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Respondents aren't scientists!

Belgium's prime minister recently OK'd the idea as part of a suite of workplace reforms passed last month. His government is the latest in a long list of national and local governments ready to try shorter weeks.

And workers are taking note. In the US, a new survey by Qualtrics found that an astonishing 92% of workers like the idea of working four 10-hour days every week, instead of five days per week for eight hours. One in three (37%) said they would choose a shorter workweek even if that means taking a pay cut, and 82% said that they would be more productive on a condensed schedule.

<https://az.com/vork/2135247/the-one-job-perk-more-popular-than-a-4-day-workweek/>

Measure your IV & DV separately. Don't ask respondents to assess a hypothesis; that's YOUR job

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SOC497/L: SOCIOLOGY RESEARCH METHODS

Crosstabs & "Chi²"

A Test for a Table for Two

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What is your ethnicity?

11%	1. Caucasian
36%	2. Latino/a
2%	3. Asian/Pacific Islander
1%	4. African-American
23%	5. Armenian
11%	6. Other

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Outline for Today

- ◆ Topic Reminder: TWO questions!
- ◆ Crosstabulations & Ordinal Tests
 - Meaning & Parts of a Crosstab
 - Parts & Steps to a Hypothesis Test
 - Chi-Square
- ◆ Lab: Crosstabs

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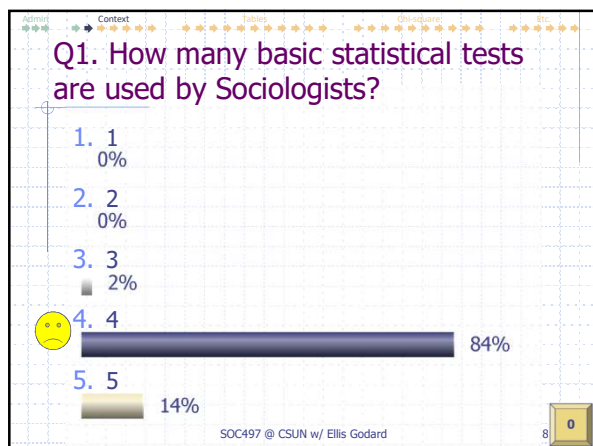
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Four Basic Statistical Tests

- ◆ **Common pattern:**
 - All compare *hypothesized* and *calculated* values
 - All compare the 2 (the difference between them; 1 minus other)
 - All standardize that difference using some sort of *standard error*
 - All generate a probability of getting a *larger* difference
 - All follow the same 5 steps, and result in a p-value
- ◆ **Four main tests in Sociology:**
 - "T-test" for 1 interval and 1 categorical variable
 - ANOVA ("F test") for several categories & 1 interval
 - Regression ("r" correlation) for several interval variables
 - "Chi-square" for 2 categorical (ordinal or nominal) variables

After Break
Now

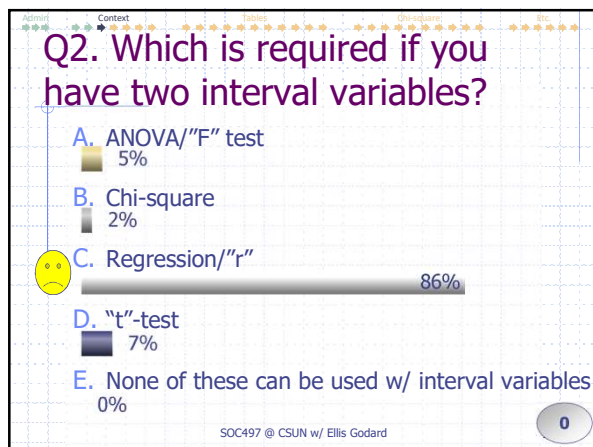
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Relationships

- ◆ **Definition**
 - Distribution of DV varies by IV, e.g. ...
 - i.e. conditional distributions differ
- ◆ **Question**
 - Is the observed sample difference large enough to infer that there is probably difference in the population?
- ◆ **Pieces**
 - Observed difference
 - Sample size
 - # of rows & columns

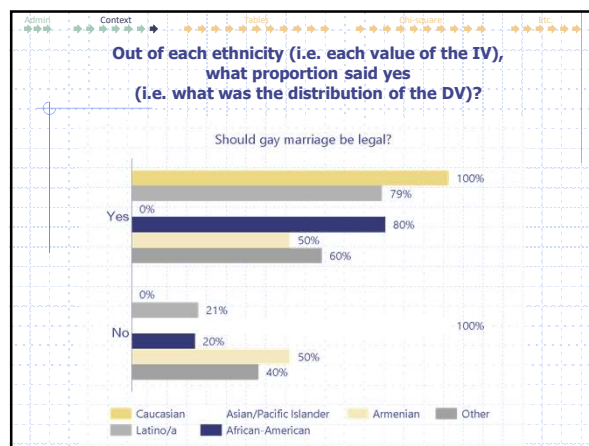
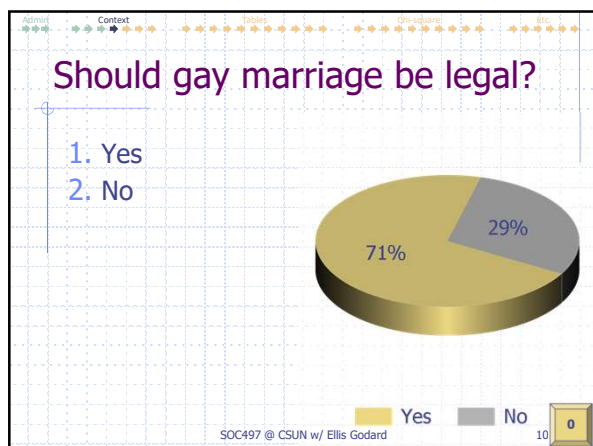
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Comparing Relationships

- ◆ Can compare one difference to another
- ◆ Could look at different IVs:
 - What accounts for partyid best (views, educ, relig, inc.)?
- ◆ Could look at different DVs:
 - What are the consequences of partyid (for voting, social life, etc.)?

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Spring 2025

	Camera	No Cam.	Total
Yes	—	—	—
No	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—

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Spring 2023 lecture example

	on camera	no on camera	
did volunteer	2 (33%)	3 (7.5%)	5 (12.4%)
didnt	4 (66%)	37 (92.5)	41 (87.6%)
			46

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Fall 2024 Lecture Example

	Camera	No Camera	Total
Yes	0 0%	2 5.9%	2 5.6%
No	2 100%	32 94.1%	37 94.4%
Total	2 5.6%	34 94.4%	36 100%

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Summer 2021 lecture example

	on camera	no on camera	
did volunteer	1 (25%)	3 (23%)	(24%)
didnt	3 (75%)	10 (77%)	(76%)
	4	13	

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Fall 2023 Lecture Example

	Camera	No Camera	Total
Yes	1 50%	1 3%	2 5%
No	1 50%	34 97%	37 95%
Total	2	35	37

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Spring 2021 lecture example

	on camera	no on camera	
did volunteer	2 (66%)	5 (12%)	7 (15%)
didnt	1 (33%)	38 (88%)	39 (85%)
	3	43	

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(Re-)Introduction to Crosstabs

- ◆ Tables summarize the intersections of variables
 - Each row is a value of the DV ("effect")
 - Each column is a value of the IV ("cause")
 - Each col = frequency distrib of the IV, for 1 value or the χ^2
 - Row totals ("marginals") is freq distrib of IV (all cases)
- ◆ Each intersection (cell) is the combination of values of that row and that column (DV & IV)
 - Each cell has its *frequency* & *column percentage*

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Column percents show reverse

The Nonequivalence of High School Graduates:
Educational Attainment and Employment Status at Age 25

	High School Dropout	GED	High School Graduate	
Jobless	17 6.0% E=8.55	8 7.0%	31 2.1%	56 3.0%
Employed	267 94.0% E=275.46	106 93.0%	1435 97.9%	1808 97.0%
	284 15.3%	114 6.1%	1466 78.6%	1864

Source: NLSY, analyzed by Cameron and Heckman 1991.

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Q3. In a conventional Xtab, each row is a value of the...

1. Control variable
0%



2. Dependent variable
82%

3. Independent variable
18%

4. Variable view
0%

5. Variation Ratio
0%

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Q4. To read Xtabs, focus on...

