Group Dynamic

This project group initially consisted of Caroline Rives, Marina Biggio, and Victoria Schein (me.) The group started out with complications because Marina Biggio left for a weekend on medical leave, resulting in me and Caroline to finish the Initial Project Proposal. Working on the initial project proposal was difficult because we had many ideas for projects and could not decide on one. We met as a group a week before working on the initial proposal and had an idea concerning paternity leave and the economy. Caroline and I worked together on the initial proposal without Marina. We could not find a lot of data for the topics she suggested. In order for us to get a grade and turn something in, I finished the entire Initial Project Proposal on my own and turned it in before the deadline. I found a dataset that worked for a project having to do with housing prices in Boston. We were both not extremely interested in this topic, but the dataset worked for what we needed to complete. Between me and Caroline, it was a mutual that I was to finish the entire initial proposal, and then we would take some more time to find an idea that worked for both of us, especially an idea that we could find data for with a good number of observations.

With the revised project design, all three of us were present to work on it. We came up with a new idea and found data. With the submission of our data, Marina was not able to contribute. She did not have a computer that night, and I wanted to get it done so that we could turn it in the next day. I finished Marina’s data in order to submit it the next day. I offered to do this for her because I wanted to put the data into R-studio to see if it would work properly and to start plotting variables. Caroline did all of her data with an equal contribution. The draft handout was finished by me and Caroline. By this point in the project, Marina was also not present in school due to medical leave. We kept her updated with what we were doing on the project in case she was going to be back by the time of the presentation. The draft handout was complete with both an equal contribution from Caroline and I. Caroline and I spent the majority of the time working together on the draft handout. I did most of the formatting and the writing/outline while Caroline gave insight on everything I was doing. Caroline and I edited our presentation slides and Final Handout as a team. She was efficient in asking questions about our project to both professors. Overall, sharing the work load was for the most part equal amongst me and Caroline. We distributed the slides based on what we thought we were better at explaining to the audience. Marina was still not present on the day of the presentation. She was not present for most of the stages in the project development and I considered her to not be a part our group during the presentation. For most of the project, Marina did not update me or Caroline on the situation of her medical leave. We would make an attempt to communicate with her, but we were not extremely successful in receiving a response. There were very difficult parts of the project where I felt confused and overwhelmed because having a third group member would have helped the work load and provide more of an input and insight towards each part of the project.

Caroline and I worked well together overall. At first it was difficult to work with her, but we managed to understand the way each other worked, and got the project done. All in all I Caroline and I put in a sizeable effort toward the project. I chose to give myself 60% of the overall effort in the group project because I did most of the slides on the presentation, all of the initial proposal, formatted most of the final draft, did a lot of the work during a lab day while Caroline finished French homework, created flashcards for both me and Caroline for presentation day, and created all of the pictures and diagrams that were present on the slides and handout. I feel like if I would have never initiated any of the parts of the project (including the details and important parts of the project completion,) then the project would have never gotten completed in a timely manner. However, Caroline did put in effort to meet and work on the project as well. She did help edit a big part of the project, interpretations, and handout. She was also very helpful in getting questions answered that we had toward the project. She was very involved in the topic.

Percentage of the total amount of work effort done by each member:

Caroline: 40%

Victoria: 60%

Marina: 0%