

# ps1: describe your research ideas

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1. Discuss your research ideas—as with final presentation—it may be either your own research, or lit rev / critique of others' research or both.
2. Focus on key research questions (which general and specific questions you want to answer), data used (at least what a suitable dataset would be; ideally give me the dataset name), significance (why is it important to study what you study).
3. I want you to think about research you want to carry out or critique (lit rev) in this class for final project. So in this ps, you don't need a crystallized final idea, but i need to see some thought process and ideas. I will give you then comments which hopefully should help you move your ideas towards something manageable and executable.
4. Typically around one page

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## general directions (always the same):

- ps is due in Canvass by the beginning of the class
- keep it short; max: 5 single spaced pages; typically way less, say 1 or 2
- if you are stuck, email me early! also email 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!