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Chapter 1

1.1

Abstract

This topic I have studied and researched is on the hosting of the FIFA 2022 World Cup and the controversy surrounding the host nation Qatar, due to suspected corruption and sports washing allegations. The main research aims for this topic is to shed light on the global and political issues surrounding the tournament, including Human rights issues, women's rights, treatment of LGBTQ members, Geo-political dealings, sports washing and corruption. The world cup is the biggest and most viewed/attended sports tournament in the world, I have a huge passion for football as both a player and fan of the beautiful game. The 22nd edition of the FIFA world cup tournament has created worldwide attention and coverage both on and off the field this past winter.

On the 2nd of December 2010 Qatar was officially announced as the first Arab country to host the most prestigious sporting event globally the world cup, this decision was littered with question marks and controversy in the western media , about why FIFA had chosen this small middle eastern nation that was ranked 100th in the FIFA world rankings and has little or no prominence/history in the international football stage.

What we will uncover in this research study/topic is shocking beyond all believe on an international criminal corruption scale

1.2

Introduction

Bribery and corruption allegations (FIFA Gate)

The first major breaking story of corruption related to Qatar's world cup bid was first reported to the media in October 2011 by the Sunday Times

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/the-dirty-game-how-qatar-bought-the-world-cup-6x6k37w0p8w>

The journal article stated that heads/leaders of national football associations were welcoming bribes from Qatari officials in exchange for 1 voting ballot for Qatar to host the 2022 World Cup. There is multiple allegations of Qatari officials bribing heads of footballing bodies in multiple countries with a focus on leaders of football associations in poorer less developed countries on which the salary of these heads of football organizations is significantly lower than countries in Europe , African and South American officials were lured by the Qataris generosity in monetary payments and Luxury gifts which in some cases were valued at more than the heads of footballs annual salary.

The types of corruption present in Business are also present in the highest levels of sports dealings off the pitch, the bribery and corruption scale investigated by the FBI into members of the FIFA executive committee and Qatari officials is an example of active corruption, offering something of value i,e monetary incentives. Similar with supply and demand corruption where both parties can exchange measures of value in an unethical transaction as this is an example of vote buying corruption, which has been seen on a global stage, in government a prime example of election fraud.

On May 27th, 2015, 11 high ranking FIFA executive committee officials, were arrested in a 5-star hotel in Zurich near FIFA headquarters in Switzerland on an international arrest warrant conducted by the FBI. 4 further men were arrested in December 2015 in the same hotel in Zurich, and 2 men handed themselves in shortly after the 11 arrests were made on May 27th, 2015. The 17 men obtained were accused of wire fraud, racketeering, money laundering, voting fraud, and corruption all in relation to the tournament.

The 17 men accused where all charged in bribery and corruption allegations investigated by the Federal Bureau of investigations, this was known as the FIFA gate which led to the downfall and demise of FIFA president Seb Blatter, and Vice President Michel Platini. The bribery allegations investigated from documents discovered by the FBI amounted to over \$150 million of misuse and abuse of funds due to vote buying corruption.

This deep-rooted corruption and election fraud involved in Qatar's successful World Cup bid was shocking to the western world particularly in rival World Cup bidding countries/competitors like The United Kingdom and the United States of America and most of the western world.

Source: <https://www.netflix.com/ie/title/80221113> (FIFA uncovered Netflix episode 1)

1.3

Qatari History

The World Cup is the most globally watched sporting tournament ,and one of the worlds most viewed and watched events on the planet., It is a colorful celebration of football the most popular sport on the globe , culture , color ,passion , unity , history , heritage , diversion , happiness , morality are all adjectives to describe this wonderful tournament held every four years and viewed by over 2 billion people , but how many of these adjectives can Qatar as a host nation claim they can display I would argue 1 maybe 2 at most. On the 2nd of December 2010, the sporting world was shaken to its core when it was announced that Qatar will host the FIFA 2022 World Cup the first Arab nation to do so, the eyes of the world will be focusing in on the small desert nation for the next 12 years what we will uncover in the years leading up to the tournament is beyond terrifying.

Since Qatar became an independent nation in 1971 the country has never qualified for the World Cup finals, in the winter of 2010 when Qatar was announced as hosts of the tournament the nation was ranked 100th In the FIFA World Cup rankings, the lowest position ever for a host nation, hardly football royalty, with Qatar as a football or sporting nation having little or no influence or history in international Football. Qatar became one of the poorest countries in the world before and during WW2 to one of the richest countries globally between the 1970s when the country gained independence in 1973, In 1940 Qatar's first oil discovery was found. The natural resource valued to billions even trillions annually, and in 1949 the first onshore oil field was discovered the Dukhan oil field which today produces around 335,000 barrels of oil daily earning the Qatari economy a staggering sum of wealth from exporting petroleum oil and natural gas around the world.

Questions began to surface in the western media suspecting FIFA officials, heads of national football organizations and state officials of receiving and welcoming bribes from members of the (QFA) Qatar football association backed financially by the Qatari state Sovereign wealth fund.

1.4

Research Question

Research question: ...what impact has suspected corruption in Qatar's 2022 FIFA World Cup bid has had in potential sports washing allegations surrounding the tournament.”;

The research topic argues that suspected corruption in the bidding process has led to acts of Sports-washing in the FIFA World Cup (Qatar 22) , I believe the reports and allegations of suspected corruption in Qatar are true and my position/stance is that of the majority of people in my field ,that the statement (research Question) is accurate and true , I will back this up referencing reliable sources and relevant information during my research into this topic/study

Chapter 2

Literature review



Source:

https://i.cbc.ca/1.3166699.1437759725!/fileImage/httpImage/image.jpg_gen/derivatives/6x9_780/soccer-fifa-election.jpg

1.5

Migrant workers' rights

Undercover investigations and reports on the development and construction of infrastructure in Qatar for preparation for the FIFA 2022 World Cup came to light in the years leading up to the tournament. Most notably the Infamous article released to the press which was published in February 2021 by the guardian who reported that over 6500 migrant workers have died in Qatar between the years 2011-2021

(source):<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2021/feb/23/revealed-migrant-worker-deaths-qatar-fifa-world-cup-2022>).

The causes of death were not specified in the government report, the migrant men that have now been deceased came from Poor south Asian countries including India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, the current population of Qatar is around 3 million people, with 2 million of the population living and working as migrants in harsh conditions, working 12 hour shifts, 6 days a week, in scorching temperatures during the summer months with temperatures reaching as high as 46 degrees Celsius,

Qatar is one of the wealthiest countries in the world due to its vast supply of oil and gas globally, migrant workers working on billion dollar stadiums and infrastructure were paid as little as \$1 an hour with no increase in pay for overtime, Qatar used and abused a modern day slavery mechanism to construct 8 new stadiums, multiple hotel accommodations, resorts and transportation networks, using a law which has been recently banned in the country In September 2020 known as the Kafala system.

The Kafala system which is used to control migrant workers by allowing migrants to enter and live in countries with temporary housing and accommodation, provided by an in-house sponsor, with the country having the right to retain legal status and the worker is not permitted to change job or career, with migrants' passports and identity's being stripped in extreme cases.

Modern day slavery and forced labor has been adopted in Qatar, The Qatari government and high-ranking officials have denied any wrongdoing in relation to migrant workers, working conditions or civil rights. The response of the western media is one of disgust and outrage, of how such a rich and wealthy country can treat migrant workers so poorly.

