

What to Do This Week in Election 2020! (Monday 4/13 to Friday 4/17)

This week in Election 2020! we are moving from political issues at stake in this year's election to the science of how voters think and what might motivate people to vote for one candidate over another. Obviously, this is a pretty big topic, so we're only going to cover a few useful ideas.

Here's how the week breaks down:

Monday

On Monday, we'll be looking at George Lakoff's book *Don't Think of an Elephant*. The whole book is posted to OneNote, but you only need to read the first chapter, entitled *Framing 101: How to Take Back Public Discourse*. Once you've read the chapter, please answer the questions underneath in OneNote.

- At 3:30pm, there will be an optional drop-in session to discuss the article and ask questions about it. Please attend if you can.
- There is also a reference sheet for some of the people Lakoff references available in OneNote, as you may not be familiar with the politics of 2004

Tuesday

On Tuesday, we will read an article by Steven Pinker about human morality and its role in shaping our political identities. Read the article, answer the questions. Once again, I will be available at 3:30pm

Thursday

On Thursday we are looking once again at Ezra Klein's theory of political polarization. The required reading is actually a New York Times book review on Klein's book, which provides a nice summary of his ideas, but I've also posted the first chapter of the book if you'd like to read it, along with a pretty fabulous interview between Klein and Ta-Nahesi Coates of *The Atlantic* on the subject. These, however, are optional. Once again, answer the questions and I'll be available at 3:30 if you want to talk to me about anything at all.

note that we will *not* be meeting at 7pm this week

Friday

On Friday we will look at a summary of political psychology research written by Brian Resnick. Once again, there are questions to answer and I will be available at 3:30 to take your questions.

See you online!