Research Topic

Course Project

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**List of Topics**

Choosing a topic was not easy because so many of them are so interesting to me. Doing this assignment helped me narrow it down, as I had many ideas in my head. I hope to learn from this course project by studying the statistics in crime and behavior of people. The following are my list of topics and why they are measurable.

1. Climate Change and Environmental law- This is a measurable topic given the nature of variables would be sea level, temperature, amount of rainfall, and levels of carbon emissions.
2. Crime and Violence on the streets- We can measure the variables in terms of the number of robberies, number of prisoners, number of murders, and convictions.
3. Insanity as a defense mechanism in criminology- This will take a form of non-measurable variables like “measuring the effectiveness of such defense.” This could be qualitative research.

In conclusion, I narrowed it down and finally chose the final topic to be insanity as a defense mechanism in criminology. Choosing this topic will give me the opportunity to learn how pleading insanity can be overused, and why people do the things they do when they commit a crime and then try to act innocent to get away with serving longer time. I have always been extremely interested in the psychology part of crime, so this is the perfect opportunity.