1.6

LGBTQ laws/rights

Another reason the Western world are shocked that Qatar won the right to host the tournament in 2022 was there laws and treatment of the LGBTQ community , with the country banning same sex relationships , in extreme cases prosecuted participants in same sex relationships can be imprisoned for up to 7 years , no affection in public of any kind which fans from all over the world will have to abide by ,

Qatar's women's rights since the country have become an independent nation has been appalling, women need permission from their male compatriot to work in certain industries to study abroad and get access to reproductive healthcare and to marry. Many women and members of the LGBTQ community will reconsider and fear traveling to Qatar for the tournament,

Alcohol in stadiums and in public were not available or sold, with the Qatar government decided 48 hours before the tournament to place a complete ban on all alcohol in the country, Budweiser an American beer producer was one of the main sponsors of the tournament losing a reported \$75 million in revenue and enraging sections of international fans. There was also late acts of defiance from FIFA and the Qatari state ensuring there will be punishments for captains of the Belgium , Netherlands , English and Welsh team if the one love armband is worn at the opening games of the tournament , it is a statement showing support for the LGBTQ community , FIFA says stick to the football not to politics , Qatar states everyone is welcome no matter what race, gender religion, sexual orientation, or nationality.

1.7

Sportswashing in Qatar

The term sports washing is defined as the practice of individuals, groups, corporations, organisations, or Governments to use sports to improve relations, reputations, and opinions/views on a country or organisation which has been previously tarnished by wrongdoing and unlawful practices .The FIFA 2022 world cup is a prime example of this shameful practice in a region that is renowned for sports washing, the roots of corruption in Qatar is almost perfectly intertwined with FIFA's greed , there is no bigger event with the viewership and audience that the world cup brings the eyes of the world will be on Qatar , the middle eastern nation will display and show off the wonderful venues , facilities , showpieces , landmarks and sites the country has to offer , but rooted deep beneath the surface is a horrifying reality of how vast wealth influence and power , can corrupt , bribe , enslave and discriminate on all levels of society.

With seamlessly endless wealth in Qatar as an economy due to its oil and gas preservation, production, and distribution the country is now one of the wealthiest in the world. Qatar now has the chance to show on a world stage just how great the host nation is with state-of-the-art stadiums , facilities, and infrastructure the best constructed in the world, but at what cost, the cost of migrant's workers life's, freedom, rights, this is the side of the world's best and most popular game that Qatari tournament officials and workers will deny and not tell you about. FIFA condemn any practice of politics in football and say there is no such place for politics in the beautiful game.

Qatar as a Sovereign nation has a history of political corruption, exploitation and mass controversy, there is no better way to tarnish a bad image of a country than to display and show off the country's infrastructure, hospitality, facilities and openness than hosting the FIFA World Cup, sport washing is very much a part of the Middle Eastern culture particularly Oil producing countries hosting major sporting events like Formula 1, Huge boxing bouts, MMA events, Dp world tour golf Finale not to mention the controversial LIV golf tour which is the most obvious form of sports washing the world has seen.

Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/12/14/opinion/world-cup-qatar-sportswashing.html>

There are many allegations of Qatar and FIFA conducting geopolitical deals on a global stage with nations in order to win ballots and votes to host the tournament in 2022, Qatar has set up generous trade deals with nations on the export of petroleum gas and oil, Qatar and France have also had many political dealings since the country was awarded the right to host the tournament, Michael Platini a French national and former general secretary of FIFA and president of UEFA was a vital figure in the European stage for the World Cup, Qatar knew this and lured Platini with lucrative injections of cash into French football with QSI Qatari sports investment a government backed wealth fund purchasing French powerhouse PSG in 2011, Qatar's biggest broadcaster Beins sports also bought the rights to show and televise French football league 1 in a lucrative deal,

there was also huge investment between the Qatari airline (Qatar Airways) and aviation manufacturer Airbus a giant French firm which followed in the years after the award of the tournament these geopolitical dealings between Qatar and nations who acquired important voting ballots in their bid to host the tournament was evident.

1.8

Types of Corruption

The First report of corruption and bribery surrounding the tournament was reported by the Sunday times was in May 2011 , over a decade ago , The FIFA ethics committee was founded in September 2006 and took no action on allegations of corruption and bribery, why did FIFA not take these corruption allegations seriously and conduct an internal investigation until they were subsequently arrested 4 and a half years later by FBI agents in Zurich, its simple because internally some of the most high ranking officials in FIFA including the 24 members on the executive committee are some of the most corrupted in the organisation, , these 24 men have the ultimate power when it comes to deciding what country will host the World Cup

, The men with the most power when it comes to voting on potential World Cup hosts are presidents of the 6 main confederations and organisations/bodies like UEFA in Europe the biggest and most powerful football continent, Concacaf the Carribbean and North American football body, Conmebol the South American federation,

confederation of African Football (CAF), OCF, Oceanna Football Confederation and, AFC Asian Football Confederation. The presidents of these 6 confederations have the most influence and power in terms of deciding the vote of who hosts the tournament.

Source:(<https://theathletic.com/3219102/2022/03/31/why-world-cup-2022-qatar-controversial/>)

This type of corruption present in the years prior to the world cup tournament commencing is known as monetary corruption, and one of the many types of corruption in white collar crimes including Bribery, fraud, extortion, nepotism, patronage, extortion, collusion and money laundering, are the charges in relation to Qatari and FIFA officials who have been convicted.

Collusion between both parties in monetary, active corruption has been uncovered by the FBI , this collusion (2-way corruption) is a criminal offence for both party's involved , this is an example of supply and demand corruption where the active briber (Qatari officials) bribe the receiver (FIFA officials) through monetary incentives , with the receiver promising the party to cast a vote for Qatar as the host nation of the FIFA world cup 2022 ,

this type of corruption is known as monetary collusion bribery in relation to vote buying corruption. The types of corruption present in Business are also present in the highest levels of sports dealings off the pitch.

The bribery and corruption scale investigated by the FBI into members of the FIFA executive committee and Qatari officials is an example of this active corruption, offering something to the table i.e monetary, and supply and demand corruption where both parties can exchange measures of value unethically as this is an example of vote buying corruption which has been seen in a global stage in government on election fraud and political elections.

1.9

Boycott and viewership

I believe we as fans love the game and love the world's biggest tournament the FIFA World Cup, it is difficult to see any proportion of football fans boycotting this World Cup, no matter how discussed football fans are about the working conditions, corruption allegations, women's and LGBTQ rights and treatment, of migrant workers , I simply cannot envision a boycott from football fans and the figures show this to be true.

comparing data from the last World Cup (Russia 2018) there was a total of over 3.58 billion views in Total over the month of the tournament just under half the people on the globe at the time , the World Cup in (Qatar 2022) had over 5.4 billion viewers worldwide a clear indication of the western media clearly following and watching the tournament despite the horrible circumstances and nature surrounding Qatar as a host nation of the tournament.

My issue is what more could we have done as football fans with our voice or the sports and world media, in my opinion not very much to hinder or dampen what the world already knows about the circumstances surrounding this World Cup that everybody who viewed or attended already knows. Celebrity , personalities and figureheads with a large following and audience , should be at the forefront tackling these issue calling out FIFA and Qatari officials behind the circumstances surrounding the World Cup , pressing for action and answers , many celebrities are actually ambassadors and promoters for Qatar 2022 promoting, hailing and honouring, Qatar's good work , Ex footballers like David Beckham , Samuel Eto'o , and Xavi former world cup winner with Spain are being slammed by the western media for the sums of money they are being paid for promoting Qatar and the expense of all the pain and suffering of others , Gary Neville a speaker an active advocate against the Qatar 22 World Cup is now commentating for Bein sports a Qatari broadcasting station. David Beckham was the face and leading figure in England's World Cup bid back in 2010 to host this World Cup that Qatar was subsequently awarded he is by far the biggest personality and ambassador for the Qatar World Cup with huge global status and influence

Public figures and celebrities need to do more to shine light and critically publicize this tournament, there platform influence and power should be used to shed light and force action on the unlawful and shameless practices of Qatar, is it a question of too little too late.

