

Assignment #10 Abstract, Introduction and Conclusion

These are the final elements of your paper. Here is what each part should look like:

◆ **Abstract: To the point – 5 - 8 sentences that describe your project. Includes topic, so-what, method, data and results. This is the first thing in your paper. It goes before the Introduction (25 points).**

Example: The contemporary news environment contains unprecedented challenges for political media, such as citizen journalism, mixed source types, and information overload. With these changes to the media landscape, it is important to revisit the ways that media framing - how facts are altered and presented to the public - affects candidates in U.S. politics. Prior research aligns masculinity with perceptions of political leadership, making gendered framing an obstacle for women. This study uses linear regression and three case studies to analyse the relationship between vote share and gendered media framing. Results were initially mixed, but show that framing has more effect on male candidates, is higher for winning candidates despite gender, and is most exacerbated when both candidates are male. Overall, there is compelling evidence of a causal relationship between masculine framing and electoral success.

👉 **Introduction - comes after the abstract and before the literature review (25 points):**

- I. **First paragraph** - Broad points about your research question and some attempt to set your research into context (the so-what).
- II. **Second paragraph** - Statement of your argument and how it fits into existing research (brief summary of your literature review).
- III. **Third paragraph** - Road-map for the paper – how will the essay proceed and what will it show. Here is a template for this paragraph (you should copy and paste this into your paper):

This paper will proceed by discussing literature related to the following themes _____ (fill in themes of your literature review here). Next, I will present evidence from _____ (fill in the kinds of evidence that you have) that shows _____ (what does your evidence show). Lastly, I will discuss implications for the study of _____.

Example:

- [Estok \(2025\)](#)
- [Stevenson \(2025\)](#)
- [Maron \(2025\)](#)

Conclusion -after evidence and before bibliography (25 points):

- Restate your argument, the evidence that you presented, and the conclusions you reached (1 -2 paragraphs).
- You can offer directions for future research if there are areas where you feel additional research is needed. What are the policy implications? (2 - 3 paragraphs)
- DON'T present any new information here. Everything in the conclusion should be previously stated in the paper.

Example: *This study has shown that Israeli security policies, particularly those defined by leadership style, play a crucial role in shaping diplomatic outcomes with neighboring Arab countries. Through qualitative case studies of Menachem Begin, Yitzhak Rabin, and Benjamin Netanyahu, the research demonstrates that dovish policies emphasizing negotiation and peacebuilding tend to improve regional diplomatic relations. In contrast, hawkish policies grounded in military strength and containment often exacerbate tensions and hinder diplomatic progress. These findings suggest that while security remains a central concern for Israeli leaders, the strategies used to achieve it can have dramatically different implications for foreign affairs.*

Future research could build on this study by including more recent or emerging leaders, as well as exploring how non-state actors like Hamas and Hezbollah factor into the diplomacy-security equation. Additionally, greater attention could be given to the influence of third-party states, particularly the United States, in mediating or reinforcing Israel's security postures. Policymakers may need to reconsider how short-term security gains through aggressive policies could undermine long-term diplomatic stability. Striking a balance between protection and partnership may be essential not only for Israel's security but for sustained peace in the region.