

**Find an academic paper, ideally from your field, in which researchers make a controversial causal claim. It does not have to be recent.**

**Answer the questions below.**

1. Is a research question deliberately stated? If so, what is it? If not, what question is implied?

2. Critically assess the research question. Is it answerable? Identify any other potential issues.

3. Reformulate the research question to be suitable for causal research. You may refer to guidance in *Chapter 2: Research Questions* from Huntington-Klein, 2021.

4. If you were to conduct research to answer the reformulated question, what information (data) do you think you would need? Think about variables, relationships between these, and what aspects of these relationships would be most relevant.