All the media scrutiny intensified and criticism of Qatar has only come to the forefront and gained public attention in the last 4 years since the Russia (2018) tournament, If there was more media coverage and celebrities highlighting issues and stars within the game on the first four years when the tournament was awarded between (2010-2014) there could have been a real push for a revote, and Qatar would be subsequently stripped of hosting the tournament.

There is a large number of pressing issues on why Qatar shouldn't host the tournament the most obvious being the timing of the tournament, with Temperatures reaching as high as 46 degrees in the summer months, in Qatar the tournament will be played in the winter for the first time in history, in the middle of all the major domestic leagues particularly in Europe, causing huge disruption to domestic leagues already congested and behind schedule with the backlog of fixtures due to the global coronavirus pandemic.

The tournament is littered in Controversy, 2 weeks before the tournament was to begin Sepp Blatter ex FIFA president announced that FIFA made a mistake announcing the awarding of Qatar as the host nation due the size and stature of the desert nation, with no proper infrastructure in place to accommodate over 1 million fans worldwide from 32 nations that qualified and many more viewers from around the globe, Qatar as a country with only a population of 2.7 million with a staggering 88% of the population being foreign nationalists and only 12% of the country are Qatari nationalist around 390,000 nationalists and an overall population of 2.7 million, from the months of November 2022- December 2022 the country will welcome over 1 million fans which is about 37% of the country's total population. This tournament will be held in the Middle East for the first time ever, a tournament like no other.

We can compare attendances from the last two World Cup tournaments in Brazil (2014) viewed by over 3.2 billion people worldwide in the summer of 2014, and Russia (2018) which was viewed by over 3.52 billion people worldwide, in the summer of 2018, when we compare these figures to the winter of 2022,

over 5.4 billion viewers over the month-long tournament according to broadcaster bein sports, record breaking figures, 67% of the world was viewing the tournament at a certain stage of the competition, these figures show us that there is little evidence to support a boycott of the tournament, despite Qatar's controversial legislation.

Source: <https://www.beinsports.com/en/fifa-world-cup-qatar-2022/news/bein-sports-announces-record-breaking-cumulat/2011581>

2.0

Western Hypocrisy?

While the western view on Qatar's treatment and views on ethical issues is one of outrage and disgust particularly from the United Kingdom and the United States of America , countries who lost out on the bid to host the tournament, it is important to remember that Qatar was colonised by the British for 55 years from 1916 up until 1971 Britain had a huge colonial presence in the Middle East and Asia as a colony , but now 50 years later there is such criticism from the United Kingdom and west about Qatar's values and culture.

The United States have been a huge critic of Qatar's award of the tournament but the with the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022 , The US held talks with Qatar to help aid the supply line of petroleum gas to Europe , the US also had a major presence in the small gulf nation since 1996 to this present day with the AL Udeid air base which also houses the Royal Air Force (UK) , with the Americans protecting Qatar's oil reserve from neighbouring countries with a history of wars and conflicts like Iran and Iraq.

Qatar is also famous for its hospitality and openness to guests, while the west has different ethical and moral values on society compared to the west is the criticism, treatment, views, and opinions from western society a fair judgment? It is important as spectators and fans of the beautiful game that we show respect for Qatar's culture and heritage as they are welcoming us into their house and we must respect house rules,

The Middle East recent history is one of huge conflict and tension particular in neighbouring nations like Iran and Iraq the region is showered in disputes and conflict , Qatar's relationship with bordering country's like Bahrain the United Arab Emirates, and Saudi Arabia has been particular tense with trade barricades economic conflicts and disputes , the small desert gulf nations rise is remarkable in 1940 when the first oil reserve was discovered the population of the country stood at just 16,000 people 2 generations later the country is about to host the world's biggest global event the FIFA World Cup , it is important to respect the country's rise despite the surrounding conflict a true underdog story.

2.1

World cup Finals

FIFA's aim is to grow the game globally and bring football and the World Cup to every corner and continent in the world, their message focus on football, football first. There is support from the western media and respect for the country's ethics, values, religious beliefs particularly from the current president of FIFA Gianni Infantino on the eve of the tournament Infantino delivered a bizarre speech at a FIFA conference in Doha quoting "today I feel disabled today I feel gay, today, I feel Arab, today I feel Qatari, today I feel migrant worker". Infantino's continued support was present through ought the tournament present in the royal family's executive boxes from the opening game through to the grand The grand final which was played between 2-time winners Argentina and 2-time winners France on the 18th of December 2022, in which some fans and media outlets describing the final as the "game of the century" a 3-3 draw after extra time a back-and-forth enthralling game in the biggest and most important game in world sport viewed by over 3.7 billion people. The game was decided by penalty kick after 120 minutes of an epic encounter, Argentina won the shootout 4-2, lifting the world cup for the 3rd time. The Argentinian captain Leo Messi was presented with the world cup trophy the greatest and most decorated player of this generation, prehab's the greatest ever.

Gianna Infantino and the head of the Qatari royal family presented Messi with the trophy after an exasperated conversation on a stage/spotlight viewed by billions around the world , in one last glimpse of defiance and a reminder that it is Qatar's world cup with the Qatari royals presenting the traditional Arab cloak covering the iconic Argentinians number 10 shirt an image that will be displayed and viewed by billions for generations to come , one last act of Qataris prevalence and power before the tournament ended , ex footballers and pundits described the scene as unnecessary and a political stunt.

As for the tournament itself the knockout stages and grand Final itself the football was one of the most exciting tournaments in world cup history witnessed by over 3.44 million fans in Qatar, with fan inclusion, interaction, behaviour and hospitality/celebration in all 8 stadiums reported to experience a friendly fun football and cultural experience, despite the culture change and exclusion of Alcohol, fan behaviour and welfare was received as extremely satisfying a huge positive for Qatar's image amongst, all the scrutiny coming into the tournament.

2.2 Greenwashing Impact

For a country with a population of just 3 million people with just 12% of the population to be reported as Qatari nationalists will there be sufficient use of infrastructure post tournament with essentially a brand-new metro system built around the suburbs of Doha, 8 state of the art stadiums that have been constructed and build solely for the purpose of the world cup finals, which came with a wave of scrutiny from western nations about the treatment of migrant workers during the construction of stadiums, the construction of a new town which is more or less inhabited post tournament , out of the 8 stadiums that were used during the tournament how many of these stadiums will get sufficient and proper usage, the Qatari governments plans are to reuse and even recycle every stadium constructed for the world cup

Including stadium 974, which is made up of shipping containers which will be deconstructed from the stadium and shipped to Uruguay for reuse, other stadiums used in the tournament will be reverted into community spaces, shopping malls coffee shops, schools, sporting facilities, luxury hotels and resorts and medical clinics. 2 clubs that play in the topflight league in Qatar AL Rayyan and AL Wakrah will play in Ahmed Bin Ali stadium with a capacity of 45000. The Qatar national team will play host to home games at the Khalifa international stadium with a capacity of 45000, Qatar will be hoping to Qualify for the 2026 world cup in North America and fair better than a 0-point tournament the lowest total for a host nation to date, Qatar have now been awarded the right to host the Asian cup championship in January 2024 after uncertainty in China over covid regulations (Qatar are the reigning Asian cup champions) , stadium infrastructure is already in place to host the tournament after the 2022 world cup , and middle eastern nations are eager to host mass sporting and world events in the future with inspiration from Qatar's successful world cup bid with mass wealth and resources available , the questions will continue is the loss of human life and treatment of poor migrant workers going to be held accountable and will there be sanctions and punishments in place for the royals and government at the summit of Qatari authority and rule.

