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### Research Paper Assignment

Write an 8-10 page *well-written* paper, double-spaced, 11 pt. font, 1" margins, with appended tables, using data from the Afrobarometer surveys <http://www.afrobarometer.org/>. The paper should answer a coherent question that you formulate, and gender should be a central issue in your discussion- the question should be how men and women differ in their responses to the questions of the Afrobarometer survey. To do this you should familiarize yourself with the Afrobarometer survey questionnaire, purposes, and some of the papers written using the survey data. You might incorporate data from multiple countries, or you might analyze one country intensively. The project will involve a lot of data manipulation to produce tables and regressions. A normal paper might have 4 tables and 3 regressions. The written part of the paper should be your own interpretation of the tables and regressions that you have conducted, and not a commentary on the work of others.

To put the data in context, some background knowledge of the country, and its gender issues, will be useful in your discussion, but this should not be more than one page of the paper. This should include a discussion of a summary table of data extracted from the World Development Indicators at the CDROM workstation in the reference room.

The paper should be original. No part should be copied directly from other sources unless in quotes and clearly attributed in a footnote or citation. Limit quotes to three lines of text at the most. You may consult online sources and general background sources, and there is no need to quote such sources- but do not plagiarize- paraphrase in your own words.

Feel free to come and see me early and often on your paper topic. I am happy to discuss these projects with you. You may work in groups on your respective questions, but you cannot have the same questions, and not 'very close' questions (like the same thing in two different countries) if you work in a group. I will be very suspicious of two papers with exactly the same tables and discussion, but just for different countries. You must tell me if you work in a group, and please limit any group to three persons maximum.

Statement of problem and analysis due on May 2. This is a one page statement where you will explain what you propose to do, and indicate the variables that you might use in your analysis, and discuss what kinds of findings you might expect. It should be well-written, and will count for 5% of the overall grade. If you change your topic after this, you must submit another one page statement before May 15.

Draft papers may be handed in before May 30 and I will be happy to discuss. I do expect to see significant work in a draft paper, and I will offer suggestions for further work. I will not grade

Final paper is due by June 7 at 1:30 (the time of the final), in my box or in exam room (hard copy, not via email). Papers handed in after that will be docked 10 points. Last time to hand in paper is June 10 at noon in my box (hard copy, not via email). No exceptions are given except with doctor's note (and I will call doctor's office to verify, so please don't even think about faking it). If you are prone to computer accidents, plan ahead (Can't print on the last day, then finish your paper EARLY!!!!).

*Some topics from earlier classes:*

Gendered patterns of self-identification in sub-Saharan Africa  
Gender Differences in Tanzanian Organizational Involvement  
Wealth and Gender as Related to Various Economic Indicators  
Gender Discrepancies of Democracy and Economics in Mali and Tanzania  
Gender difference in views on government  
The effects of gender on opinions of economic conditions and government economic policy in sub-Saharan Africa  
Gender Issues in Politics in Tanzania and Mali