Presentation on Assignment 1

* Two normative ideals:
  + Public opinion drives policy (counter-example: ACA)
  + Expert opinion drives policy (counter-example: ACA again)
  + Leads to tension in the system; to whom are elected officials listening?
* Research idea:
  + Study legislative behavior (could be operationalized as roll calls, cosponsorship, position-taking activities, etc.)
  + Effects of public opinion, expert opinion will be affected by institutions, issue contexts, and other situational factors
* Where I need help: nailing down details of the model, hypotheses

Comments for Sierra:

* Overall, good start. Lays out the issue nicely.
* Need to make more clear how the VAWA is tied to intersectionality. Why is this a good case?
* Causality: need to think about what is causing what, and the endogeneity involved.
  + One possibility is to think about activist groups’ successes having the external effect of spurring mobilization by other groups with more narrow interests