Research Topic Mad Lib

This worksheet is designed to help you brainstorm a research topic and think about your independent and dependent variables for POLI 30. This might help you come up with what you would like to explore on the homework assignments. This might be especially helpful for thinking about Question 3 on Homework 1. This mad lib has been adapted from Professor Jaime Settle’s Research Topic Mad Lib.

I am interested in studying ____________________________

_Vague concept of research idea_

_________________________. If I am trying to narrow it down, I would say that I want to study the

effect of ____________________________ on ____________________________

_Your description of your independent variable_

_________________________.

_Your description of your dependent variable_

First, I will focus on thinking about my independent variable, ____________________________

_Your description of your independent variable_

_________________________. What I really want to get at is ____________________________

_Vague, broad description of your independent variable_

________________________..

Next, I will focus on my dependent variable, ____________________________

_Your description of your dependent variable_

_________________________. What I really want to get at is ____________________________

_Vague, broad description of your DV_

_________________________.
I hypothesize that as \( \text{Independent Variable} \) increases / decreases, \( \text{Dependent Variable} \) increases / decreases. I think this because 

In order to test my hypothesis, I will use \( \text{Dataset} \). After looking through the codebook for this dataset, I think the following variables could be good approximations of \( \text{Independent Variable} \) and \( \text{Dependent Variable} \):

Independent Variable:

1. 

2. 

3.
Dependent Variable:

1.

2.

3.