Feedback for Project Number 15

## Instructions

Use the program below (beginning line 13) to figure out who you will be critiquing. You will critique two of your colleagues’ work and provide feedback for them to produce their best work. Remember this is to help them out so do not be mean, but also do not hold back. Be sure to highlight areas of success as equally as areas of failure. Use the template below the code to provide them this feedback. You can find the [project links here](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TeRLCCzdV_1e2hx4JIrIS8X9S_h21IHqvWNv02Q226s/edit?usp=sharing)

**Be sure to change the name of the project in the title above and in the document title.** This is the project number you are critiquing and should be included in the output file so that the document name reads ‘Critique\_of\_Project##.docx’. Once you are finished, e-mail me both documents (one document per critique) and I will upload them to the ‘Peer\_Reviewed\_Work’ folder so that your peers can view them. Do not e-mail me the .Rmd file. These reviews are due by **Friday, March 26th at 5:30pm CST**. For ease you can use this markdown file to fill out your responses and knit which will produce a word document for you.

## Feedback Below

**What is their topic on?**

* *“San Antonio City Council Productivity”*
* *The project covers analysis of productivity and voting patterns of San Antonio City Council meetings.*

**Are the objectives of the project clearly identifiable?**

* *The goal is to study how well our city council functions, how often they vote on issues, if they are polarized in their voting patterns, and if these answers have changed in the last 20 years.*
* *The presenter was curious how a municipal government functioned in comparison to a state or federal body.*
* *The presenter hopes to identify trends of productivity and voting trends of the San Antonio municipal government over the last 20 years by analyzing meeting minutes via PDF parsing.*

**What data are used?**

* *The website scraped is https://www.sanantonio.gov/Clerk/Legislative/City-Council-Agendas-Minutes*
* *No additional data was brought in, however a PDF reader/parser was required.*

**What is your overall impression of the project?**

My overall impression of this project is that it was well-researched and pursued with a technically sound methodology. I feel there were enough challenges present in the project that it piqued my interest to learn how they were addressed.

**Other encouragements/critiques you would like to provide to your colleague in order for them to have a more refined project.**

This project was interesting and some of the conclusions did surprise me. Specifically, I would have expected the number of meetings with votes to increase as San Antonio is undergoing major changes (especially downtown). I would suggest labeling the axes on some of the charts as it took some time to understand what I was looking at. However, I do appreciate the presenter keeping the themes, scales, and colors consistent throughout the presentation.