

Research Practicum

Week Five

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1. Homework check-in
2. Research ethics
 - Why ethics in the field matters
 - It is the right thing to do
 - It protects science (don't poison the well)
 - It protects your career
 - Review the Belmont Report
 - Respect for persons
 - Beneficience
 - Justice
 - Informed consent
 - Review the APSA report
 - Particular issues arise when conducting research among populations with less power than P.I.s
 - Sensitive issues, esp. related to trauma (war, violence, rape)
 - Issues working in non-democratic regimes and protection of human subjects and their information
 - Trade-offs between confidentiality and research transparency
 - Item 11 (p. 11): “Political scientists have an obligation to protect the integrity of democratic processes and institutions as well as the integrity of the profession. In general, researchers should not seek to manipulate political processes, especially elections, without the consent of directly affected parties. Any such engagement requires careful consideration of the potential direct, indirect, and diffuse impacts of research processes. (see guidance)”
 - Deception
 - Review IPA materials on resuming field research during pandemic
 - <https://www.poverty-action.org/blog/ipa-cautious-approach-restarting-in-person-research>
 - 80-point check list
 - Missing from standard IRB review: protection of staff
 - Compare Europe (strong data and privacy protection) vs US (strong human subjects protection)
3. Ethics committee paperwork
 - Review MG's ethics form for work with Ferroni, Fisman, and Wolton
4. CITI certification