# paper and data due jan29

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1. write up to a page about your research interests/plans for this class; focus on specific research questions and hypotheses AND identify datasets and variables to be used
2. use your own dataset–if you do not have a dataset, post canvas discussion or email me (and or classmates): "Hi ! I would like to study effect of X on Y, where can i find the data?"
3. write code that would read these data into Stata, and have a good look at your data by doing basic descriptive statistics; it is very important to get familiar with your data
4. don't forget about preamble and comments; if you were already familiar with Stata or are a qucik learner, do more than asked above!

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**how to put data online?**

https://theaok.github.io/generic/howToPutDataOnline.html

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general directions (always the same):

- if you use r or python, no need for stata; do not use excel, spss or sas!
- when doing things by hand, show all the work, all the steps
- make it as easy on yourself as possible: round up numbers! simplify!
- if you calculate any meaningful number, say slope coefficient or t-stat, always interpret it!
- preferably use txt or pdf formats; doc(x) often messes up formatting
- do not submit more than 10 pages of the output (12pt font, single spaced)
- we are on the way to developing the final project with these ps: as we progress, your ps should start resembling a coherent and logical project where you use regression to answer interesting questions–say in few sentences why are you doing what you are doing–that is, answer the "so what question": what's the goal of all that, why are you doing this? you need a compelling justification for what you are doing; be brief, say couple sentences
- always submit dofile if you calculate anything in stata; because you are only submitting code (do not submit any datasets), it must load data from Internet–just put your data onto your own website, wordpress, google drive, etc
- always, cite your data (at minimum full name and url (if applicable))