

Review of: "The antithetical relationship of Entrepreneurship and Corruption on Radicalization among the Moroccan Youths: An Empirical study"

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ARTICLE REVIEW

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1. Introduction

The introduction provided by the authors sets the stage for study on the relationship between entrepreneurship, corruption, and radicalization among Moroccan youths. Overall, it provides a good foundation for the research; however, there are some areas that could benefit from fine-tuning and clarification to enhance its effectiveness. Here's a review and some suggestions:

- The introduction starts with a reference to a recent literature review, but it's not entirely clear how this relates to the specific research topic. The authors should consider providing a more direct and concise statement of the research problem and objectives in the opening paragraph.
- While the introduction mentions previous research on entrepreneurship, economic development, and inequality, it would be helpful to provide a brief summary of these studies and their findings. This will give readers a better understanding of the existing knowledge in the field and how the research contributes to it.
- Research Gap: It's mentioned that previous contributors failed to cover the linkages between entrepreneurship, corruption, terrorism, and radicalization, which the paper aims to address. It would be beneficial to clearly state why this gap in the literature is significant and how the study intends to fill it.
- The introduction mentions Morocco as a case study, but it might be helpful to provide some context about why Morocco is relevant to the research. Explain any specific challenges or trends in Morocco that make it an interesting case for examining the relationship between entrepreneurship, corruption, and radicalization.

Grammar and Clarity: There are some grammatical issues and complex sentences in the introduction that may hinder understanding. Review and revise sentences for clarity and readability.

2. Literature Review

The literature review provided in the article explores the relationship between entrepreneurship, corruption, and radicalization among Moroccan youths. It draws on various academic sources to establish a context for understanding these dynamics. Overall, it provides valuable information, but there are several areas that the authors may consider fine-tuning for clarity and coherence:

- **Clear Research Focus:** The authors should start by clearly stating the research focus or question they intend to address. What specific aspect of the relationship between entrepreneurship, corruption, and radicalization in Morocco are they investigating? This will provide a roadmap for the rest of the literature review.
- **Structure and Flow:** The literature review could benefit from a clearer structure and flow. Right now, it jumps between concepts like entrepreneurship, pro-market institutions, and governance levels. Organize the review into sections or subheadings that make the progression of ideas more logical and easier to follow.
- **Citation Integration:** While the review cites various scholars and studies, it could be improved by integrating these sources more effectively. Instead of presenting a list of references, the authors should synthesize the findings and contributions of these studies to build a coherent narrative.
- **Hypotheses and Arguments:** It's not entirely clear what hypotheses or arguments the authors are building towards. Are they suggesting that corruption and poor institutional structures hinder entrepreneurship, leading to radicalization among Moroccan youth? Or are they exploring the impacts of pro-market institutions on these dynamics? Clarify the central arguments or hypotheses early on.
- **Contextualization:** Provide more context regarding the Moroccan situation. Explain any unique characteristics or historical factors that may be relevant to the study. This will help readers understand why Morocco is chosen as the case study and what makes its context significant.
- **Transition Sentences:** Use transitional sentences or paragraphs to guide readers from one point to the next. For example, after discussing pro-market institutions, explain how this relates to the Moroccan context before delving into the Moroccan case.
- **Limitations and Gaps:** Mention the limitations of the existing literature and areas where more research is needed. What questions or aspects have not been adequately addressed in previous studies? This will help justify the need for the authors' empirical study.
- **Clarity and Conciseness:** Some sentences are quite lengthy and complex, making it difficult for readers to follow the arguments. Aim for clarity and conciseness in your writing. Break down complex ideas into simpler, digestible sentences.
- The literature review could benefit from a brief conclusion summarizing the key takeaways and how they set the stage for the authors' empirical study.
- **Citation Style:** Ensure consistent citation style throughout the review. It appears that various citation styles (e.g., APA, Chicago) are used. Pick one style and adhere to it.
- Sections 3 (Moroccan Events: A Conceptual Overview), 4 (Entrepreneurship in Morocco), 5 (Starting a business in Morocco), and 6 (Corruption and Clientelism in Morocco) should have been part of the literature review. The authors

have done a great job with these, but they should be concisely fused with the literature review.

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◦ **3. Data and Methods**

The data and methods section provided outlines the construction of the survey, the sampling method, and the independent and dependent variables used in the study on the antithetical relationship of entrepreneurship and corruption on radicalization among Moroccan youths. Overall, it provides a clear picture of how the research was conducted.

