Nonverbal communication in virtual environmet

Instructions

Outline attached.

This Final Research Project requires

you to

(1) find a topic of interest or issue

of concern; Nonverbal Communication in a virtual world

(2) review academic communication

research on your topic/issue;

(3) develop a research question;

(4) identify the best method to study

your topic/issue and question(s);

(5) and state how you will conduct

your research;

(6) combine all steps into one paper.

This project is a proposal for

research. You will not actually carry out the study. The

research project

consists of 6 elements or components of the research process.

The final research paper will be

12-15 pages and should include your purpose (introduction), literature review,

research questions, a

methods section, and a conclusion.

Research Project Elements/Components:

Topic of interest: Brainstorm ideas and find a topic

(related to communication) that you are passionate about. Explain

why this topic is important for you and should be of interests to others.

Situate yourself in the research.

Reference List – you will select a topic of interest and review research

by communication scholars. You must develop a reference list of the research

you will discuss in your literature review. Your reference list must

include at least 10 peer reviewed communication journal articles

or books. (Attached are some journals for use)

 Introduction: Briefly introduce your topic. State your thesis.

Preview the main points/ideas you will

 discuss. Let me know what I can expect

to read and the order in which your discussion will proceed.

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Body: Identify key points of interest that support your thesis/argument.

·Conclusion: Restate thesis and key concepts you will

discuss in your review.

Final Paper Elements:

Introduction: Introduce your topic, state your thesis, and answer

the “so what?” question – why does this topic need to be studied? (1-2

paragraphs)

Literature Review – Use

your outline to write your literature review. A formal literature review

involves examining peer reviewed academic research (scholarly

journal articles and/or book chapters) on a topic of interest. A literature

review is not just a summary of everything you read. It is a

critical analysis of the

 available literature in a given area of study and/or

topic. A literature review addresses a research objective or problem by asking

questions of the work at hand. What is the author studying? What is the context

of the study? What is the author’s key argument? What new concepts, theoretical

approaches, and/or ways of studying the issue does this study provide? How is

this research different or similar to other projects in the discipline? What

assumptions is the author making? How can you contribute to the existing

research? (4-5 pages)

Theory – Identifying

a theory, the major tenets of the theory, and why it is the best analytical

lens to study/answer your RQ. (3-4

paragraphs)

Research

Questions/Hypotheses – (1 paragraph)

Method and Procedures

–address the following criteria for this section and use the headings below in

your paper. (2-4 pages)

Participants:

 Describe the participants you will

 recruit, how many participants will be recruited, and how you will recruit

 them

Procedures:

 Specify your method and explain why this is the best approach for your project.

Data

 Analysis: Describe the methods you will employ to answer your

 hypotheses/research questions. Explain how the data will be analyzed and

 assessed.

Possible

 Limitations of your method choices

Conclusion – (2-3 paragraphs)

Final

References page