

Social Observation and Analysis Presentation Possible Topic

- 1) *This is a form for you to brainstorm with your group members for **preliminary ideas**. After you finish the form and get a “go-ahead” message from your teacher, you should start to make initial contact with the target of your observation and analysis in order to see if it is possible to collect the kinds of data you need.*
- 2) *The topic and the form are due to your section instructor.*
- 3) **SOAP 2022: November 21 & November 28, 2023 (with sections A, B, C and D).**

Section		Group Members:
Topic		
Question or Issue & Working Hypothesis (What do you want to find out? What is your tentative answer to it?)		
Resources (Background, existing research and analysis)		
Methods of Observation and Data Collection (Observation target definition)		
Organization of Analysis (In outline form, including job divisions per student)		
Possible Difficulties One May Encounter When Conducting the Research/Investigation		
Value of the Research Project		
Work Schedule e. g. October – Reading & Observation; Nov.—Analysis and forming main idea; Late Nov. – Methods of presentation		

PROPOSAL

1) Define Your SOAP topic:

- a. Introduce your **topic** and ask the **leading research question/ issue** that you propose to pursue for your SOAP project.
- b. **Propose an initial response** to that leading question (your assumption based on exploratory research and thinking) in the form of a **working hypothesis/thesis** that you plan to investigate, open to question, and /or test through your research.

2) Describe Your Methods of Observation and Data Collection:

- a. **What** do you need to know? **What** are the resources? (e. g. background, [observation interview](#), existing analysis, etc.)

Provide a **list of important questions** raised by your topic and describe the phenomena suggested by your observation and working thesis/hypothesis—the questions for which you will seek answers and relevant evidence in your SOAP project. Your lists should reflect a thorough and thoughtful preliminary exploration of your topic and be organized to suggest major lines of inquiry or organizational categories implied by your methods of observation and working thesis.

- b. **How and where** will you look for answers? (DON'T respond, "In the Library!")

In this section of your proposal, **identify** the terms—**subject headings and keywords**—which **define your investigation** and which you will use to find sources on your topic.

Describe the **plan** you are formulating for finding necessary sources and evidence for your project, a clear sense of direction to launch yourself into your analysis in earnest, supported by substantial, promising exploratory research and preliminary observation/investigation.

3) Organization of Analysis:

- a. Explain how you are going to do SOAP and discuss why the choice/method is appropriate for the presentation.
- b. **Give a possible outline of your study**, and, if possible, job division.
- c. Explain what you anticipate to be **the difficulties and value** of your project, for yourself /your group as well as for others. Why, after all, is this project worth doing?

4) Work Schedule: