

# Homework #1: GDP

Econ 590: Current Topics in Macro

Due at 11:59 p.m. EDT of Friday, First Week

(1). Pick a country of interest to you that no more than one other person in the class picks.<sup>1</sup>

(2) Graph out that country's GDP over time. Put extra emphasis on data after September 2021. Use that graph, along with any other data that might help you answer the following question: "have GDP measurements accurately reflected happiness or progress in that country over time?" And moreover: do you think GDP's correlation with happiness is more or less significant since 2020 (the pandemic)?

You will be graded on how clear your answer to the question is. This means not only should you reference data, but the data should be in such a format that your argument is clear (e.g. a clear figure or set of figures that tells a tale).

Things to remember:

- Don't repeat yourself unnecessarily
- Figures > tables
- Your own data analysis >> a figure copied/pasted from online
- A well-argued or interesting point is king
- Being succinct and clear is crucial
- Don't repeat yourself unnecessarily

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<sup>1</sup>If more than two people pick the country, all parties lose one point out of twenty. Coordinate/equilibrate however you wish. Coordination and the use of discussion is part of the homework.