

Impact of income, corruption, democracy on happiness and comparison of happiness in Islamic vs non Islamic countries and Christian vs non-Christian countries

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Abstract

It is commonly accepted that happiness is a significant wellspring of inspiration. Though economic growth remains the main goal of all nations, nowadays happiness, without doubt, is also important to governmental leaders, policymakers, and citizens throughout the world. In this paper, it is contended that income is not the main factor that prompts higher happiness. Other variables also play an important role in determining happiness. Thus, the objective of this paper is to study the impact of income, corruption, democracy on happiness. Comparing the happiness level of countries of Islamic vs Non- Islamic countries and Christian vs Non-Christian countries.

Using the Happiness Report for 2019 for 145 countries, the paper suggests that increasing the income leads to higher happiness, greater corruption leads to lower happiness and finally the better the quality of the government the more the happiness level of the society is. Secondly on comparing the happiness score for Islamic vs non-Islamic countries and Christian vs non-Christian countries, found that the happiness level is more in the Non- Islamic countries than Islamic countries while the result for the Christian countries was non-significant.

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