

Social Control

Instructions for Paper Installment #1

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The first or zeroth draft is generically titled "substantive background." The word substantive here is meant to offer a contrast with "theory," "sociology," "analytical," "methodological," and so on. It is meant to be a short essay that provides a snapshot of where you are in terms of learning about the topic of the project. Not about the sociology per se or the politics, but just about the thing, the prep work you have done so far. How this plays out will vary slightly from project to project and these instructions are meant to make it easier for you to put together this first draft for submission this week.

NOTE: A slight extension is offered to Saturday at 5 pm. Absolutely no extensions on this. If you want feedback and credit for making the milestone, it must be submitted by 5 p.m. Saturday.

Roommates Trouble

By now you should have become familiar with the interview protocol and have written a thorough annotation of the article (and perhaps have read and annotated one or more of the articles that feature prominently in Emerson's article). You should have done a trial interview or two and be able to write about your experiences. Your 0th draft should BRIEFLY list what you have done, but mostly it should provide background idea (taken from Emerson and other sources) and description of the interview methods.

Norms in Online Communities

What have you learned about "grounded theory"? Let's have a short essay that describes what you have learned about the approach and your initial attempts at coding transcripts and writing a short memo about some concept you've seen so far.

Ellicksonian Analysis

Short summary of what you've gotten out of your initial look at Ellickson book. 2-3 pages of background information on the area of behavior you want to look at. For example, look at his material on whaling or beekeeping in later chapter.

Claimsmaking

What have you learned so far about the behavior associated with an attempt at claims-making and moral entrepreneurship? A synopsis of Joel Best's sequence and his definitions of the pieces of the process. About your topic, facts. History. Terminology. Concepts. Can you provide an inventory of sources about the actual rhetorical behavior we want to analyze?