

## Assignment # 1: Summarizing Empirical Research

Find a recent journal article that reports the results of original research on a criminological topic you find interesting.

Read the article. Summarize the research on [this sketchpad](#) by noting the **theoretical framework**, the **research questions/hypotheses** tested, the **methods** (including the dependent and independent variables), the **empirical generalizations** about the findings, and the **limitations/shortcomings**.

Note examples of **deductive** and **inductive reasoning** in the article (including discussions of anomalous or serendipitous findings).

Tips:

- To search for articles, I highly recommend [Google Scholar](#).
- Journals you should scan include:
  - Criminology
  - Justice Quarterly
  - Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency
  - Journal of Quantitative Criminology
  - Journal of Criminal Justice
  - Crime & Delinquency
  - Criminology & Public Policy
  - Criminal Justice and Behavior
  - Policing & Society
  - Journal of Experimental Criminology
  - British Journal of Criminology
  - You can find a longer list of journals on [this webpage](#).
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