The conclusion in the recommendation is that the crime can be reduced by installing high-intensity lighting. In support of this view, the president points out that the vandalism in Belleville declined because of similar means. He also states that the rate of vandalism in Amburg still stay the same though recently police began patrolling on bicycles recently. This argument is unconvincing for several critical flaws.

First, it is too early to make conclusion about the police patrol. The vandalism be affected by a number of factors such as time, politic event and economic condition. Without a specific condition, we cannot evaluate the work of patrol precisely in such a short time. For example, Amburg is in the tourist season and the vandalism would be higher than usual while the police patrol making a good work to control it. So, maybe it is a very effective way to reduce the rate of vandalism.

Secondly, it is not possible to directly compare Belleville and Amburg because they are different cities at all. The structure of central business district and rules in Belleville may not be like Amburg’s. The requirement of light in Belleville does not mean the equal requirement in Amburg. If Amburg cannot afford such a large energy requirement as Belleville, such a method can bring much trouble and even increase the vandalism.

What is more, the information that president got is not comprehensive. Perhaps the decline of crime cannot be attribute to the high-intensity light. We do not know anything else the government of Belleville has done besides the installment of the light. They may add police at that time and install the light to assistant police to do the work. They can also do something to enhance public awareness and education. So, without eliminating such possible causes, the president cannot conclude that the high-intensity light can reduce crime.

As it stands, the argument is not well reasoned. To make it logically acceptable, the president would have to demonstrate that it is long enough to affirm that police patrol do not work. Furthermore, he need to assess the feasibility of installing high-intensity light in Amburg. Additionally, He must provide evidence to rule out other possible causes of the decline of vandalism in Belleville.