

Homework #4

Due Friday, March 28, 2014 at 11:30 am

1. (14 pts) Visit the ReDistricting Game developed by the Annenberg Center at USC at <http://www.redistrictinggame.org/> and complete the Advanced versions of Missions 1, 2 and 3. Once you have completed each Mission, be sure to take a screen shot of your map (*Before submitting it for approval!*) and the screen indicating that your redistricting was accepted. You may find it worthwhile to first complete the Basic version of each Mission.

In one to two pages, explain your takeaway message from performing this exercise and the implications you see for the political system in the United States. Be sure to support your conclusions with specific references to your screen shots and Missions.

2. (14 pts) Download the Detailed Results data for the 2004 National Assembly elections in South Africa from the Electoral Commission of South Africa's website at

<http://www.elections.org.za/content/Elections/National-and-provincial-elections-results/>

Use the number of registered voters and votes cast to compute the number seats assigned to the parties in each of the nine provinces and at the national level. You will definitely want to download the data as an Excel spreadsheet. Notice that you can verify your calculations by comparing to the actual results of the election.

Be sure to include enough details and formatting in your spreadsheet so that I can easily follow your calculations.

Notes for submitting this assignment:

- Rather than printing out all the screenshots and your spreadsheet, you should combine your screenshots in a single file (and label them!), then upload this file and your spreadsheet to onCourse.
- The only hardcopy you will need to turn in is your discussion for #1.