Assignment #4: Evaluation Research in Academic Journals

This exercise will help you understand how social scientists present evaluation research to their peers.

- 1. Browse articles that have been published in <u>Justice Evaluation Journal</u> since 2018. Select one that evaluates a program, policy, or law that you find particularly interesting.
- 2. Describe the program/policy/law being evaluated, paying special attention to how the authors measure outcomes.
- 3. Given the data presented in the article, does the frequency of desired outcomes justify the continuation of the program/policy/law? Explain your answer fully.
- 4. Propose at least one other way to measure the outcome, such that a future program/policy/law might be able to improve upon the current one. Explain how measuring outcomes in the way that you propose would be an improvement.