

ACTIVITY 3

PART B – October 23, 2017

Week 5, Monday

Due: Monday, October 30

Instructions: A hard copy of the final version of Activity #3 is due on Monday, October 30 (Week 6). You will be given the activity in parts, but it is your responsibility to keep track of all questions on one master document for each respective activity.

Case Studies

What is what? Choose to work with one of the hypotheses on the screen.

- (1) What is the independent variable in the hypothesis?
- (2) Suggest one way to measure the independent variable.
- (3) What is the dependent variable in the hypothesis?
- (4) Suggest one way to measure the dependent variable.

Determining your case: Now that we have explored various types of case studies, answer Q5.

- (5) Given your hypothesis, select at least one case or observation that you would use to observe the independent and dependent variable.

Other Small-N, Qualitative Studies

- (6) **Interviews:** Can you think of an example of an elite population that you might want to interview for a political science research project?
- (7) What is the purpose of recording and transcribing interviews?
- (8) **Observational fieldwork:** I give you a project to observe lawn signs during an election in Pomona by merely walking the streets and taking notes. Is this project:
 - a. Direct or indirect observation?
 - b. Participant or nonparticipant observation?
 - c. Overt or covert participation
- (9) Come up with a hypothesis you might investigate while observing lawn signs in the city of Pomona.
- (10) **Theoretical research:** I am writing a paper using Emile Durkheim's book *Suicide* to explore how society has changed their thinking of suicide, especially in light of how states have begun to pass assisted suicide laws. Is this theory paper an example of an application or critique?