THE ELEMENTS OF A RESEARCH PROPOSAL

I. Introduction and Theoretical Framework
   a. Component 4.4: The paper must include a well-developed introduction that states the topic, research question(s),..,
   b. Component 2.1: Turn in a paper indicating the names of group participants, a brief description of the topic and its relevance to the social sciences, the proposed research question(s) for the study, and hypotheses that could be tested.
   c. Component 2.3: Identify all of the concepts in your study and the operationalization process for each concept.

II. Statement of the Problem
   a. Component 4.4: State hypotheses

III. Review of the Literature
   a. Component 2.2: Find five sources about your final paper topic. They need to be academic sources-scholarly articles, non-fiction books or reports. For each source, summary what type of source it is, its methods, findings, and how it relates to your topic.
   b. Component 4.4: The group must also situate the study in the current body of literature by discussing (and properly citing) at least three peer-reviewed articles related to the topic.

IV. The Design--Methods and Procedures
   a. Sampling
      i. Component 3.1: Turn in a paper detailing exactly how you would select your sample.
      ii. Component 3.2: The paper should include information on who should be in your sample and detailed...
   b. Instrumentation
      i. Component 3.3: Turn in a complete research instrument. The instrument must be error-free, properly formatted, and look exactly like it would when you distributed it.
      ii. Component 3.4: If a group is creating an electronic survey, please send the professor a link to the survey and any ID required to log in to view the survey as a survey taker, not survey writer.
   c. Data Collection
      i. Component 3.2: specific steps you would engage in to collect the sample.

V. Conclusion
   Component 4.5: The paper should include a conclusion section that: discusses study implications, identifies study limitations, possible ethical considerations, and identifies one additional method of data collection you might use to better answer your research question and improve generalizability

VI. References
   Cite outside references using a consistent formatting style—APA