Abstract

In this paper, I analyzed the relationship between child labor and poverty. To test this I looked at countries who signed the international law on child labor early before 2000 and late after 2000 (or never): The International Convention 138 (ILO) – Minimum Age. I also look at the ILO Convention 182 the Worst Forms of Child Labor, and countries who signed these international laws early before 2003 and late after 2003, or never. For poverty I looked at the UN measure of human development (GDP per capita, literacy, and life expectancy). I found that countries that signed these laws early had high levels of human development and those who signed late or never signed it had lower levels of human development. The findings were statistically significant at the .05 level.