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Assignment #2: Data Report

I would like to remind you that as indicated in the syllabus, your data reports are due next week October 20. The objective of the assignment is to make sure that you have some awareness about the possible data sources well before you carry out any empirical/quantitative analysis.

The report should be informative, but need not be very long. It essentially should include specific information about the variables mentioned in each and every article you read (in terms of definitions, coverage, duration and relevance). It should cite the data sources mentioned in the article.

An example may clarify:

Suppose you read an article entitled "Growth and Unemployment" in Journal of Hard Economics, (1999) by John and Smith vol. 1pp. 1-20. The authors regress the rate of unemployment on growth, unionization and unemployment benefit rates using cross country data from 12 countries. The data is from OECD "Statistical Abstracts". The coverage is 1970-2000. The paper also contains some charts on unemployment benefits from only US and UK for 1999. This data is from "Labor Dept Annual Reports" for each country.

You should enter this information as follows:

Article:

Data:
Variables: growth, unemployment, unionization,
Coverage: 12 OECD countries, Britain, France ............and etc.
Duration: from 1970-2000
Source: OECD Statistical Abstracts (be sure to give the full reference)

Data: unemployment benefits
Coverage: US and UK
Duration: 1970-2000
Source: Dept of Labor Publications (be sure to give the full reference)

Note that you are expected to do this exercise for each and every article you have read. If a paper uses excessive amount of data, use your discretion to cite only the relevant ones.