

PS 0500: International Relations

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Evaluation

- Six homework sets
- Final grade is a straight average of your five highest homework grades

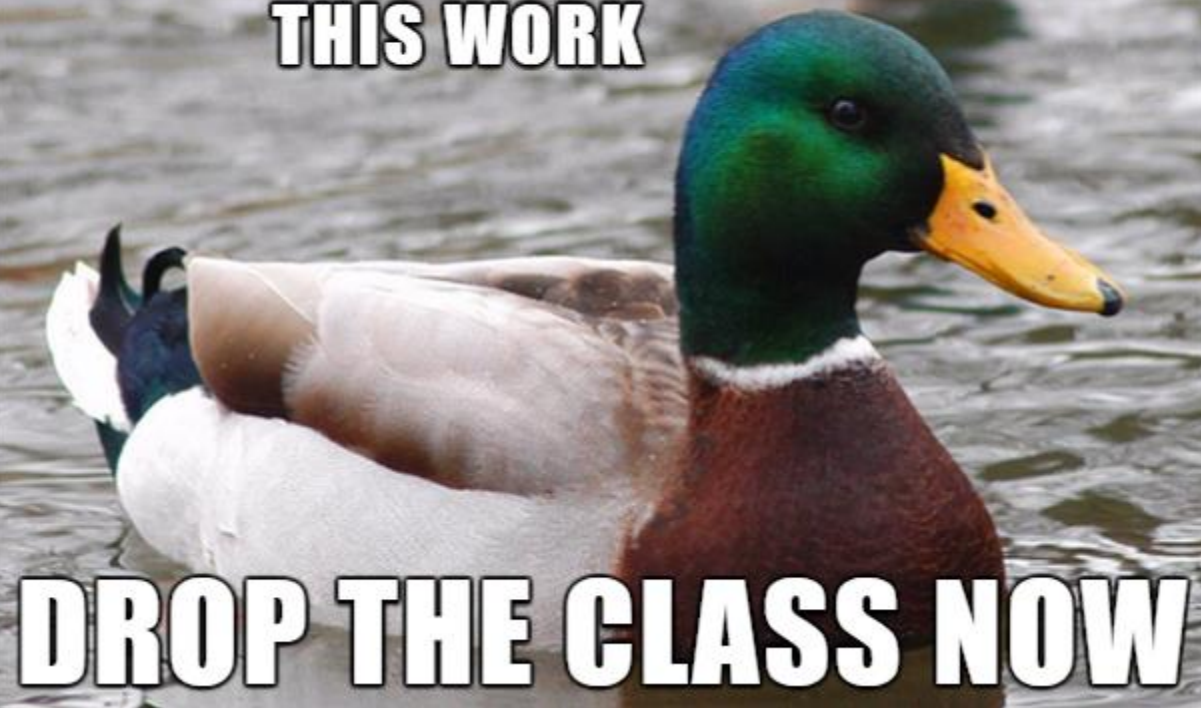
Problem Sets

- Yes, there are problem sets
- Most of the work will involve comparing numbers
- You might have to solve for x a few times

Problem Sets

- Analytical skills are a mandated part of the political science curriculum
- It is also how research is done
- By staying in this class, you agree that this is okay and waive your right to complain

**IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO
THIS WORK**



DROP THE CLASS NOW

**IF YOU START THE PROBLEM SETS
THE DAY BEFORE THEY ARE DUE**



YOU'RE GONNA HAVE A BAD TIME

Data Analyses

- You will download some of the major datasets that international relations scholars use
- Goal are to get familiar with them, think about implications of coding rules, and do some light interpretation

Recitation

- Meets weekly
- TA: Cigdem Unal
- The best place to talk about homework issues
- Other recitation expectations will be discussed at first meeting

Readings

- No required textbook
- Links to articles available on the syllabus and website
- General rule: complete readings before week's recitation

