

# PS 0500: International Relations

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# Evaluation

- Six homework sets
- Remove lowest score from the first five
  - You must do the final one
- Each is worth 20% of your overall grade

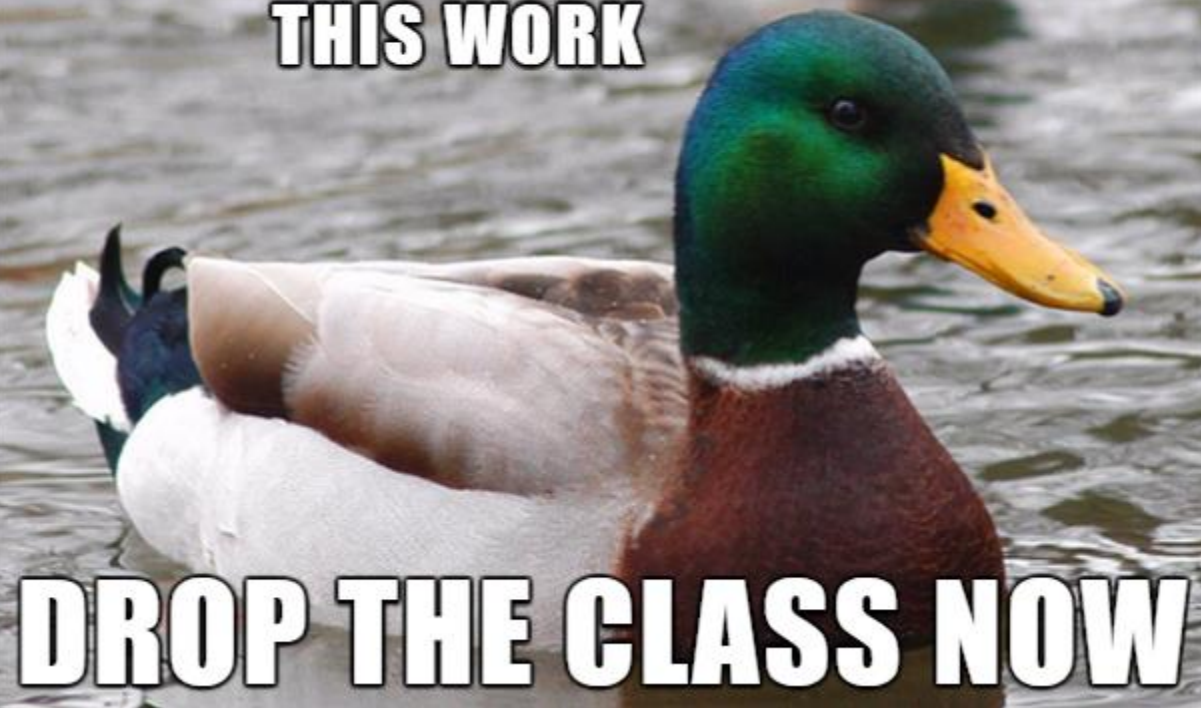
# Problem Sets

- 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

- You will not do any computations that were not a requirement for entry into this university
- 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

# Contact Information

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# Communication Guide

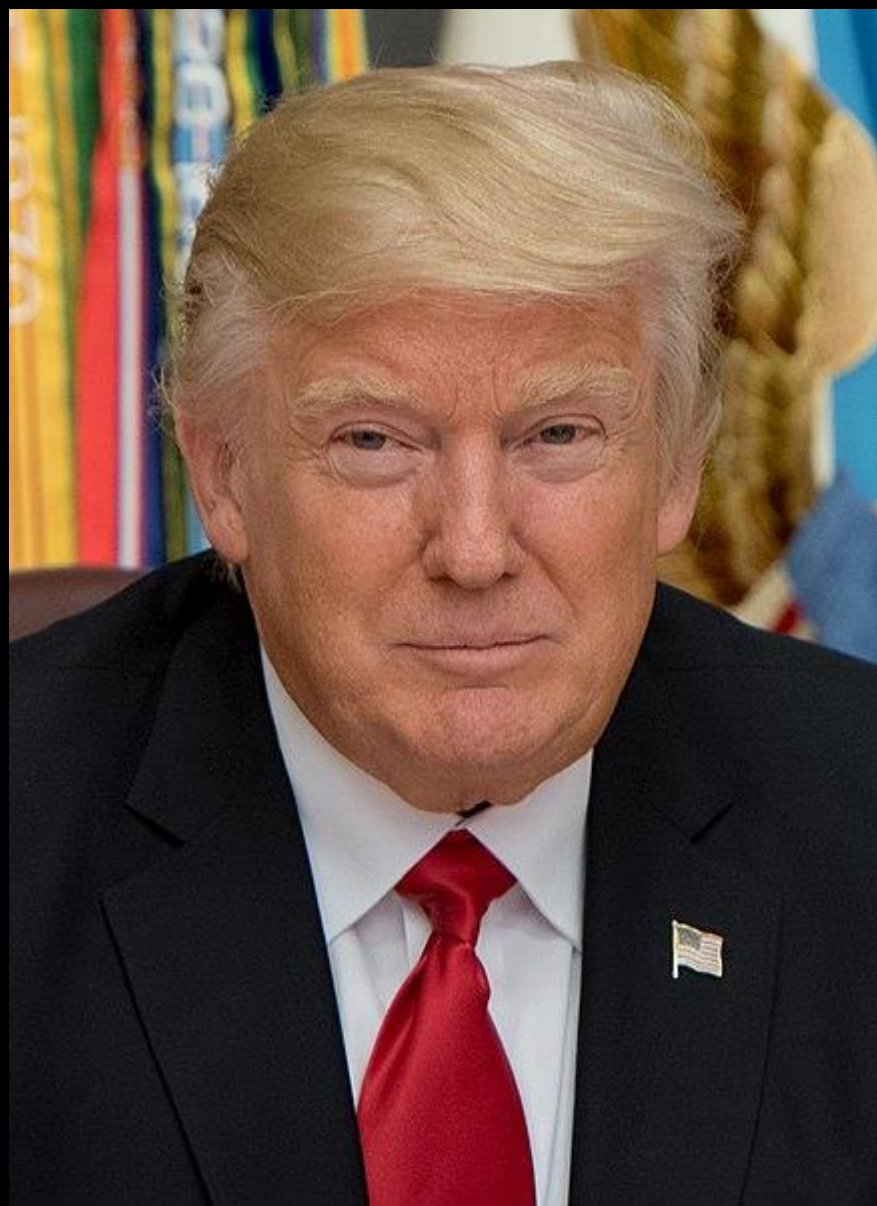
- Make sure the answer is not on the syllabus
- If the question is something others would like to know, ask during recitation
- Otherwise email

# The Internet

- Canvas for homework
- Everything else on my website ([williamspaniel.com](http://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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