PSC 348: Political Analysis

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Papers

- Introduction
  - What is the question? Who cares?
- Literature Review
  - Think about cumulative knowledge—how does what’s been done impact your study.
- Hypotheses
  - Should flow naturally from the lit. review
- Data and methods
  - Where do your data come from? How do you measure stuff?

Stuff you should have

- Title page
- Section Headings
- At least one table—probably a table and a graph
- A staple at the top of the page
- A disk with your paper and data.

Results

- Briefly remind me of your question.
- Graph or describe the distribution of your dependent variable
- Present the results of a statistical test and measure of association
- Do not just have .spss output—make it pretty!

Conclusion

- Briefly summarize questions and findings. What does it mean for our understanding of the concept at hand?
- What could be wrong with your research (internal validity, external validity)
- Directions for future research
Plagiarism: a cautionary tale

Other stuff
- No Class on Tuesday (Despite what the syllabus says)
- One more homework: I will email it on Tuesday.
- Presentations on Thursday
- Thursday, December 15: 3-5:30 exam
- Review session: Monday, December 12 6:00 (Place: TBA)

Go over homework