

# Final Review

SOCI 385 - Fall 2023

ML

## Set up

```
library(tidyverse)
library(kableExtra)

final <- read_csv("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/mjclawrence/soci385_f23/main/data/final.csv")
```

This review is based on the “Informal and Formal Punishment” learning guide available at Middlebury’s [Sociology Data Lab](#).

## Descriptive Statistics

**Summarize dependent variable (crimsent), independent variable (cancul1), and control variable (choose race, ideology, gender, or division).**

These are all categorical variables, so responses to any of them could use proportion tables for summaries.

The responses to the `crimsent` variable are ordered, so you want to assert the levels (from lowest to highest) before making a table.

```
final <- final |>
  mutate(crimsent = factor(crimsent,
                           levels = c("Too little time",
                                       "About the right amount",
                                       "Too much time")))
```

There are only two responses to the `cancul1` question, so we don’t have to order them.

Table 1: Distribution of Responses to Cancel Culture Question

Response	Proportion
Accountable	0.59
Punish	0.41

Table 2: Distribution of Responses to Ideology Question

Response	Proportion
Very Conservative	0.09
Conservative	0.27
Moderate	0.37
Liberal	0.19
Very Liberal	0.08

```
round(prop.table(table(final$cancel1)),2) |>
  kbl(booktabs = TRUE,
      col.names = c("Response", "Proportion"),
      align = rep("c", 1),
      caption = "Distribution of Responses to Cancel Culture Question") |>
  kable_paper()
```

The responses to the `ideology` variable are ordered, so you want to assert the levels in a way that makes sense before making a table.

```
final <- final |>
  mutate(ideology = factor(ideology,
                          levels = c("Very Conservative",
                                       "Conservative",
                                       "Moderate",
                                       "Liberal",
                                       "Very Liberal"))))

round(prop.table(table(final$ideology)),2) |>
  kbl(booktabs = TRUE,
      col.names = c("Response", "Proportion"),
      align = rep("c", 1),
      caption = "Distribution of Responses to Ideology Question") |>
  kable_paper()
```

## Create and summarize a new categorical variable based on your dependent variable

One option here would be to make a binary variable for one of the responses to the `crimsent` question. In this example, we'll make a new variable called `crimsent_toomuch` that takes a 1 if a respondent answers "Too much time" to the `crimsent` question and a 0 if they have any other response.

```
final <- final |>
  mutate(crimsent_toomuch = ifelse(crimsent == "Too much time", 1, 0))
```

## Include and interpret a figure that shows the mean of your dependent variable by each level of your categorical independent variable

Use the new binary dependent variable created above. Recall that the mean of a binary variable gives you the proportion with a 1, so the means below are the proportions in each level of `cancul1` answering "Too much time" to the `crimsent` question.

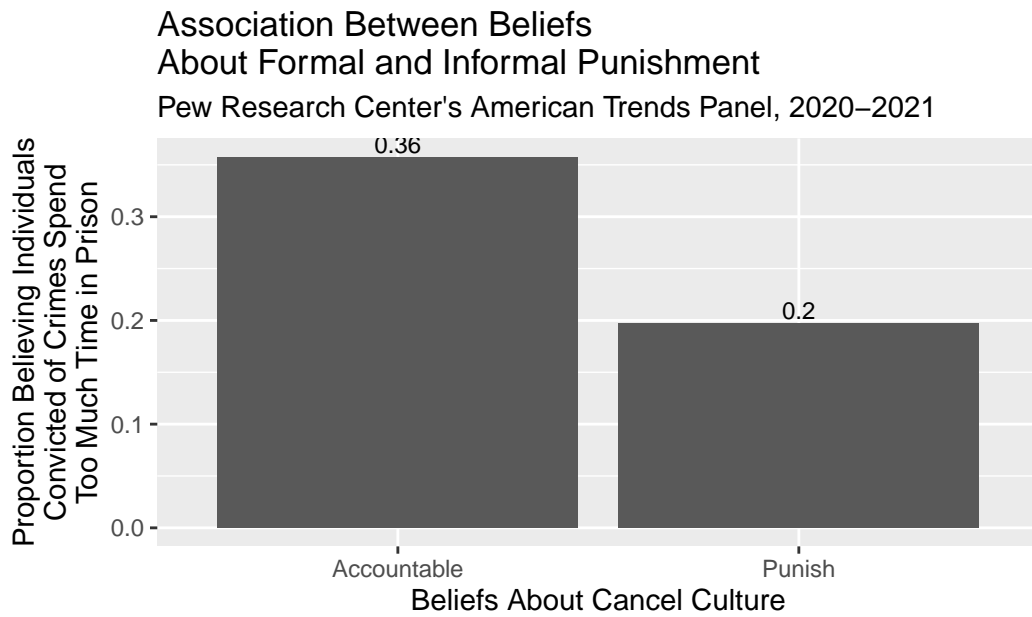
```
final |>
  group_by(cancul1) |>
  summarise(prop_toomuch = mean(crimsent_toomuch))
```

```
# A tibble: 2 x 2
  cancul1      prop_toomuch
  <chr>         <dbl>
1 Accountable 0.358
2 Punish      0.197
```

