Overview
Projects 1 and 2 use behavioral observation scales (BOS) for grading. In this bonus assignment, you will evaluate the use of BOS for grading and for research.

If you do a good job on this assignment, you can earn up to 2% that adds directly to your course grade. That’s often enough to increase an A- to an A.

Assignment
Write a short essay (2 – 4 pages) that answers the following questions.

1. What are the advantages and disadvantages of using BOS for grading? Consider the usefulness of BOS for the grading itself (e.g., fairness, validity, feedback, speed) and the effect this grading system has on other aspects of the course (e.g., classroom environment, learning about BOS, learning about other course topics, etc.).

2. Would you use BOS for your own grading? Why or why not?

3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of BOS when it is used to code behaviors that someone is interested in for their research (e.g., social skills for children with autism, microaggressions that occur when a supervisor is giving performance evaluations)?

4. Would you use BOS for your own research? Why or why not? Relatedly, if you use Descriptive Experiences Sampling, do you consider it a BOS system?