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Research Paper

Write a short research paper (4-6 pages) on one of the topics listed below. This paper should have at least three different sources in addition to the census data available on the [DataCounts! website](#). After selecting your topic follow the guidelines below.

Learning Objectives

Skill

1. Using software to access and analyze census data
2. Identifying independent and dependent variables
3. Forming testable hypotheses using quantitative data
4. Quantitative writing
5. Learning how to construct, read, and interpret bivariate tables displaying frequencies and percentages
6. Using real world data to enhance and support key course concepts

Substance

- Use Census data and different data sets to write about social inequality.

Guidelines

1. Access the DataCounts! data set and WebCHIP at <http://ssdan.net/webchip/webchip4/>
2. Search the library holdings for additional sociology sources. This includes professional journals, [The New York Times](#), the International Encyclopedia of Social Sciences, or other related information. Reread the course outline for bibliographic information.
3. Write about your selected minority group bringing together your sources. Feel free to cover areas such as income, occupation, education levels, immigration and demographic breakdown. Simple cross-tabulations will give you sufficient descriptive data and controls will enable your work to be more analytical. However, you are not required to use controls. The data you use must be included in the paper.
 - a. Asians
 - b. Hispanics
 - c. Blacks
 - d. Native Americans
4. After accessing DataCounts!, you can find information about each dataset in the Glossary (click the tab on the menu bar). Then click the Data tab from the menu bar, then the Browse button. Some recommended files (under Census 2000) are ASNUSA2K, EARN2K, EARNAS2KA, EARNASN2K, EARNLAT2K, EARNLA2KA, IMMUSA2K, LATUSA2K, POPPROK2K, POPUSA