0% 1. The cell percentages

95% 2. The column percentages

0% 3. The row frequencies

5% 4. The row percentages

0% 5. Everything at once so you get confused

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Here, 17 is more than 8...

The Nonequivalence of High School Graduates:
Educational Attainment and Employment Status at Age 25

	High School Dropout	GED	High School Graduate	
Jobless	17	8	31	56
Employed	267	106	1435	1808
	284	114	1466	1864

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Examining Crosstabs

- ◆ Compare *percentages*, not raw frequencies

- Compare *across*, not up & down (!)
 - Comparing up & down uses only one column, always just adds to 100%, and doesn't involve variation in the IV
- Compare each column to the marginals (?)
- Compare each column to a reference group (eh...)
 - Could be one particular column, or another sample, or even another variable (e.g. those absent)

- ◆ Look for "modal percentages"

- Highest % in each row (like the mode – biggest)
- Do they fall on the "main diagonal"
 - the line of cells predicted by your research hypothesis
 - Be careful to know whether slants up or down!

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Hypothesis Testing Steps

1. Assumptions
 - Sample size, level of measurement, random sample
2. Hypotheses
 - Null (the one you want to reject) and alternate (research)
3. Calculated Value
 - Compares observed differences from null hypothesized value(s)
 - Chi-square, Student's "t", F ratio (ANOVA), r (corr.), r^2 (regression)
4. Compare to critical Value and/or get a "P" value
 - Alpha level - 1 minus confidence coefficient (95%, 99%, etc.) / 2
 - Assesses probability that we would be wrong if we reject the null
5. Make conclusion (about H_0 and H_a)
 - Either reject the null or fail to reject the null
 - Are the sample observations different enough from null to reject it and instead find support for research hypothesis?

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Chi-square & Dependence

- ◆ In a 2x2 table, two variables are *statistically independent* if the population conditional distributions equal the marginal distribution.
- ◆ They are statistically *dependent* if the population conditional distributions differ.

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Steps in Chi-Square Test of Independence

1. Assumptions:
 - a. Two nominal variables
 - b. Random Sample or stratified random sample
 - c. for 2x2 table, the *expected* number of observations in *each* must be 5 or greater; for larger tables (with more cells), at least 3/4 of the cells should have an expected count of 5 or greater and all cells must have an expected count greater than 1.
2. Hypotheses

H_0 : The variables are statistically independent in population

H_a : Statistical dependence of the variables

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Significance Testing w Chi-square

- ◆ Looking for a relationship – i.e. the distribution of the DV varies across values of the IV
- ◆ Here, they don't - the 2 are **independent**:

	LibProt	ConsProt	Catholic	None
IRM ok	750 30%	1200 30%	900 30%	150 30%
Not ok	1750 70%	2800 70%	2100 70%	350 70%
Total	2500	4000	3000	500

- ◆ Distribution of the DV is the *same* for every IV

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Steps in Chi-Square Test of Independence

3. Test Statistic: $\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(f_o - f_e)^2}{f_e}$

where $f_e = \frac{(\text{Row Total})(\text{Column Total})}{\text{Total Sample Size}}$

4. P-value:

Chance you would be wrong if you reject the null

SPSS gives value - but note p is NEVER ZERO.

Call .00000 "close to zero", etc.
5. Conclusion: Reject H_0 & support H_a at α -level (a conventional level of significance) if $P < \alpha$ (typically .05)

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Chi²: Another Example

- ◆ Consider political affiliation crosstabulated with parental style:

	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal	Total
Permissive	7 (21.9%)	9 (30.0%)	14 (51.9%)	30
Moderate	10 (31.3%)	10 (33.3%)	8 (29.6%)	28
Authoritarian	15 (46.9%)	11 (36.7%)	5 (18.5%)	31
Col. Marginal	32	30	27	89

- ◆ The row marginals (highest % in each row) fall on the "main diagonal" (the corner-to-corner pattern predicted by our H_a)

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The Chi-Square Distribution

- As with all statistical tests, some observed distance is associated w/ a p-value (probability level) of getting *more* than that distance away from the null hypothesized condition
- Here, the "distance" is between observed frequencies (your data) & expected frequencies (what the data would look like if there were *no* relationship, i.e. if the null were "true")
 - The more percentages across rows differ from the null, the bigger chi-square is
- As always, the bigger the test statistic, the smaller the p
 - If & only if p is smaller than 0.05 (5%), we reject the null.



