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# It Is Less About Wealth or Poverty Than With Equality and Formal Social Control: An Analysis of the Determinants of the Homicide Rate in 145 Countries of the World

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## Abstract

Findings – Results show that the two main determinants of the homicide rate are economic inequality (Gini) and the quality of the formal social control mechanisms. However, this second dimension is dependent on the wealth of the nation (gross domestic product) and the prevalence of poverty.

## Keywords

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