

GOVT 100 - Outline for Oral Presentations & Research Paper

I. Introduction

- A. What is your research question?
 - 1. Why is it interesting?
- B. What do you think you will find?

II. Variables

- A. What variables are you examining?
 - 1. Dependent
 - 2. Main Independent
 - 3. Other Independent Variables (control variables)
- B. How are they measured?
- C. Are they valid?

III. Dataset

- A. What dataset(s) did you use to obtain this data?
- B. What are the strengths and weaknesses of this/these dataset(s)?

IV. Hypotheses

- A. What are your hypotheses?
 - 1. Why do you think they are correct?

(Be sure to state each hypothesis and provide a detailed explanation for why you think each hypothesis is correct)

V. Methodology

- A. What statistical methods did you use to test your hypotheses?
 - 1. Why did you choose this/these method(s)?

VI. Results

- A. What were the results of your analysis?
 - 1. Did those results support your hypotheses or not?

(Be sure to show your results and thoroughly explain your model, and be sure to go through each hypothesis and explain why it was supported or not)

VII. Summary & Conclusion

- A. Summarize your study
- B. Draw some conclusions
- C. Suggest future research that could build off your findings