Reviewer’s report

Title: Income Inequality and Mass Shootings in the United States

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This is an interesting paper addressing a significant issue - mass shootings - and the effects of changing income inequality on the phenomenon. This represents a significant contribution to the literature as all previous research in this area has been cross-sectional. The data used and statistical methods are appropriate and the control variables well chosen. I liked the fact that both absolute and relative effects are given, as well as the robustness checks. Inferences are appropriate. The only minor point I noticed is that the abstract states that 5 controls are used, the text says 7 + poverty....

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