CEPC 0911
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Homework 5 — Question to Hypotheses

20 points
Submission link: *https: // canvas. brown. edu/ courses/ 1082133/ assignments/ 7772267*
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Use this version of the assignment if you're doing *qualitative* analysis. If you're doing quantitative analysis, make sure you use that version (see https://cepc-0911.jackhester.com/documents/homework/hw5_quantitative.pdf).

Restate your research question/topic, it should be in pretty good shape now:

Now, state the documents or other data sources that you will be using to conduct your analysis.

How do you plan to analyze these document (this can still be in fairly broad terms)? What questions are you going to ask (these are typically "why"-like questions)? Or if you aren't asking specific questions, what's the goal or ideal product of your analysis?

With these research goals in mind, come up with a hypothesis about what you will find as you dig in and seek answers from your data sources. This is critical as it's important that you clearly frame the way you will be conducting your research beforehand and state what trends or answers you expect and are looking for. Your analysis won't be as strong or valid if you just look around at the data and then come up with some questions that seem like they fit what you found (not to say that you can't skim through things to get a feel for what kinds of questions you can ask). If you aren't structuring things in a way that obviously lends itself to asking and answering questions, then state how you are going to evaluate whether or not you've met the goal you have in mind (e.g., what does the final product need to include, and how will I define this in a way that I can make sure I've met all of the criteria?).