What are the environmental factors subsequent of the World Cup tournament in Qatar? In the last 10-12 years Qatar has seen mass growth infrastructure and innovation But what are the consequences environmentally ?, Qatar constructed 7 new stadiums in the space of 11 years a brand new metro system across the country and even built up a new city , Qatar claims they have the planets and environments best Interests at heart using renewable and recyclable materials with the example of stadium 974 which was constructed using containers ships which will be reused on global shipping containers , in January 2020 Qatar announced that the tournament will be the first carbon neutral World Cup. Many reporters and environmental experts claim this is a classic example of Greenwashing, it is highly unlikely to have a carbon neutral tournament with over a million fans flying in from all over the world to Doha international airport, air-conditioned stadiums, water usage to

build stadiums, unused raw materials from stadiums that were imported and shipped from foreign countries abroad/overseas

Qatar isn't a self-sustainable country, Oil and Gas pollution, greenhouse gases in the atmosphere from mass construction of stadiums, carbon emissions from commercial flights, construction of accommodation/hospitality, construction of the new metro link in terms of unused resources/materials are all examples of green washing

Source: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2022/12/06/world-cup-net-zero-qatar-carbon-neutral-climate/>

2.3

Sporting Integrity

Can we as a western society impose change and refuse any participation in global sporting events in regions where there is evidence of human rights violations, this is difficult to see as the vast wealth available in oil producing Arab nations, sporting events particularly football will be continued to be played in these regions, most notably in neighbouring Saudi Arabia, where Al Nassr Fc a club in the top division of Saudi Arabia have signed one of the greatest football players of this generation Cristiano Ronaldo on a contract worth almost 200 million per year including commercial dealings this is a huge coup for middle east showing the world that the biggest stars can be attracted to the region

, Leo Messi is also a tourism Ambassador for Saudi Arabia , with a historic game played between PSG and AL Nassar back in January this year where it will most likely be the last time Cristiano Ronaldo will face Leo Messi , 4 days before this event on the 15th of January Real Madrid faced Barcelona in the Spanish super cup final in Riyad Saudi Arabia ,the attraction for massive global clubs to play in the middle east lured by huge lucrative commercial contracts is a disturbing trend.

But what is the consequences of massive growth and infrastructure in such a short period of time a couple of decades previous these areas were vast desert land uninhabited and unpopulated, massive industrial projects and infrastructure have been constructed on the back of working and human rights violations many of whom are foreign nationalists and migrant workers from poor south Asian country's abusing modern-day slavery systems like the Kafala system to build these mega city's but we can all stop this injustice. Instead of turning a blind eye to the human rights issues we should be proactive and call out these wrongdoings, boycotting sporting events in middle eastern nations where there is unambiguous evidence of human rights violations is this a possibility? based on viewership numbers from the World cup in Qatar there was no clear evidence of this happening.

A major issue in the middle east with royal families at the head of state, freedom of speech is extremely limited in these regions, particularly speaking out against the royal family's and the government, in Saudi Arabia social media platforms have words automatically blacklisted by bots which consist with words that speak out against the royal family, silencing and in some cases punishing, out speakers.(criminal prosecution)

2.4

Women's laws/rights

Recent events in Iran where women stood up and protested/rebelled against the system and aimed to achieve better rights for women particularly in terms of appearance where it is a compulsory dress code for all women to wear a hijab in public, which was received by anger and aggression by members of authority in Iran leading to violent and ugly scenes on the streets of Iran leading to the question? is freedom of speech and expression valued in these regions, the simple answer is no.

When you challenge the regime and go against the grain in the middle east, the most hostile and violent scenes come to the surface with the rebellion for women's rights in Iran occurring during the weeks of the world cup with the eyes of the world focusing in on the gulf. Questions were again raised about the issues of women's rights in Qatar, where women need permission from their partner to travel, mandatory hijab clothing, to marry, and sex outside of marriage is banned and illegal,

Qatar adopts a patriarchal system, in Qatar men are clearly the dominant and more valued/powerful gender in society, with unmistakable evidence of gender inequality when it comes to employment, and income inequality with men employed in higher earning careers in industry's the wealth gap is clear to see in a patriarchal system. Before the tournament Qatar warned fans travelling about some mandatory laws for women with no affection of any kind aloud in public as well as strict dress code for fans to respect Qatari values and culture, FIFA and Qatar insist football is for all everyone is welcome,

The last international game played for the Qatari women's national team took place in April 2014, the first game played for the women's national team was in 2009 a short 5 years of existence, women were banned to attend football match's up until 1988 in stadiums across the small gulf nation. During the tournament in Qatar there were some incidents of protests against the laws and treatment of the LGBTQ community in Qatar with supporters and activists showing defiance and speaking out on the issues, which received wide spread support from the western media but was quickly put to a halt by law enforcement in Qatar where again the question of free speech begins to surface, during a group game between Portugal and Uruguay a supporter from the stands ran onto the pitch draped in a gay pride flag showing support for the LGBTQ community a practice that is completely banned and illegal in Qatar.

Source: <https://www.thefire.org/news/free-speech-isnt-contender-2022-world-cup>

2.5

Geo-political dealings

Qatar will continue to host major sporting events in the near future with the Asian football championship next year, the country is among the favourites to host the 2036 Olympics with the influence of wealth power and status now in the Middle East establishing the region as one of the most powerful and influential in the world in terms of political status wealth, growth and attraction, but will allegations of suspected corruption at the highest level of Governance and politics be a burden?

Qatar a country ruled by a monarchy where the history of the country since independence almost 52 years ago has been littered in corruption allegations on a domestic and international scale, it is difficult to see change in the country's political dealings post world cup

Paris Saint – Germain, the French giants are one of the wealthiest football clubs in the world the club is owned by QSI Qatari sports investment, this means the club is state owned by the Qatari nation with huge resources and wealth, PSG have come under huge scrutiny and criticism in Europe for financial fair play rules and regulations, as well as sporting integrity and ethics. Manchester city another state-owned club from a middle eastern country/ state, in February 2023 breached over 115 rules of financial breaches and regulations. Does ownership of football clubs from the middle east hinder fairness morals and heritage of the beautiful game., Are huge injections of money from middle eastern states, corporate, commercial, and Broadcasting networks, stealing the modern game from the average football fan, are we always consulted and considered by decisions made above, we can see evidence from this in the Qatar world cup shows us that travelling fans from all over the world found it extremely difficult to purchase tickets for the later stages of the tournament with a huge allocation of tickets received to tournament sponsors and corporations,

The shortage of affordable accommodation around Doha and the country was also a huge concern for the average football fan, and the location of the tournament with the majority of fans attending the tournament travelling 1000s of miles from Europe and South America, is the modern game becoming franchised, and more corporate and middle class, rather than the peoples game working class, football without fans is nothing, are the members of the FIFA executive committee during the Qatar world cup bidding process the men who stole Football away from us as fans.

Sheikh Jassim bin Hamad a member of the Qatari royal family and is the 3rd son of the former emir of Qatar a man with huge influence wealth and power on the state of Qatar, from state funded wealth he is the front runner to purchase 100% ownership of Manchester United one of the biggest football clubs in the world , in February 2023 he submitted a bid of \$ 6 billion USD , a world record fee for the purchase of a football club. Global revenues generated by professional football is worth more than \$28 billion USD annually and is set to surpass 30 billion USD by 2024 an astronomical industry in revenue in which the most powerful men in Qatar are trying to exploit.

Like life football moves on fast there's always another game there's always another day we can look to yesterday and past events, results, regrets and triumphs, so what next for FIFA and what next for Qatar and after a month of football royalty which was viewed by the world in the winter of 2022, after the football stops will football fans the media and the general public continue to raise the questions and speak out against the issues of corruption , sportswashing , working rights , LGBTQ rights , and women's rights .

All the above issues will continue to be present if we do not speak out against and stand up for just because the main showpiece tournament is over, does not mean that these issues do not exists we should keep on pressurising FIFA and the Qatari state to change legislation and hold guilty associates to account.

With huge pressure and scrutiny on FIFA and Qatar on the eve of the tournament and previous years building up to the tournament, just weeks after the tournament all the pressure and questions regarding the ethics before the competition suddenly seem to evaporate post world cup.

