

PROJECT: Progress Report [63 points total]

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Needs work</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Formatting <i>3 points</i>	3 – Followed all formatting guidelines.	2 – Failed to follow one formatting guideline.	1 – Failed to follow multiple formatting guidelines.		
Research question <i>10 points</i>	10, 9 – Research question is clear, focused, concise, complex, and arguable.	8, 7, 6 – Research question is reasonably clear and focused, but may be too simple, too complex, or too verbose.	5, 4, 3 – Research question is unclear and lacks focus. – Research question is far too simple or overly complex.		
Data sources <i>10 points</i>	10, 9 – Data sources or plausible data sources are clearly described. – Validity of and concerns about data is discussed.	8, 7, 6 – Identified data sources or plausible data sources are not clearly described. – Validity of and concerns about data are minimally discussed.	5, 4, 3 – Data sources are poorly described or missing. – Description of validity of and concerns about data are poor or missing.		
Evaluation of expectations <i>10 points</i>	10, 9 – Clear discussion of whether or not proposal expectations about variables and relationships were met. – Evidence from the data provided to support discussion.	8, 7, 6 – Description of only one expected variable, relationship, or chart. – Minimal description of two expected variables, relationships, or charts. – Minimal evidence provided to support discussion	5, 4, 3 – Poor or missing descriptions of variables, relationships, or charts. – Poor or missing description between variables and research question. – Poor or missing evidence to support discussion.		
Preliminary charts <i>20 points (10 each)</i>	10, 9 – Charts expertly demonstrate the best practices of visual design and convey a clear message. – Charts are functionally accurate and are generally easy to understand. – Charts are informative towards research question.	8, 7, 6 – Charts generally demonstrate best practices of visual design. – Although accurate, there are some elements that may be confusing. – Charts are only mildly informative towards research question	5, 4, 3 – Charts generally lack best practices of visual design. – Elements are confusing. – Charts are not informative for or unrelated to research question.	Viz 1: Viz 2:	
Technical things <i>10 points</i>	10, 9 – All code runs without errors. – All code and data are included in the submitted .zip file. – Analysis is fully reproducible (i.e. .Rmd file compiles).	8, 7, 6 – Code has only one or two errors. – All code and data are included in the submitted .zip file.	5, 4, 3 – Code has multiple errors. – Submitted .zip file is missing key components to be able to reproduce the analysis.		

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