IR 211: Spring 2013
Homework Assignment 1: Due Tuesday, January 29th

Part 1:

Go to [http://www.nationalhomeless.org](http://www.nationalhomeless.org) and answer the following questions:
  
  **Hint:** Look under factsheets
  
  1. What is the most recent estimate the organization provides for the number of homeless people?
     
     A. What is the difference between the "point-in-time" and the "period prevalence" count?
     
     B. Can you say if one is a better measure than the other? Why or why not?
  
  2. Look at the annual homeless assessment report to congress from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.
     
     
     A. How does the point-in-time estimate here compare to the point-in-time estimate given at nationalhomeless.org? Discuss at least 3 reasons why these estimates might differ.

Part 2:


Browse the paper titles or do some keyword searches. See what is at the cutting edge of research in international relations these days. Read the abstracts and skim the papers.

1. Write down the three article titles of the pieces you find most interesting, and write 2-3 sentences explaining why you find each one interesting. It is not really possible to write something that is “wrong,” but please don’t write something boring.

General Instructions:

1. Homework must be typewritten and stapled. Writing should be clear, concise, and grammatical.
2. If you discuss the assignment with your peers, list their names on the top of your homework. Remember: your answers must be your own and should not match the answers of any other student, even those whose names you list. WRITE YOUR OWN ANSWERS.
3. Homework is due at the BEGINNING of class.