BUS 230: Business and Economics Research and Communication

In-class Exercise: Questionnaire Critique

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Consider the following issues in critiquing each other's questionnaires:

- 1. Did the survey take too long? If you were not required to complete the survey, would you have quit doing it at any point?
- 2. Were all the questions perfectly clear? Were there multiple ways to interpret any of the questions? If so, which ones? How should the language be cleaned up?
- 3. For the fixed-alternative questions, were the choices mutually exclusive and exhaustive? Was it easy to find your answer among the choices?
- 4. Were you able to *easily* and *accurately* answer the all the questions? Did you have to "make a best-guess" for any questions?
- 5. Sensitive questions or questions on controversial issues should be in about the middle of the survey. If there were any sensitive questions, was this the case?
- 6. Do general questions come before specific questions?