



# Class One

Getting to Know Me, The Class, and What Not

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# Outline

- About me
- About This Class
- misc



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# Personal Stuff

- Makes Graphs for Fun
- Bay Area Expat
- Walk up song: Man of the Year- Schoolboy Q
- or with my dog Melonie at the dog park.



# Dog Pictures

# About the class

# Where are the Slides

- The slides live in the github repo at the top of the syllabus
- Instead of putting them on icollege and fighting with iCollege they live on a website
- 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.



# Schedule for the Semester

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

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

February						
6	7	1	2	3	4	5
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

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March						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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- Class Day
- Exams
- Extra Credit NCCHR
- Activity

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

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Note Exams Close at 11:59 Pm



# How to Do Well in This Class

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



# Break Time

```
countdown::countdown(minutes = 5, play_sound = TRUE)
```

05:00



# Stuff You Will be Tested On



# Definining What We Mean



# What are Governments and What Do they Do?





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