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Paper Title: Evaluating Confidence in Government and its Determining and Contributing Factors; a Case Study of Pakistan using World Value Survey
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Abstract: This paper delves into the assessment of public confidence in the government of Pakistan, along with an examination of the influential factors outlined in existing literature that impact this level of confidence. To accomplish this, the study draws upon datasets derived from the 7th wave of the World Value Survey, initiated in 2017 and formally concluded in December. The majority of surveys were conducted between 2018 and 2020, thus forming the temporal framework for this evaluation. The study is structured into two main segments. The initial part seeks to visually represent the distribution of average confidence levels within various dimensions: government, armed forces, judiciary, democratic and religious political systems, business ownership preferences, and overall happiness. This visualisation is facilitated through GIS Mapping. The subsequent part of the study employs ordered-logistic regression analysis to quantify coefficient values corresponding to the determinants and contributing factors of confidence levels. These coefficients are extrapolated as mean values representative of the entire nation. Furthermore, the study generates average marginal effects of the variables, which aid in interpreting the coefficients in terms of probabilities. The study's findings underscore the pivotal role of public institutions in fostering substantial government confidence. Key determinants such as public institute confidence, income levels, education, health, life and job security, political engagement, happiness, life satisfaction, and perceptions about corruption all significantly influence and contribute to the public's confidence in the government.