

**I. Abstract**

**II. Describe your research topic.**

Focus on the specific research problem that you will address. Include the hypothesis that you will test in your research.

**III. Describe the theoretical basis for your research.**

Provide an overview of the existing literature and a description of the theoretical models that you will use.

**IV. Describe the methodology used in testing your hypothesis.**

Include a description of your dataset and the econometric model that you used to analyze it. If you did not do econometric analysis, describe the method you used to evaluate your hypothesis.

**V. Describe your results.**

Discuss your findings in the context of the hypothesis. How do your results support your hypothesis? If they do not, propose an explanation for the inconsistency.

**VI. Describe your conclusions.**

What are the practical applications or the policy implications of your work? What questions for future research has your work raised?

**I. Describe your research topic.**

Description of the research problem

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Statement of the testable hypothesis

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**II. Describe the theoretical basis for your research.**

Review of existing literature

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Description of the theoretical model

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**III. Describe the methodology used in testing your hypothesis.**

Description of dataset

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Description of econometric model or economic analysis

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**IV. Describe your results.**

Description of findings

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**V. Describe your conclusions.**

Practical applications or the policy implications

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Questions for future research

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