Research Methods Assignment

You will work with your current event groups to create and execute a sociological study of your choosing.

Steps your group must follow…

1. Identify a problem or topic you would like to study.
2. Review literature
   1. Research what kinds of studies have been done on this topic in the past. What were the findings of those studies?
3. Formulate a hypothesis
4. Develop a research design
   1. Will you use survey research, field research, a case study, or participant observation?
   2. What is the population you are studying?
   3. How will you find a representative sample?
   4. What quantitative variables will you be measuring?
   5. What qualitative variables will you be measuring?
   6. What will be the independent variable?
   7. Dependent variable?
   8. Are there any intervening variables?
5. Collect Data
6. Analyze Data
   1. Did you see any correlation or causation between variables?
7. State findings and conclusions
   1. What was the end result?
   2. Were there any ethical questions raised by your study?
   3. Were there any potential problems with your study?

You will be expected to present your findings to the class at the end of the semester. This study and presentation will take the place of a final. It will be worth 10% of your total grade.

Your project will be broken down into two categories. Each is worth 50 points. This is how you will be graded…

* Your group first needs to write a proposal outlining how you intend to study a certain topic. This proposal needs to be at least two pages, typed, Times New Roman 12 pt. font, and double spaced. It should give an overview of the topic you are studying, explain why the topic is important, summarize significant previous findings, offer a carefully constructed research design, and contain a hypothesis. You need to submit your proposal to turnitin.com by

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* Your presentation should explain how you did each of the seven steps for doing sociological research. Presentations need to carefully explain how you conducted your experiment and should include relevant graphs or charts to break down your data. You should include any questionnaires you gave participants. You may include pictures or videos of your study but you need to get the permission of the participants before you can include it in your presentation. Examples are posted on the class website.

Presentation Due Date:

Presentation Day:

Good luck and have fun!