Political Science Honors Thesis
Professor Christiani

Qualifications:
- You must meet all departmental qualifications. Review them [here](#).
- You must have taken at least a 200-level course with me as your instructor, if not higher level

Expected Output:
- Research paper of approximately 25 pages in length that reflects serious engagement with a defined set of issues, problems, and questions
- Original data analysis – each qualitative or quantitative – that explores a question relevant to contemporary political science research

Expectations:
1. Use your own brain and capacities, not AI. I am unwilling to read and grade a thesis that a computer wrote. Instead, I am committed to giving substantial feedback and help to a student who is trying their best to hone their critical thinking skills. If you do not think you can accomplish the required tasks without the use of AI, I cannot serve as your advisor.
2. Meet with me every 2 weeks either on Zoom or in person.
   a. It is up to YOU to set these times (working with me of course on scheduling) and keep to them.
3. Adhere to all deadlines that we set.
4. Write professional emails and conduct yourself professionally in all of our interactions. When we meet, you should not be late (if anything, be early).

This course is not meant to be an "easy A." You are completing an honors thesis – something that serves as an original contribution to political science research. The quality of your work will determine your grade for this course. It is not an "A for effort" situation.