

Assignment # 1: Summarizing Empirical Research

Find a recent journal article that reports the results of original research on a criminological topic you find interesting. Read the article. Summarize the research on [this sketchpad](#) by noting the theoretical framework, the research questions/hypotheses tested, the methods (including the dependent and independent variables), the empirical generalizations about the findings, and the limitations/shortcomings. Note examples of deductive and inductive reasoning in the article (including discussions of anomalous or serendipitous findings).

Tips:

- To search for articles, I highly recommend [Google Scholar](#).
- Journals you should scan include:
 - Criminology
 - Justice Quarterly
 - Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency
 - Journal of Quantitative Criminology
 - Journal of Criminal Justice
 - Crime & Delinquency
 - Criminology & Public Policy
 - Criminal Justice and Behavior
 - Policing & Society
 - Journal of Experimental Criminology
 - British Journal of Criminology
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