## Critical Reading and Note-Taking

### Questions to Ask and Answer about Statistics

1. Is the question being asked relevant?
2. Do the data come from reliable sources?
3. Margin of error/confidence interval—when is a change really a change?
4. Are all data reported, or just the best/worst?
5. Are the data presented in context?
6. Have the data been interpreted correctly?
7. Does the author confuse correlation with causation?

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