SSDB 275: Introduction to Sexuality Research

Assignment Instructions

Methodology Analysis

Purpose: Define methods in the study of sexuality; describe how methods shape knowledge on sexuality.

Weight: 15%

Due:

Monday February 19 before midnight, on Moodle

Length: 500 words

Step 1: Attend the Library Workshop to identify articles

Attend the library workshop during class on Tuesday 7 February (mandatory). This workshop will walk you through the steps to find and evaluate an appropriate article for your assignment.

Step 2: If you don't have an article by the end of the workshop in Step 1; watch the instructional videos on using the Sofia Discovery library search tools to help you find one:

- Search screens: https://youtu.be/r00-WTlhcfA (11:24)
- Using filters: https://youtu.be/Jm4vqGMHaSY (10:17)

Step 3: Read and review your article

- 1. By the end of the library workshop, you should have selected 1 peer-reviewed scholarly article focused on sexuality research (the article can focus on any area related to sexuality).
 - If you are not satisfied with the article you selected, you're welcome to find another text using the library database.
- 2. Make sure you saved this article as a .pdf file
- 3. Carefully read the article, highlighting the arguments made by the author(s) and methods they used.
- 4. Read through your article a second time and outline:
 - The research question(s)
 - o Describe the method(s) that the researcher(s) used to conduct their research
 - The research outcomes (what kind of conclusions the research paper makes)

STEP 4: Draft your paper

- 5. Review the evaluation criteria in the table below (see last page)
- 6. Begin outlining your paper
 - Identify the research question(s), method(s) used in the study, and research outcomes.

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- Develop a brief analysis of how the method(s) used shaped the research outcomes
 - For this part, you should use AND cite one of the course readings from Week 2, Week 3, or Week 4
- Ensure that you cite direct quotes and paraphrasing of the text using author name, date **and page number**.
- Your bibliography, including a full citation for the article you selected to analyze (bibliography does not count towards your word count) using MLA, Chicago, APA, or other citation style

Step 5: Revise and finalize your paper

7. Make sure to proof-read your paper, including ensuring that you've cited the readings with page numbers, even when you paraphrase.

Instructions for submitting your paper

- Save your paper in .pdf format
- Upload your paper into the "Methodology Analysis" assignment folder on Moodle
- Upload a .pdf file of the article you analyzed to your assignment folder

You should submit the above 2 files onto Moodle in the "Methodology Analysis" folder **before midnight on Monday February 19.**