

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

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**below are the comments from my side;**

**The paper has given good idea about the youth unemployment in Arab and Non-Arab countries. Some of the suggestions are that:**

- The article did not emphasize more on the research methodology and tools used in the analysis.**
- The researcher can give a brief note on the Research Methodology and can give justification on the tools adopted for the analysis.**
- Revisit the abstract to include importance of the study, methodology, data source, period of study and results.**
- Avoid the word “we”, but rather state the research or the paper or the researcher.**
- Revisit the second paragraph of the introduction as it emphasizes only on Arab states, what about the 87 non-arab states used in the study.**
- The author jumps from arab and then narrows the analysis to GCC countries? As indicated in paragraph 5 of the introduction.**
- Tables were copied and pasted rather than typed with no reference to the source of data.**
- The author keeps referring to Okun;s law and Phillips curve, both were refuted by many scholars and real life examples.**
- I wish that the author explains more why government consumption as a percentage of GDP were used as a proxy for the title of the paper” State-Led Development and Youth Unemployment”.**
- Data used were for the period of 2007-2017, which needs to be updated, particularly after the drastic changes accrued to the global economy, such as Covid-19 pandemic, Russian-Ukraine crisis, Food Security and high inflation associated with world recession.**
- The author can also consider many other factors like social and family factors and some attributes such as self-interest in jobs, aspirants, motivational factors etc., which greatly affect the youth generation in getting**

employed. In developed countries, the youth population have enormous employment opportunities but the challenge lies in how the youth is able to bring out his potential to get employed and his determination in his job in the long run.