

WRITING A SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH PAPER

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PARTS OF THE PAPER

- INTRODUCTION
- LITERATURE REVIEW
- METHODS/SETTING
- EVIDENCE/DESCRIPTION OF THE DATA
- CONCLUSION/DISCUSSION

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➤ INTRODUCTION

- lays out the central questions of the research project.
- provides a global overview of your argument (“I argue” . . ./“This paper describes . . .”)
- end of the introduction offers a roadmap for the rest of the paper

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- LITERATURE REVIEW

- offers a description of what scholars have done before.
- it does not necessarily summarize the literature; however, it attempts to tie the relevant literature to your question.
 - Fill in a gap — either theoretical, methodological, or empirical.
 - Synthesis/bridging (bringing together two bodies of research that have not talked to each other)
 - In the tradition of X.
 - Replicating an earlier study in a different way or in a different context.

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 - A description of your data:
 - what you collected:
 - how you went about collecting the data.
 - how the data provides the best means of answering your question.
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 - Describing the evidence in an organized way.
 - Provide examples, quotes, descriptive passages, etc.
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 - So what? Why does this research matter?
 - What questions linger?
 - What should scholars study in the future?