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Feminist Measures in Survey Research book offers a new approach for doing quantitative feminist research, demonstrating how a feminist perspective can inform virtually every aspect of the research process, from survey design, to statistical modeling, to the theoretical frameworks used to interpret results. Catherine E. Harnois makes feminist theory, particularly multiracial feminist theory, accessible and relevant to survey researchers. She assists students and researchers in incorporating these theories into survey design and analysis and shows how they this can offer substantive insights into the social world that have been underutilized to date by survey researchers.

Dictionary of Statistics & Methodology: A Nontechnical Guide for the Social Sciences

This innovative book provides students and researchers alike with an indispensable introduction to the key theoretical issues and practical methods needed for data collection. It uses clear definitions, relevant interdisciplinary examples from around the world and up-to-date suggestions for further reading to demonstrate how to

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usefully gather and use qualitative, quantitative, and mixed data sets. The book is divided into seven critical parts: • Data Collection: An Introduction to Research Practices • Collecting Qualitative Data • Observation and Informed Methods • Experimental and Systematic Data Collection • Survey Methods for Data Collection • The Case Study Method of Data Collection • Concluding Suggestions for Data Collection Groups A stimulating, practical guide which can be read as individual concepts or as a whole this will be an important resource for students and research professionals. Wendy Olsen is Senior Lecturer at Manchester University, Institute for Development Policy & Management and Cathie Marsh Centre for Census & Survey Research

Molecular Epidemiology

From the author the classic *The Wizards of Armageddon* and Pulitzer Prize finalist comes the definitive history of American policy on nuclear war—and Presidents' actions in nuclear crises—from Truman to Trump. Fred Kaplan, hailed by *The New York Times* as “a rare combination of defense intellectual and pugnacious reporter,” takes us into the White House Situation Room, the Joint Chiefs of Staff's “Tank” in the Pentagon, and the vast chambers of Strategic Command to bring us the untold stories—based on exclusive interviews and previously classified documents—of how America's presidents and generals have thought about, threatened, broached, and just barely avoided nuclear war from the dawn of the

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atomic age until today. Kaplan's historical research and deep reporting will stand as the permanent record of politics. Discussing theories that have dominated nightmare scenarios from Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Kaplan presents the unthinkable in terms of mass destruction and demonstrates how the nuclear war reality will not go away, regardless of the dire consequences.

Collaborations for Student Success

What are the most effective methods to code and analyze data for a particular study? This thoughtful and engaging book reviews the selection criteria for coding and analyzing any set of data--whether qualitative, quantitative, mixed, or visual. The authors systematically explain when to use verbal, numerical, graphic, or combined codes, and when to use qualitative, quantitative, graphic, or mixed-methods modes of analysis. Chapters on each topic are organized so that researchers can read them sequentially or can easily "flip and find" answers to specific questions. Nontechnical discussions of cutting-edge approaches--illustrated with real-world examples--emphasize how to choose (rather than how to implement) the various analyses. The book shows how using the right analysis methods leads to more justifiable conclusions and more persuasive presentations of research results.

User-Friendly Features

- *Chapter-opening preview boxes that highlight useful topics addressed.
- *End-of-chapter summary tables recapping the 'dos and don'ts' and advantages and disadvantages of each analytic technique.

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*Annotated suggestions for further reading and technical resources on each topic. See also Vogt et al.'s *When to Use What Research Design*, which addresses the design and sampling decisions that occur prior to data collection.

Centered of Learning

Listen to a short interview with Matthew Connelly Host: Chris Gondek - Producer: Heron & Crane *Fatal Misconception* is the disturbing story of our quest to remake humanity by policing national borders and breeding better people. As the population of the world doubled once, and then again, well-meaning people concluded that only population control could preserve the quality of life. This movement eventually spanned the globe and carried out a series of astonishing experiments, from banning Asian immigration to paying poor people to be sterilized. Supported by affluent countries, foundations, and non-governmental organizations, the population control movement experimented with ways to limit population growth. But it had to contend with the Catholic Church's ban on contraception and nationalist leaders who warned of race suicide. The ensuing struggle caused untold suffering for those caught in the middle--particularly women and children. It culminated in the horrors of sterilization camps in India and the one-child policy in China. Matthew Connelly offers the first global history of a movement that changed how people regard their children and ultimately the face of humankind. It was the most ambitious social engineering project of the

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twentieth century, one that continues to alarm the global community. Though promoted as a way to lift people out of poverty--perhaps even to save the earth--family planning became a means to plan other people's families. With its transnational scope and exhaustive research into such archives as Planned Parenthood and the newly opened Vatican Secret Archives, Connelly's withering critique uncovers the cost inflicted by a humanitarian movement gone terribly awry and urges renewed commitment to the reproductive rights of all people.

