

Peer Review

1. What is your general research question?

Do catalan speakers speak worse catalan depending on the region they were brought up in?

2. Why do you think this question is interesting? What does an answer to it tell us?

I think this question is interesting because as a catalan speaker brought up in Barcelona I have been told that I speak “good catalan” and “you don’t really have an accent when speaking Spanish”. Since coming to university and meeting people from other catalan speaking areas I have understood that we speak very differently and that I use way more Spanish expressions than they do, and that some of my vowels sound different than theirs.

An answer to this question tells me that despite having been educated under the same system, having the same amount of classes taught in catalan and spanish we do talk and sound different and expose how the surroundings really affect our language.

3. What is your specific research question?

Do native catalan speakers brought up in Barcelona or Barcelona Urban Area (BUA) speak worse catalan than the rest of the catalan community? Why or why not?

4. What kind of data would you use to address Question 2 if you had unlimited resources?

I would use nominal data that would allow me to accomplish non-limited results. I would get participants from all over the catalan-speaking community and I would ask them open questions that would allow me to reach a greater amount of information for me to compare.

5. What kind of data are you planning to use to address Question 2 within the scope of this class?

I plan on using ordinal data.

- **How will you obtain it?**

I will ask my classmates to participate in the research. I will try to have the same amount of participants from outside as from inside the Barcelona Urban Area. I would like to compare and contrast the results from one another.

- **How much will you collect?**

Not much, since I will only approach and study people from this class, in order to have a controlled environment and focus group.

- **Do you think that is enough data to address Question 2? Why (not)?**

I think it'll be enough to showcase why I have chosen this question, but it won't be nearly enough to showcase the actual real problem with catalan within the natives born and/or raised in the BUA.