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This practical, lucid text introduces students to the methodological tools public administrators and policy analysts use to conduct research in today's world.

This accessible text offers an abundance of engaging examples and provides step-by-step instructions to illustrate common research methods and techniques, providing students and future administrators with a sound foundation in model building, research design, measurement, and sampling. The book's statistical section focuses on correct use and interpretation of commonly used statistics, including linear regression. The book's overall aim is to develop effective, efficient research skills among future public administrators so that they will be better policy makers. It accomplishes this not only by providing a comprehensive survey of research techniques, but also by developing students' awareness of the ethical issues associated with conducting research and reporting findings.

Features:

Terms for review at the end of each chapter are clearly defined in an accessible and comprehensive glossary at the back of the book.

"Problems for Homework and Discussion" appear in each chapter, assessing students' comprehension of concepts and techniques discussed in the chapter.

Exercises allow students to become familiar with statistical software, which holds data in ASCII, spreadsheets, and SPSS formats.

Internet surveys are interspersed throughout the text, reflecting the growing influence of this medium on research methods and data sources.

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### **Chade66 says**

This is the worse textbook I have ever had the misfortune to be assigned. It didn't help matters any that the book assumes that you have had a class in statistics, but our class didn't require one. YOU NEED A CLASS IN STATISTICS FIRST!!!!

The book is oblique in its wording and it would start a math problem, skip a bunch of steps give you an answer that made no sense because of the skipped steps (not telling you that it skipped a bunch of steps) and additionally didn't refer you to the full problem worked out in the appendix. The editing on this edition was poor, we had to make several corrections in the book due to errors in editing book over the course of the semester.

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### **Steven Peterson says**

This is a serviceable research methods text for public administration courses. It covers the relevant waterfront of issues in research methods. One almost necessary consequence: Many issues get rather brief coverage. A tradeoff. But as an introduction to research methods, this will suffice. For a more detailed, more complete consideration, one would want to look elsewhere.

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### **Dawn says**

With this book it is no wonder people say public administration is lacking an analytical rigor. Personally this book was a nice refresher on what I already knew but if I had to start from scratch I would have been super lost.

In good consciousness I would not recommend this book to an enemy let alone a friend without a statistical background

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