

Exercise 1 *Examining Social Research*

Objective: In Chapter 1 you learned that researchers attempt to overcome the limitations of non-scientific ways of knowing by employing empirical methods to generate new forms of knowledge. This exercise is designed to help familiarize you with the terminology, logic, and procedures that underlie approaches to research in the social sciences.

Source: Kerr, J. (2018). Elite Canadian women rugby athletes' attitudes to about experience of physical aggression. *The Sport Psychologist*, 32 (4), 290–299.

Instructions: Carefully read Kerr's (2018) study prior to submitting your responses to the questions provided below.

Research Interest

1. What is the social issue the researcher was interested in learning more about?

Primary and Secondary Research

2. Does this study constitute primary or secondary research? Explain your answer.

Basic and Applied Research

3. Does this study constitute basic or applied research? Explain your answer.

Goals of Social Science Research

4. Which of the four major goals of social science is achieved by this study? Explain your answer.

Research Method

5. Briefly explain how participants were recruited for this study and describe the research method used to obtain the data.

Qualitative and Quantitative Research

6. Did the researchers use a qualitative or quantitative approach in their study? Defend your answer.

Main Findings

7. What did the researcher find out? What is important about the findings?