

Class One

Getting to Know Me, The Class, and What Not

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Outline

- About me
- About This Class
- Working Definition of Government

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Personal Stuff

- Makes Graphs for Fun
- Bay Area Expat
- Walk up song: Act Up- Rich Brian
- Generally can be found at a gym, my couch, or at the dog park with my dog Melonie

Dog Pictures

About the class

Where are the Slides?

- The slides live on the website I put in the announcement [here](#)
- Practically the HTML version of the slides are gonna be the ones I use in class.
- The PDF versions of the slides will just be there for you guys to take notes on if you would like.
- If you are curious about how they are made just visit [this link](#) and click on the file with the ".Rmd" extension

Schedule for the Semester

January						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

February						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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- Class Day
- Exams
- Extra Credit NCCHR
- Activity

April						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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Note Exams Close at 11:59 Pm

Grading Summary

ITEM	PERCENTAGE
Syllabus Quiz	2%
Surveys	5%
Readings and Question Area9	23%
Exams	42%
Online Activities	9%
NCCHR	14%
End of Semester Assesment Quiz	5%

How to Do Well in This Class

- Do the reading
- Take good notes
- Ask questions when you do not understand something
- Participate

Break Time

05:00

Stuff You Will be Tested On

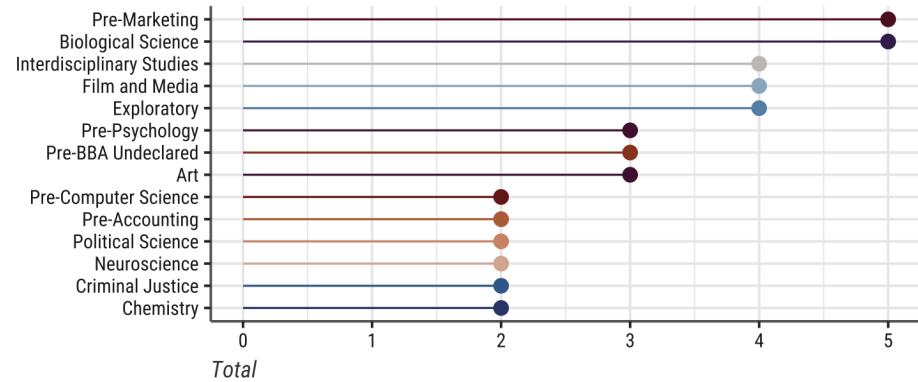
What is a Government and What Does it Do?



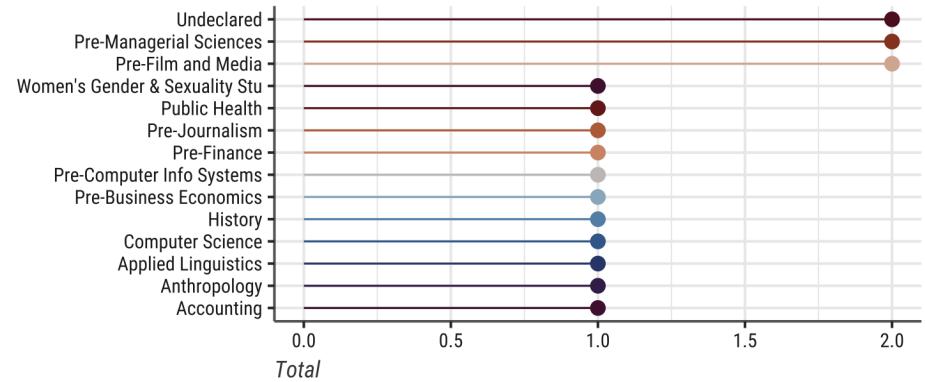
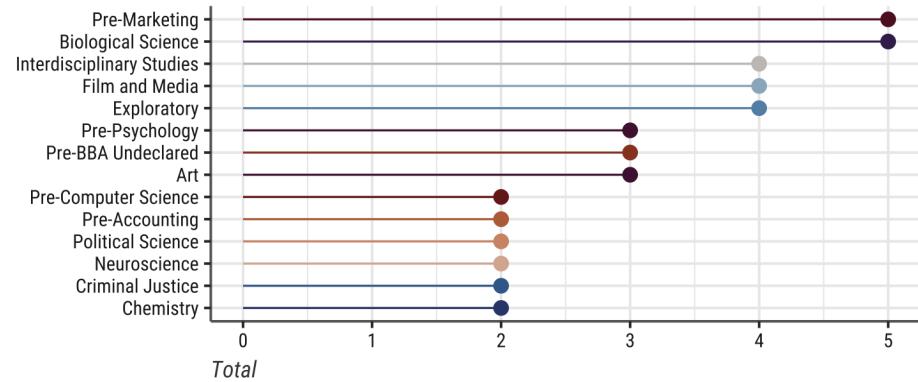
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Activity Time

- What is something you would do that would slightly inconvenience an enemy
- What is a hot take you have

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