

THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL Paper 2

Begin to work on your final paper. This section will be due on Friday March 12

This section should be about 5 typed pages or more with the same title page as Section 1. (There is no magic page limit number). It must be long enough to layout your research topic and discuss each section.

Save all of your work in a computer file or Flash drive because you will be adding sections to it.

- **Title** (your Title on the first page with your name, my name and the course number)

USE THE HEADINGS IN BOLD IN YOUR PAPER

● **Conceptual Framework** (is used in research to outline possible courses of action or to present a preferred approach to an idea or thought.) Conceptual frameworks can be

- Working hypothesis (There is a relationship between communication and divorce)
- Descriptive categories (Ex. Sexual abusers/Non-sexual Abusers)
- Practical ideal types (Happy Marriages or Good Citizens)
- Formal hypotheses (see notes and book)

- **Theoretical perspectives** (I believe that XXX is related to XXX because of XXX because of XXX.)
 - **Definitions of concepts**—define how **you** will use all of your major terms and concepts. This can be a glossary LIST. (EX. Child Sexual Abuse, Human Trafficking, Divorce, Infidelity, etc.)
 - **Literature Review**—builds case for hypotheses. See list below:
 - It is literally that: a "re" view or "look again" at what has already been written about your topic.
 - A compilation of the research that has been published on a topic by recognized scholars and researchers.
 - Defined by a guiding concept (e.g., your research objective.)
 - Provides background and support for the issue that you are studying.
 - Puts the problem into historical perspective (start with the oldest/earliest research and move toward today –Ex. 1960s to 2011)
 - If necessary show how others handled similar problems in the past.

- **Hypotheses**—expected relationships between independent and dependent variable. (You may have several hypothesis in your paper)
 - *X is related to Y*

Review your articles and keep notes for use in the Review of Literature section and for use in the discussion of your conclusions at the end of the paper.