

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

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Thanks for the paper, you choose an interesting aspect for social capital to explore.

General observation: it is a simple and straightforward paper.

Main comments:

1. Inappropriately formulated research questions:

a) Inappropriate wording of the first research question. One cannot look for relationships between individuals (soccer fans) and trust (phenomenon).

b). The presented data analysis does not reveal relationships between different phenomena but rather differences in the confidence level in different groups of subjects.

Therefore the author is looking for factors that influence trust. For this aim, more demographic data is needed, such as income, place of residence (e. g. inside Mexico, outside Mexico), education and others.

2. Employed sampling (data collection) strategy could not guarantee the sample's representativeness; this is why we need to know more about research participants to control (check out) other demographic factors which might affect trust.

3. More sophisticated statistical data analyses would provide different and more valuable research results.

4. If a *t*-test for two related groups (means) was used, the reviewer wonders how the significance of the means differences was obtained while comparing more than two groups. For example, the age item has six groups (table 3), the attendance frequency item has five groups (table 4) and others.