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Tribalism In Our Society

Nierouz Alrashdan

Abstract

Project Summary- Tribalism is a moral bias in which one lacks self-awareness and views their group as superior to others. This bias is often overlooked in modern society. It is a bias that has caused tension in politics, individuality (or the self-concept), cultural belonging, and family relatedness. This research is aimed to identify the prevalence and frequency of tribal thoughts and the impact those thoughts have on elements of learning such as mindfulness, performance, and openness. The combined survey and reflective writing assignment will offer insight as to what is occurring on a college campus and how tribalism negative impacts the atmosphere of learning.

Goals of the project - The purpose of this project is to gain a better understanding of tribalism and its impact on college students. It may also shed light on the ongoing conflict of tribal bias in today's society and classrooms. It would be hoped that this study might offer some insight on what campuses could implement in order to reduce the risk of tribal thinking.

Methods - This research will start of as a series of survey questions that will be sent as an email blast to all of the University of Central Oklahoma's students and posted on social media. The survey will consist of completing Freiburg's Mindfulness Inventory as a pre and post questionnaire along with a version of the Eurobarometer Survey interrupted with 15 pictures reflection.

More Inclusive Medical Practices and the Overall Patient Experience

Joshua Mitchell-Arbital

Abstract

Medical care is something everyone will at some point need in their life, whether serious or not. From major surgeries all the way down to a regular dentist appointment or a six-month checkup with a primary care physician. My research partner and I have done research for the past year on more inclusive medical practices, more inclusive medical school curriculum, and how it can ultimately change people's lives. This is something that is necessary and needed to better understand and provide everyone with better and more inclusive care.

By More Inclusive Medical Practices, we mean that the doctors take the time to understand what the patient may be going through and be able to treat them better based upon gender, race, sexual orientation, and many other different factors that may play a role in someone's health.

Review of State Question 780

Elizabeth Maier

Abstract

What, if any, impact has SQ 780 had on the Oklahoma Criminal Justice system? Preliminary results will be shared. This research reviewed and analyzed the amount of arrests for certain offenses (i.e. possession of controlled-dangerous substances (CDS), Driving Under the Influence (DUI), and five property crimes) in Oklahoma from 2014 through 2019. The ultimate goal is to collect data through 2020 and include courts and corrections as well.

Adolescent Behavior on a College Campus

Kelly Crow & M. Nicole Warehime

Abstract

Gang membership and affiliation is not a highly spoken about topic among a general population, much less on a college campus. Due to this, a survey was created for the student population on a college campus to understand what social groups are attending the college as well as why. Some questions were directly correlated to gang affiliation and the results were unexpected. Of the 346 participants, over a fifth said they knew someone in a gang or were affiliated with one. Not only that, but more females admitted to being involved in a gang than males. If more college campuses provided their students with this survey, one may start to see patterns all over the nation that shows people the highest populations of gang activity in specific areas. Not only this, but it could provide information as to why these gang members and affiliates are attending college and what societal factors may have pushed them towards a higher education. With more in depth questions, gang members started sharing some of their life decisions and providing answers many may have never thought about.

College Students and Agents of Socialization

Austin Cardenas

Abstract

This research will study students who attend a southern university in Oklahoma. Sociological research indicates the correlation between lower socioeconomic status and educational disadvantages. This research suggests possible relationships among abuse, neglect and lower socioeconomic conditions. Oklahoma Promise is a scholarship program assisting families send their kids to college. This program requirements include families earning \$55,000 or less, students must apply during eight, ninth or tenth grade, maintain 2.5 G.P.A, and attend a school in the state

Prevalence of Intimate Partner Violence in the Heterosexual Community Vs. the LGBTQ+ Community

Mary Sargeant

Abstract

This research compares intimate partner violence in both communities to identify the gaps in reporting along with the perceptions in intimate partner violence between the two communities. So far, I have found that there are significant differences between the two and will further investigate the causes and if those differences are relevant in why individuals choose not to report violence committed against themselves. I conducted an IRB approved 33-question survey that was distributed via an email blast to the University of Central Oklahoma.

That there will be a significant difference between the two communities in why and how they report intimate partner violence along with what the two communities perceive intimate partner violence as.

Racial Disparities in Corrections

Lauren Buzbee

Abstract

This poster will examine the racial disparities in the criminal justice system. Race will be the key factor when analyzing differences in sentencing and incarceration. Components such as ethnicity, age, and gender will also be included. Policy implications to help diminish the disparity in corrections will be considered.

Why Volunteer in Nicaragua? Does the Experience Change My World in the U.S.?

Rachel Millea

Abstract

This research project is a summative evaluation looking at the impact of participation of volunteers in trips to Nicaragua through JustHope, Inc. (Tulsa, OK). Volunteers partnered with communities in Nicaragua on varying projects such as housing, cultural community events, medical/dental services, tree farming, etc. and represented persons from an array of job/career positions across the U.S., many of which were involved in JustHope trips through their church.

Trips with JustHope provide a positive impact to a greater or lesser degree throughout five select domain areas; economic, political, social/cultural, spiritual/religious, and self-awareness/growth. A 30-item Likert scale questionnaire and a 14-question interview questionnaire were used in Spring/Fall 2019 to gather data from a potential pool of 644 prior participants in Nicaragua trips. Seventy-five (75) surveys were completed and 21 interviews conducted. Demographic information from each participant was also acquired. The quantitative data was used to assess impact and compare variances between groups. Qualitative data was used to identify and discuss trends, patterns, and/or themes of impact to volunteers. No one select domain area was significant over another. The top five impact items represented each of the five domain areas. The survey items under the Profession/Work domain all fell within the bottom five level, indicating little to no impact of trips on work or professions.

Perceptions of Intimate Partner Violence

Samantha Brady

Abstract

Intimate partner violence is a widespread social problem in the United States, affecting millions of people. The physical and psychological damage caused by IPV can last for decades or, in some cases, for a lifetime. Previous research has shown that men who are victims of IPV do not seek any form of assistance. One reason for this is the misconception that men cannot be victims of abuse. The stigma of reporting IPV causes many male victims to stay in abusive relationships or becoming abusers themselves. This study, *Perceptions of Intimate Partner Violence*, aims to examine the perspective on male victims of IPV. In order to study this topic, we created a survey for University of Central Oklahoma students, faculty, and staff in an attempt to learn their opinion about male victims of IPV. We believe that having participants take this survey about IPV would not only help spread awareness but also help further research about this specific form of abuse.

Intimate Partner Domestic Violence

Yesenia Casas

Abstract

This poster will attempt to explain different types of intimate partner domestic violence and its effect on their partners, children and family unit as a whole. It will touch on the different stigmas associated with domestic violence and the proven long-lasting effects.