The SAGE Handbook of Innovation in Social Research Methods

From the best-selling, award-winning author of 1491 and 1493--an incisive portrait of the two little-known twentieth-century scientists, Norman Borlaug and William Vogt, whose diametrically opposed views shaped our ideas about the environment, laying the groundwork for how people in the twenty-first century will choose to live in tomorrow's world. In forty years, Earth's population will reach ten billion. Can our world support that? What kind of world will it be? Those answering these questions generally fall into two deeply divided groups--Wizards and Prophets, as Charles Mann calls them in this balanced, authoritative, nonpolemical new book. The Prophets, he explains, follow William Vogt, a founding environmentalist who believed that in using more than our planet has to give, our prosperity will lead us to ruin. Cut back! was his mantra. Otherwise everyone will lose! The Wizards are the heirs of Norman Borlaug, whose research, in effect, wrangled the world in

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service to our species to produce modern high-yield crops that then saved millions from starvation. Innovate! was Borlaug's cry. Only in that way can everyone win! Mann delves into these diverging viewpoints to assess the four great challenges humanity faces--food, water, energy, climate change--grounding each in historical context and weighing the options for the future. With our civilization on the line, the author's insightful analysis is an essential addition to the urgent conversation about how our children will fare on an increasingly crowded Earth.

Principles of Statistical Data Handling

Education Programs for Improving Intergroup Relations

Systematic, practical, and accessible, this is the first book to focus on finding the most defensible design for a particular research question. Thoughtful guidelines are provided for weighing the advantages and disadvantages of various methods, including qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods designs. The book can be read sequentially or readers can dip into chapters on specific stages of research (basic design choices, selecting and sampling participants, addressing ethical issues) or data collection methods (surveys, interviews, experiments, observations, archival studies, and combined methods). Many chapter headings and subheadings

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are written as questions, helping readers quickly find the answers they need to make informed choices that will affect the later analysis and interpretation of their data. ? Useful features include: *Easy-to-navigate part and chapter structure. *Engaging research examples from a variety of fields. *End-of-chapter tables that summarize the main points covered. *Detailed suggestions for further reading at the end of each chapter. ?*Integration of data collection, sampling, and research ethics in one volume. *Comprehensive glossary. ?

The Wizard and the Prophet

The untold history of how people came to conceive, to manage, and to dispute environmental crisis, *The Environment* is essential reading for anyone who wants to help protect the environment from the numerous threats it faces today.

APA Dictionary of Statistics and Research Methods

The Third Edition of the *Dictionary of Statistics & Methodology: A Nontechnical Guide for the Social Sciences* is THE sourcebook of simple definitions and explanations of statistical and statistics-related concepts. Since the publication of the bestselling Second Edition, author W. Paul Vogt has examined relevant literature in the social sciences to keep readers alert to the appearance of new

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methods, new language, and newly popular terms. The Third Edition has been thoroughly revised and expanded, with 400 additional definitions and illustrations compiled from readers' requests and suggestions!

Education Programs for Improving Intergroup Relations

Providing an integrated approach to the various aspects of catalysis, this textbook is ideal for graduate students from catalysis, engineering, and organic synthesis.

