

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

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This article discusses a relevant aspect of soccer fans' attachment, which is their trust in their team, in other fans of their team, and in fans of opposing teams. Based on the existing literature on the concept of trust and social capital, the author begins with the premise that Latin American (Latinx) are among those who tend to have the least trust in other individuals and groups. Although the review of the literature seems incomplete, especially regarding the notion of trust, the approach is nevertheless based on the founding works on the concept of social capital (e.g. Putnam, Woolcock, Uslaner...). Using a quantitative approach via a questionnaire distributed on social media (the author's?), the article seeks to identify whether there is a connection between soccer fans, their presence in stadiums and the trust that these fans may have towards the Mexican population. It is important to note that the questionnaire was adapted from the Integrated questionnaire for the measurement of Social capital. In total, 284 responses were obtained. Following the analysis of the data obtained, the author mentions in the Conclusions section that the hypotheses established before the study cannot be proven. The analyses carried out do not reveal any significant results. This article has some shortcomings: 1) the construction of the problematic does not sufficiently address the links between sport, interpersonal and intergroup relations; 2) the literature review is incomplete for some elements such as trust and, perhaps more importantly; 3) the conceptual and theoretical framework is, for all intents and purposes, missing. Finally, the data collection should have been enhanced by a qualitative approach. that would have gone deeper into the types of relationships that can generate trust. Despite these pitfalls, the author's primary intentions are relevant and this work opens up new avenues of research. For example, it might be interesting to measure the confidence between fans present in the stadiums according to the stakes on the ground. Does the nature of the stakes (e.g. a final) influence the level of confidence in other fans, the same team and the opponent? Also, to what extent can the findings of soccer fans, or any other sport, be applied to other areas of society? In short, and this is probably the most important contribution of this article, this research theme deserves more attention in future work. On this point, let us acknowledge that the author has taken a path that has not yet been explored.