Empirical Project

Due on June 4

- What do I expect?
- 1. Economic thoughts:
- Arguments based on economic analysis.
- Arguments supported by facts, and facts selected appropriately.
- Clearly defined terminologies.
- 2. Clearly defined research question(s)
- 3. Data analysis
- 4. Thorough discussion of results

Credit will be given for clarity of explanations and good organization.

- Structure
- 1. **Motivation/Objective/Purpose**—I am going to ask this question. And it's an interesting question (convince why it's an important question to look at!).
- 2. **Methodology**—I am going to answer this question in this way.
 - Theory: that's what the model predicts.
 - Data: I would use data this way to test the predictions.

(This section will be bonus)

- 3. **Data**—the sources of my data. Content in my data. Or, describe an ideal dataset.
- Use data from reliable sources
- Mention the source clearly
- Provide URL
- Always pay attention to: The coverage—what countries? What years or months or quarters? What sectors? How did they sample the population?
- 4. **Results and Analysis** what do I find.
 - Include your graphs, tables
 - Interpret economically
- 5. **Conclusion** —Main take away point(s) from my analysis, any policy prescription (This section will be bonus)
- **6. Reference** If you borrow content from other sources, cite them
 - If you fail to do so, in academic world this is plagiarism.
 - You can read other people's works on this project and use their findings as long as you cite them.

Your project report should be no more than 3 pages, 11 pts, 1.5 spaced, including the graphs/tables