

Doing Political and Social Research

Critical Review Essay

Overview

- ▶ A **2000-word** critical review of a journal article that uses one of the methods covered in the module
- ▶ A link to a list of suggested journal articles can be found on Moodle (or your own choice approved by the module convenor)
- ▶ Consider the following in your review:
 - What is the research process: Research question, theory, concepts, measurement, approach to explanation?
 - How appropriate was the method? How well was it implemented? What other methods could have been used?
- ▶ Similar to our weekly seminar discussions

Questions to ask: On the process

- ▶ What ontology and epistemology underpinned the research? Was the research question and method consistent with the underlying philosophy?
- ▶ How clear was the research question? Did the author(s) answer the question? Was it a "good" question?
- ▶ How effectively was existing literature critically analysed and evaluated? Was it clear how the research would contribute to or challenge previous research?
- ▶ What were the theoretical assumptions? Were these assumptions sound? Were the concepts used in the theory clearly defined?



Questions to ask: On research methods


- ▶ What method was used? How effective was the method for tackling the topic? How well was the method implemented?
- ▶ What limitations were there to the method? What other methods could have been used?
- ▶ What would you have done differently? What additional research could be conducted?





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