

## **Lab #2: Refined Research Project Idea and First Draft of Project Materials**

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of today's assignment is for your team to create a first draft of materials for your research project, based on your professor's or graduate co-instructor's feedback on your LAB\_01 assignment and the guidelines and recommendations below. You will develop the material you will use to manipulate your IV and measure your DV(s).

### **Your team task:**

- In a text document, create a rough draft of your research project material according to the guidelines and recommendations below.
- Make sure that your material contains the following:
  - Your cover story, vignette, or scenario if you are using one in your study.
  - Measures of your DVs (i.e., your questions/measures and response scales).

### **General Guidelines:**

- You have the front side of one 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper to use for your research study material. This means one side per condition. Depending your research design (e.g., within, between, 2-level, 2x2) you may have two sheets of paper that look the same except for the variation of the IV. Check with your professor or graduate co-instructor with regard to what is appropriate for research design.
- Your material should contain all the necessary instructions so that any participant will know exactly what you want them to do.

### **Recommendations:**

- Only ask questions that you are going to use and that directly address your hypothesis—no filler or distracter questions, unless absolutely needed.
- Do not include questions about age, gender, or other characteristics of your participants unless it is one of your independent variables (in which case, **do** ask).
- Use space economically—you may change font, font size, and organization of your survey as appropriate—as long as it remains readable and clear to participants.
- Do not use yes/no or open-ended questions. A quantitative scale is needed for you to perform inferential statistics on your data.

### **Documents to refer to / Template to use:**

Refer to guidelines here and on the LAB\_02 document to complete this assignment.

### **At the end of class:**

- one member of your team needs to upload your LAB\_02 team assignment.
- It does not matter which team member uploads your team's assignment.
- Each team member should, though, keep a copy for his/her records.

### **After class:**

- Your professor or graduate co-instructor will provide each member of your team with feedback on your submitted assignment before the next class.