

**PLS 2003: Introduction to Political Research  
Spring 2002**

**Assignment 1: Hypotheses and Variables  
(10 points)**

Answer all of the following questions. Responses must be typewritten. Each answer is worth one point.

For the following hypotheses, identify the type of hypothesis and independent and dependent variables.

1. The more education a person has, the more politically active that person is.
2. City governments provide more benefits for neighborhoods with strong community organizations.
3. People who are experiencing economic distress are likely to vote against candidates from the same party as the incumbent president.
4. When different parties control two chambers of a legislature, it is difficult to pass major pieces of legislation.
5. If a young person watches a lot of television, he or she will engage in antisocial behavior.
6. The severity of punishment has no effect on the amount of violent crime.
7. There is a relationship between the amount of political freedom in a nation and the size of the domestic police force.