

## Lab: Ethics

Secretary (5pts if >2): \_\_\_\_\_

Others: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Comments

An important point of this course is that research methodology is infused with a variety of choices, and that those choices are subject to a variety of constraints – practical, theoretical, statistical, empirical, and ontological.

In this assignment, you will consider the range of *ethical* constraints placed upon sociological research, by the American Sociological Association itself by exploring the ASA's own Code of Ethics.

### Instructions

The ASA's Code of Ethics moves around on the website each semester, but visit <http://www.asanet.org> and check the menus or use the search bar – or simply search at Google.

Note that you'll initially get a summary page, with a preamble. The full document will be a much longer PDF, at a link that looks something like: <http://www.asanet.org/images/asa/docs/pdf/CodeofEthics.pdf>

Cite the language in the ASA Code of Ethics that addresses each of the harms which Babbie mentions and which are listed below. Identify the section of the Code that applies, and note any particularly constraining or powerful words in that language.:

### Questions

1. Voluntary participation
2. No harm to subjects
3. Anonymity and confidentiality
4. Researcher's identity
5. Analysis and reporting
6. Summarize the code's content about politics of research
7. Identify three other topics addressed in the code