

Data Journalism Project

Objective: Produce a data-driven news story that investigates a significant trend, pattern, or issue in electoral processes.

Due Date: October 22

Instructions: 1. **Select a Topic** (examples below or your own choice): - Investigation of voting pattern changes across demographic groups - Analysis of how electoral maps have shifted over time - Data story on campaign finance patterns and their impacts - Investigation of voter registration trends and barriers - Analysis of poll accuracy and changes in polling methodology

2. Core Requirements:

- Begin with a strong news hook and a clear thesis about what your data reveals.
- Include at least two original data visualizations to illuminate your findings.
- Incorporate interviews or quotes from at least two expert sources.
- Place findings in historical context using past election data.
- Explain methodology and data sources transparently (use in-text links instead of citations).
- Write in journalistic style (inverted pyramid structure, clear language, engaging narrative).

3. Formatting & Submission:

- Length: 2–4 single-spaced pages (excluding visualizations).
- Visualizations must be integrated into the text and clearly labeled.