

Appendix A: Developing a Thesis

Possible Thesis Questions

1. How does education (type, teaching style/method, number of people educated, how much the government spends on education etc.) effect the economic development and living conditions in a country?
2. How does issue related children's theatre effect the likelihood of children consuming alcohol, drugs etc. later in life?
3. How well are human rights and international law enforced?
4. What is the best way to improve the living conditions in the developing world?
5. What is the best way to help refugees once they arrive in Canada?
6. Do the hours spent volunteering as a youth have an impact on gifts to charities and income later in life?

Thesis Question Analysis

Question	Main Variables	Can these be measured?
1	Country GDP % budget on education \$ spent on education per capita % boys educated % girls educated # people with access to potable water infant mortality	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
2	Number of children who saw drug awareness or other theatre and the number of these children who report using drugs. Number of children not exposed to theatre, number who report using drugs.	Not very easily.
3	Lots of variables	Not very easily
4	similar to 1 +: amount of international development money received # and amount of small business grants given out \$ spent on free medical services per capita crime rate	Yes Yes Yes Yes, however, may be hard to compare countries
5	# who want language training # who need more \$ # who want help getting professional qualifications etc. other data to measure effectiveness of above services: type of language training length of training # who pass standardized test	May or may not be easy to find. Would probably require primary taking of data. Probably not that practical.

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6	total hours spent volunteering ages 13-19 total gifts at age 40 income at age 40	Yes, but would be hard May be difficult to find, get from people.