

## Assignment for Friday, February 24

Before class, do the following:

1. Complete the survey posted under February 24 on the course webpage. **Please do this soon, so that we have your data before class.**
2. Read chs. 7 and 8 of FPP and complete the assigned exercises. The exercises are posted at the top of the course webpage.
3. Continue to work on Writing Assignment 1. At this point, you should have decided on an observation and sketched out a model. Now you should begin writing your paper. I posted a detailed explanation of the requirements under February 24 on the course webpage.
4. If you like, you can put together and print one page that includes (1) a graph showing the observation you want to focus on (e.g., two states, parties, or years are different) and (2) a few sentences speculating about why this difference emerged (e.g., why are these two states, parties, or years different?). Do not include one of the 50-state graphs we made as part of the computing assignments. Instead, your graph should focus narrowly on a single comparison. If your summary is well-done, then I'll give you one-half point extra credit, as well as make sure you are on the right track.