

Assignment #9

MACS 30000, Dr. Evans

Due Friday, Dec. 14 at 5:30pm

1. **Referee report with extension (10 points).** When a researcher submits a paper to a journal, the journal editor usually sends the paper to two or more referees who are experts on the subject of the paper and can comment on its validity, accuracy, relevance, and quality. Pretend that you have received one of the papers (of your choice) in Table 1 below as a referee. You are to write a referee report that is **three-to-five pages long** and covers the following areas. Note that the final area to cover is different from a referee report. At the end of your referee report, I want you to suggest an extension of the methods or research question of the paper that one (or you) could execute as a research project.
 - (a) Do the author(s) adequately define a research question? What is the research question?
 - (b) Do the author(s) compellingly answer the research question?
 - (c) Are the methods of answering the research question appropriate and sufficient?
 - (d) How well do the author(s) put their paper in context of the broader literature? Are they missing any citations? Do they have any unnecessary citations?
 - (e) Please identify and correct any grammatical, spelling, or style errors in the body of the text and in the references.
 - (f) Propose an extension of either the methods of this paper for the research question, or an extension of the research question using the methods, or both. Describe specifically the extended research question and methods (and maybe data).

Table 1: Options of papers to referee

Field	Paper reference
Economics	Athey (2018, forthcoming) Brumm and Scheidegger (2017)
Political Science	Bonica (2018, forthcoming) Gentzkow et al. (2018)
Psychology	Sanchez et al. (2018) Yourganov et al. (2014)
Sociology	Kozlowski et al. (2018) Mao et al. (2017)

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