

# Review of: "State-led Development and Youth Unemployment in the Arab and non-Arab Countries"

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## State-led Development and Youth Unemployment in the Arab and non-Arab Countries

The author examines the Saheli-Isfahani's projection on high youth unemployment in Arab countries in comparison to non-Arab countries. Using a set of data, he establishes that the worsening influence of state-led development on youth unemployment is not-region specific.

The paper is interesting and well written and I suggest some revisions as follows:

1. The work is a demonstration of a result postulated by Saheli-Isfahani (2012). What suggestions does the author make to address this rising trend of youth unemployment in these countries?
2. In the literature review, the authors do not refer to theoretical models of the unemployment problem. Is this a deliberate choice or such a model does not exist?
3. The references used by the authors are mostly old ones. For example: only one reference from 2022 and only two from 2021. We suggest that the authors densify the review with more recent references.
4. On page 6 and sixth line from the end, shift the subscript  $t-1$
5. It is desirable that the authors recall the meaning of the ILO (International Labor Organization) the first time it is used on page 6.