

Social Psychology SSY 250

Fall 2021

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As you already know in this project you explore the issue of social justice of your choice from the perspective of quantitative and qualitative approach. The qualitative, and more traditional approach, is represented by survey that we collaboratively designed and you administered.

Qualitative approach is represented by discursive approach.

The goals of this project are multifaceted and should be materialized in the final paper in which you will demonstrate the ability to:

- design bivariate pivot tables and graphs,
- interpret quantitative data presented in table/s and graph/s,
- identify and apply the concept of dominant and counter discourse/s (related to your research topic) as used by critical social psychology,
- compare and discuss the advantage and limitations of quantitative (survey) and qualitative method (discourse approach) and analysis of data.

Your paper should include:

Title

Introduction

- Briefly introduce your topic including your thesis statement

Discussion of your research topic

- Discuss the social issue that you choose to study. Explain why you chose this topic and its significance. Support your claims using reviewed literature (use the readings discussed in class and the ones you found).

Quantitative Approach to studying attitudes toward social justice issue

- Introduce your research question and hypothesis.
- Make sure to also include the brief description of our sample and sample population.
- Discuss at least one survey question in relation to one demographic question (as practiced in class workshop).
- Include a corresponding bivariate pivot table/s and graph/s and the interpretation of the data.
- Discuss your findings in the context of research findings from your literature search (For example: Do the findings of other researchers support or contradict your findings? Do their findings help to interpret your findings? What conclusion/s can you make based on studying attitudes, for example in relation to actual behavior of people? Etc.)

Qualitative approach: Dominant and counter discourse of the (topic of your choice)

- Identify dominant and counter discourse of the relevant topic. (These discourses will obviously be identified from the research of literature as we did not collect any data.)
- Discuss your topic from the perspective of critical social psychology using discursive approach. What can we learn about the issue from this perspective?

Discussion and Conclusion

- Discuss the advantages and limitations of both (quantitative (survey) and qualitative (discursive) approach). What can be achieved by either method? What is the level and depth of understanding of the social issue you focused on from each perspective? How can each approach contribute to understanding of the issue and changing anything about it?

List of references

- In APA format

In your paper you are required to:

- apply the work of Critical (Social) Psychology scholars on a given topic, i.e. employ their work in your analysis and discussion and use at least **two course readings** discussed in class.
- **Find at least two additional scholarly works** not presented in class, use them in your discussion and provide **annotated hard OR digital copy** of the article. (Digital copy can be posted on BB).

Scope and Format:

- Write about **1500 words**, i.e. about 5 pages double spaced **excluding** graphs and tables and references
- **Double spaced, Times New Roman, 12 font, 1 inch margins**
- **Use APA style** (see further details on BB for resources),

Due Date and Grading:

You will present the preliminary results of your paper in the **final presentation on December 6th**.

The final paper is due on **December 8th** so you will have an opportunity to incorporate suggestions you received during the presentation in your paper.

The final paper is worth of 50 % of the grade for this project. The project (including the final presentation) is worth of **50 % of your final course grade**.

You will post the paper on BlackBoard via SafeAssign program:

Submit your final paper saved as a **WORD DOCUMENT** in the format of **FILENAME.doc** via SafeAssign in **ASSIGNMENTS** section.

Do not email me your papers or the articles you used.

The Final presentation is due on **December 6, 2021**

Final Paper is due on **December 8, 2021**.

You can either submit the hard copy of your **annotated scholarly articles** that you used for your paper in class on December 8, 2021 or you can post a digital copy of your **annotated** paper in **DISCUSSIONS** section.

SafeAssign program will check your paper for plagiarism. You will have two attempts to submit your paper.

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