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## checklist

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- Before you launch into SPSS and look at the data you will be analysing, take some time out to recall what quantitative research designs enable us to do as researchers.
  - Make sure you know about the different types of variable we use in social scientific enquiries; their nature dictates how you analyse them.
  - Be sure to understand the different types of measures of central tendency and dispersion. They are simple statistics but they can convey a lot of information quickly.
  - Remember to familiarise yourself with the SPSS interface. You will probably spend some time navigating around this software, so it is worth spending an extra few hours becoming familiar with the data view and the variable view.
  - Be sure to appreciate the importance of statistical significance. While cross-tabs, mean differences and simple bivariate correlations can be illuminating, they rarely have the power to provide you with any confidence in whether your results can be generalised to the wider population.
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## project

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Anti-immigrant and anti-EU parties have been enjoying greater political success across Europe in recent times. It is your task to find out why people vote for such parties. To carry out this project, you will need to do the following:

- Find out what surveys could be used to address your research problem. Refer back to Chapter 5 to help you with your search.
  - Having identified a relevant survey, select questions to measure the concepts needed to address your research problem. With reference to Chapters 13 and 14, provide a critical appraisal of the adequacy of these questions as measures of the concepts to be studied.
  - Draw a model of the interrelationships between your variables of interest, clearly specifying which are dependent and which are independent variables.
  - Choose an appropriate statistical technique to help you test your model.
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