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Advice

My advice to students who are considering getting involved in research is to choose a project they are passionate about investigating. Research is an extensive process, and it will only be enjoyable if you're passionate about the subject! Also, believing in yourself is a crucial part for any success.

Current Research

My research was around determining if there is a racial bias in criminal sentencing. To evaluate this, I created a survey where I presented a situation where a person committed a crime, and I provided a picture of the suspect. In total, I created three different surveys all describing the same crime, but with a man of a different race on each survey (There was a picture of a Latino man, a Black man, and a White man). This survey was sent out to Chapman students and shared on social media. In the end, my results found that the racial minorities received harsher sentences for the same crime when compared to the sentences given to the white suspect. Thus, I discovered that there is an existing racial bias during this process.



Involvements

- Academic Organizations
Senator and Diversity
Committee Chair for SGA
- Alumni Relations Chair
for Kappa Alpha Pi Pre -
Law Co-ed Fraternity
- Provost List
- New member of Pi Beta
Phi Sorority
- Student Worker at the
Office of Legal Affairs at
Chapman
- Latinx Club member