. Are the findings in line with or oppose extant literature (and why)? How do the findings advance the theories? What are the recommendations for the key stakeholders?