

Social Science Research Paper Outline

I. Title Page

- *Paper Title*
- *Author's Name*
- *Institution*
- *Date*

II. Abstract

- *Brief summary of research question, methods, findings, and significance.*

III. Introduction

1. Background
2. Statement of the Problem
3. Research Questions/Hypotheses
4. Significance of the Study
5. Thesis Statement

IV. Literature Review

1. Overview of Key Literature
2. Themes and Trends in Previous Research
3. Gaps in Existing Literature
4. Theoretical Framework

V. Methodology

1. Research Design
2. Participants/Sample
3. Data Collection Methods
4. Data Analysis Procedures
5. Ethical Considerations

VI. Results

- *Presentation of Findings (text, tables, and figures as appropriate)*

VII. Discussion

1. Interpretation of Results
2. Comparison to Previous Research
3. Implications
4. Limitations

VIII. Conclusion

1. Summary of Key Findings
2. Directions for Future Research

IX. References

- *List of all sources cited (APA/MLA/Chicago style as required)*

X. Appendices (if any)

- *Supplementary material: questionnaires, additional data, etc.*