Topics: Introductions due February 13th

Remember you are not allowed to do abortion

We are using the NES and not the GSS.

Pick something that is simple but interesting to you.

More than one person can do the same topic in class. But I will have a watchful eye for the same theory.

The introduction should:
1.) Explain what your topic is
2.) Give a little background
3.) Briefly explain your theoretical argument
4.) Sum up what you will do in the rest of the paper

The better introduction are the ones where some research has been conducted.

To find a topic you need to look at the NES codebook which is located in msu/course/pls/201/nes

What is a topic? It is something you can do a paper on. It is subject matter. For example, race is not a topic. But race in relation to something like affirmative action is a topic.

The best strategy is to select a dependent variable that interest you (i.e., abortion) then look for three independent variables that might explain attitudes on that subject

To do background reading on topic you can use:
Jstor / infotract /newspaper indexes (others lexus, nexus, etc.)