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## **Frustration Report: Week 2**

### **Challenges Faced**

When selecting a dataset, I found World Development Indicators and focused on the variables of Nutrition, Poverty, and Health. I struggled to find others that were familiar to that one all while containing up-to-date information. A dataset that I felt was relevant for our initial research topic only contained data for up to 2015. I decided to not choose that dataset and continue looking for one with more recent reports. During my search I found Gender Statistics that contained more relevant data and it was up to date. This data seemed like a great match for our topics on nutrition, poverty, and health.

At first glance, I had some difficulty understanding the datasets structure, but as I spent more time looking through more datasets, I gained a clearer understanding of it and it became easy to navigate and understand. I believe my struggle to understand the structure was because I had to get familiar with the website at first before looking into the datasets it contained.

### **Difficulties in Formulating Research Questions**

One challenge I encountered was developing research questions that provided meaningful insights beyond just researching correlations between variables. Looking back at my process, I feel like I should have done more data exploration of the datasets selected before getting started with creating hypothetical research questions. Overall, I would say that our research questions could be improved especially after reviewing our work and expectations in our last class.

I was able to somewhat conceptualize the general analytical approaches that would be applicable when working with the datasets. However, I struggled to generate better analytical questions. It was also difficult having to generate questions that were unique to one another since we split up our 60 question requirement between each member of our group

### **Strategies Used to Overcome Obstacles**

When facing the challenges I encountered, I found it helpful to get an understanding of each team member's ideas and input. It was definitely helpful to have ongoing active communication between my team members since it helped us navigate the assignment process. Whenever questions arose, we would communicate and ask for each other's input.

I did not find myself looking at external resources aside from a guide to navigate the World Data Bank when first getting started. This resource did help as a guide to understand the World Data Bank better since I was completely new to this platform. Aside from this resource, my main resource was my team members.

### **Reflections and Lessons Learned**

Some reflections I have gathered from this experience is that I would definitely focus on improving my research questions and attempt to conduct a deeper analysis on the datasets available. I would accomplish this by doing a more in depth data exploration of the datasets selected to get a better and clear understanding of what's available for us. I feel like the questions I created can be improvised drastically if I spent more time understanding each indicator and dataset better. This experience has definitely given me a different perspective on how to go about conducting research questions and getting familiarized with datasets.