

Your Title Is Your Research Question

Introduction

- Why is this problem interesting or significant?
- What has been said about it?
- What is the current state of research?

Theories

- What are the current approaches or theories?
- What is your alternative?
- What are you trying to test?

Hypotheses

- State your main research hypotheses and any auxiliary hypotheses

Diagram of your Model

- If you think it would help the reader understand the relationships between variables draw them!

Research Design and Data

- Describe how you plan to test these hypotheses
- What kind of study is this Large-N, small-N, Comparative, etc?
- What Data are you using?
 - How was it collected?
 - How many cases do you have?
 - What is the unit of analysis?

Operationalization and Measurement

- Describe your variables
- How is the D.V. in your study measured?
- Briefly describe the Independent variables
- Detail any indices you constructed
- Provide descriptive statistics and/or charts

Data Analysis

- Present the main statistical table describing your model
- Be sure to include all the information needed to evaluate the table
- Name your variables so that they are recognizable from sections above

More Data Analysis

- Here is your chance to get creative! Fill this area with eye candy!
- Interpret, Present and Elaborate upon the data results from your statistics
- Explore the model by 'plugging- in' theoretically important values or inter-quartile scores
- If you're using logistic regression then calculate probabilities
- If you have used log functions convert back to understandable values
- Depicting the findings graphically using charts, graphs, plots, diagrams– make it understandable for a 'non'-math person

Conclusion

- Evaluate the research project
- What are your findings
- Can you reject the null hypothesis or can you pick a winner in your 3-cornered fight?
- What shortcomings are there in your study (be candid)? If you could do it again what would you do differently?
- What data, if it were available, would help to solve these problems?
- What future research questions do these findings generate?

Works Cited

- Cite sources used in your intro, theory and, perhaps, conclusion sections! Sources must be cited appropriately.