

PAPER GUIDELINES FOR PAPER ASSIGNMENT 1, SOC SCI 200
DUE WEEK 5 IN LAB.

4-5 pages, **not** including the title page.

Remember that you have to support your point with **at least two scholarly sources** (journal articles), only one of which can be an article from the course packet (Cherlin does not count as a scholarly source).

****A hint for searching for scholarly sources--DON'T try to find these on the world wide web through yahoo or some other general search engine. Go directly to the UW Libraries website and search their online card catalog or one of the databases you learned about in the week 1 lab (like Sociofile or Sociological Abstracts). Most journal articles you can find on campus, many of them in Suzallo.****

Good journals for scholarly articles include (but are not limited to):

Journal of Marriage and the Family
American Journal of Sociology
American Sociological Review
Journal of Family Issues
Journal of Economic Perspectives
Journal of Human Resources
Journal of Labor Economics
Feminist Economics

Some websites for good data include (but are not limited to):

www.fedstats.gov
www.childtrends.org
www.census.gov

Your papers should be organized something like this:

1. Title Page (this does not count as a page)
2. Introduction:
Introduce your topic in 3-5 sentences. Include a clear statement of the question you are trying to answer (your thesis statement).
3. Data:
Describe the scope of your data; if it's a time series tell what years it covers, if it compares groups, tell what groups. Provide the year(s) of the data as well as what agency, organization, or person collected and published the data.
4. Results:
This is where you describe the story the data are telling. Be specific and use numbers in your descriptions. Refer to the graphs or tables you made of the data. Somewhere in here you should also include those graphs/tables/ charts, etc. They can be hand drawn but they should be

clearly labeled (each figure should have a title that tells what it is as well as axes that have labels).

5. Discussion:

This is where you answer the question, "So what?" Tell why what you've discovered is important for the family. Do the results support what you've learned in class or not? What do your scholarly sources say about this topic and do your results agree with theirs?

6. Conclusion:

A 3-5 sentence wrap up, which should include a restatement of the question you answered, as well as your principle result. Restate the major point(s) of your research.

7. References/Bibliography:

All sources, including the data and the website you got it from have to be properly referenced. Refer to the assignment for links to online resources for citing websites and academic articles.