Research Methods

Fall 2019

How To: METHODS SECTION

Due: Tuesday, November 12th, 2019

The purpose of the Methods section is to inform the reader how you went about your research project. Should the reader want to replicate your research, this section should tell the reader how to do so.

This section should tell the reader more about your source of secondary data. It should also include how you manipulated and analyzed your data. Below are the main points that should be covered in your Methods Section. It should be written in paragraph double-spaced form, not in numbered sentences.

**Methodology**

1. Explain that you used secondary data from whichever source you chose. Be sure to include the date of your secondary data.
2. Explain in more detail how the secondary data is gathered: by whom, how many people are surveyed, how are they surveyed, why is it representative, the size of your particular sub-sample….
3. Explain any manipulation of the data that you did
4. For example, did you recode or create an index of some of the variables?
5. Explain the types of statistical procedures you used to manipulate the data.
6. For example, did you use univariate, bivariate, multivariate statistics? Did you compare means using an independent t-test?
7. Last sentence and paragraph of Methods Section: The next section details the findings of my research.

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**Rubric: Methods Section (15 points)**

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**Methods:**

2 points each

\_\_\_\_\_ Provided a statement of the research method you chose for this study

\_\_\_\_\_ Provided information about the data (how it is gathered, by whom, total in sample)

\_\_\_\_\_ Explained how you analyzed the data

\_\_\_\_\_ Explained the types of procedures you used in your analysis

\_\_\_\_\_ Provided the reader all of the necessary information to duplicate your study

\_\_\_\_\_ Provided the reader with a transition sentence to the Findings section

\_\_\_\_\_ Submitted on time (1 point)

\_\_\_\_\_ Submitted with correct rubric (1 point)

\_\_\_\_\_ Titled the section “Methods” (1 point)

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