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Trump Ratings, NBC/WP, 10/29/17

	Dem	Ind	Rep	All
Approve	7%	34%	81%	38%
Disapprove	89%	57%	17%	58%

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Sample Crosstabs: Strong

Chi-square's p is < .00001

		Attend church...			
		Weekly	Monthly	Less than that	
Religious	Never	54 54.5%	55 29.6%	14 14.9%	123
	Sometimes	39 39.4%	87 46.8%	16 17.0%	142
	Always	6 6.1%	44 23.7%	64 68.1%	114
Totals:		99	186	94	379

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Reminder: Crosstabs & χ^2

If they cross the line, can you still remain friends? What is your gender? Crosstabulation

Here, females are more than twice as likely to say they can't still remain friends (22% vs. 9%);

males are more likely to say they can, and modal percentages fall along the "main diagonal";

& the difference is statistically significant ($p < .05$).

		What is your gender?		Total
		Male	Female	
If they cross the line, can you still remain friends?	Yes	Count 71 % within What is your gender? 91.0%	Count 167 % within What is your gender? 79.0%	Count 238 % within What is your gender? 81.5%
	No	Count 7 % within What is your gender? 9.0%	Count 47 % within What is your gender? 22.0%	Count 54 % within What is your gender? 18.5%
Total		Count 78 % within What is your gender? 100.0%	Count 214 % within What is your gender? 100.0%	Count 292 % within What is your gender? 100.0%

Chi-Square Tests

	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2-sided)	Exact Sig. (2-sided)	Exact Sig. (1-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	6.388 ^a	1	.011		
Continuity Correction ^a	5.565	1	.018		
Likelihood Ratio	7.196	1	.007		
Fisher's Exact Test				.011	.007
Linear-by-Linear Association	6.378	1	.012		
N of Valid Cases	292				

Sample Crosstabs: None

Chi-square's p is .99959

		Listen to Rap			
		Never	Sometimes	Often	
Smoke Crack	Never	94 80.3%	55 80.9%	110 80.9%	259
	Once	19 16.2%	11 16.2%	22 16.2%	52
	Regularly	4 3.4%	2 2.9%	4 2.9%	10
Totals:		117	68	136	321

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Chi-square and Correlations

- For parts 3&4 of HW5
 - Just need to find the statistic
 - Don't need to calculate, interpret tables, or get other measures
- What you *do* need – TWO TESTS!!
 - P value for chi-square
 - Analyze > Descriptives > Crosstabs; stats > chisqr
 - "probability of being wrong if you reject the null, that there is not an dependent relationship between the two variables"
 - If it's less than 0.05, you can reject the null & find support for the alternative (that there is a dependent relationship)
 - Correlation coefficient from matrix...

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Correlation Matrices in SPSS

- ◆ Analyze – Correlate – Bivariate
 - Options – Means & Standard deviations
- ◆ Matrix gives values for each pairing:
 - Correlation coefficient (*higher = stronger*)
 - ◆ Note asterisked notes
 - ◆ Easily identify which are statistically significant
 - P-values (*probability of Type I error in inferring correlation coefficient to population*)
 - N (*number of cases with values on both variables*)

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Team Scores

Points	Team	Points	Team
4.8	African-American		
4.66	Latino/a		
4.4	Caucasian		
4	Asian/Pacific Islander		
4	Other		

Lab Exercise

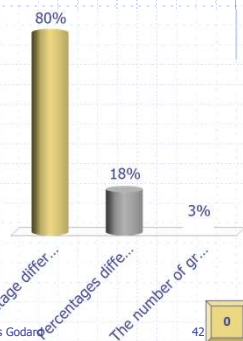
- ◆ You may use any SPSS dataset
 - For this class, my 424 class, or any other
- ◆ Create one cross-tabulation
 - Any two (nominal and/or ordinal) variables
 - Use the handout @ Canvas
- ◆ Print it & provide the 3 key interpretations
 - Compare across
 - Main diagonal
 - Interpret chi²'s p

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Q5. Chi-square indirectly measures...

- A. Percentage differences across each row
- B. Percentages differences up and down each column
- C. The number of grains of sand in Long Beach, times the length in inches from this class to the Pub



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