Milestone Three: Developing Research Questions

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**Research Questions**

***Qualitative***

What are the experiences of homeless people during the COVID-19 pandemic?

***Quantitative***

What is the likelihood of homeless people getting infected by COVID-19?

***Mixed Methodology***

How can the experiences of homeless people be improved to protect them from contracting COVID-19?

**Examination of the Questions**

The quantitative research question is likely to capture the research problem at hand. This is because the questions would enable the writer to examine various factors that lead to homeless people contracting COVID-19. The World Health Organization (WHO) has devised measures that would control the spread of this virus. However, homeless people might be unable to observe various regulations such as physical distancing since they live in congested areas. Therefore, the research questions would allow one to obtain relevant information regarding such groups also ensuring that appropriate measures are mitigated to help control the spread (Korstjens & Moser, 2017). When people live in unsanitary and overcrowded regions, there would be a rapid spread of the virus since these groups are surrounded by individuals who might have come into contact with this virus. This question will cover the kind of environment homeless people are exposed to also creating an understanding of the best procedures to be implemented.

By analyzing the mixed methodology question, it seems to offer a chance to generate measures that would improve the living conditions of homeless people. This is related to my field of study which focuses on highlighting the challenges faced by homeless people and the repercussions in case one gets infected by the virus. This question combines the quantitative and qualitative aspects hence appropriate for developing an elaborate research paper. The contents of the paper would not be limited to one aspect but broad enough to enhance quality research on the topic at hand.

When developing research questions, it is important to choose an interesting topic. It should be one that an individual is keen to study and gain knowledge concerning it. Afterward, a person ought to conduct preliminary research on the general topic to identify related journals and periodicals. This allows one to evaluate the primary topics discussed by researchers and scholars so that the research question can relate to current issues (Brannen, 2017). This is an important aspect to consider when developing the question making sure that the topic is interesting.

 The surprising thing learned while creating the questions is the determination of dependent and independent variables in quantitative questions. These variables create room for extensive research ensuring that the items highlighted are addressed. What stood out while crafting the questions was the ability to distinguish between the different types of research questions. I learned that qualitative research questions ought to entail a specific and direct central question.

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