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Communication Guide

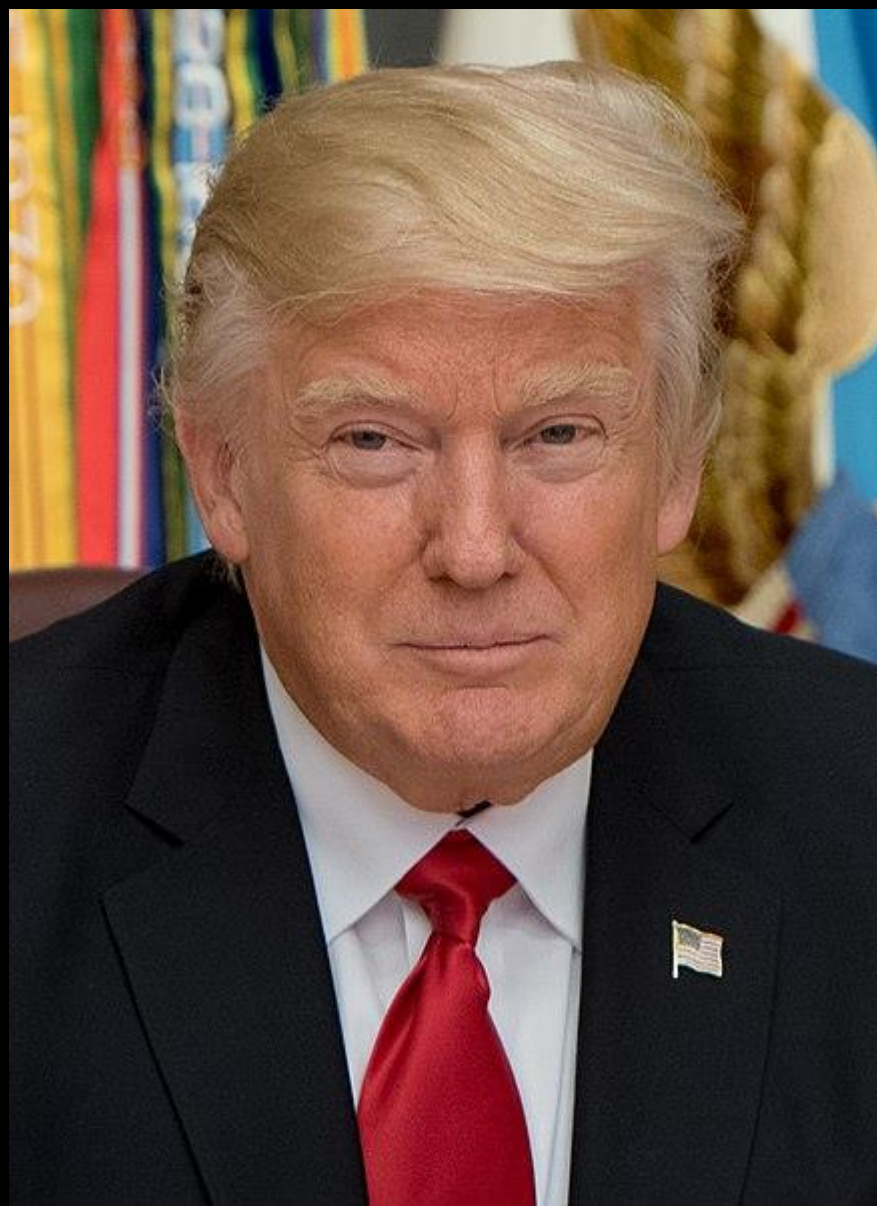
- Make sure the answer is not on the syllabus
- If the question is something others would like to know, ask during recitation
- Otherwise email

The Internet

- Canvas for homework
- Everything else on my website (williamspaniel.com)
- Lectures are on YouTube (search “international relations 101”)

Why are you here?

The media offer hot takes.
Actual analysis is hard.



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