

## Marion Stokes Tapes

## 1. Merging and sorting

- ~~Make a duplicate of the spreadsheet and merge all tapes into one sheet~~
- ~~Sort chronologically. Separate out the tapes with multiple dates or no dates or improperly formatted dates.~~
- When tapes have the same date, sort by start time. With same caveats as dates
  - Sort by criteria 1 AND 2, with 2 as time column

## 2. Analysis

- Date and time
  - How did the frequency of taping change over time?
    - Can sort by year
    - Plotting by month over the whole period isn't so helpful. Reduce window to say a year
    - Same for weeks, days, etc.
    - Jules can make code user-friendly so I only have to change parameters to manipulate the data (filters by date, networks, tape manufacturer)
  - What days, weeks, months, were missed, if any?
  - Are there commonalities in the start times?
  - May have to disaggregate networks
    - Eat the whale one bite at a time
    - Confronting a wayward dataset
      - Very frustrating for Jules
      - But, I think it's a good kind of frustration. In fact, the best kind of frustration. The kind that pushes you to push yourself to innovate.

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- Frequency of taping by network over time
  - I asked Jules to make a list of every entry in the TV networks/channels (as both .csv and .txt)
  - Worked so well that I'm having him make frequency lists for every column!
- Frequency of taping format (VHS, BetaMax) and tape brand (Sony, Fuji) over time
- Description
  - What are common words?

### For next meeting

- Jules will Create line graph of frequency of tapings over time by news network
- Daniel
  - In the meantime
    - Start researching network names to better understand and synchronize/normalize the networks for more accuracy
    - Create list of names that should be combined (.txt , email content)
    - From which Jules can plug into chart