Research Paper

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Outline

Abstract

I. Introduction

a. Describe the topic

b. Explain why the topic is important

c. State the research question

II. Literature Review

a. Summarize information about BRFSS and how three other research projects have addressed the topic

b. Summarize how these will be incorporated into your paper-justifying use of data, variables, and hypotheses.

c. How will your research replicate, add to, or challenge other research

III. Methodology

a. Hypotheses

b. Data Source (use the Overview)

c. Describe the Sample ( include both the BRFSS 2020 sample size and the limited to 1500 participant and 30 variables sample used for this project)

d. Describe the variables used in empirical terms

e. Justify how will you analyze the Data, (what level of data are the variables selected) which Analyses will be used

IV. Results

a. Findings

b. Present these in tables or charts

V. Conclusion

a. Summarize how findings fit in with literature

b. Limitations of your research

c. Suggestions for future research

References

a. Minimally five

b. Follow APA style

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