

INFO 202

Assignment 7 (B) - 202 Looks at the Election

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You will analyze the recent election from the perspective of this course. This is an optional assignment for which you'll receive extra credit.

Assignment Instructions

You must submit your work in electronic format using the "Assignment Upload" link before 9:00 AM on Monday 17 November 2008. In addition, bring THREE copies of the printed report for this assignment to class that day.

You are required to submit one file. It should be named YourNameA7BReport and it can be an HTML or XML file using the Report format that you've used before, a Word document, or a PDF one.

Your task is to write an essay of 1-2 pages (500-700 words) that reviews some aspects of the recent elections from a "202 perspective." You have two choices about the topic of this essay:

Choice 1: Analyze some issues or events in the presidential race or the California ballot propositions and relate them to topics in 202. You should be specific about the issues or events (citing news stories or specific documents), and you must be specific about the 202 topic you're using to discuss them. Make the connection to 202 topics by citing at least three of the assigned readings from the syllabus. If it makes sense to do so, contrast the "202 perspective" with that of "the person on the street" who doesn't have the benefit of your 202 perspective.

Choice 2: Identify an information organization / retrieval / application problem faced by either the campaigns or the media covering them (citing news stories or specific documents), relate it to several 202 topics, and elaborate on how you would go about addressing it. Make the connection to 202 topics by citing at least three of the assigned readings from the syllabus. If it makes sense to do so, contrast the "202 perspective" with that of "the person on the street" who doesn't have the benefit of your 202 perspective.