

Lab: Ethics

Secretary (5pts if >2): _____

Others: _____

Comments

Research methodology is infused with a variety of choices, that are subject to a variety of constraints – practical, theoretical, statistical, empirical, and ontological. In this assignment, you will consider the range of *ethical* constraints placed by the American Sociological Association itself, by exploring the ASA's own Code of Ethics.

Instructions

The ASA Code of Ethics moves; see the menus at <http://www.asanet.org> or use the search bar there. You'll initially get a summary page, with a preamble and sections A thru E, or some such. The full document will be a much longer PDF, at something like: <http://www.asanet.org/images/asa/docs/pdf/CodeofEthics.pdf>. The task is simply to find language there that addresses each of the harms Babbie mentions which are listed below.

Simply identify the section of the Code that applies (e.g. 4.01 or 8e). Each of these is addressed in at least several places, some in more than a *dozen* places. I don't expect you to find them all, or anywhere near that; but I'm hoping you can identify at least one for each. I'm *not* looking for you to copy a bunch of text, or even write much other than, for example, "12f", just hoping you can find *at least* one code section for each of these.

Questions

1. Voluntary participation
2. No harm to subjects
3. Anonymity and confidentiality
4. Researcher's identity
5. Analysis and reporting
6. Summarize the code's content about politics of research
7. Identify three other topics addressed in the code