

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 _____ increases / decreases, _____

Independent Variable

_____ increases / decreases. I think this because _____

Dependent Variable

_____.

In order to test my hypothesis, I will use _____ . After

Dataset

looking through the codebook for this dataset, I think the following variables could be good

approximations of _____ and _____ :

Independent Variable

Dependent Variable

Independent Variable:

1.

2.

3.

Dependent Variable:

1.

2.

3.