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I spent today finding new datasets to work with and getting a new R project set up. Still haven’t gotten it hooked up to github, but hopefully I can figure that out on Monday.

I’m leaning towards looking at data concerning Political Polarization. It’s a heavy topic, but feels relevant and it’s definitely something about which I feel passionately.

I found several datasets that I’d like to work with, but for now I will focus on theses datasets:

1. “Political Polarization in US Congress”: <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/justin2028/political-polarization-in-us-congress>. This dataset tracks political polarization in US Congress from 1879 to 2023. It looks at differences in ideology-- represented by “liberal” or “conservative”-- and differences within those ideologies concerning slavery, currency, nativism, civil rights, and lifestyle issues.
2. “US Presidential Election 2024 – General Polls”: <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/yukawithdata/us-presidential-election-2024-general-polls>. This dataset contains opinion poll data from the General Polls for the 2024 US Presidential Election, and is sourced from FiveThirtyEight, which is a leading authority in data-driven political analysis. The dataset includes detailed information on voter preferences, candidate favorability, and other relevant metrics collected from a variety of polling organizations.
3. I’m also considering some datasets concerning Fake News and Economic Status.

I will look at these again on Sunday and nail down my questions concerning these datasets.