

Your Possible Title and Research Questions

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Below is are some examples of Research Titles, respective research questions, and connection to academic study.

Title:

Cultural Perspectives from University Students Regarding Alcohol, Tobacco, and Marijuana: A Comparative Study of America and Japan.

Questions:

“What cultural stigmas are present respectively for Alcohol, Tobacco, and Marijuana in Japan and America?” & “How are certain attributes highlighted or ignored when comparing the usage, effect, and environment of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Marijuana?”

Background:

Studying health and nutrition, Japanese cultural etiquette, and modern social issues in America and Japan, I have learned there is a different view towards substance abuse in both countries. Where Alcohol is a social norm in Japan in after business settings and drinking in public, where in America there is a fine line regarding the classification of alcoholic. Similar cases for Tobacco usage in the US, where cigarettes are deemed unhealthy and gross, however a rise in consumption of e-cigarettes is present. In Japan, Tobacco smoking legally has restrictions of where one may smoke, but many business men smoke freely ignoring locational rules, differing from the Japanese image of “conformity”. Such differences of perspective are present when discussing the ethics, health, and legality of using marijuana as a substance to get “high”. From there prior academic studies, I would like to study the hypocrisies surrounding marijuana when compared to other substances, what legal and cultural values formulate these hypocrisies, and where the general movement towards legalizing or criminalizing marijuana is headed.