Feeder 1.2: Article Proposal Worksheet

Directions: Please complete the following worksheet using complete sentences (except for Question #1: a, b, and c). In your final draft, you can include the questions or simply provide clearly numbered/labeled answers to each question. There are seven questions total; don't overlook the second page of this document.

Now that you have chosen and researched a specific topic, it's time to choose the specific journal article/study/experiment that will be the focus of your own popular health article. Ideally, your work on Feeder 1.1 exposed you to at least one peer-reviewed article describing a recent (no older than 2015) study or experiment related to your chosen medical or health topic. The ideal article for your project will be a recent experimental study, although some observational studies might also work for the purposes of this assignment.

1.
   a. State the title of the peer-reviewed journal article, the year of its publication, the year(s) during which the actual study or experiment was conducted, the publication in which this article appears, and the names of all of the article's authors.
   b. Provide a full, accurate CSE-style (8th edition, name-year format) bibliographic citation for this article.
   c. In a phrase, what is the topic of this article?
   d. Sum up the topic, hypothesis, and main point(s) or findings of this article in 2-5 sentences.

2. Summarize the methods of the experiment in a solid paragraph (at least five to seven sentences).

3. Were the people who conducted this study responding to prior research? (If so, cite those other studies here.) To earlier theories? To general trends in public concern/opinion? To specific current events? In a few sentences, explain what they were responding to with their research, addressing all of the above-mentioned possibilities. Another, more general, way to think about this question is: What's the context for their research? What prompted/motivated this study? (This is probably in the introduction or in the methods section.)

4. In a paragraph, critique the study design (methods) overall. Did the authors admit limitations or flaws in their study? Are there ways the study could improve in the future? (This will involve looking at their methods section and discussion/conclusion section to see what the authors admitted; you might also need to add your own insights as well even if they didn't admit any. In your answer, clarify which flaws/limitations the authors/researchers state and which you noted independently.)

5. If you write about this study/experiment, why would this be interesting/entertaining for the readership? (Your answer should be at least three sentences.)

6. Why is this information important to your readership? What are the larger implications of this information? (Your answer should be at least three sentences.)

7. Think about the other sources you saw during your process of working on Feeder 1.1. Is there any useful information you could integrate from those (or other) sources to make your article more informative and/or interesting? Provide CSE-style bibliographic citations (CSE 8th edition, name-year format) for at least two other sources (preferably peer-reviewed but hybrid sources might work

also) that might be helpful. For each citation, write 1-3 sentences explaining what those sources might offer to your overall discussion of this topic in your own popular health article. (Typically, these should provide useful background info or context for your own topic, but there are other ways to integrate these outside sources as well.)