

STUDY GUIDE # 5

This homework is designed to do a number of things. You will gain experience identifying and conceptualizing variables, and also gives you practice in writing a hypothesis.

1. Identify the dependent and independent variables in the following two hypotheses:

Hypothesis #1: As a young person's bond to society increases, her/his deviant behavior decreases. One theory of deviance states that one's social bond is thought to be an important explanatory variable to understand deviant behavior.

Hypothesis #2: Increased exposure to pornography leads to increased abuse of women. This theory has been a part of the general debate on the effect of pornography on women.

2. Conceptualize each of the variables in hypotheses #1 and #2. In other words give a nominal or working definition for each variable you identified.
3. Write an explanatory research question on your topic.
4. Write a hypothesis statement (a statement of prediction) from your research question.
5. Identify your dependent and independent variables. Support your answer.
6. Conceptualize each of the variables in your hypothesis.