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| *Research Design Rubric* |
| **Component**  | **Points** |  |  |
| **Introduction** |  |  |
| variation identified, interesting | 10 |  |  |
| clear & concise research question | 10 |  |  |
| **Literature Review** |  |  |
| ideas summarized & analyzed  | 4 |  |  |
| at least 5 scholarly works cited | 3 |  |  |
| hole in literature clearly identified | 3 |  |  |
| **Theory** |  |  |
| assumptions identified | 5 |  |  |
| terms defined  | 5 |  |  |
| logic flows | 5 |  |  |
| naturally leads to hypothesis | 5 |  |  |
| **Hypothesis** |  |  |
| relationship identified | 5 |  |  |
| comparison clear | 5 |  |  |
| **Research Design** |  |  |
| Unit of Analysis | 5 |  |  |
| Dependent Variable | 10 |  |  |
| Independent Variable | 5 |  |  |
| Controls | 5 |  |  |
| **Conclusion** |  |  |
| implications for policy | 5 |  |  |
| **References** |  |  |
| at least 10 scholarly works | 6 |  |  |
| formatting | 4 |  |  |