With all the eyeballs of the sporting world pivoting away from Qatar, with less media attention will treatments and laws of certain members of society get worse before it gets better this is a scary reality. With FIFA reportedly earning over 7.5 billion in total revenue from the tournament.

The question remains Did Qatar and FIFAs unlawful acts go unpunished and did they get away with it , the simple answer is yes , post world cup FIFA stated that the 22nd edition of the FIFA world cup Qatar 2022 was the most successful edition to date, a huge triumph for both FIFA and Qatar who opened and displayed the best of their country to the world on the biggest stage. This is clear evidence that supports and backs my position/stance in this research project that Qatar should have never been awarded the right to host the FIFA 2022 world cup.

Chapter 3

2.6

Methodologies

For the methodology section I constructed a survey consisting of 7 questions 4 opened questions, and 3 closed questions, the survey title was related to my research question and in total I received back 40 responses from people of all age's genders and demographics, the survey includes a blurb and an ethics form which is signed and listed below.

Part D: Signed Declaration

I confirm that I have read the NCI Ethical Guidelines for Research with Human Participants, and agree to abide by them in conducting this research. I also confirm that the information provided on this form is correct.

Signature of Applicant Rian Finegan

Date 23/5/23

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2.7

Survey Blurb

This survey will investigate the suspected corruption and sports-washing allegations surrounding the FIFA World Cup 2022 Qatar

Survey Title: **FIFA World Cup 2022 Qatar a sport's washing tournament?**

This research survey looks to discover – If alleged/suspected corruption and sports washing allegations had any impact/effect on the viewership of the FIFA World Cup 2022 Qatar. And the morality of the award and tournament in Qatar, as well as what are viewers/Fans feelings and thoughts on Qatar post World Cup all answers are subjective and used for research purposes

This survey is completely anonymous, so any answers given will not be traced back to any one individual. At any time during the survey, you may opt-out of the survey process, any incomplete surveys will not be used in the findings of the study. All information gathered in the survey will be securely stored by the researcher

. The survey consists of 7 questions, 4 closed questions and 3 open questions, and takes approximately 3 minutes to complete. Surveyor is contactable at survey creator Rian Finegan's email address X21115061@student.ncirl.ie

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V5KHD67>

Title: **Qatar FIFA world cup 2022, a sports-washing tournament?**

. The philosophical assumptions of this study/research are that the bidding process of Qatar FIFA 2022 world cup, was littered in corruption/bribery and ultimately Qatar 2022 was a sport's –washing tournament.

Before opening my survey publicly, I conducted a pilot study where two fellow students completed the survey questionnaire for me to review in turn, I was satisfied to open the survey for a period of 6 weeks to collect and gather 40 responses.

2.8

Survey Questionnaire

Qatar FIFA 2022 world cup, A sports-washing tournament?

1. Are you a football/sporting fan? did you show an interest in the FIFA world Cup 2022

Extremely interested

Very interested

Somewhat interested

Not so interested

Not at all interested

2. Did you have prior knowledge of suspected bribery/corruption in the bidding process to host the FIFA world cup 2022

Extremely aware

Very aware

Somewhat aware

Not so aware

Not at all aware

3. Did you have prior knowledge of Qatari state legislation involving the treatment of migrant workers, women, and members of the LGBTQ community

Extremely aware

Very aware

Somewhat aware

Not so aware

Not at all aware

4. Did either of the Questions above effect your viewership of the tournament

Yes

No

please specify give at least one reason for chosen answer

5. Have you or would you like to visit the Middle East

Yes

No

Please specify reasons for chosen answer

6. Are you aware of the term sports-washing

Yes

No

IF yes describe the term in your own words,
and do you think Qatar is guilty of sports-washing

7. Do you believe the award of Qatar as a host nation to be to be moral/ethical, despite bribery/corruption investigations into FIFA

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

please specify give at least one reason for chosen answer

2.9

Research Design

The survey questionnaire conducted is a quantitative in nature displaying more opinion-based responses and theoretical questions and answers, although some research/data collected will be numerical, overall, the survey questioner consists as a quantitative study in nature.

As you can see from the survey questions above there was clear thematic structure in the survey in relation to the research questions. All questions are backed in relation to my position on the different research statements, the thematic questions that are included in both survey and research question include FIFA, Qatar, corruption, and Sports-washing, which is mentioned multiple times, which links my survey to the research question. Clear thematic structure of the questions was used to tie in different sections and house/organise the research. This structure and categorization of themes in the survey questionnaire included are the most important/relevant aspects of the research study, there is also sub themes like the questions of ethics and morality in LGBTQ communities and laws for women in Qatar.

40
Total Responses

40
Completed Responses

Completion Rate **100%**

Last Entry **04/21/2022**

Created **02/27/2022**

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1. Are you a football/sporting fan ? did you show an interest in the FIFA world Cup 2022



Answered: 3 Skipped: 0

Extremely interested	40%	4
Very interested	30%	3
Somewhat interested	0%	0
Not so interested	20%	2
Not at all interested	10%	1

3.0

Results/ Findings

Q1. Are you a football/sporting fan? did you show an interest in the FIFA world Cup 2022 Extremely interested

In the Data Analysis and findings section, I will display numerical findings collected from the survey questionnaire conducted using different data analysis tools (Qualitative research) like bar charts, pie charts and line graphs to represent and discuss findings, below you will see a selected list of findings/data points

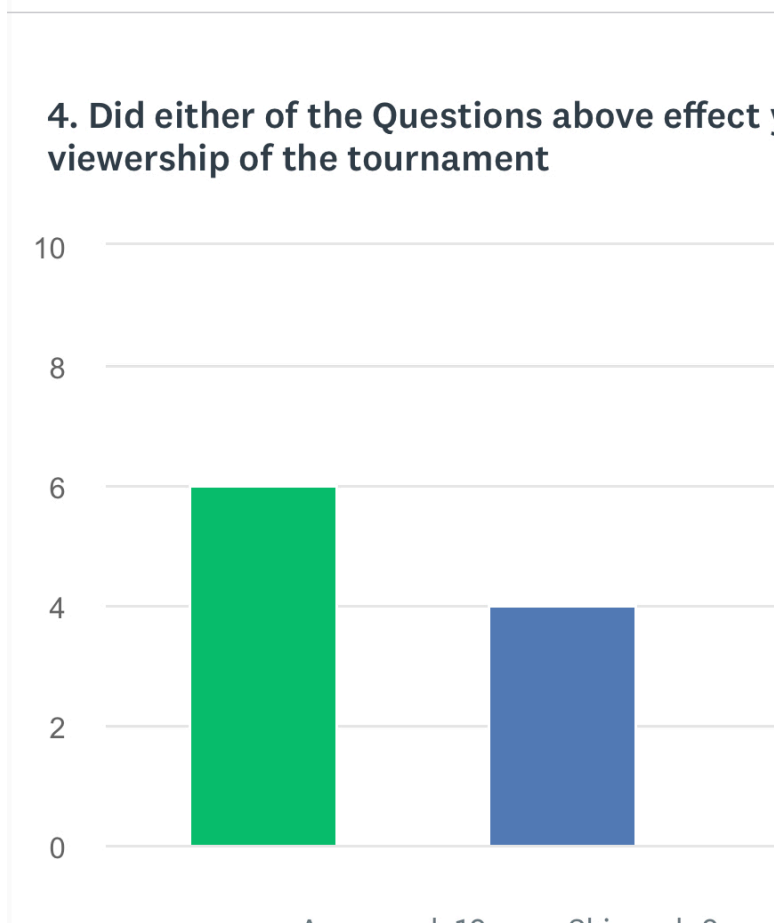
The feedback and data from the survey I received back was from a vast majority of football/sporting fans as we can see in the above data set over 40% of respondents were extremely interested an advocate sporting/football fan, and 30% of respondents were very interested,

