

## **Instructions for Paper Summaries**

PPPA 8022  
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During this semester, you are required to turn in four paper summaries. I will post the assignment dates for these summaries. If you are assigned a date that is inconvenient, please try to switch dates with a classmate and let me know about the change.

The paper summary should be a page or less. Use a short paragraph or two (though one is sufficient) to summarize the article's goals and methods. Use the remainder of your space to critique the paper's causal argument.

A critique means that you point out a weakness in the logical chain that allows the author to make a causal claim. We discuss this logical chain in class and in the readings that lead up to this class.

I grade these assignments as check minus (B or below), check (B+), or check plus (A- or above). I give out few check plus assignments. A full credit assignment (check plus) makes a substantive and well-grounded critique about the causal analysis. An assignment with a check makes a sincere effort, and the logic may have some flaws. A check minus assignment shows limited interaction with the reading.

I count the three highest grades of your four summaries.

See the assignment schedule linked under "assignments and deadlines" for lecture 1. (I will create after the end of lecture 1).