

## SOLITARY CONFINEMENT COLLABORATIVE

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### Introduction:

Welcome to the Juvenile and Adult Solitary Confinement Collaborative Research Team! Over the next few days your team will be immersed in a variety of literature and research on how solitary confinement is used in American prisons and to what extent isolation impacts the psychological well-being of inmates. Each day you will be assigned a handful of articles that will illuminate some of the most prominent debates on the use of solitary confinement. Is solitary confinement a tool that can be used for rehabilitative purposes or does the impact of extended isolation cause psychological distress? Should there be stricter regulations regarding how solitary confinement is used? What factors may impact an individual's attitude toward the use of solitary confinement? Each daily reading is designed to help you and your team start a discussion on these important questions and help you develop your own ideas in the collaborative research project.

### Daily Readings & Objectives:

#### Tuesday (5/2/17)

*Objective: Develop Theoretical Foundation for One Sheet*

- Barack Obama: Why we must rethink solitary confinement, *Washington Post*  
<http://wapo.st/2oWsnpA>
- Rights Group: Ban Solitary Confinement of Youths, *San Diego Union-Tribune*  
<http://bit.ly/2pynrFf>
- Rehabilitate or Punish? *American Psychological Association*  
<http://bit.ly/PFOeKd>

#### Wednesday (5/3/17)

*Objective: Examine Data and Identify Hypotheses*

- Solitary Confinement and Risk of Self-Harm Among Jail Inmates (Kaba et al 2013)  
<http://bit.ly/2qn4l2D>
- A Longitudinal Study of Administrative Segregation (O'Keefe et al 2013)  
<http://bit.ly/2pvymgU>
- What does solitary confinement do to your mind? *PBS*  
<http://to.pbs.org/1PzoXiT>

#### Thursday (5/4/17)

*Objective: Specify Regression Model and Interpret Results*

- Mental Health Issues in Long-Term Solitary and "Supermax" Confinement (Haney 2003)  
<http://bit.ly/2plHWEI>

#### Friday (5/5/17)

*Objective: Complete One Sheet and Presentation of Data*

- No assignments, prepare for presentation!