

Peer Review

Review of: "Social Capital and National Innovativeness – The Influence of Trust and Tolerance on the National Capacity to Innovate"

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript. I would like to provide some suggestions in terms of strengths and potential improvements.

Strengths:

The document addresses an interesting and relevant topic, exploring the role of social capital, trust, and tolerance on national innovative capacity. This theme is important for understanding the social factors that influence innovation at the national level.

The literature review is comprehensive and well-structured, providing a solid theoretical foundation for the development of the proposed model.

The conceptual model integrating trust and tolerance as components of social capital is innovative and well-argued.

The research methodology is clearly described and includes the use of data from authoritative sources such as the World Values Survey and the Global Innovation Index.

The empirical results show a significant positive relationship between social capital, trust, tolerance, and national innovativeness, supporting the proposed hypotheses.

Potential improvements:

Although mentioned, the paper could further elaborate on the practical implications of the findings for policymakers and business managers.

The discussion could be expanded to address the study's limitations and directions for future research more comprehensively.

Some sections, such as the methodology and results, could be slightly more concise to improve overall readability.

It would be useful to include a more in-depth discussion on the potential interactions between trust and tolerance and how these may influence national innovativeness.

It might be beneficial to explore additional control variables or moderating factors that could influence the relationship between social capital and innovativeness.

Overall, this is a well-structured and well-argued paper that significantly contributes to the understanding of the role of social capital in national innovation. With some targeted improvements, it could be further strengthened and ready for publication.

Declarations

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