

Challenges of Whistleblowing in Iran's Criminal Justice System: A Focus on Detection and Prevention of Governmental Crimes

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

In the introduction, the sentence "An ideal doctrine for the prevention of governmental crimes has yet to be developed in Iran" could benefit from citing specific legal frameworks or examples to emphasize the gap.

The introduction mentions Mohseni (2021) but does not elaborate on how this study specifically informs the theoretical framework. Clarifying this would enhance the connection between previous research and your argument.

The discussion about the Iranian whistleblowing platform would be more impactful if supplemented with statistics or pilot phase outcomes.

The conclusion recommends "structural reforms to harmonize legislative authorities". This could be more persuasive if supported by examples from other countries with unified legislative approaches.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

In the methodology section, the terms "descriptive-analytical" and "documentary nature" need further clarification. Are these terms interchangeable, or do they indicate distinct methodological steps?

"governmental crimes" is discussed extensively. Consider including a consolidated definition early on for readers unfamiliar with this term.

While comparing whistleblowing laws in France, the US, and Iran, the statement "notable differences exist" needs elaboration. Highlight specific legal contrasts to provide depth.

In the findings section, the discussion on immunity measures lacks explicit examples of how the descriptive-analytical approach uncovered these issues. Consider adding evidence from your data analysis.

the recommendations for enacting specialized laws for whistleblowers could benefit from citing successful case studies from other nations.

The integration of criminological and legal perspectives is valuable. However, the link between these fields could be elaborated further, especially when discussing "social prevention".

The section discussing "legal and cultural barriers" could delve deeper into specific cultural challenges unique to Iran.

The statement "Laws generally consist of two types of propositions" seems overly broad. Could you relate this to specific whistleblowing laws in Iran for context?

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