Experience with research

Worth: 5%

Go to one of the following internet sites:

<http://psych.hanover.edu/Research/exponnet.html>

Choose a study in which you wish to participate (if you chose not to participate, please see your professor for a different assignment).

You will be required to make a brief presentation in class (short PowerPoint presentation is preferred). A peer and your instructor will evaluate your presentation (see criteria below).

The presentation should answer the following questions:

1. What was the title of the study?
2. What area of psychology did the study fall under? (e.g., Social, Consumer, Cyber, Developmental, etc.)
3. What were the research questions?
4. Describe the study.
   1. Who could participate (were some participants being excluded?)?
   2. What demographic information did they request?
   3. What variables were studied?
   4. What was the procedure (detailed description of how the study was conducted from the beginning to the end, do not list all of the questions)
5. What were some weaknesses of the study?
6. Please provide a copy of the description of the study and the feedback form (debriefing) provided by the researchers. (Use the printscreen function and copy and paste into Word if you cannot print immediately.)

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Peer evaluation

Your name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of person you are evaluating:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate whether the following were answered:

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| Was the title of the study given? | Yes | |  | No | |
| Is the area of psychology identified? (e.g., Social, Developmental, etc.) | Yes | |  | No | |
| Were the research questions identified? | Yes | |  | No | |
| Were the participants described? | Yes | |  | No | |
| Was a list of demographic information that was requested provided? | Yes | |  | No | |
| Was the procedure adequately described | 1  poor description, I have no idea how this study was conducted after reading the description | 2  moderately poor description, there are 3-4 things that are unclear | 3  moderate description, there are 2-3 things that are unclear | 4  moderately good description, there are 1-2 things that are unclear | 5  excellent description, I have a clear idea of how this study was conducted. Everything was clear |
| If weaknesses were addressed, were they clearly described? | 1  poorly described, it is unclear what the person is trying to convey | 2  well described, adequate description of a weakness | 3  well described, good description of 2 weaknesses | 4  very well described, excellent description of 3 weaknesses | 5  very well described, excellent description of more than 3 weaknesses, well thought and creative |
| A copy of the description (from the researchers) of the study was provided. | Yes | |  | No | |
| A copy of the feedback form (from the researchers) was provided. | Yes | |  | No | |