

# Getting Started with Policy Area Labeling

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Welcome to the **Political Compass Categorization Team**! This guide will walk you through the initial steps required to start labeling Reddit posts and comments using Label Studio. Follow the instructions below to begin your labeling tasks seamlessly.

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## Getting Started

To help you navigate the labeling process efficiently, please follow these initial steps illustrated below:

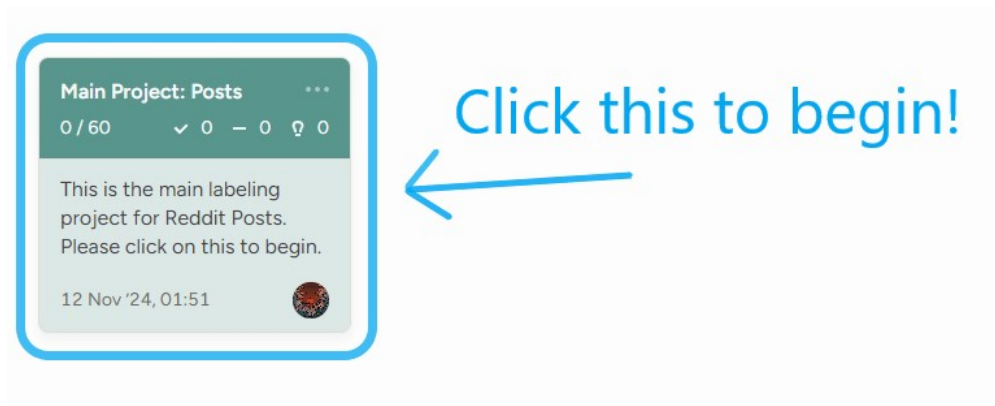
### 1. Access Label Studio

- Launch your preferred web browser.
  - Navigate to <http://34.23.190.214:8080/>.
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### 2. Register an Account:

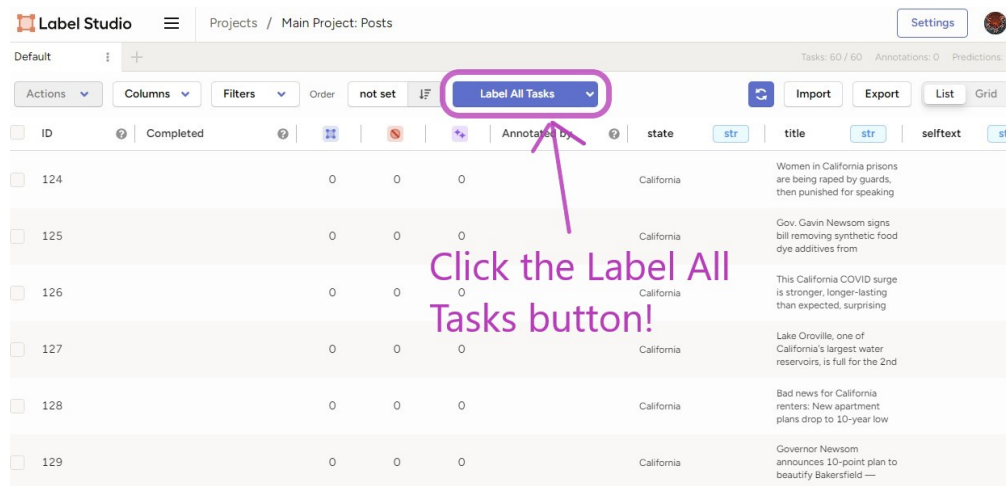
- On the Label Studio homepage, click on the “**Sign Up**” or “**Register**” button.
  - Fill in your email address and create a password. **Note:** Validation of the email is not required; it is solely used for your login credentials.
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### 3. Enter the Project



- After signing in, locate the “**Main Project**” button on your dashboard.
- Click the “**Main Project**” button to enter the project workspace.

### 4. Begin Labeling



- Within the project workspace, locate the blue “**Label All Tasks**” button.
- Click the “**Label All Tasks**” button to begin labeling.

## 5. Label Policy Areas

**State:**  
California  
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**Post Title:**  
Gov. Gavin Newsom signs bill removing synthetic food dye additives from California schools  
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**Image (if available):**  
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**Post Contents:**  
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**Classify the Topic**

<input type="checkbox"/> Health and Healthcare <sup>(1)</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Defense and National Security <sup>(2)</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Crime and Law Enforcement <sup>(3)</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> International Affairs and Trade <sup>(4)</sup>
<input type="checkbox"/> Government Operations and Politics <sup>(5)</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Economy and Finance <sup>(6)</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Environment and Natural Resources <sup>(7)</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Education and Social Services <sup>(8)</sup>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and Food <sup>(9)</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Science, Technology, and Communications <sup>(10)</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Immigration and Civil Rights <sup>(11)</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Infrastructure <sup>(12)</sup>
<input type="checkbox"/> Culture and Recreation <sup>(13)</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other / Uncategorized <sup>(14)</sup>		

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Select which topic the post best fits into! (Only 1)

Then, click submit!

Skip Submit

- **Review Content:** Carefully read the **Title**, **Image**, and **Contents** (if available) of each post or comment.
- **Select a Policy Area:** Click on the policy area that best fits the content. **Only one policy area is allowed per post**, so choose the most appropriate one.
- **Submit:** After selecting the policy area, click “**Submit**” to move to the next task.

## 6. Skip Tasks

**Post Contents:**

I mean, it's prolly the best fair ever. Just sayin'.  
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**If unsure or too difficult, skip!**

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**Skip** **Submit** ▼

- If a task is too challenging, time-consuming, or does not clearly fit into any policy area, you can **Skip** it.
- Click the “**Skip**” button to move to the next task without assigning a label.

## Additional Tips for Getting Started

- **Familiarize Yourself:** Before diving into labeling, take some time to review the **Policy Area Reference Guide** to understand each category thoroughly.
- **Practice Labeling:** Start with a few practice tasks to get comfortable with the labeling interface and process.
- **Maintain Focus:** If you’ve been labeling too long or are getting frustrated, close out the labeling and come back later!
- **Seek Assistance:** If you encounter any issues or have questions, reach out.

## Contact and Support

If you encounter any issues, have questions, or need further clarification, please reach out to the project team:

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