Chapter 2

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# Introduction (1 page)

Compose an overview of the chapter, including its importance in framing your dissertation. Introduce the key themes and areas of literature you will explore.

# Literature Search Strategy (2-3 paragraphs)

Indicate your approach to finding and citing relevant literature, including search engines, databases, and libraries utilized. Include a concise list of keywords used in your searches.

# Background of the Problem (4-5 pages)

Establish a scholarly framing of the background and context of the problem addressed by your dissertation. Review substantial findings from other studies, debates about the nature of the problem, and developments in relevant academic fields.

# Theoretical Framework (4-5 pages)

Present the theoretical foundations that guide your dissertation. Discuss key theories and models relevant to your topic and explain their application to your dissertation.

# Sociological Perspectives (2-3 pages)

Explore sociological theories that inform your dissertation. Discuss how these perspectives contribute to understanding the broader social implications of your topic.

# Faith Perspectives (3-4 pages)

Incorporate faith-based insights and perspectives relevant to your dissertation's topic. Discuss how these viewpoints intersect with the sociological aspects of your research. However, we encourage faith integration throughout Chapters 2 and 5 as appropriate.

# Synthesis of Current Literature (10-12 pages)

Critically review and synthesize the existing literature related to your dissertation's focus. Highlight key findings, identify gaps in the literature, and how what is known about the problem informs your dissertation. Tables may help demonstrate alignment and organization of major concepts, topics, and theories.

# Variant Perspectives (2-3 pages)

Examine alternative viewpoints and debates within the literature. Discuss differing methodologies, findings, and interpretations and their implications for your dissertation. Do not focus on rebutting variant perspectives; simply present them on their own terms.

# Literature Gap (1 page)

Explain the gap in the existing literature and why your dissertation uniquely addresses the problem.

# Summary and Conclusion (1 page)

Summarize the main findings from the literature review and their relevance to your dissertation. Conclude by emphasizing how this chapter lays the groundwork for your research questions and methodology.