Homework 2

Find a report of a social research study in the popular press (newspaper, magazine, or internet newspaper or magazine). It doesn’t have to be a long report, but it should be more than a paragraph so you’ll have enough information for the assignment. Answer the following questions about the research report. Attach the article to your assignment.

1. What was the hypothesis or research question in the study? (If you can’t tell exactly, come up with a reasonable one based on their results.)

2. What type of sampling and sample did they use in the study? (Again, you may not be able to tell for sure—do the best you can.)

3. What type of study did they do (e.g., participant observation, survey, experiment)?

4. What was the main result of the study? Is it correlational or causal?

5. Is there any way that the study could be improved or any problems you noticed? Name at least two.