PLSC 197 / SODA 197N: Social Data, Technology, and Artificial Intelligence

Overview: Weekly Assignments

In this course, 30 percent of your final grade (300 points) will be assessed based on completion of three "weekly" assignments. The word "weekly" is in scare-quotes because, while assignments will be available for completion each week, you will not (and, in fact, should not) complete an assignment every week. Rather, one (or more) assignment(s) will be posted each week – usually on Thursday – on the course Github repository. Each assignment will:

1. be related to the topic(s) for that week,

2. vary in its form, and

3. have its instructions and expectations fully explained in the assignment itself.

Each assignment will have a deadline for completion, typically two weeks from the data on which the assignment is posted. Those are hard deadlines; *assignments which are not completed before the indicated deadline will not be accepted*. When they are available, a student may not complete more than one assignment from a particular week.

Each completed assignment is worth a possible 100 points. Over the course of the semester, you are responsible for completing *three* weekly assignments of your choice. Additional assignments beyond three will not be accepted or evaluated. All assignments should be completed in a manner consistent with the guidelines on *Academic Integrity* and *Generative AI, Large Language Models, etc.* in the course syllabus.

Questions about these guidelines, or about any particular assignment, should be directed to Dr. Zorn (at `zorn@psu.edu`) *and* Mr. Memovic (at `arif.memovic@psu.edu`).