**Social Science Methods Practice**

**A. News Briefs**

\*Please note these news briefs from *The Week* magazine do not include all of the information that would have been provided by the researchers elsewhere.

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1. Which of the social sciences does this study involve?

2. What type of research design was used?

3. What were the population defined and the sample taken?

4. What variables were involved in their hypothesis?

Independent - Dependent -

Quantitative or Qualitative? Explain. Quantitative or Qualitative? Explain.

5. What is nature of the relationship found by the researchers? Did they find a Relationship, Correlation, or Causation? Explain.

6. What details are included in the article to indicate control variables, sampling method, the source of data, etc.? How does the inclusion or exclusion of these details affect how convincing it is to you?

7. What hypothesis did they suggested to explain the relationship? Which of the three sociological perspectives does this seem to fall into?

8. What are the implications of these findings?

9. What further research would you like to see to convince you of their conclusions?