LAB_02: Thursday, September 19 Refined Research Project Idea and First Draft of Project Materials

(Refer to the Lab Guide – Research Manual: Lab #2 and to the Lab Guide – LAB Assignment Examples AND to the feedback you received on your LAB_01 assignment.)

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1. Below, restate your conceptual research question (if you have extra time or can't decide, state up to 2):

2. Next, try to further refine and translate your conceptual research question(s) into testable research question(s):

- 3. Now, considering your testable research questions, what is the independent variable?
- 4. How will the independent variable be manipulated? (e.g., Heath et al. manipulated the disgustingness of urban legends by altering the content slightly). What are the levels/conditions of the independent variable? (e.g., Heath had a *low disgust* and a *high disgust* level condition, to a total of 2 levels/conditions)

5. Next, what is your conceptual dependent variable – that is, the outcome of your study? (e.g., Heath et al. wanted to know if people would tell others the disgusting story.)

6. What are your operationalized dependent variables? (e.g., Heath et al. asked participants (a) whether they would pass along the disgusting story and (b) whether they felt disgusted by the story.) Try to type an actual question with responses scale in the space below.

Start your materials on the NEXT page. This document needs to contain your cover story/vignette, your research questions for your DVs with response scales. You have ONE page to present this to participants. You can use two pages though for each level/condition of the IV – the only difference between the pages should be the manipulation of the IV will be different on each page.