

Peer Review

Review of: "Understanding the 2024 Summer Riots in the UK: Three Case Studies"

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This is fascinating research drawing on a rich data set. I strongly support its publication, and I don't think that any substantial edits are needed. Having said that, currently a significant part of the article is dedicated to a rather descriptive analysis of events. Perhaps this could be condensed to allow more room for discussion. I would be particularly interested in reading more about the following:

As a scholar with a strong interest in gender, I felt that the analysis could have paid more attention to this important dimension. Gender is mentioned throughout the paper, but I feel that a lot more could have been said about the role of women in the riots, about underlying notions of masculinity, and about gendered language.

Another issue that would have deserved more attention is the complex interplay between online activity and street activity. This has definitely been a topic in the media in relation to some of the trials.

Last but not least, I wonder whether the use of the term 'anti-immigrant participants' is ideal. If I understand correctly, a key claim of the article is that generalisations should be avoided, and rioters are not a homogenous group.

Declarations

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