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POLS 4190: FAMILY HISTORY OF INCARCERATION RESEARCH GROUP

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FamHis Survey: *"What words come to mind during visitation with incarcerated family?"*

Introduction:

Welcome to the Family History of Incarceration Research Group. Over the next few days you will receive hands-on experience analyzing survey data on the prevalence and impact of familial incarceration. This research group has three core objectives: 1.) provide students with a cursory understanding of descriptive statistics, 2.) use statistical inference to examine the impact of familial incarceration, and 3.) produce a white paper detailing empirical findings.

Assignments and Objectives:

Monday (5/06)

Objective: Meet Group Members, Discuss Project Goals, and Examine the Dataset

- Overview of the Family History of Incarceration (FamHIS) dataset.
- Review the list of variables and propose research agenda.
- Enns *et al.* (2019) "What Percentage of Americans Have Ever Had a Family Member Incarcerated?"

Tuesday (5/07)

Objective: Introduction to Descriptive Statistics & Testing Relationships

- Replicating findings from Enns *et al.* (2019)
- Formulating hypotheses: How does incarceration affect the family?
- FWD.us (2018) "Every Second: The Impact of the Incarceration Crisis on American Families" pp. 34-44

Wednesday (5/08)

Objective: Statistical Inference and Data Analysis

- Testing hypotheses, analyzing data, and drafting the white paper.
- Assign white paper tasks: Literature Review, Theory, Methodology, Findings.

Thursday (5/09)

Objective: Data Analysis and Discussion of Findings

- White paper break-out session
- Condense key findings into class presentation

Friday (5/10):

Objective: Complete White Paper and Presentation for Fellow Institute Attendees

- No assignments, prepare for presentation!