

first rough draft of the final project; due in a month [11/13]

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1. Develop your research ideas—as with final presentation—it may be either your own research, or critique of others' research or both.
2. Build on ps1, take into account comments I gave you.
3. Be specific: Narrow down to something manageable.
4. Be specific: Focus on key research questions, data used, significance.
5. Have some discussion of research design
(res_des.pdf: we covered few slides in the first class and will cover the rest after the midterm).
6. Important: this is not an outline (like ps1) anymore—it must have some substantive meaningful matter!
7. Think of it as a first rough draft of your final project; the more developed it is and the more it resembles the final project, the better.

general directions (always the same):

- ps is due in class in hardcopy
- keep it short; max: 5 single spaced pages; typically way less, say 1 or 2
- if you are stuck, email me early! also can email me if you want some feedback and make sure you are on the right track, etc
- show your work, a “naked” number won't do! unless indicated otherwise, always do calculations by hand
- likewise, numbers should be interpreted—we are not only interested in calculating values of interest, but we are interested in their meaning! whenever you calculate your final quantity if interest, interpret it!
- if your handwriting is bad, please type
- i may want to discuss your assignment in class, which should be beneficial to you and give you more feedback; if however, you'd like to keep it private, let me know!
- ideally you want to use this class to write a research part of your capstone
- think if you can engage civically—see section 'civic engagement component' in syllabus