

Assignment #3: Using Inductive Reasoning to Design a Qualitative Study

Download “youth.por” from Canvas and save it somewhere on your computer. These data come from a survey of 1,272 high school students regarding attitudes toward delinquency and delinquent behaviors. For this assignment, you’ll examine responses to four questions, which appear as V77, V79, V109, and V119 in the dataset.

V77	<i>How wrong do your friends think it is to steal?</i>
V79	<i>How wrong do your friends think it is to drink?</i>
V109	<i>How much of a problem would it be for you if you were taken to court for underage drinking?</i>
V119	<i>How much would your good friends be hurt if you were arrested for vandalism?</i>

1. Describe the sample’s opinions about friends’ attitudes and personal misfortune, based on frequencies for each of these variables.
Hint: Open the data in JASP and generate frequency tables like you did for Assignment #2.
2. What explanation can you develop (inductively) for these attitudes? Do you believe that friends’ attitudes toward delinquent acts or getting caught for committing a crime would influence the respondents’ behavior? Explain.
3. In a paragraph, propose a new qualitative study to explore these attitudes further. You should identify a sample for your study and describe the type of data you would be collecting. Be specific.