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People, Culture, Society –SA100

Understanding the Scope of Inequality

Summary:

The purpose of this module is to familiarize students in an Introduction to Sociology and Anthropology course to social science data. Students will explore inequality in the United States by examining census data.

Learning Objectives

Skills

- Create bivariate tables and bar charts
- Interpret/ Summarize bivariate tables and bar charts
- Familiarization with the United States census
- Demonstration of the significance of race and ethnicity in the United States

Substance

- You are a local government official interested in understand the current social and economic disparities in your state.
- The goal is to obtain data from the United States census and report your findings to your constituents.

Prior to beginning the exercise, please answer the following questions:

1. Provide examples of social and economic disparities in United States.

2. Why should the government be concerned with social and economic disparities in the United States?

Describe the table. Which racial group is over represented in a particular educational level?
Underrepresented in a particular educational level?

Step 3: Create a Bar chart

- Click on table, then click on bar chart

Insert the Bar chart here. (Please print the chart and attached to the end of the document.)
Hint: The bar chart should be labeled RaceLat by Educ .

- Control for occupational status by clicking on table, then control. Click on the occupational status.
- Click on Table, then Bar chart

Note: You will see “ occup=TopWC” , which means the bar chart is controlling for top white collar occupational status .

Insert the Bar chart here. (Please print the chart and attached to the end of the document.)
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Describe the bar charts. Compare the bar chart that compares race and education and the bar chart that compares race and education but controls for occupational status.

Final Question

What are your overall findings? Provide policy recommendations based on your findings.