

## Proposal and References Assignment Due 1/27

There are several purposes to this assignment. One is to aid you in "thinking through" your research project prior to starting. The second is to give me an understanding of what you want to accomplish, how you will attempt to accomplish it, and why you think this attempt should work. Finally, this assignment requires you to find 3-4 sources (depending on your group size) that are relevant to your topic, which will aid you with your research question and your Introduction section of your final paper. This assignment is worth 10 points of your project grade, your group will turn in one assignment which will be graded **as a group**.

### Proposed Topic

1. State your research topic and/or phenomenon under investigation.
2. What research have you found that is relevant to this topic? Cite at least three sources (give full reference in APA format), and explain their relevance to your project (this means you might need to explain methods and results of each source, however briefly). Include 3 sources if your group is 3 people, 4 sources if your group is 4 people. **Please attach the first page of each of your sources (i.e. the first page of each article) to your proposal.**
3. What is your hypothesis? Why do you think it is true (you might want to discuss this in terms of the research you found)?

### Operational Definitions

4. State how you plan to operationalize your hypothesis. In other words, turn your theoretical variables into concrete, measurable items (e.g. IV's and DV's). Include the levels of your IV's if applicable.

### Proposed Method

5. Though you may not know how you'll do your study yet, here's a chance to think about it- what type of design would work best for your hypothesis? Note: You are not married to this design and may change your mind, but for this assignment please tentatively make some decisions about this- we can talk about them and troubleshoot later.
6. Materials: Describe any materials you might use (i.e. questionnaires, etc.). Do you need to create them or find them somewhere?
7. Participants: Who would your participants be? Would you be able to collect your data on the day allotted in class? If not, where and how would you collect your data?
8. Procedure: Describe what you think your procedure would look like. If your procedure involves presenting subjects surveys, describe the order of presentation. One way to think about this is to describe the sequence of events from the subject's point of view.

**What to turn in:** One paper per group (include all group members' names on it), including the first page of each of your source articles. Please adhere to the format listed above (list each answer in reference to each question number). Use 1 inch margins, 12 pt. font, and double-spacing.