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| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | This manuscript is of vital importance to the scientific and policymaking communities as it addresses the foundational concepts of good governance, public trust, integrity, and anti-corruption efforts. These topics are increasingly critical in today's global landscape, where corruption undermines democratic institutions, erodes public trust, and hampers economic development.  By offering a multidisciplinary approach, the manuscript equips researchers, policymakers, and practitioners with tools to assess and implement governance reforms across diverse cultural and political contexts.  This work ultimately contributes to the ongoing dialogue on how societies can cultivate more resilient and equitable governance structures in the face of complex global challenges. |  |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | The current title of the article, "Improved Public Trust, Integrity and Good Governance with Respect to Corruption," does reflect the core ideas of the manuscript, but it could be made a bit clearer and easier to connect with. The phrase "with Respect to Corruption" feels a little formal and might not grab the reader’s attention as strongly as it could. A title that feels more natural and engaging could better highlight the powerful themes of trust, integrity, and fighting corruption. Here are a few suggestions that might resonate more:   1. "Building Public Trust and Integrity: Advancing Good Governance to Combat Corruption" 2. "Fostering Trust, Integrity, and Good Governance in the Fight Against Corruption" 3. "Restoring Public Trust through Integrity and Good Governance: Tackling Corruption for a Better Future"   These titles aim to reflect the heart of the article—helping societies rebuild trust, strengthen governance, and stand up against corruption—all in a way that feels approachable and meaningful to readers. |  |
| Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here. | The abstract does a good job of introducing the article’s focus on good governance, public trust, and fighting corruption, but it could feel a little more natural and engaging. It would be helpful to more clearly highlight how the article not only explains these concepts but also offers practical tools for everyday people, policymakers, and organizations to apply them.  The link to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 16), which is about creating peaceful, fair, and strong institutions, could be made stronger so readers see why this matters on a global scale.  The mention of building critical thinking and problem-solving skills is great, but it would resonate more if connected directly to how these skills can help people stand up to corruption and contribute to better governance in their communities. |  |
| **Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.** | Yes, the manuscript is scientifically accurate and grounded in well-established research. It draws from trusted sources like the World Bank, United Nations, and Transparency International, and discusses key ideas such as good governance, public trust, integrity, and anti-corruption in a way that aligns with what experts in the field widely accept.  The explanation of how governance connects to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 16) is especially important, as it reflects the global push toward fairer and more accountable institutions.  That said, the manuscript could feel even stronger if it included real-world examples or case studies to show how these ideas play out in practice. Adding a few stories or data points from different countries could help readers better understand how good governance truly transforms lives. |  |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.**  **-** | The references in the manuscript are generally solid and come from well-known and trusted sources like the World Bank, United Nations, and Transparency International, along with respected experts like Kaufmann, Kraay, Teorell, Rothstein, and Rose-Ackerman. These names are widely recognized in the field of governance and corruption studies, which gives the paper a strong academic backbone.  That said, some of the sources feel a bit old, with quite a few dating back to the 1990s and early 2000s. While these older works laid the groundwork for governance research, things have changed a lot in recent years, especially with growing global concerns about populism, digital governance, and new forms of corruption. Adding some newer studies and updated data would help the paper better reflect the fast-changing reality ofgovernance and trust issues today. |  |
| Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? | The language and English quality of the article is generally good and works well for an academic audience, but there’s room to make it flow more smoothly and feel easier to read. The paper clearly uses the right terms when discussing governance, corruption, and public trust, showing a solid understanding of the topic.  That said, some parts feel a bit too formal or complicated, which might make it tough for readers to stay fully engaged. Simplifying certain sentences and making the ideas flow more naturally would help ensure the message comes across clearly, without losing the paper’s scholarly tone. |  |
| Optional/General comments | The manuscript is a valuable contribution to the discussion on good governance, public trust, and anti-corruption efforts, with a solid academic foundation and a helpful multidisciplinary approach. It highlights important concepts and practical tools, which is crucial given today’s governance challenges.  However, the paper could benefit from smoother language, more recent references, and real-world examples to better connect theory with practice. Refining the structure, especially in the abstract and introduction, would help sharpen the paper’s focus and improve readability. Overall, it has strong potential, and with a few adjustments, it can make a meaningful impact. |  |

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