**Alignment Worksheet**

**EXAMPLE #1: STANDARD FORMAT**

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| **Theoretical or Conceptual Framework** |   |
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| **Proposition** |   |
| **Hypothesis** | **Null** |   |
| **Alt** |   |
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| **Theoretical or Conceptual Framework** | Social Disorganization Theory, Institutional Anomie Theory |
| **Research Question** | Is there an association between crime rates and the presence of minorities? |
| **Proposition** | Crime is related to the presence of minorities. |
| **Hypothesis** | **Null** | H0: There is no relationship between crime rate and percent of the population minority. |
| **Alt** | H1: There is a relationship between crime rate and percent of the population minority. |
| **Variables** | **Dependent Variable**Violent crime rate as defined by the UCR/NIBRS numbers | **Independent Variable**% minority (% Black + % minority) as found in the American Community Survey | **Control Variables**% living below poverty line as found in the American Community Survey |

A control variable is a variable that is not part of the hypothesis but is needed because additional variables may impact the outcome. In this case, it is possible that % poverty explains some or all of the relationship between crime rates and % minority.

**EXAMPLE #1: RELATIONSHIP WITH DIRECTION**

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| **Theoretical or Conceptual Framework** | Social Disorganization Theory, Institutional Anomie Theory |
| **Research Question** | Does crime increase with the presence of minorities? |
| **Proposition** | Crime increases as the minority population increases. |
| **Hypothesis** | Null | H0: The crime rate does not increase with an increase in the percent of the population minority. |
| Alt | H1: The crime rate increases with an increase in the percent of the population minority. |
| **Variables** | **Dependent Variable**Violent crime rate as defined by the UCR/NIBRS numbers | **Independent Variable**% minority (% Black + % minority) as found in the American Community Survey | **Control Variables**% living below poverty line as found in the American Community Survey |