Assignments: Day 1

**Group Assignment:**

**1st part**

The first part of this assignment consists of a short introduction to Stata tools that will allow students to perform preliminary analysis on data. Open the do-file entitled “BC\_Stata\_Intro” and follow the steps to get familiarized with useful tools for producing summary statistics and manage information.

**2nd part**

The second part of this class is devoted to introducing some well-known polls, and familiarizing students with the general concept of survey research.In the class dropbox you will find a folder entitled “Survey Examples”. Look through these surveys, paying close attention to their target populations, sampling frames, and measures. After you have gone through these surveys, *select one survey for which you will complete a human subject’s application.* Note that some of the survey methodologies are described only in the corresponding academic papers, so take care in reading these*. If none of these surveys are of interest, you may suggest to the TF an alternative survey,* but the methodology for this survey must be available to share. After selecting a survey of your choice, describe general characteristics regarding the contents (i.e., number of observations, sample frame, target population, etc..). Afterwards, download the data, carefully observe the data format, and briefly describe the *variable by case data grid.* Using the script from the 1st part of the class, try to reproduce summary statistics of the variables included in the selected survey. Upload a file containing the description of the selected survey and relevant summary statistics to the “Assignment Submissions/Group Assignments/Day 1” folder in the class dropbox by 9pm.