SOC 300: Introduction to Sociological Research Methods
LAB 8: Group Work – Operating and Interviewing in the Field
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Names: _____

1. What is your research question?

2. How can your research question guide you to specific topic areas? Discuss a few topic areas that will be necessary to cover in your interview and briefly state them below.

3. Who is the ideal respondent for these topic areas? Discuss how her/his standpoint will offer specific knowledge otherwise unattainable (think about the individual's values, beliefs, behaviors, roles, relationships, emotions, and encounters). Briefly explain the connection between respondent standpoint and topic(s) below…

4. On a separate sheet of paper, construct a list of questions that you feel will connect your research, standpoint, and pertinent social issues discussed above. Use the description of kinds of questions offered in the text to guide you (pp. 476-479 or 445-448).

5. Discuss your list of questions with your partner. Work to combine/eliminate/streamline the list based on what is essential to cover in your interviews. Develop a “final” three to five question interview schedule that covers your topic and list these questions in the order you plan to administer them below.

6. Discuss at one factor that will be absolutely necessary for you to be successful in this interview. Explain this factor and relate it to your own situation.

7. Discuss additional information you should familiarize yourself with prior to the interview? What source(s) can offer this information? How will this information inform the connections made in question 3?