

ECO 150, Fall 2022, Required Homework Assignment #4
Due by the last day of classes (December 9)

The purpose of this assignment is to introduce students to finding relevant scholarly sources. The assignment presents four current questions in economics. Pick three of them. For each of the three, find an empirical source that provides evidence relevant to the question. The do the following:

- i. Write one or two brief paragraphs describing the evidence that you found. Describe how it helps (few single papers definitively answer these types of questions by themselves) address the question.
- ii. Provide a proper reference. As always, you may use any style you like. Here are [sample references](#) in the *Chicago* style.
- iii. Use parenthetical notation. In describing your source, simply state “Smith (2023) argues that.....” Do not write “in his paper ‘Syrup is Better Jelly,’ John Smith states....”
- iv. Keep in mind that the goal is to find sources that rely on empirical evidence.
- v. In searching for evidence, you may find opinion pieces, popular press pieces, etc. that describe the type of evidence that you are looking for. These can thus be helpful, but keep in mind that you want the evidence itself.
- vi. Another option to to search for scholarly sources directly using [Google Scholar](#).

Answer **three of the following four** questions:

1. How does immigration affect the wages of workers in the domestic country?
2. What is the relationship between GDP per-capita and environmental quality? [Hint” Consider searching for the ”environmental Kuznets Curve”]
3. How did non-pharmaceutical interventions in response to covid-19 (*e.g.* business closures, stay at home orders, school closures) affect economic performance?
4. Has firms’ market power increased or decreased in recent decades?