You can use the same setup to create the figure

```
final |>
  group_by(cancul1) |>
  summarise(prop_toomuch = mean(crimsent_toomuch)) |>
  ggplot(aes(x = cancul1, y = prop_toomuch)) +
  geom_col() +
  labs(x = "Beliefs About Cancel Culture",
       y = "Proportion Believing Individuals\nConvicted of Crimes Spend\nToo Much Time in",
       title = "Association Between Beliefs\nAbout Formal and Informal Punishment",
       subtitle = "Pew Research Center's American Trends Panel, 2020-2021",
       caption = "ML for SOCI 385, Fall 2023") +
  geom_text(aes(label = round(prop_toomuch, 2),
```

```
vjust = -.25),
size = 3)
```



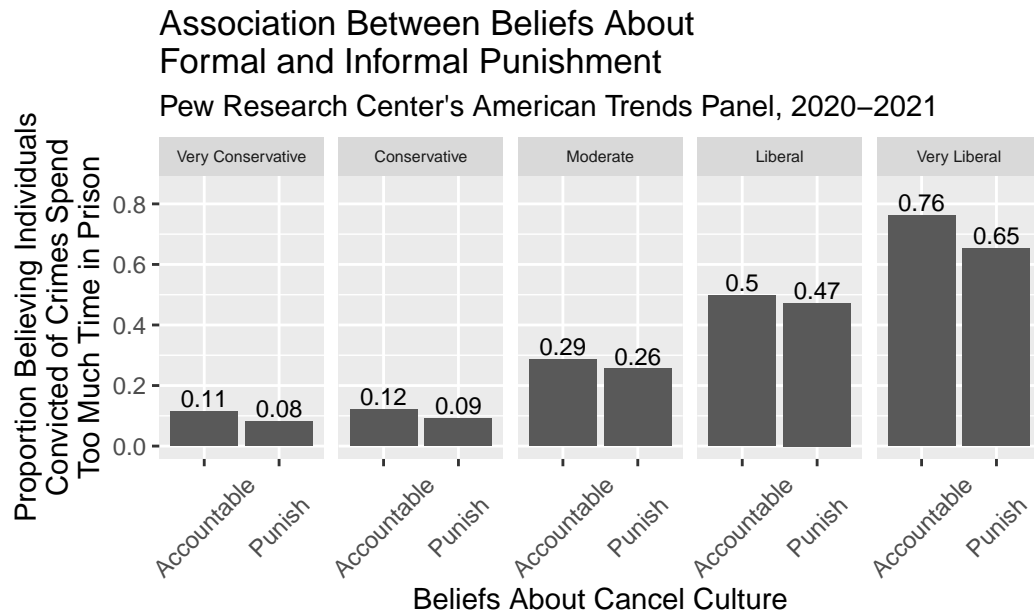
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Let's bring in our control variable too.

```
final |>
  group_by(cancul1, ideology) |>
  summarise(prop_toomuch = mean(crimsent_toomuch)) |>
  ggplot(aes(x = cancel1, y = prop_toomuch)) +
  geom_col() +
  labs(x = "Beliefs About Cancel Culture",
       y = "Proportion Believing Individuals\nConvicted of Crimes Spend\nToo Much Time in",
       title = "Association Between Beliefs About\nFormal and Informal Punishment",
       subtitle = "Pew Research Center's American Trends Panel, 2020–2021",
       caption = "ML for SOCI 385, Fall 2023") +
  geom_text(aes(label = round(prop_toomuch, 2),
                    vjust = -.25),
            size = 3) +
  facet_grid(.~ideology) +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, vjust = .5),
        strip.text = element_text(size = 6)) +
```

```
ylim(c(0,.85)) # stretch out the y axis if labels are cut off
```

`summarise()` has grouped output by 'cancel1'. You can override using the `.groups` argument.