Why I Am Catholic (and You Should Be Too)

The universities of Britain, France, Germany, and the United States stem from a common European academic tradition and are today among the most influential and powerful in the world. Each has cultivated a high degree of scientific excellence and intellectual autonomy and has served as a model for world higher education. Yet these four systems are structurally distinct and show considerably different patterns of development. In *Centers of Learning* Joseph Ben-David explores these differences and provides insight into the role and scope of contemporary higher education. Although the movement toward modern systems grew out of shared convictions and practical needs, Ben-David's comparative analysis shows that educational reform had surprisingly different consequences in

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America, England, Germany, and France. In France, higher education became identified with the purposes and authority of the state through specialized training for various professionals. In contrast, the German reforms consolidated the scholarly disciplines under a highly centralized university system with no special status accorded to the professional faculties. In England, Oxford and Cambridge adopted the German model, but smaller specialized institutions established a tradition of academic diversity and community 'service. The modernization of the American system followed the European reforms in updating the scientific curriculum and following the university model, but with a special emphasis on extending higher educational status to a broad strata of the population. In assessing the development of these systems, Ben-David finds their greatest success in extending the prestige and benefits of higher learning to the professions. General education, while strong in America, has suffered in the European systems, especially through its slackening ties to research. Centers of Learning contains a forceful critique of the politicization of the academy. Ben-David sees the furthering of social justice and equality as a necessary, though controlled part of the university's mission. Uncontrolled, political criticism will have the potential for disrupting educational functions and undermining the relationship between the university and society. In undertaking a historical survey of national education endeavors, this volume clarifies the contexts of current problems and inadequacies. Its broad-ranging analyses and proposed solutions make it essential reading for educators, social historians, political scientists, and sociologists.

Quantitative Research Methods for Professionals

For more than 40 years, SAGE has been one of the leading international publishers of works on quantitative research methods in the social sciences. This new collection provides readers with a representative sample of the best articles in quantitative methods that have appeared in SAGE journals as chosen by W. Paul Vogt, editor of other successful major reference collections such as *Selecting Research Methods* (2008) and *Data Collection* (2010). The volumes and articles are organized by theme rather than by discipline. Although there are some discipline-specific methods, most often quantitative research methods cut across disciplinary boundaries. Volume One: Fundamental Issues in Quantitative Research Volume Two: Measurement for Causal and Statistical Inference Volume Three: Alternatives to Hypothesis Testing Volume Four: Complex Designs for a Complex World

Feminist Measures in Survey Research

The Oxford Dictionary of Statistical Terms is the much-awaited sixth edition of the acclaimed standard reference work in statistics, published on behalf of the International Statistical Institute. The first edition, known as the *Dictionary of Statistical Terms*, was edited in 1957 by the late Sir Maurice Kendall and the late Dr. W.R. Buckland. As one of the first dictionaries of statistics it set high standards

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for the subject and became a well-respected reference. This new edition has been carefully updated and extended to include the most recent terminology and techniques in statistics. Significant revision and expansion from an international editorial board of senior statisticians has resulted in a comprehensive reference text, which includes 30% more material than previous editions. Ideal for all who use statistics in the workplace and in research including all scientists and social scientists, especially in law, politics, economics, finance, business and history, it is an indispensable reference.

Fatal Misconception

Paul J. Crutzen: A Pioneer on Atmospheric Chemistry and Climate Change in the Anthropocene

Social research is a burgeoning field. Of course it has many traditions and approaches, but there is a high premium upon thinking differently and thinking anew because social life is never static or wholly predictable. The Handbook, edited by internationally recognized scholars, provides a comprehensive, pitch-perfect critical assessment of the field. The main features of the Handbook are: Clear organization into 4 parts dealing with The Social Context of Research; Design

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and Data Collection; Integrating The Analysis of New Data Types; Sampling, Inference and Measurement Clear, cutting edge chapters on Objectivity; Causation; Organizing Social Research; Correspondence Analysis; Grounded Theory; Conversational Surveys; Mixed Methods; Meta-Analysis; Optimal Matching Analysis; GIS Analysis; Quantitative Narrative Analysis; Longitudinal Studies; SEM; MLM; Qualitative Comparative Analysis; Respondent Driven Sampling Brings together a glittering assembly of the key figures working in the field of research methods Demonstrates the continuities and productive tensions between classical traditions and real world research. The result is a superbly organized text which will be required reading for anyone interested in the routes and future of social research. It is an unparalleled teaching resource and a 'must have' for serious social researchers.

Data Collection

The SAGE Dictionary of Statistics provides students and researchers with an accessible and definitive resource to use when studying statistics in the social sciences, reading research reports and undertaking data analysis.

