BDS 522 Final Project Outline

Some people asked me about the rubric for the project. There is no rubric and it's deliberately made so. The reason for this is because each of your projects is individual and you use vastly different data sources and methods. Creating one set of grading rules I believe will diminish the "creative" part of your project. I have, however, some guidelines that I consult with when grading. **Here's a brief summary of what I want to see in the project:**

(Note that there might be deviations from these guidelines if they are motivated by your project.

I will also deduct points when I see something wrong even if it not listed here, such as wrong code, incorrect interpretation of results etc.)

1. Intro
   1. ~~At least one cited source or any other form of the motivation for the study~~
   2. ~~Clear explanation of the problem~~
   3. ~~At least one research hypothesis~~
2. Data and methods
   1. ~~Data description~~
   2. ~~At least one table/graph/other depiction of the data~~
   3. ~~Description and motivation of method used to analyze~~
3. Results
   1. ~~No mistakes in dependent/independent variables~~
   2. ~~At least one analysis exploring the association~~
   3. At least one analysis exploring potential confounders or a paragraph explaining why the analysis might have limitations
   4. General description of the results
4. Conclusions
   1. Clear Statement of whether the hypothesis was confirmed
   2. A potential explanation for the result
   3. Implications

*General comments:*

1. *Tables are formatted/easy to read / how neat the project is (a very minor consideration)*
2. *The text is easy to read and is not disjoint*