

# Quantitative Methods in Political Science

## Recitation

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It's Lab Project time!

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indicate which question you are working on and answer the question; recall that you can comment out lines to make notes for yourself

# Do file

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*Question 4c: Summarizing variables → question being worked on
summ cgexp, detail → Stata command or code used
*The mean of cgexp is...
*The median of cgexp is...
*The standard deviation of cgexp is... → answers
*The IQR of cgexp is...

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*Question 4d: Creating some descriptive graphs
histogram cgexp, title(Histogram of Central Government Expenditures)
*creates histogram of cgexp...

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