

PROJECT: Proposal [33 points total]

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Needs work</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Formatting <i>3 points</i>	3 – Followed all formatting guidelines.	2 – Failed to follow one formatting guideline.	1 – Failed to follow multiple formatting guidelines.		
Research question <i>10 points</i>	10, 9 – Research question is clear, focused, concise, complex, and arguable.	8, 7, 6 – Research question is reasonably clear and focused, but may be too simple, too complex, or too verbose.	5, 4, 3 – Research question is unclear and lacks focus. – Research question is far too simple or overly complex.		
Data sources <i>10 points</i>	10, 9 – Data sources or plausible data sources are clearly described. – Validity of and concerns about data is discussed.	8, 7, 6 – Identified data sources or plausible data sources are not clearly described. – Validity of and concerns about data are minimally discussed.	5, 4, 3 – Data sources are poorly described or missing. – Description of validity of and concerns about data are poor or missing.		
Anticipated results <i>10 points</i>	10, 9 – Detailed description of two variables and their expected distribution. – Detailed description of two expected relationships. – Detailed description of two charts that help visualize expected relationships. – Detailed discussion of how chosen variables will inform research questions.	8, 7, 6 – Detailed description of only one expected variable, relationship, or chart. – Minimal description of two expected variables, relationships, or charts. – Minimal description of links between variables and research question.	5, 4, 3 – Poor or missing descriptions of variables, relationships, or charts. – Poor or missing description between variables and research question.		

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