

WHERE WE ARE

- This is week 7 I think
- You have your Discussion Forum 2A assignment and the midterm exam.
- We have an online meeting at 7 p.m. today at the following “location.”
- <https://asurams.webex.com/asurams/j.php?MTID=m9b50ae98293807673a08f7c140e4d758>
- Wednesday, Sep 21, 2022 7:00 pm | 2 hours | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada) Meeting number: 2301 069 9099 Password: PADM

Survey on Attitudes Toward Economic Relocation

This survey is research being conducted by a graduate student at Albany State University. The purpose of the survey is to better understand under what circumstances people are willing to move from a community. Participation in this research is voluntary. If you choose to participate you can skip any question(s) you may not want to answer. Please mark your answers and do not put your name on the survey.

1. For how many years have you lived in Albany, Georgia? _____ years
2. Please indicate your gender.
 Female Male
3. Please indicate your age.
_____ years
4. Please indicate your marital status.
 Single Engaged Married Divorced Widowed
5. How many children are dependent upon you? _____
6. How many adults live in your household? _____
7. How many dependent children live in your household? _____
8. Please indicate your household’s approximate annual income a year. \$_____
9. Please indicate highest level of education.

<input type="checkbox"/>				
High School	Technical Degree	Bachelor Degree	Master's Degree	Doctorate Degree

10. Are you presently employed? yes no

11. If yes to the question above, how secure do you feel your job is?

my job is very secure
 my job is fairly secure
 I am concerned about possible job loss.

Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements:

12. I feel attachment to Albany, Georgia.

<input type="checkbox"/>				
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree

13. If I had to leave Albany I would miss being in Albany very much.

<input type="checkbox"/>				
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree

14. I could leave Albany without much missing being in Albany.

<input type="checkbox"/>				
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree

15. I have many close personal friends in Albany.

<input type="checkbox"/>				
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree

16. I feel strongly attached to Albany because I have family members here.

<input type="checkbox"/>				
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree

17. If unemployed I would move elsewhere if necessary to find work.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly Agree

18. If I were to become unemployed I would do everything possible to find local employment rather than moving from Albany to find employment.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly Agree

19. I have skills that employers value highly.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly Agree

20. I frequently communicate with others online to keep in touch.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly Agree

21. Talking to loved ones on the telephone is an adequate substitute for talking with them in person.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly Agree

Please answer the following question if you are buying the home that you now occupy in Albany.

22. It would be difficult for me to leave Albany because I am buying a house here.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly Agree

Thank you for participating in this research project.

REVIEW AND NEW MATERIAL

I have introduced you to levels of measurement of variables and to hypothesis writing for use in the context of this course.

Do not confuse writing the operationalization of a variable as an item in the survey instrument and writing a hypothesis that requires that the variable be operationalized. I am teaching it this way because the whole point that you want to test hypotheses to predict or explain a DV in the context of a population of people, and you cannot test a hypothesis until you measure both the DV and the IVs in the survey instrument.

I gave the following example of the OPERALIZATION of the variable “religious affiliation” and the variable, “religiosity” last week. I hope you see that affiliation is not the same as intensity of being religious. Among all faiths, some people are more intensely religious than others. Intensity of religion is reflected in behaviors and attitudes.

When we operationalize/measure a variable in social science regarding a belief, behavior or attitudes, we usually include several items intended to measure the same thing.

If we do that, ONE of the items should have FACE VALIDITY. It just flat out gets at what we want to measure. In the survey above, which item is intended to measure the variable, “attachment to Albany” with face validity?

What other questions appear to be intended to measure feeling attachment to Albany, but not so directly?

If the DV in the research reflected in the survey above is, “likelihood to leave Albany in case of job loss,” one of the IVs is, “feeling attachment to Albany,” write the write the hypothesis in the form:

H7: that _____ and more likely than _____ to leave Albany in case of job loss.

Let’s practice operationalizing several other variables. Notice that you have to operationalize a variable whether you intend to use it as a DV or as an IV. Begin by writing the survey item that has face validity.

being authoritarian

being empathic

having a tolerance of ambiguity