Introduction

The question that we are researching is "How does breast cancer treatment affect women who live in New York City vs. rural women?" This question should matter to students at John Jay because John Jay is in New York City, so therefore our research benefits the health of women who attend John Jay. Our question relates to the interactionist theory because if you live in the city you are constantly interacting with people, but if you live in a rural area you are not interacting with people as much.

Methods & Materials

- We will be handing out a survey to women both in New York City and in rural areas.
- The survey will ask women if they have ever been diagnosed with breast cancer and what their experience following treatment has been like.
- The survey will be useful in understanding if there is a difference in life after breast cancer for women in urban vs. rural areas.
- We chose a survey because it was a simple way to gain access to questions pertaining to our study.

Survey Questions

1) Would you categorize the environment you live in as urban or rural?
2) Have you ever been diagnosed with breast cancer?
3) How would you categorize the health care you received?
4) Do you think you could have received better healthcare elsewhere?
5) Where were you living when you were diagnosed?
6) Were the resources you received enough?
7) At what stage was your breast cancer in when you were diagnosed?
8) How far did/do you have to travel to receive treatment?
9) How old are you?
10) Do you think that your treatment is enough or too much?

Conclusions

We conclude that women in urban environments are more prone to breast cancer because there is more interaction with others and they are exposed to more pollutants. However, women in urban environments are more likely to get better treatment because there are more options afforded to them. However, lower income women in urban areas may not be able to have access to better care because they cannot afford it. However, regardless of income, breast cancer is a truly horrific disease that affects too many women.

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