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# The Role of Participatory Criminal Policy in Controlling Extramarital Relationships

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#### 1. Round 1

## 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The literature review section in the introduction mentions several sources but lacks depth in discussing previous findings. It would be beneficial to provide a more detailed analysis of how existing studies have addressed participatory criminal policy and its impact on extramarital relationships.

The article defines participatory criminal policy but could benefit from a more detailed explanation of related terms such as "stakeholder engagement" and "community involvement." This would provide readers with a clearer understanding of the key concepts.

The section on key stakeholders provides a general overview but lacks specific examples of how different stakeholders can contribute to participatory criminal policy. Including case studies or examples would make this section more informative.

The mechanisms of participation are well outlined, but the article could benefit from discussing the potential challenges and limitations of these mechanisms. For example, address issues such as stakeholder fatigue or unequal participation.

The definition and types of extramarital relationships are described, but the article could include a discussion on the prevalence and cultural variations of extramarital relationships to provide a broader context.

The psychological consequences of extramarital relationships are mentioned, but it would be helpful to provide more empirical evidence or case studies to support these claims. For example, cite specific studies that quantify the emotional distress caused by infidelity.

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#### 1.2. Reviewer 2

#### Reviewer:

The objectives outlined are clear, but they could be further refined. For example, instead of "Assess the effectiveness of participatory criminal policy," specify what metrics or indicators will be used to assess effectiveness.

The choice of databases (PubMed, JSTOR, Google Scholar, and PsycINFO) for the literature search is appropriate, but the rationale for choosing these databases over others should be provided. This will help justify the comprehensiveness of the search strategy.

The article lists inclusion and exclusion criteria, but it would benefit from a more detailed explanation of how these criteria were applied during the selection process. For example, provide examples of studies that were included and excluded and the reasons for these decisions.

The article mentions the use of thematic synthesis for data analysis but does not provide a detailed explanation of how this method was applied. A step-by-step description of the thematic synthesis process would enhance the transparency of the methodology.

The article lists several factors contributing to extramarital relationships but does not discuss how these factors interact with each other. A more nuanced discussion of the interplay between individual, relational, and contextual factors would strengthen this section.

The strategies for engaging stakeholders are well outlined, but the article could benefit from a discussion on how to measure the effectiveness of these strategies. For example, suggest specific metrics or indicators that could be used to evaluate stakeholder engagement.

The role of law enforcement in a participatory framework is described, but it would be helpful to include examples of successful collaborations between law enforcement and community organizations. This would provide practical insights into how these partnerships can be implemented.

The case studies provided are informative, but the article could benefit from a more detailed analysis of the outcomes of these initiatives. For example, discuss the specific impacts of the participatory planning in Niterói, Brazil, on community crime rates and social cohesion.

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### 2. Revised

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