With the data unlimitedly displaying that 70% of respondents were football/sporting fans, with the other 30% of respondents having little or no interest in football does this top-heavy percentage skew the data set and cause an element of biasness on important topics/issues of the subject we will find out in Question 2,3, and 4 below

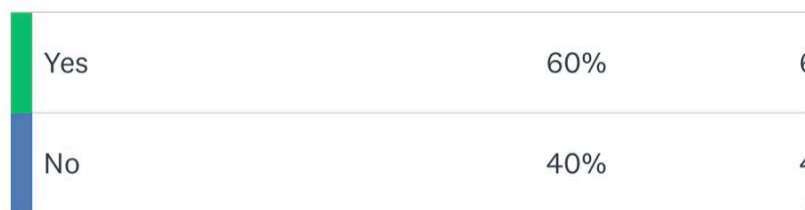
As you can see from Question 2 and 3 (below) ,the thematic structure of the survey questions is directly related to the research question which includes terms like, Corruption, bribery, and state legislation. The data from question 1 has an overwhelming majority of football fans conducting/part taking in the survey is there a biasness with football fans compared to non-sporting respondents in terms of the fundamental issues raised during this research topic,

Q2. Did you have prior knowledge of suspected bribery/corruption in the bidding process to host the FIFA world cup 2022

Q3. Did you have prior knowledge of Qatari state legislation involving the treatment of migrant workers, women, and members of the LGBTQ community



we'll let us have a look at the data points in Question 4 which very much back this evidence up with statistical analysis.



60% of respondents effected by political and legislative issues in Qatar like corruption, bribery, LGBTQ rights and women's law, which ultimately effected there viewing of the tournament with one response displayed below stating.

“What is happening is not right and should not be rewarded with hosting a major sports tournament”

40% of respondents stated that despite, allegations of corruption and bribery, as well as state legislation of women and the LGBTQ community these issues did not directly affect their viewership of the tournament, with one response stating.

“As an avid football fan most of my life this did not affect my viewership of the tournament even though I was aware of the circumstances”

As a football fanatic myself I can understand that there is unlikely to be a boycott of the tournament from football fans there I believe there is an unconscious bias towards the viewership of the tournament compared to a non-sporting person which is backed up from evidence conducted in the survey questionnaire as (40%) of fans agree.

Question 5 in the survey was particularly insightful with the question asking “ would you like to visit the Middle East “ there was a total of 40 respondents with a majority, responding yes , I had a conversation with a person of interest who visited this region , and the response quoting” I visited Dubai in the UAE in late November I really had a great experience with the people and hospitality the best I’ve witnessed in person. the Middle East is a beautiful region”.

With the majority of survey respondents agree. Although a minority of survey respondents stating they would not like to visit the Middle East one response was stating “Not until human rights are brought into the region ‘

5. Would you like to visit the Middle East ?

No

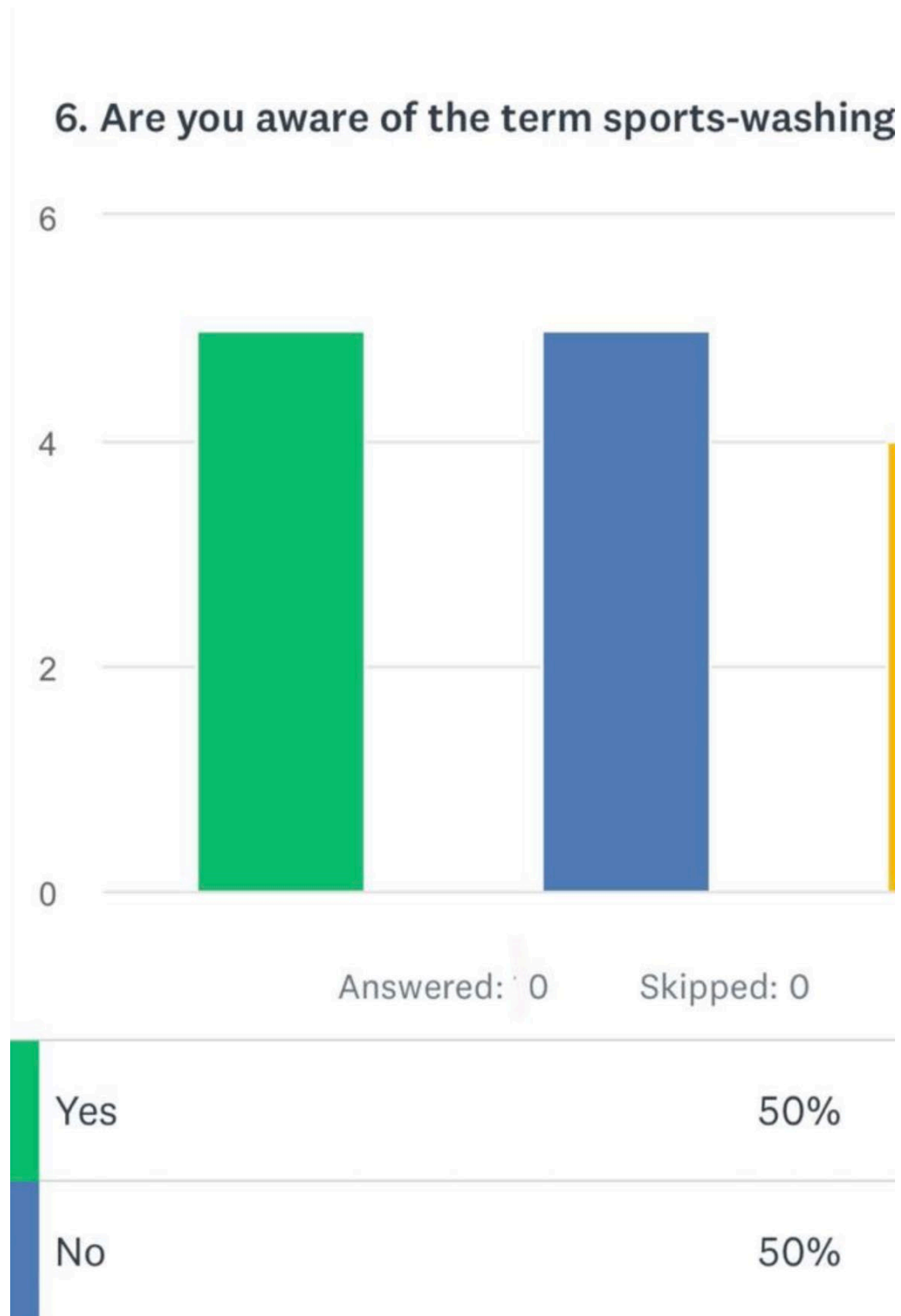
Please specify reasons for chosen answer
Not until Human Rights are brought into the region

5. Would you like to visit the Middle East ?

Yes

Please specify reasons for chosen answer
Yes I was in the UAE in Dubai and Had a great experience I would go back and visit

Q.6 "Are you aware of the term sports-washing"



As you can see from the data point above there was a 50/50 split between respondents on having prior knowledge of the term sports-washing, this is a real concern and I believe we need further education about the topic it is very much a negative term which is best described by this anonymous respondent

“ Showcasing a sporting event to portrait a better image of a country, yes, I believe Qatar is guilty of this”

I believe using sport as a political stance and flexing/showcasing a country, sporting team or movement is wrong and there needs to be education for the 50% of respondents to gain knowledge on the subject it again brings back into light the question of Human rights violations.

