**Codebook**

After a review of the various codebooks available for the class, I decided to use the Gapminder dataset.

**Question**

Is there an association between Internet usage and suicide rates? I will sue the variables Internetuserate and suicideper100TH rate in my code book.

**Literature Review**

There is concern that the Internet is playing an increasing role in self-harm and suicide. Internet use may exert both positive and negative effects on young people at risk of self-harm or suicide. The internet has created channels of communication that can be misused to ‘cyber-bully’ peers; both cyber-bullying and general internet use have been found to correlate with increased risk of self-harm, suicidal ideation, and depression. Youth who self-harm or are suicidal often make use of the internet. It is most commonly used for constructive reasons such as seeking support and coping strategies, but may exert a negative influence, normalising self-harm and potentially discouraging disclosure or professional help-seeking. Correlations have been found between internet exposure and violent methods of self-harm.

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**Hypothesis**

There is a positive relationship between Internet usage rates and suicide rates.