

# Methods and Initial Results

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**Write the data/methods sections for your research paper and present your initial results.**

- 4-8+ pages (maybe more depending on how extensively you have analyzed your data so far)
- Include the major components of these sections as covered earlier this term. In no particular order (but follow an order that makes sense for your paper):
  - Define the model (but don't reproduce the literature review - you'll link these together in the final paper)
  - Describe the data and how to obtain it
  - Describe data collection procedures
  - Map variables to theoretical constructs
  - Summary statistics for key variables
  - Define the methods used to analyze the data
  - Present initial (tentative results)
  - Use tables and figures as appropriate
- Grading will be based on:
  - Actually having data to analyze (and being appropriate for your theory)
  - Implementing an appropriate computational method given your research question
  - Describing your data using appropriate methods
  - Presenting and explaining results accurately and clearly
  - Tables and figures are not raw output from Python/R, but are properly formatted and labeled
- A PDF of this document should be available in the `MethodsResults` folder in your repo by **11:30am on Wednesday, May 9th**