

POLI 490 Death Penalty Seminar
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Assignment for week 2, September 2:

Let's begin writing chapters, or doing figures and graphs that will allow for it.

Here are some "easy" chapters where we already have almost all the data.

Ch 2: Who gets executed?

Ch 3: Who were the victims?

Ch 5: How long does it take?

Ch 7: How often are death sentences overturned?

So we need 4 groups, and I think in 2 weeks we could have these chapters pretty well drafted.

For each group, I'll give my data files and stata do-files that generate tables and graphs. You may need to update some of the data, and then finalize the format of the graphs, figure out the order of presentation that makes best sense, figure out exactly which data to present and which is just too repetitive, etc.

This "easy start" will also get you working on data presentation: how to make a table and figure, then copy it into a Word document and get it formatted right.

Also, note that the course web site now has a template for a chapter which has various paragraph styles defined and examples of fake tables and figures to use as a guide for formatting.

Finally, a small project. I would like to look up all NC execution cases, then all NC death sentence cases, and see how many of the inmates are veterans of the US armed forces. I have heard from Ken Rose that James Davis, George Page, Warren Gregory, and Randy Atkins are veterans, but no one knows what the complete list might be.