

# Identifying the Elements of an Experiment

## Homework 5

SOC 201 - Research Methods

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### Directions

- 1) Select a peer-reviewed journal article published in the last 20 years.
- 2) Provide an APA citation for the article.
- 3) Identify the random sampling technique used (SRS, cluster, stratified, etc.). If its sampling technique is not disclosed, simply write "not-disclosed".
- 4) Identify the number of treatment groups, describe the treatment, and determine the number of subjects included in each group.
- 5) Identify the number of control groups (if a placebo is used, describe the placebo) and the number of subjects per group.
- 6) Was random assignment used?
- 7) Is the experiment a double blind-study, a single-blind study, or unblinded?
- 8) Were there pre-tests taken? If so, describe what they measure and how they measure it.
- 9) Describe what the post-test measures and how they measure it.
- 10) In 1-3 sentences convey the results of the experiment.