

Review of: "Soccer fans, stadium attendance, and interpersonal trust in the Mexican population"

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The paper investigates the impact of frequently attending the stadium on social capital by considering Mexican soccer fans. The analysis relies on data collected through an online survey and is carried out using the cross-tabulation technique. In general, low levels of interpersonal trust emerge in respondents' answers; no statistically significant differences are highlighted between people attending the stadium and those not.

It is a timely and interesting research topic. The potential of the article can be broadly exploited. Below I report general comments and questions that, in my opinion, can improve the quality of the paper.

1. English needs major revision. Consider having the article proofread by a native speaker.
2. The entire document should be better structured. For instance, the introduction should contain a general presentation of the topic, social capital meaning, a clear exposition of what this paper aims for, exposing which mechanisms act here, and presenting the main results.

Currently, it is just a broad list of the origin and concept of social capital, and this part should be better formulated and integrated into a literature review. Are there other measures of social capital beyond those the author uses?

3. Try to highlight what is the contribution of this work. Is this the first work focusing on a sample of the Mexican population?

4. The presentation of the rest of the paper does not seem conventionally accepted for an academic research article. For instance, the section "Methodology" should be expanded, and the applied methodology should be fully described. Similar considerations can be made for other sections.

5. About the survey, it could be helpful to provide a complete list of survey questions. Also, geographical information on

respondents' residences could improve the analysis. So that territorial/local information could be integrated and, maybe, leads to explain better the lack of statistically significant gaps between these two types of people.

6. Why does the author follow this approach? Could the author match data on stadium attendance with official social capital estimates in Mexico to perform a robustness check?