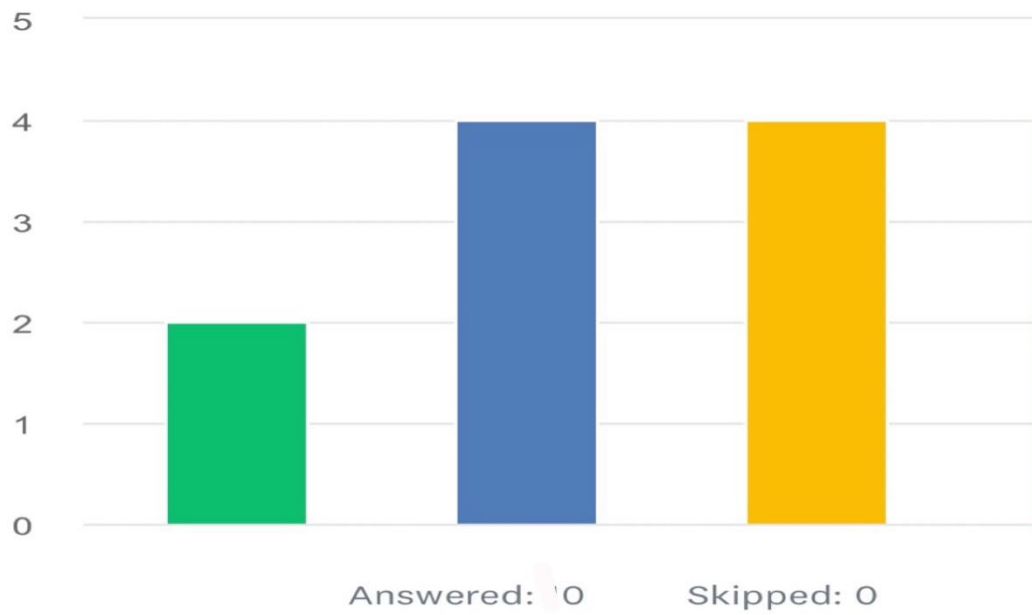
Q.7. Do you believe the award of Qatar as a host nation to be moral/ethical, despite bribery/corruption investigations into FIFA

As you can see from the data set below, 40% of the respondents believe the award of the tournament to Qatar to be unethical, and that the country should have never been awarded the right to host the world cup, with only 20% of respondents agreeing that it was moral/ethical decision to award Qatar as the host nation of the FIFA world cup 22

with some of the respondents stating.

- " Due to their size and football heritage; awarding them the WC will not promote football or equality after it finished; like it would have elsewhere."
- "The award of Qatar was not ethical the ballot/draw was not equal and therefore an unfair vote "

**7. Do you believe the award of Qatar as a host n
be to be moral/ethical , despite bribery/corrupt
investigations into FIFA**



Agree	20%
Neither agree nor disagree	40%
Disagree	40%

Chapter 4

3.1

Evaluation

As you can see from the methodologies section the key issues raised from the research question surrounding Qatar and the issues in the lead up and post-world cup tournament remains a huge topic and debate globally, with mixed feelings, emotions and inputs about the controversial topic, which still rage on to this day.

The feedback and analysis recovered from over 40 respondents was very interesting insight into a small sample size to compare my stance and position on the subject to data and analysis received back from the survey questionnaire, with a majority agreeing with my position That the award of Qatar as a host nation is not moral/ethical, because of the suspected bribery/corruption investigations into FIFA , and the legislation and treatment of both women/ LGBTQ members, but what I have learned most about the survey results is the divide and debate over this subjective but important topic ,which I am sure the debate will continue on for a number of years into the future.

3.2

Discussion & Conclusion

In the discussion and conclusion section I will evaluate each topic in detail, what I have researched, discovered and analysed in relation to the research question and my stance/position on the topic as a researcher, my overall analysis and feelings is , that the award of Qatar as a host nation is not moral/ethical, because of the suspected bribery/corruption investigations into FIFA , and the treatment/legislation of both women/ LGBTQ members, , the evidence I have researched and uncovered can back this up , particularly in the literature review section where we can see evidence of multiple reliable sources of information in relation to Qatar's corruption and bribery in the bidding process or the 2022 FIFA world cup which was first reported by the Times in October 2011 ,<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/the-dirty-game-how-qatar-bought-the-world-cup-6x6k37w0p8w> , There is also clear evidence of sports-washing and human rights violations from an undercover investigation and report conducted by a reliable source in the Guardian which backs up my position/stance in relation to Qatar's poor human rights record <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2021/feb/23/revealed-migrant-worker-deaths-qatar-fifa-world-cup-2022>).

There is no denying the facts that the award of the FIFA world cup Qatar 2022 was unethical and unmoral due to;

- Substantial evidence of bribery and corruption in the bidding process of the tournament between Qatar and FIFA.
- Treatment and legislation of migrant workers entering Qatar aiding mass construction projects under poor conditions granted little rights.
- Treatment and legislation of women, with a gender inequality issues and rights violations in the gulf nation still a major issue.
- Members of the LGBTG community in Qatar have zero rights and by law, members of same sex relations in Qatar is an offence and banned by law in the country.

all the above are extremely discriminatory and shameful acts and why my position stands that the award of Qatar as a host nation is not moral/ethical, because of the suspected bribery/corruption investigations into FIFA, and the treatment/legislation of both women/LGBTQ members, as well as migrant workers. There is a question about respecting cultures, religion/believe and attitudes in middle eastern nations, we as a modern western capitalist society must accept cultural differences, there is an element of arrogance, hypocrisy and a hint of jealousy from western societies, but if basic human rights are being violated on a daily basis in a so called modern/futuristic world in which Qatar are displaying through enormous wealth I can't support the small gulf nation in its rise from poverty from gaining independence in 1971, to modern day Qatar a first world developed country although the nations rise is admirable ,the destruction and moral issues that are still occurring to this day is why so many people were outraged by the award of Qatar as the host nation for the FIFA 2022 world cup.

As an Avid football fan, the country has no history/heritage in the beautiful game, I believe the Sovereign gulf nation wanted to display and showcase the country on the world stage using football as a sports-washing stunt. Qatar's dream was made a reality by FIFA's greed and crippling corruption with the Qatari state and FIFA's greed a perfect storm, to make the impossible a true reality and modern-day history, The FIFA 2022 Qatar world cup will go down in history as one of the greatest sporting tournaments ever, but at what cost, overshadowed by deep rooted corruption, bribery and criminality in sport like we have never seen before an international criminal scale where the FBI described FIFA's model having similarities with a Mafia like operation.

What lasting impact will the FIFA 2022 Qatar world cup have on the future of professional Football, particularly club football with state owned football clubs becoming an ever more common trend in club football most notably the most popular and wealthy league in world football, the English premier league with 3 middle eastern nations, controlling 100% ownership of 3 topflight clubs.

Manchester City are 100% owned by the UAE and Abu Dhabi (the city football group). Sheikh Mansour is a politician and the vice president of the United Arab Emirates and a member of the royal family, Sheikh Mansour has had full ownership of Manchester City Football club since August 2008., the emirates royal family and the sovereign wealth fund is worth over \$830 billion.

In October 2021 the Saudi state and kingdom completed the takeover and full ownership of Newcastle United Football club, the sovereign wealth fund is owned and controlled by the Saudi prince Mohammad Bin Salaman, Saudi Arabia's royal family and the kingdom has been criticised for its appalling human rights record. The estimated net worth of the kingdom is believed to be in the region of over \$1.4trillion.

As Well as hosting the world biggest and most popular international tournament (FIFA World cup) Qatar has also had a huge influence in club football as a sovereign nation most recently in March 2023 were members of the Qatari royal family spearheaded by Sheik Jassim Bin Hammad who is the front runner in the purchase Manchester United Football club , who is backed by the Qatar sovereign wealth fund submitted a world record bid for full ownership of a football club \$6 billion , the net worth of Sheik Jassim Bin Hammad is worth over \$335 billion.

Paris St Germain (PSG) football club is also a stated owned by the Qatar sovereign nation fund (QSI) Qatari sports investment, Tamin Bin Hamad Al Thani the royal emir of Qatar is backed by state funds.

