Group Work: Creating a Research Study

(PLEASE HAVE GROUP MEMBERS WORK TOGETHER ON A GOOGLE DOCUMENT)

1. Choose a Topic: Consider the list of topics of study in psychology (on website). Pick a topic of mutual interest in the group.
   1. Why did you choose this topic? What is interesting or fascinating about this topic for you? Example: Attraction
   2. What specific questions do you have associated with this topic? Example: What draws people to each other?
   3. Pick one of these questions. What do you suspect is the answer to this question? Why?

(the answer to this question speaks to the premise or theoretical assumptions that will underlie a study’s predictions). Example: Similarity Attracts people together

1. What would you predict if your premise is correct? Example: (1) People with more in common with gravitate to each other,(2) Friends have more in common than non-friends, (3)If people perceive similarity, they will feel greater affinity.

**\*\*PLEASE TURN IN VIA EMAIL THE ABOVE WORK ONCE COMPLETED**

1. **Pick a Prediction to explore in a Survey Research**. In this study, you will collect descriptive information about your sample with the intent of exploring variables in your topic of study. Example: Survey questions will query about perceived similarity on multiple domains of personality and interests. Subjects will be asked to rate their friends and rate classmates who are acquaintances.
   1. **Create a survey with a list of questions that help to explore your research question**.

Please continue to refine these questions as a group even after you have turned them in and before administration (to be done in class the week of Feb. 18th).

\*\***TURN IN COMPLETED SURVEY AT END OF CLASS VIA EMAIL**