

Review of: "Gambling Prevalence and Factors Associated with Gambling Participation among University Students in Uganda"

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This is a very welcome addition to the literature dominated by papers from the global north. As stated by the authors, studies in Uganda on gambling mainly draw on the general population including youth and adults and rarely focus on university students. A large sample of university students is therefore included, and the paper is interesting, well referenced and written. I agree with the very detailed reviews already posted (especially from Charley Wilson). Therefore, I have concentrated my suggestions on the composition and grammar etc of the paper. I do hope that you find my proposals useful and I hope that your paper is well received.

Abstract

"This paper examines the prevalence of gambling for gain among university students and ~~to gain~~ obtains..."

Gain is a repeated word.

"...completed the survey ~~instruments~~."

"...study program"

Please could you check to see if a UK spellcheck is needed? For example, programme etc.

"Identifying ~~them~~ these points to as"

"This ~~points to~~ indicates a"

Introduction

"...and ~~being~~ above"

"has described the Ugandan situation as ~~in the following words~~:"

(Bitanhirwe, Adebisi, & Bunn, et al., 2022).

Please could you check which referencing style you are adopting ie. Harvard?

“Today gamblers in Uganda use the term betting which is milder and more tolerable to the level of characterizing it as a mere game”.

The whole of the above paragraph needs a reference please.

~~“in the fields of~~ for public health, addictions, and security”

“ludomania...”

It would be beneficial to define this term.

Prevalence of Gambling among College Students

“...(Southwestern Nigeria) ~~who ever~~ gambled”

“...similarly, Koross (2016) reported 78%, among Kenyan university students, 32.3–50% of students found in Macau studies (e.g., Kam et al., 2017; Wu et al. 2015) ever gambled.”

I would suggest re-writing this sentence please, so it is clear which percentages are attributed to which authors.

“...have noted that some students are securing ~~on~~ loans or ~~incur~~ incurring debt to fund their gambling”

“These perspectives underlying the theory offer a combination of different levels of possible analysis including psychological, biological, and social creating an inclusive perspective which ~~that~~ goes beyond just sociological, situational, and demographic factors (Griffiths, & Delfabbro, 2001) to explain why some people are more likely to gamble than others, ~~that are~~ commonly used in gambling studies.”

Participants

“...survey ~~instruments~~.”

Measures

Participants completed a brief demographics questionnaire prepared by the authors...

Discussion

“...often -newfound”

“The finding that the students whose income of parents was not able to sponsor them at university ~~were~~ associated...”

Limitations and Future Research

“This might have had personal bias as gambling is generally not culturally accepted ~~with open hands~~ in spite of assurances of their confidentiality.”

“...different gambling problems ~~accessed~~ **encountered?** by students...”

Conclusion

“The study employed the University Student Psychosocial Problems Development Theory (USPPDT) to ascertain ~~gain~~...”

“These risk factors for gambling for financial gain are not presumed as causation, identifying these ~~on~~ points to important...”

You may also want to look at/find Dumbili's work on Drinking Games amongst university students in Nigeria interesting, as there are a few similarities with sexual behaviours.

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