

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

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I think this paper would benefit from two important things: some demonstrable data that would provide a better understanding of the issue, and a deeper dig into the theoretical framework to provide evidence and outline public policy. For example, from a sociological point of view, crime will always exist; due to urbanism, crime naturally increases with population growth, and lack of lighting or free space will contribute to crime; and from an economic perspective, Becker's model of crime considers punishment to be an important factor in determining crime—higher penalties for crime mean less crime. This happens because people who commit crimes are faced with a decision where the benefits of the crime are greater than the losses. Having established a theoretical framework regarding factors related to poverty and crime, we can explain with some data which factors are most important. This will further focus the public policy recommendations for this case study.