**Title of Paper Proposal**

**Student Name**

**Proposal Due Date**

**Introduction**

This is where you introduce your paper proposal. State your research question and state your thesis statement (your alternative hypothesis will act as your thesis statement bc we have not actually conducted the analysis and, thus, do not know what our results are to form a specific thesis statement). Describe your method of choice and estimation technique.

**Literature Review**

Literature reviews provide the reader with a comprehensive overview of the current state of knowledge on a particular topic and they allow the author to signal their command of the major theoretical and methodological contributions to a particular topic. They also allow space for the author to relate their study to the ongoing theoretical debates in their field of inquiry. For the in-class group meeting have the first draft of your literature review completed (600-1000 words) along with a bibliography of sources used (a quality literature review will include at least five peer-reviewed journal articles).

**Theory & Hypotheses**

The theory section should transition smoothly from the discussion of the wider theoretical literature that was undertaken in the previous section (literature review) and bring the reader’s attention back to the original research question. This is the space where the author either showcases their own theory or identifies a prevailing theory that addresses their research question. The hypothesis section, which follows the theory section, is where the author first introduces their null and alternative hypotheses and discusses the how the paper’s theory helps form these hypotheses. For the in-class group meeting have the first draft of your theory section completed (300-600 words) and have your null and alternative hypotheses written down and ready to be shared. In the final proposal, the hypothesis section should be between 300-400 words long.

This is the section where I discuss my hypothesis…..wjnwkjdn

**Ha:** *This is my hypothesis.*

**Ho:** *This is not my hypothesis*

Justification for your hypothesis using your chosen theory.

**Research Methods**

*Methodological Approach*

This is the part of the proposal where you discuss 1) what type of study this is (experimental) 2) Why you chose this approach (so discuss shortcomings and advantages of your designated approach for your particular topic of inquiry) 3) your unit of analysis 4) why you chose this unit 5) your statistical estimation technique (difference of means test). This is also where you describe the procedure for random sampling and random assignment to treatment and control groups. Include any diagrams of your research design that you have in this section.

*Data*

**Pre-test** -discuss how this is a good measure of DV

**Post-test** -discuss how this is a good measure of DV

**Treatment effect** -discuss how this treatment effect is realized –i.e. how is this an operationalization of your IV

**Appendix**

List your pre-test and post-test and/or any survey questions you are asking subjects. If your treatment has any reading material associated with it, you include that information here as well.

**References**