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Application Assignment

Research question: In coed friend groups, do men have less disputes than the women?

To answer this research question I would analyze episodes of television series. For this experiment, content analysis would be the best method for this study. For example, in this study I would include iCarly, Seinfeld, and Friends. These series would be my sample. I am choosing to watch television series with a coed group of friends. All of these will always have a problem that needs solving. I think it will be interesting to compare the conflicts between men and women. Additionally, I think it will differ in generation which is why I picked series that are not all from the same time period.

Episode: I chose to watch the series “Friends”. For my specific episode I will be watching “The One With The Football”. I believe this episode results in conflicts for both men and women that would be beneficial for me to analyze. It is also the men and women interacting with each other which will give me both sides of the argument to answer my research question.

COMPETITION

-Physical abuse while
Playing football
-aggressive
-showing strength

RELATIONSHIP TROUBLE

-breakup
-rejection

MENTAL CONFLICTS

-OCD
-confidence issues
-body image comments

Conclusion/patterns: Overall these are typical conflicts for people around their age (late 20s-early 30s). However, I do not believe each category is gender specific. In the show there

were pretty much equal amounts of disputes between men and women. Competition overall had the most units in the coding scheme. I did notice that relationship troubles were aimed more at the men and mental conflicts were aimed towards women. Each category still had conflicts from both men and women. In conclusion, I realized that it's not so much that men have less disputes, but that they are typically different from women. Women are seen as more dramatic and their conflicts blow up and take a while to be resolved. Whereas men are fighting over something in the moment and they make a joke and move on.