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# CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

## Introduction

This section should include a brief explanation of the research area, outlining what you intend to study, and why the research holds value.

## Background

In this section, it is recommended that you begin by providing a brief overview of the theoretical/conceptual framework along with the target variables, explaining its origins and evolvement, and pioneers and their contributions.

Also, ensure that you provide a concise summary and review of previous research that is relevant to your theorical/conceptual framework. You can refer to various databased to this end, such as YOK’s Thesis Center, Dergipark, Proquest, EBSCO Host.

Additionally, clearly state why and how the focus of your research is important and relevant. Explain the potential impact of your study within the context of the existing body of knowledge. Make sure you briefly discuss gaps in previous research that your study aims to address, emphasizing the value of filling those gaps.

## Problem

In this section, it is recommended that you indicate a research informed gap/niche (in theory, empirical knowledge, practice and/or policy), highlighting the area where there is limited or insufficient information, and the need for further investigation.

Also, make sure present a compelling a rationale for why the research is necessary.

Next, introduce the main variables that your study will focus on. This sets the stage for the purpose and research questions sections.

Finally, remember to make references to the outcomes of previous/relevant studies that have focused on the target variables you intend to introduce.

## Purpose

In the purpose section, it is recommended that you clearly state the variables that your research will examine and/or explore. These variables should directly stem from the identified problem, and be aligned with your research questions.

Also, ensure that the purpose of your study is closely aligned with your research question(s).

## Research Questions

In this section, please make sure that you formulate the research question(s) appropriately, introducing the target variable(s) you intend to focus on.

Also, align your research questions with purpose statement, and the chosen research methodology

## Significance

In this section, it is recommended that you discuss how your study, and its potential results may contribute to theory, practice and/or policy.

Also, make sure you clearly articulate the significance of filling the identified gap and the potential benefits it may yield.

Additionally, briefly indicate how your potential findings may inform future research and practice.

## Limitations/Delimitations

In this section, it is recommended that you briefly introduce any limitations; note that some limitations may arise from the delimitations

## Definition of Key Terms

In this section, it is recommended that you provide clear definitions of key terms used in your study. These definitions should be derived from the literature, and/or supported by credible sources.

# CHAPTER 2: LITERATURE REVIEW

## Introduction

Provide an overview of the research topic and research question, and explain the purpose of this literature review.

## Theoretical/Conceptual Framework

In this section, it is recommended that you start with introducing the theoretical/conceptual framework that underpins your study. Explain the key concepts the form the foundation of your research. Provie a clear explanation how this framework emerged, who the key scholars are, and their contributions in the field. …

## Previous Research

Next, provide a detailed overview of the previous research on the topic of your research, summarizing the key findings and methodologies of previous studies, considering the sectors/context and profiles of the participants involved. Make sure you ‘critically’ synthesize, and evaluate, the existing literature, identifying patterns, inconsistencies, or contractions across studies. Reiterate any gaps or unanswered questions in the existing literature, emphasizing the need for further research. …

# CHAPTER 3: METHOD

## Introduction

Introduce what the chapter focuses on.

## Research Design

#### Briefly remind the reader of the purpose your research, and the type of research (re: quan, qual, mixed).

#### Introduce the specific research method(s) you have chosen to address your research question(s).

#### Explain the reasoning behind selecting the particular method(s), and why the method(s) offer the best approach to achieve your research objectives. Describe the key characteristics of the chosen research method(s) in detail.

## Context

Provide information about where the study will be conducted. Include description of people, places and/or events.

## Participants/Sampling

Explain and justify your sampling strategy, providing information about participants.

## Instrumentation

Explain and justify your data collection tools, providing information related to reliability and validity.

## Data Collection Procedures

Explain and justify your descriptive and/or inferential data collection procedures. Include information about the procedures that indicate that the research will be conducted ethically, use standardized procedures, and anticipate threats to the conclusions.

## Data Analysis Procedures

Explain and justify how you will analyze descriptive and/or inferential analyses with reference to each research question.

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