SAGE Quantitative Research Methods

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When seeking to test specific hypotheses in large data sets, social and behavioral scientists often construct models. Although useful in such situations, many phenomena of interest do not occur in large samples and do not lend themselves to precise measurement. In addition, a focus on hypothesis testing can constrict the potential use of models as organizing devices for emerging patterns -- summaries of what we believe we know about the dynamics of situation. This book bridges the gap between "quantitative" and "qualitative" modelers to reconcile the need to impose rigor and to understand the influence of context. Although there are many different uses for models, there is also the realistic possibility of doing credible research without their use. A critical reexamination of the assumptions used in quantitatively-oriented models, however, suggests ways to increase their effectiveness as organizers of both quantitative and qualitative data. Students of methods in psychology, sociology, education, management, social work, and public health -- and their instructors -- are increasingly expected to become familiar with both quantitative and qualitative approaches. Unfortunately, they find few vehicles for communication regarding the implications of overlapping work between the two approaches. Using models as organizing devices for a better dialogue between assumptions and data might facilitate this communication process.

The Population Bomb

Written in a clear, readable style with a wide range of explanations and examples,

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The SAGE Dictionary of Statistics & Methodology, Fifth Edition by W. Paul Vogt and R. Burke Johnson is a must-have dictionary that reflects recent changes in the fields of statistics and methodology. Packed with 500 new definitions, terms, and graphics, the Fifth Edition is an ideal reference for researchers and professionals in the field and provides everything students need to read and understand a research report, including elementary terms, concepts, methodology, and design definitions, as well as concepts from qualitative research methods and terms from theory and philosophy.

A Man of the Beatitudes

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Correlation and Regression Analysis

This highly informative book describes in rich detail a wide variety of programs designed to improve intergroup relations. Specific techniques and practices are discussed and the research on the effectiveness of each program is carefully reviewed. In addition, there are chapters on the psychological mechanisms underlying successful programs and organizational practices that improve intergroup relations, as well as an up-to-date review of the overall effectiveness of these programs.

The Environment

It is no exaggeration to say that virtually all quantitative research in the social sciences is done with correlation and regression analysis (CRA) and their siblings and offspring. CRA are fundamental analytic tools in fields like sociology, economics and political science as well as applied disciplines such as marketing, nursing, education and social work. The subject is of great substantive importance; therefore, distinguished editors, W. Paul Vogt and R. Burke Johnson, have ordered the growing research literature on the use of CRA according to its natural steps. Each step in this logical progression constitutes a part in this collection.

Expressionism

Statistics is the field of knowledge concerned with data collection, data analysis, and data interpretation and presentation. Methodology comprises the many and varied structured ways in which research is conducted answering the fundamental question: How does the researcher effectively gather information for particular purposes? Both are core topics underlying the discipline of psychology and the other social, behavioral, and health sciences. Moreover, a basic understanding of the language of statistics and research methods is required for any serious student, scientist, and practitioner in these fields. The APA Dictionary of Statistics and Research Methods is a focused reference resource that explores the lexicon of these two tightly interrelated areas. It provides Over 4,000 entries offering clear and authoritative definitions; Balanced coverage in such core areas as research planning and design, psychometrics, quantitative and qualitative measurements, and data analysis; Hundreds of incisive cross-references that deepen the user's understanding of related topics; More than 100 illustrations of some of the common and uncommon data display methods; A Quick Guide to Use that explains stylistic and formal features at a glance; and Appendixes listing common abbreviations and statistical symbols The largest scientific and professional organization of psychologists in the United States and the largest association of psychologists in the world the American Psychological Association proudly offers this reference as part of its critically acclaimed APA Dictionaries series.

The Oxford Dictionary of Statistical Terms

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When to Use What Research Design

These days, photographs live on hard drives and DVDs in the company of several thousand other images, coming to light on a computer screen only for a short moment, if ever. In that respect our computer is a one-image-at-a-time exhibition of our photographic work. But as photographers, we like to print our best images, frame and show them at home or at an exhibition, or present a collection of prints in a portfolio. This book will guide you through the process of creating a printed and bound portfolio of your photographs, or even a bookstore-quality coffee table book. Learn about every step of the process, from selecting a book publishing service all the way through designing and proofing your photo book. You'll get practical advice on how to work with software provided by services such as Blurb or Viovio, and will learn about relevant concepts of book design, color

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management, and digital printing. *Create your Own Photo Book* is the perfect guide for the aspiring amateur photographer as well as the seasoned pro.

