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Lab in Psychology.

Module 5 Assignment

1. Does this study have a descriptive or correlational research design? What evidence do you have for your response?

This study is correlational. The research was conducted online. Therefore, they can collect the data after everything is completed online meaning, they are discovering the data.

2. Was data collected cross-sectionally or longitudinally? What evidence do you have for your response?

The data collected was longitudinally because once the coronavirus came the researchers reached back out the participants. It was cross-sectionally prior to the pandemic because it stated it was "originally distributed as a cross-sectional survey."

3. How was loneliness defined in this study?

Loneliness in this study is being alone or lacking the interaction you have with others due to other interferences.

4. How was loneliness operationalized in this study?

It was operationalized by lack of companionship, being left out, isolated from others etc. They were asking questions such as did they have friends or who they could turn to.

5. What was the aim of the study (what did the study set out to examine)?

The aim of the study was to test for the change in loneliness prior to and during the coronavirus outbreak in the United States.

6. What was hypothesis 1?

The researchers felt as if loneliness will increase due to the coronavirus pandemic.

7. What was hypothesis 2?

The researchers felt as if there were more loneliness before the coronavirus due to other factors not including corona.

8. What other variable(s) were taken into account while examining change in loneliness in response to the social restriction measures?

The other variables included the age groups, health status, perceived support and the living arrangements.