Getting Started with Secondary Data Analysis Worksheet – Catalogue and Documentation

Task – 15 mins

Part 1

Go to the British Social Attitudes Survey, 2019 catalogue page (https://beta.ukdataservice.ac.uk/datacatalogue/studies/study?id=8772#!/details) and use it to find the answers to the questions below. We’ll check the answers with a quiz at the end of the activity.

1) Which of the following topics does the BSA, 2019 cover?
   a) Political party identification
   b) Brexit
   c) Crime

2) How often is the BSA conducted?
   a) Annually
   b) Monthly
   c) Twice yearly

3) How many units did the BSA 2018/19 cover?

4) What does the variable with the name ‘TVNews’ measure?
   (Hint: Try looking in the Variable list document – you can search within the document using CTRL-F).

5) What were the fieldwork dates for this study?
Part 2

First, Go to the UKDS catalogue (on the home page) and search for ‘elections’.

Secondly, you are looking for qualitative studies, so filter the results by ‘Qualitative and mixed methods data’.

Select: SN 8117 Qualitative Election Study of Britain, 2015.

Explore the catalogue page and documentation and answer the following questions:

1) How was the data collected for the Qualitative Election Study of Britain?
   a) Questionnaires
   b) Individual interviews
   c) Focus groups

2) Was this the first, and only, Qualitative Election Study of Britain?
   a) Yes
   b) No
   c) Unsure

3) How many participants took part in the study?

4) Have a look at the documentation available. According to the flyer, how much were participants paid to take part?
   a) £10
   b) £20
   c) £30

5) How could the data be re-used? What are some types of research questions that could be explored with the data?