# Proposal A: Background, Hypotheses, Recruitment & Procedures

Complete the official IRB proposal form sections #1-11 (plus citations in #15) to describe:

- research question, hypothesis/es, and motivation for the research

- intended population, including the context where you will conduct the experiment (in 10.C.)

- the treatments and procedures

Some sections of the posted form have *italicized* notes to clarify what you should address in that section.

The focus on this assignment should be on the research question, hypotheses, and motivation. You need to clearly articulate what you are studying and why, using language accessible to people who are unfamiliar with your project and unfamiliar with political science literature. IRB will be reading these sections to see if your research provides benefits to the public that outweigh any risks, so make a full and fair case for the value of the proposed research.

The treatments and procedures section in this assignment is expected to be a preliminary draft, but I'd like you to refine the ideas from your brainstorming document. You will revise the treatments and procedures in the next assignment (and probably again in the assignment after next). Revision is extremely helpful to thinking through the details, plus we will share and discuss treatments and procedures in class before the next assignment.