Crime and Corruption: An International Empirical Study

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This paper uses the homicide data of United Nations Surveys on Crime Trends and the Operations of Criminal Justice Systems (UN-CTS), and the main research object is the influence of corruption on crime. The results indicate that corruption has a significant positive effect on crime, and higher income level, income gap and youth ratio will lead to higher crime rates, while employment has no significant effect on crime. In the countries with low crime rates, the effect is strong, and the anti-corruption activities in these countries will result in sound effects of crime control.

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