I know how these things go. If there aren’t deadlines, things don’t happen. So, here are some deadlines with respect to making progress on your empirical paper for this class.

**Tuesday, Feb. 3:** A 200-300 word abstract of your proposal is due along with 5 references. For those that are extending a paper, the abstract needs to be focused on the extensions.

**Tuesday, Feb. 10:** You must hand in a draft of any one of the three following possibilities: 1) the theory/hypothesis development 2) data description, or 3) empirical model development. A brief sketch of what is expected in these sections is in the course syllabus, but you should also use good journal articles as a reference for what form these sections should take. For those that are extending a paper, I will need a 100-200 word description at the end of the section explaining how you have extended this section from the original document.

**Tuesday, Feb. 17:** The assignment is the same as the previous week (Feb 10), except you obviously have to choose a different section.

These assignments will be (lightly) graded. I am only looking for reasonable drafts of these sections, not how they will look as part of the finished product that you will hand in at the end of the quarter.