
Crim 860: Research Methods I (Research Design)

Assignment 1: Sampling

I find two very common beliefs among researchers regarding sampling:

1. probabilistic sampling is the "gold standard" against which *all* studies should be assessed; and
2. if a sample is small and/or not formally representative, the results can *never* be generalized beyond that sample

How would Becker (1998), Palys & Atchison (either 2014 or 2021) and Loseke (2017) respond to those statements? How about you? Explain in no more than 1000 words.

You should send your response to me at palys@sfu.ca by the end of Thursday, 21 September. Please use the following form to name the file you send:

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