

first rough draft of the final project (note: as final project (ps) is a presentation, this can be a draft of presentation as well (ie just slides); due in 3 weeks [fa21: extended to 4 weeks, due nov8]

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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 (and ps1-1 if any), 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. Start with literature review <https://scholar.google.com> —this takes time!; we will discuss other stuff over next 2 weeks
6. Have some discussion of research design  
(res\_des.pdf: we covered few slides in the first class and will cover the rest in the second half of the class).
7. Important: this is not an outline (like ps1) anymore—it must have some substantive meaningful matter!
8. 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.

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**general directions (always the same):**

- ps is due in Canvas 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 listserv early! also can email listserv 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 of 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!