SOC 300: Introduction to Sociological Research Methods **NAMES** _____
LAB 3: Previous Literature _____
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Your Name: _____
Article Title: _____
Author(s): _____
Journal: _____
Volume: _____ Issue: _____ Pages: _____

Identify the main point of the journal article you chose for today and briefly summarize it below:

How do the author(s) organize the literature on the subject (e.g. what major themes do the authors identify in this field of study)?

What research strategy, design, and method(s) are employed in the study? Was this original data, existing data, or both?

What conclusions did the author(s) draw from the research?

How does this article relate to your research interests, the news issue you presented in Lab 2, or the quantitative final project? Summarize one of these aspects below:

Summarize the article for your partner based on the questions you answered above and discuss whether either of you would have done anything differently had you done this study. Offer some of these criticisms below:

What questions would you and your partner ask of the author(s) about this study if you could?