

POLI210: Political Science Research Methods

Lecture 3.1: Literatures and RQs

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Finding a research question

Karl Popper: “there is no such thing as a logical method of having new ideas...Discovery contains an ‘irrational element,’ or a ‘creative intuition.’ ”

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Broockman and Kalla on minimal persuasive effects

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