

Crime Phobia's Effects on Immigrant Entrepreneurs in South Africa

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ABSTRACT The aim of this study is to investigate, depict the effects of fear of crime and assess the impact of the identified attitude, feelings and thoughts of the local entrepreneurs and communities towards the immigrant entrepreneurs in South Africa. The study used a desk review methodology. Data for the study was collected through the review of various documents. The finding from current literature reveals that there are constraints faced by immigrant entrepreneurs while operating their businesses. The reviews of literature confirmed that the crime committed against immigrant entrepreneurs includes murder, robbery, attempted murder, theft as well as assault. The findings also indicate that South Africa is very conducive to operate different businesses successfully but the police are not doing their best to assist the majority of immigrant entrepreneurs in ensuring adequate security and arrest culprits. However, some suggestions were made on how the government, the policymakers and the civil servants as well as the community support in reporting crime could improve the factors highlighted in order to get rid of the different forms of crime feared by immigrant entrepreneurs in order to operate confidently in their environment in South Africa.