State funded middle eastern airlines have substantial shares in lucrative football sponsorships with Qatar airways and PSG, Emirates stadium and Arsenal Football club (UAE), Etihad and Manchester city (Abu Dhabi)

I see this trend of top European clubs selling to state owned sovereign wealth funds a huge concern post world cup, the greed in modern day football is enormous, and this ultimately has an impact on the everyday football fan which there is little or no consideration from these billionaire owners ,this is a worrying trend fans should always be at the forefront of any football clubs , because football without fans is nothing , I believe there should be more regulation in place from an independent football regulator, to vet football ownership particularly from sovereign nations ,the premier league , UEFA and FIFA simply aren't doing enough.

The award of Qatar did not have the best interests of football fans at heart in terms of Geographics, accessibility, costs and social issues, FIFA's message to world football followers and fans cannot be trusted with such an unmoral and unethical tournament. I believe the beautiful game has gradually been taken away from us as fans, the most simplistic and adaptable game on earth, which made football the most popular game globally is controlled and governed by FIFA a communist like organisation with immense power and wealth, with the growth and sustainability of World football evidently not at the forefront of the organisation's characteristics and culture.

From the research and discoveries uncovered I believe the men in charge of FIFA, the world governing body of football's sole motivation and aim was to abuse their power of position and line their own pockets with revenue received from Qatar's sovereign nation funds, (state owned revenue), which is generated on the back of human and working rights violations. Qatari state officials and members of the FIFA executive committee merged in a joint cue/conspiracy to commit acts of corruption, bribery, fraud, and perjury on an international criminal scale.

Acts of perjury were committed during court hearings after the arrest of FIFA executive committee officials in 2015 conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigations known as the FIFA gate, after an extensive investigation and trial. Corruption, fraud and bribery offences were all deemed to have been committed during Qatar's bid to host the 2022 FIFA world cup.

In early 2016 there was a complete rebuild of the structure and personal of FIFA organization and in February 2016 Gianni Infantino was elected president of FIFA just under 7 years from the commencement of the Qatar world cup in the winter of 2022, despite the newly appointed FIFA board's public knowledge of bribery, corruption, fraud, sports-washing legislation of both women/ LGBTQ members, as well as migrant workers' rights violations. There was no discussion board meeting or vote into rethinking or electing another host nation/country to host the world cup and ultimately stripping Qatar the right to host the biggest sports tournament in the world which is simply unforgivable.

I Believe FIFA to be a monopolist power hungry and greed driven organisation from top to bottom even with the new establishment, there was little or no action/sanction against Qatar's poor human rights violations or feeling aggrieved about the situation because the sports-washing stunt was in motion and the monetary incentives welcomed by FIFA was enough to support and defend Qatar in the lead up and duration of the tournament.

The right to have competition at the top of every industry and governing body is what prevents internal corruption and unlawful practice, as long as FIFA remain in charge as the world governing body for Football, I have huge concerns about the health and future of the beautiful game.

As for Qatar there the hosting of the world biggest and best tournament was a modern-day miracle an enormous success, and has put the small gulf nation on the international stage but at what cost? Those that have suffered from (stone-age like) ruthless legislation in a so called wealthy first world nation, and those that continue to suffer under modern day Qatari state legislation are the real victims of this historic modern-day event.

3.3

Appendix

Analysis and survey data

This survey will investigate the suspected corruption and sports-washing allegations surrounding the FIFA World Cup 2022 Qatar

Survey Title: **FIFA World Cup 2022 Qatar a sport's washing tournament?**

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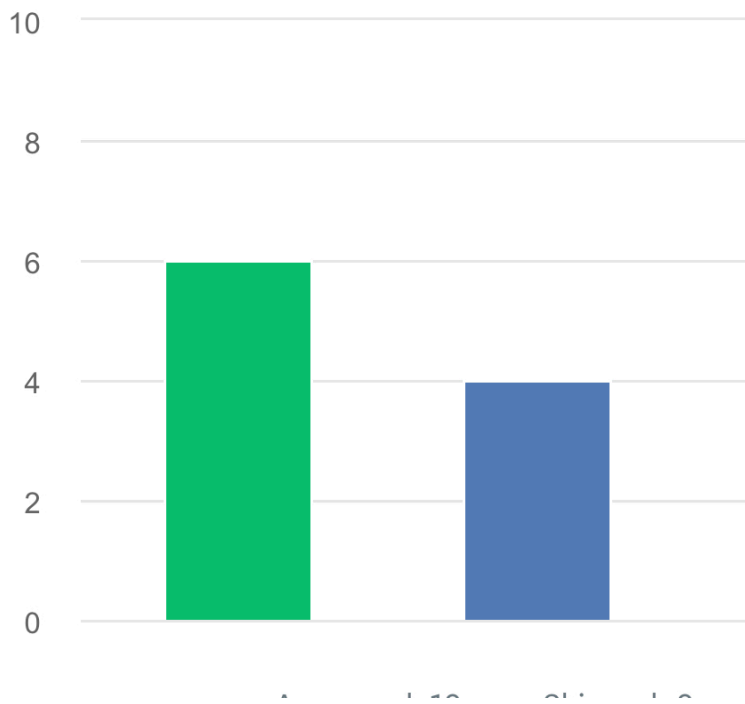
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Answered: 39 Skipped: 0

Extremely interested	40%	16
Very interested	30%	12
Somewhat interested	0%	0
Not so interested	20%	8
Not at all interested	10%	4

4. Did either of the Questions above effect viewership of the tournament



Yes	60%	6
No	40%	4

5. Would you like to visit the Middle East ?

No

Please specify reasons for chosen answer
Not until Human Rights are brought into the region

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Yes

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Yes I was in the UAE in Dubai and Had a great
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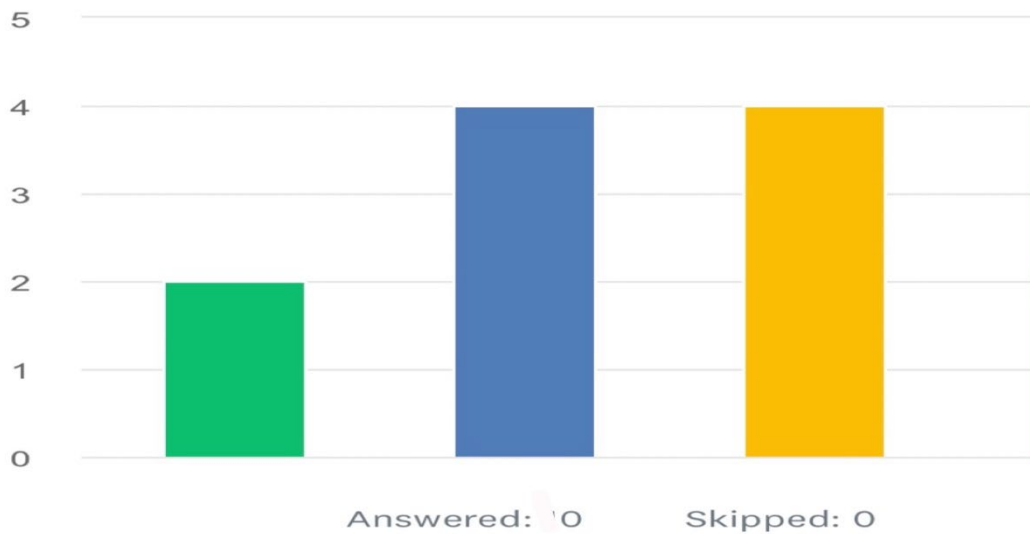


Answered: 0

Skipped: 0

Yes	50%
No	50%

**7. Do you believe the award of Qatar as a host n
be to be moral/ethical , despite bribery/corrupt
investigations into FIFA**



Agree	20%
Neither agree nor disagree	40%
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