

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

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Introduction:

"However, when reviewing the literature, it becomes clear that there is no single concept of what is meant by the term." → be careful in using absolute words such as "there is no single concept". I'm sure there is complexity in the concept of social capital, and there are various conceptual definitions. Please reconstruct by using a better phrase.

I find that the introduction speaks more about the concept of social capital. I think this should be placed into the subheading "social capital". The Introduction should also address why soccer is important in the Mexican population. Does it form community? How does it build communal trust in comparison to other countries/nations? Please cite various other studies and literature reviews regarding this. I suggest Etzioni's concept of community and celebration.

Analysis:

1. The tables should show standard deviation, and using *** to indicate whether the number is significant. Please refer to <https://www.graphpad.com/support/faq/what-is-the-meaning-of--or--or-in-reports-of-statistical-significance-from-prism-or-instat/>
2. Based on the findings: a. older people and under 18 are more trusting, multiple games per season are least trusting. I find that these findings are very interesting. As various studies show that communal events such as sport are supposedly to build communal trust, people who joined to participate in seasonal games, particularly after the age 18, tend to become less trusting. You need to provide a good explanation.

I find that "trust in fans of the other team" should also be considered. By binding one's identity to a particular football team or club tends to create "echo chamber" in this context. Social capital is then circulated within a certain social identity group, and does not extend towards the greater circle. Please refer to Putnam's book, *Bowling Alone*. The process of individualisation does not happen by a "single-player sport" such as bowling, but also a sport that only gravitates the individual within a particular soccer community.