However, there are a few points that could be fine-tuned for clarity and rigor:

- **Sampling Methodology:** The use of the Non-Probability Intercept Quota Sampling Method is mentioned, but it's important to elaborate on why this method was chosen and discuss its potential limitations. This will help readers understand the representativeness of the sample.
- **Data Collection Period:** While the authors mentioned that data collection occurred between Dec 2015 and Jan 2016, it's essential to explain why this specific time frame was chosen. If there are any seasonal or contextual factors that might influence the data, they should be addressed.
- **Survey Design:** Provide more details on the design of the questionnaire, including the wording of specific questions related to entrepreneurship, corruption, radicalization, and other key variables. This helps readers understand the instrument's validity and reliability.
- **Demographic Variables:** Consider whether any additional demographic variables might be relevant to the study, especially those specific to the Moroccan context. For instance, factors like geographic location, ethnic background, or religious affiliation could be important to include.
- **Religiosity Measurement:** Explain in more detail how the Allport and Ross (1967) religious orientation scale was used and how it is relevant to your study. Provide information on the scale's reliability and validity in the Moroccan context, if available.
- **Dependent Variable:** Specify how the plan to operationalize and measure "engaging in violent protests." Clarify how you will determine the extent to which respondents are motivated or deterred from such actions.
- **Data Analysis:** Mention the statistical or analytical methods you intend to use to analyze the data. Are you planning to use regression analysis, factor analysis, or other statistical techniques? Provide a brief rationale for your chosen methods.
- **Ethical Considerations:** Discuss any ethical considerations related to the survey, such as obtaining informed consent from respondents and ensuring their privacy and anonymity. This is important, especially when dealing with sensitive topics like radicalization.
- **Sample Size and Response Rate:** While the authors mentioned the number of printed questionnaires and total respondents, it's essential to include the response rate. Knowing the response rate will help assess the representativeness of the sample.

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• **4. Analysis and Findings: Descriptive Stats**

- **Descriptive Stats:** The descriptive statistics provide a clear overview of the sample demographics, including age,

gender, education level, income, and household size. However, it would be helpful to include graphical representations like bar charts or histograms to visually depict these distributions for better comprehension.

- **Respondent Choice when Facing Societal Issues:** The data on respondents' willingness to adopt various forms of protest is essential for understanding their inclinations. Ensure that the tables are labeled consistently, and the percentages are rounded for clarity.
- **ANOVA Test on Armed Resistance and Entrepreneurship:** The ANOVA test provides a meaningful insight into the correlation between armed resistance and entrepreneurship intention. However, consider providing more context or discussion to help readers understand the implications of this relationship.
- **Binary Logistic Regression:** The logistic regression analyses show the relationships between armed resistance and various factors, such as distrust in the government and socio-demographics. These findings are crucial but could be explained in more detail to interpret their significance effectively. For instance, discuss why distrust in the government is strongly associated with armed resistance and what policy implications this might have.
- **Religiosity:** The analysis of religiosity and its impact on armed resistance is intriguing. However, the terms "intra_religiosity" and "inter-religiosity" need to be defined more clearly to ensure readers understand the variables being studied.
- **Overall Presentation:** Consider providing more context and discussion throughout the analysis to help readers understand the implications of the findings. Explain why certain variables are significant and how they relate to the study's central question regarding entrepreneurship, corruption, and radicalization.
- **Clarity and Formatting:** Ensure consistent formatting throughout the document. For example, make sure that tables are labeled consistently, and percentages are formatted consistently (e.g., 57.9% instead of 57.9 percent).

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• **5. Discussion**

- Overall, the discussion you've presented on the antithetical relationship of entrepreneurship and corruption on radicalization among Moroccan youths is insightful and well-structured. However, ensure that key concepts like entrepreneurship, radicalization, and corruption are defined clearly at the beginning of the discussion. This will provide readers with a solid foundation for understanding the study's context.
- Update the study's references to more recent sources, if available, to demonstrate that the research is built upon the most current knowledge in the field. It's important to verify if there have been any significant developments in the field since then.
- Given the discrepancy between your findings and existing literature on women's involvement in radicalization, consider delving deeper into why women in Morocco may have a lower propensity for armed resistance. Explore cultural, social, or economic factors that might be influencing this trend.
- Discuss the policy implications of your findings. What can policymakers in Morocco or similar contexts learn from this study? How can this research be applied to create more effective policies and programs aimed at reducing radicalization and promoting entrepreneurship?

