Final Project

Due Monday, May 31st at 5:00 p.m. CT. Please submit the link to the project in a PDF onto Canvas.

The purpose of this project is to see if you can weave together everything we discussed in class into one cohesive product. I'm looking for graphics that I would be happy to publish in the New York Times, LATimes or the Washington Post.

Since this is a final project, the level of work should be above that of a daily chart in the newspaper but below that of the Upshot's more [comprehensive](#) [works](#) (which take months to develop). Here are some examples (which took two or three weeks to complete in the newsroom):

- [How Nonemployed Americans Spend Their Weekdays: Men vs. Women](#)
- [It's Not Just You: Many Are Placing Bets on Summer Travel](#)
- [A Year Later, Who Is Back to Work and Who Is Not?](#)
- [Reddit Is America's Unofficial Unemployment Hotline](#)

Your project can be original analysis or drawn from published work that already exists. I'm simply looking for a vehicle for you to express what you've learned in this class.

I'm looking for your graphic to tell a compelling story. The charts or maps should be well designed, well written and be in a form that effectively expresses the data. You will not be graded on technical achievement, but again the effectiveness of the work.

You don't need to write 800 words to match the charts, but I should be able to get most of what needs to be said through the headline, annotations, tick labels and graphic.

Lastly, I don't want to compel you all to play it on the safe side just for a grade. Don't be afraid to experiment or make a graphic that is a little odd. But [even weird charts](#) can be well designed.

The project is worth 50% of the course grade and is due Monday, May 31st at 5:00 p.m. CT. I will be selecting a few projects to discuss for our last class on June 1st.

Other technical requirements:
- I would like the work to be done in D3 but it does not necessarily have to be interactive.
- It also needs to be pushed up to Github Pages, so that I can see what it looks like on the web.
- Can be one chart or many charts.
- Try not mix forms. Find a form and play with it.

Tips:

- Start your search for data early. Choosing a topic is often the hardest and most time consuming part.

- Try to get acquainted with Github Pages early. Technical problems with pushing up your project to the web will not be an acceptable excuse. Push up your project frequently while you're designing so that there aren't any surprises along the way.

- If you have any questions about your topic or programming techniques or form, please feel free to email me or Angela.