**Assignment #5: Comparing Research Methods**

1. Select a general criminological topic that you find interesting.
2. Locate one article on this topic that employs experimental methods, one that uses survey methods, one that uses qualitative methods, and one that uses some other method (e.g., historical, comparative, content analysis).
3. Read all four articles. Identify the key takeaway and outline the strengths and weaknesses in each, using the template beginning on the next page. (Hint: You might also find it helpful to use the [**sketchpad**](https://jnix.netlify.app/courses/crcj2510/research_notebook.pdf) from Assignment #1.)

Tips:

* To search for articles, I highly recommend [Google Scholar](https://scholar.google.com).
* 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
	+ You can find a longer list of journals on [this webpage](https://asc41.com/resources/journals-newsletters/).
* **Do not pay for an article if you run into a paywall. Email me and I will help you find access to a free version.**

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