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## Inference

**Create a binary variable from your dependent variable. Test if the proportions with a 1 for this new binary variable differ significantly at the .05 alpha level between two groups/levels of your control variable.**

We already have the binary dependent variable (`crimsent_toomuch`). We'll use the two extremes of our control variable in the test.

```
proptest_df <- final |>
  filter(ideology == "Very Conservative" |
         ideology == "Very Liberal") |>
  droplevels() # This is new
```

```
proptest_table <- table(proptest_df$ideology,
                        proptest_df$crimsent_toomuch)
```

Let's look at the responses...

```
prop.table(proptest_table, 1)
```

	0	1
Very Conservative	0.90894569	0.09105431
Very Liberal	0.25828970	0.74171030

Huge differences here! Three-quarters of respondents identifying as very liberal say that individuals convicted of crimes spend too much time in prison compared to only nine percent of respondents identifying as very conservative.

```
prop.test(proptest_table)
```

2-sample test for equality of proportions with continuity correction

```
data:  proptest_table
X-squared = 524.14, df = 1, p-value < 2.2e-16
alternative hypothesis: two.sided
95 percent confidence interval:
 0.6066499 0.6946620
sample estimates:
   prop 1   prop 2 
0.9089457 0.2582897
```

**Test if your categorical dependent variable and your control variable are dependent.**

```
chisq.test(final$ideology, final$crimsent)
```

Pearson's Chi-squared test

```
data:  final$ideology and final$crimsent
X-squared = 1448.3, df = 8, p-value < 2.2e-16
```

## Regression

For our models, we will want to use the binary dependent variable we created above.

### Regress your dependent variable on your independent variable

```
model1 <- lm(crimsent_toomuch ~ cancel1, data = final)
summary(model1)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = crimsent_toomuch ~ cancel1, data = final)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-0.3576	-0.3576	-0.1970	0.6424	0.8030

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	0.357570	0.007063	50.62	<2e-16 ***
cancel1Punish	-0.160562	0.011012	-14.58	<2e-16 ***

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Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 0.4476 on 6821 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.03023, Adjusted R-squared: 0.03008

F-statistic: 212.6 on 1 and 6821 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

Thirty six percent of respondents who believe that publicly calling out others on social media for posting content that might be considered offensive holds people accountable believe that individuals who are convicted of crimes spend too much time in prison. Approximately twenty percent of respondents who believe that cancel culture punishes people who didn't deserve it believe that convicted criminals spend too much time in prison. The sixteen point gap between these two groups is significant.

## Now add your control variable

```
model2 <- lm(crimsent_toomuch ~ cancel1 + ideology, data = final)
summary(model2)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = crimsent_toomuch ~ cancel1 + ideology, data = final)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-0.7480	-0.2874	-0.1149	0.2520	0.9196

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	0.114878	0.018033	6.370	2.01e-10 ***
cancel1Punish	-0.034442	0.010821	-3.183	0.00146 **
ideologyConservative	0.009187	0.019012	0.483	0.62895
ideologyModerate	0.172551	0.018671	9.242	< 2e-16 ***
ideologyLiberal	0.383687	0.020757	18.485	< 2e-16 ***
ideologyVery Liberal	0.633084	0.024366	25.982	< 2e-16 ***

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Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 0.4105 on 6817 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.1849, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1843

F-statistic: 309.2 on 5 and 6817 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

Holding political ideology constant, respondents who believe that cancel culture punishes individuals who do not deserve it are only three percentage points less likely to believe individuals convicted of crimes spend too much time in prison. This difference is much smaller than what we saw in the first model but it is still statistically significant.

Net of beliefs about cancel culture, there is no significant difference in the percentages of conservative and very conservative respondents who believe that convicted individuals spend too much time in prison. However, net of beliefs about cancel culture, there is a significant difference of sixty-three points in the percentage of very conservative and very liberal respondents who believe that convicted individuals spend too much time in prison.



Now add an interaction between your independent variable and your control variable.

```
model3 <- lm(crimsent_toomuch ~ cancel1 * ideology, data = final)
summary(model3)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = crimsent_toomuch ~ cancel1 * ideology, data = final)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-0.7612	-0.2862	-0.1140	0.2388	0.9192

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )	
(Intercept)	0.113990	0.029550	3.858	0.000116	***
cancel1Punish	-0.033158	0.035530	-0.933	0.350727	
ideologyConservative	0.007304	0.033171	0.220	0.825723	
ideologyModerate	0.172180	0.031314	5.498	3.97e-08	***
ideologyLiberal	0.382655	0.032168	11.896	< 2e-16	***
ideologyVery Liberal	0.647204	0.035107	18.435	< 2e-16	***
cancel1Punish:ideologyConservative	0.003350	0.040524	0.083	0.934119	
cancel1Punish:ideologyModerate	0.002102	0.039385	0.053	0.957444	
cancel1Punish:ideologyLiberal	0.009088	0.046206	0.197	0.844086	
cancel1Punish:ideologyVery Liberal	-0.074190	0.056940	-1.303	0.192636	

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Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 0.4105 on 6813 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.1852, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1842

F-statistic: 172.1 on 9 and 6813 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

The interaction terms are not significant in this model. While political ideology is associated with beliefs about formal punishment and beliefs about informal punishment, the association between beliefs about formal and informal punishment does not vary by political ideology.