

How to Write a Social Science Research Paper

Worksheet Series

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Choosing a research topic in political science / introduction

- Take main questions from the readings throughout the semester (examples of political science research questions)
- Take themes that students had questions on from lesson 1
- Annual Review Article exercises
- Generate a synthesized bank of research questions generated by students
- [Choosing a Research Topic in Political Science](#)
- [Week 2 - Research Topic](#)
- [PS 320 Group Research Questions](#)

Key parts of a literature review

- Annual Review Article exercise 2
- Understand the components of a literature review (at least the main 3)
- [Slides - Literature Review Hacks: Statebuilding Edition - Olijar](#)
- [Corresponding Survey Questionnaire](#) [Asynchronous Mode]
- Substantive week along with reinforcing literature review tips
 - [Slides - Political + Econ Development - Olijar](#)

How to formulate hypotheses and a research plan

- [Hypotheses + Research Plan + Citation Hacks - Olijar](#)
- [Hypotheses + Research Plan \(Part 2\) - Olijar](#)
- [Research Plan - Olijar](#)

How to plan data collection

- [Pre-Data Collection Questions - Olijar](#) [Worksheet]
- [Data Collection Plan Template.xlsx](#) [Worksheet]
- [Collected Data on 2024 Presidential Executive Orders](#) [Corpus Source 1]
- [Discourse data- Turkish crises.xlsx](#) [Corpus Source 2]
- [Data Collection - Olijar](#)

Asynchronous Data Collection Section

- [Data Collection Progress Report due April 4](#) [Data Collection Assignment]

How to write up a data analysis

- [Data Analysis - Olijar](#)

Writing a conclusion

- [Conclusions - Olijar](#)

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