

STUDY GUIDE #2

The purpose of this assignment is to familiarize you with some of the ethical issues that arise when your research involves real people. Completing this assignment requires that you read the *American Sociological Association Code of Ethics* @ <http://www.asanet.org/members/ecoderev.html> and Chapters 1 and 2 from Laud Humphreys' *Tearoom Trade*, available at ERES (see your syllabus for the citation).

Here's what you need to do:

Please read the instructions **CAREFULLY**. You must do as instructed.

Pretend you are Laud Humphreys. It is 2007 and you have been asked to give a guest lecture in an undergraduate research methods course about the ethical issues raised by your study of impersonal sex in public places - a study you conducted in the mid 1960s, more than 10 years before the institutionalization of federal regulations for the protection of human subjects!

The instructor of the class has asked you to prepare a brief 1-2 page handout for her students. So that her students can use this hand out as a reference tool in the future, she asks you to please include textual citations in your handout and attach a *Works Cited*¹ page.

Compose **your handout** to include a brief summary of each of the following items:

- a. State your research question and why it is important.
- b. Identify the research methods you used to research this topic.
- c. Discuss the measures you took to protect the people in your study.
- d. Discuss how these methods might be in conflict with the current American Sociological Association's Code of Ethics?
- e. Identify ways that you think a study on impersonal sex in public places could be conducted that conforms to both legal and ethical guidelines for the protection of human subjects and codes of professional conduct.

¹ Works cited is a reference/bibliography page for all work cited in your handout. See Chapter 4 in the Johnson text for the only acceptable format for this class.