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To some degree, yes, the manuscript touches on a relevant scientific question, though its broader impact is limited by the scope and preliminary nature of the findings.

It is clear and informative, though it is somewhat broad. An alternative title you could suggest: "The Relationship Between Life Expectancy and Social Welfare Policy Environments.

- Introduction: Appropriate but slightly lengthy; could sharpen the research gap.
- Methods: Generally appropriate, though more detail on variable measurement would help.
- Results: Clear, but consider adding effect sizes for key findings. · Discussion: Appropriate, but avoid overstating causality.
- Conclusion important element should be mentioned.