Public Speaking in Social Science Courses

**Review of the Literature:** review of research relating to a given topic or issue and offers conclusions about the topic based on this research

**Format**
1. Description of the available research
2. Evaluation and conclusions about the research
3. Suggested directions for future study

**Explanatory Research Report:** reports on studies that attempt to analyze and explain a phenomenon

**Format**
1. Description of the phenomenon under discussion (e.g., What is taking place?)
2. Description of how the phenomenon occurs
3. Explanation or theory of why it occurs

**Evaluation Research Report:** measures the effectiveness of programs and policies

**Format**
1. What is the program’s mission?
2. What does the program actually accomplish?
3. How well or poorly has the program met its stated objectives?
**The Policy Recommendation**: offers advice and recommendations on a current issue or problem
Format
1. Definition of the problem
2. Recommendations to solve the problem or address the issue
3. Plan for implementation of these recommendations
4. Discussion of future needs or parameters to fulfill these recommendations

Features of Effective Social Scientific Presentations
- Illustrate the research question
- Refer to current research
- Use timely data