

Legalization of Victimless Crime: A Study of Gambling and Its Economic and Social Impact in India

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Abstract: *The question of gambling as a victimless crime has received growing prominence in India with debates over whether to legalize it being a continuous evolving process. Whereas economic advantages of legalizing gambling are being commonly touted, there remain concerns regarding its social consequences—addiction, crime, and disintegration of families. This study seeks to delve into the social and economic effects of gambling in India, considering the viability and implications of legalizing gambling operations in the nation. By incorporating literature review, review of current gambling legislation, and a public opinion survey, the study will evaluate the likelihood of benefits and drawbacks of gambling legalization. The research will guide policymakers and add to the larger debate about victimless crime in India.*

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