

Are you ready to be a Thought Leader?

ASK-DESIGN-EXECUTE-DISSEMINATE

ASK

What is one of the biggest problems facing your target market?

DESIGN

In order to help them solve that problem, do you need to know “What,” “How” or “Why” something is happening?

EXECUTE

Who in your target market would champion this project through sponsorship, access to a database or dissemination platform?

DISSEMINATE

How do you want this to show up in the world? What do you want to do with it?



Social Research Lab
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO

Josh.Packard@unco.edu
www.unco.edu/srl
970-351-3385

Are you ready to be a Thought Leader?

Data Diagnostic Checklist

- ☐ Do you know your target market/target audience?
- ☐ Do you have a strong story to tell?
- ☐ Do you have a need for more robust content for speaking and/or writing?
- ☐ Do you use data already?
- ☐ Do you have resources (time, capital, talent) to access for this project?
- ☐ Do you seek answers to questions that come from yourself or others?
- ☐ Do you have a business plan?
- ☐ Do you have a plan to monetize the research?

What to Ask Your Research Partner

- Do you have experience working with speakers?
- How do you deliver the research to me?
- What format (report, slide deck, webinar, conference call, etc.)?
- If I want to do this project annually or regularly, is there a different cost?
- How do you charge (per project/hourly/retainer) and what are the estimated costs for this project?
- What timeline should I be expecting?
- How soon can you get started?
- How long will the project take?
- What are the most common things that cause a project to take longer than estimated or cost more than expected?



Social Research Lab
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO

Josh.Packard@unco.edu
www.unco.edu/srl
970-351-3385