Contemporary Catalysis

This concise text discusses a wide range of quantitative research methods, including advanced techniques such as logic regression, multilevel modeling, and structural equation modeling. Because the text emphasizes concepts rather than mathematics and computational formulas, it is accessible to a wide range of research users. Professional practitioners in areas such as education, business, social work, and psychology gain an understanding of research methods, enabling them to interpret advanced research in their fields. Features: Accessibility to readers of any level, including those with no mathematics beyond elementary arithmetic and a limited background in research methods and statistics, as text discusses advanced methods with ease. Three part organization The Basics, Advanced Methods, and Specialized Applications provides instructors the flexibility to choose among advanced techniques and specialized applications. Real data is used to illustrate and compare the uses of analytic techniques. Students are provided with the data sets so they can use a statistical package to try out the techniques on their own. Integrated discussions of design and measurement as well as analysis provide students with a complete picture of the entire research process. Helpful and thoughtful discussion questions help instructors and students

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probe subjects more deeply and apply the chapters concepts to topics of particular interest to them. An informative self-test comprised of multiple-choice and true-false questions concludes each chapter. An online Instructor s Manual contains discussion of self-test questions and their answers, as well as hundreds of additional field-tested test questions that instructors may use for their examinations. Package this text with [MyLabSchool Logo] and Research Navigator a powerful set of online tools that bring the classroom to life! Visit www.mylabschool.com for more information! "

The Bomb

This book will help the reader understand the principles of data handling and make better use of computer data in research or study. It demonstrates how to input, manipulate and debug data to make substantive analysis easier and more accurate. Using a series of principles, universal concepts that apply no matter what the data-gathering context or computer software, Fred Davidson presents a situation or a problem, suggests how it might be resolved and demonstrates the implementation of each principle as it appears in the command languages of SAS and SPSS.

The SAGE Dictionary of Statistics

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Interpreting the Pentateuch

By using multiple focus groups, Long describes the experiences and perceptions of librarians and student affairs professionals at several four-year, residential colleges and universities. This book is the perfect road map for librarians and student affairs professionals alike who are seeking partners for campus collaborations.

Dictionary of Statistics & Methodology

This book contains texts by the Nobel laureate Paul J. Crutzen who is best known for his research on ozone depletion. It comprises Crutzen's autobiography, several pictures documenting important stages of his life, and his most important scientific publications. The Dutch atmospheric chemist is one of the world's most cited

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scientists in geosciences. His political engagement makes him a tireless ambassador for environmental issues such as climate change. He popularized the term 'Anthropocene' for the current geological era acknowledging the enduring influence of humankind on planet Earth. This concept conceives humans to be a geologic factor, influencing the evolution of our globe and the living beings populating it. The selection of texts is representing Paul Crutzen's scientific oeuvre as his research interests span from ozone depletion to the climatic impacts of biomass burning, the consequences of a worldwide atomic war - the Nuclear Winter - to geoengineering and the Anthropocene.

Neurobiology of Cingulate Cortex and Limbic Thalamus

In this latest addition to the Handbooks for Old Testament Exegesis series, Peter T. Vogt continues the tradition of excellence established by previous volumes. Divided into three parts, *Interpreting the Pentateuch* first provides an overview of the major themes of the Pentateuch. In the second part, Vogt offers resources and strategies for interpreting and understanding the first five books of the Bible by exploring its genres-law and narrative. Finally, Vogt shows that, although the Pentateuch is a collection of ancient texts, it still has contemporary significance. Vogt also includes two samples-one from law and one from narrative-of exegesis, giving students a start-to-finish example of the techniques he has illustrated for effective exegesis.

A Conceptual Introduction To Modeling

This moving biography of Pier Giorgio Frassati, who turned from a life of privilege to one devoted to working with the poor, and who died at the age of 24 from the polio virus, presents a portrait of a man whose love of God transformed his life and the lives of those around him. Inspired as a young man by Pier Giorgio, Pope John Paul II recently approved beatification for Pier Giorgio.

