

**Sociology 418/818 Death & Dying**  
**Written Assignment #1**  
**Due: Noon Wednesday September 25, 2019**

Following our lessons on how to study mortality and the demography of death, this week's task involves your own research comparing two nations of your choice, with respect to two specific mortality related outcomes, such as maternal mortality, life expectancy, suicide, or another outcome of interest to you. You are encouraged to select two nations of particular interest to you (which may include the United States).

The following two websites provide all the data you need to start your analysis. Please use whichever data resource is best suited to your research question. Select two nations and two mortality-related outcomes. Describe the patterns evident in each nation, and compare and contrast each pattern. Provide a brief interpretation of the purported social, biological, or historic causes of each disparity. I encourage you to include a table or chart in your Word document, as this helps to clarify your data analysis. Please limit your paper to 2-3 pages (excluding the figures/charts).

[World Bank](#)

[World Health Organization](#)