

Review of: "The Correlation between Poverty and Crime in Pakistan"

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I think that the paper would benefit from two important things: some data to show would give a better understanding of the problem, and to get deeper into the theoretical framework to provide evidence and elaborate public policies. For example, from a sociological point of view, crime will always exist; from urbanism, crime increases naturally with population growth, and the lack of lights or empty spaces would contribute to crime; and from the economic point of view, the Becker model of crime considers the punishment as an important factor to determine crime—higher punishment for crime implies a reduction in crime. It happens because the person who commits a crime faces a decision where the benefits of crime are higher than the cost. After setting the theoretical framework with the factors that are linked to poverty and crime, we can describe with some data which is the most important factor. This would better focus the public policies recommendations for the case study.

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