SAGE Quantitative Research Methods

This book will serve as a primer for both laboratory and field scientists who are shaping the emerging field of molecular epidemiology. Molecular epidemiology utilizes the same paradigm as traditional epidemiology but uses biological markers to identify exposure, disease or susceptibility. Schulte and Perera present the epidemiologic methods pertinent to biological markers. The book is also designed to enumerate the considerations necessary for valid field research and provide a resource on the salient and subtle features of biological indicators.

Selecting the Right Analyses for Your Data

Written in a clear, readable style with a wide range of explanations and examples,

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the Fourth Edition of this must-have reference guide has been updated throughout to reflect recent changes in the fields of statistics and methodology. Packed with new terms, synonyms, and graphics, this best-selling dictionary provides readers with everything they need to read and understand a research report, including elementary terms and concepts and methodology and design definitions, as well as concepts from qualitative research methods and terms from theory and philosophy.

The SAGE Dictionary of Statistics & Methodology

This original textbook provides a comprehensive and integrated approach to using quantitative methods in the social sciences. Thomas R Black guides the student and researcher through the minefield of potential problems that may be confronted, and it is this emphasis on the practical that distinguishes his book from others which focus exclusively on either research design and measurement or statistical methods. Focusing on the design and execution of research, key topics such as planning, sampling, the design of measuring instruments, choice of statistical text and interpretation of results are examined within the context of the research process. In a lively and accessible style, the student is introduced to research design issues alongside statistical procedures and encouraged to develop analytical and decision-making skills.

The Evolution of Educational Thought

What is tolerance and how does it differ from prejudice and discrimination? Is tolerance something that can be learned and therefore taught? Through well articulated discussions, Vogt explores these questions and addresses such issues as: can people be prepared to cope with diversity and equality; how much tolerance is wise and what in particular should be tolerated; what are the direct and indirect ways in which attitudes and values are learned; and do different types of tolerance require educational processes unique for each type? Reading this book will persuade you that the route to creating an environment in which diversity is welcomed is through the successful teaching of tolerance.

Doing Quantitative Research in the Social Sciences

Assuming no prior knowledge, Educational Research by R. Burke Johnson and Larry Christensen offers a comprehensive, easily digestible introductory research methods text for undergraduate and graduate students. Readers will develop an understanding of the multiple research methods and strategies used in education and related fields; how to read and critically evaluate published research; and the ability to write a proposal, construct a questionnaire, and conduct an empirical research study on their own. Students rave about the clarity of this best seller and

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its usefulness for their studies, enabling them to become critical consumers and users of research.

Tolerance & Education

Winner of a 2018 Catholic Press Association Award: Popular Presentation of the Catholic Faith. (First Place). With atheism on the rise and millions tossing off religion, why would anyone consider the Catholic Church? Brandon Vogt, a bestselling author and the content director for Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, shares his passionate search for truth, a journey that culminated in the realization that Catholicism was right about a lot of things, maybe even everything. His persuasive case for the faith reveals a vision of Catholicism that has answers our world desperately needs and reminds those already in the Church what they love about it. A 2016 study by the Public Religion Research Institute found that 25 percent of adults (39 percent of young adults) describe themselves as unaffiliated with any religion. Millions of these so-called "nones" have fled organized religion and many more have rejected God altogether. Brandon Vogt was one of those nones. When he converted to Catholicism in college, he knew how confusing that decision was to many of his friends and family. But he also knew that the evidence he discovered pointed to one conclusion: Catholicism is true. To his delight, he discovered it was also exceedingly good and beautiful. Why I Am Catholic traces Vogt's spiritual journey,

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making a refreshing, twenty-first century case for the faith and answering questions being asked by agnostics, nones, and atheists, the audience for his popular website, StrangeNotions.com, where Catholics and atheists dialogue. With references to Catholic thinkers such as G. K. Chesterton, Ven. Fulton Sheen, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and Bishop Robert Barron, Vogt draws together lines of evidence to help seekers discover why they should be Catholic as an alternative. *Why I Am Catholic* serves as a compelling reproposal of the Church for former Catholics, a persuasive argument for truth and beauty to those who have become jaded and disenchanted with religion, and at the same time offers practicing Catholics a much-needed dose of confidence and clarity to affirm their faith against an increasingly skeptical culture.

Educational Research

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