

Making Research Personal

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ASSIGNMENT: Summarizing a Journal Article by Dr. Kristin Laurin

Objectives

- ✓ To practice skills of reading technical research reports
- ✓ To broaden knowledge of current psychological research

APA Goals for the Undergraduate Psychology Major (2.0)

GOAL 2: Scientific Inquiry and Critical Thinking

- 2.2 Demonstrate psychology information literacy
- 2.4 Interpret, design, and conduct basic psychological research
- 2.5 Incorporate sociocultural factors in scientific inquiry

GOAL 4: Communication

- 4.1 Demonstrate effective writing for different purposes
- 4.2 Exhibit effective presentation skills for different purposes

Instructions

Choose one of the journal articles listed below or search the list of publications from Dr. Laurin's [website](#) to pick your own article.

1. Prepare a summary of the research experiment that you read from your chosen article. You will be preparing a series of PowerPoint slides for your analysis. A template for organizing your analysis is below.
2. Turn in your assignment as a voice-over PowerPoint. Don't just read your slides. Expand on them to demonstrate that you are comfortable with the content. If you have never done a voice-over before click [HERE](#) for instructions.

Suggested Articles:

- Jost, J. T., Halperin, E., & Laurin, K. (2020). Editorial overview: Five observations about tradition and progress in the scientific study of political ideologies. *Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences*, 34, iii. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7561321/>
- Heltzel, G., & Laurin, K. (2020). Polarization in America: Two possible futures. *Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences*, 34, 179-184. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7201237/>
- Kay, A. C., Gaucher, D., Peach, J. M., Laurin, K., Friesen, J., Zanna, M. P., & Spencer, S. J. (2009). Inequality, discrimination, and the power of the status quo: Direct evidence for a motivation to see the way things are as the way they should be. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 97(3), 421. <https://homepage.univie.ac.at/Andreas.Olbrich/konfliktskript7.pdf>

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Template for assignment (generally 1 slide for each bullet)

- Provide a properly formatted APA reference citation.
- In 1 or 2 sentences, state the research question(s) addressed by the experiment.
- Give a clear and accurate statement of the research hypothesis/hypotheses.
- Identify the participants and describe how they were selected for the study.
- Give a brief description of the procedure.
- In a brief bulleted list give a description of the results and what they mean. You do not need to include numbers or statistics in your statements.
- Indicate any qualifications on interpreting the results and identify any questions for future research that are raised by the study.