**Assignments 2 & 3: Review of 4 Sources (Overview and Rubric)**

*General Overview*

In this assignment you will be tasked with reviewing **four empirical research sources** on your topic of study. For each source you should write 1-2 pages. These sources should be found using google scholar or proquest. Sources that will count toward these 4 sources should come from peer-reviewed journals.

*Rubric*

In this assignment you will be graded based upon your ability to address each of the following components of the assignment:

* Summary of the Source-

For each source, begin with a paragraph that discusses the focus of the research (what were the researchers attempting to explain?) and demonstrates the relevance of the source to your topic (how does the research relate to your issue?).

* Discussion of Source Methods-

The next paragraph should discuss the methodology associated with the research. You should be able to identify and discuss the following elements:

 -data (answer questions of what, when, where, and how)

 -brief discussion of actual research method used

* Discussion of Findings-

The next paragraph will be devoted to a summary of the research’s findings. What did the researchers conclude? Be sure to discuss only the major findings of the research.

* Critical Evaluation-

In the last paragraph of each source review, you should critically evaluate the research and how the research’s findings speak to your topic. Was the study a good test of a question related to your issue? Which side does the research support most?

* References Section-

Be sure to cite your sources throughout the text when appropriate, as well as list your sources on the last page of the assignment in your reference section. Unlike the first assignment the reference list will count towards your grade. Formatting is very important, so I strongly encourage you to avoid the use of citation machines because they do not work consistently.

In total this assignment should require a minimum of 5 pages double spaced, Times New Roman font, size 12. Margins should be standard 1 in. margins. Submit your assignment through SafeAssignment on Blackboard. The draft must be submitted by the start of class on 3/2/15 or 4/1/15, assignments submitted after the start of class will be assessed a late penalty of 5% for each day late (including weekends) and will only be accepted up to 5 days late.