36-303: Sampling, Surveys & Society HW03: Hand in in-class Thursday, Mar 27, 2008

Reminders:

- Everyone has an approved II.6 (final survey proposal and IRB application) so you should go ahead and collect your data.
- Rough schedule of project due dates for remainder of term:
 - **III.7** Progress Report on Data Collection & Analysis (Due Tue Apr 1) [20-min Powerpoint presentation in class, presented on Tues or Thurs of this week, by random lot]

III.8 Rough Draft of Final Report (Due Tue Apr 8) [a single pdf or doc file emailed to me]

"Final" Midterm Exam Tues Apr 15

III.9 Final Report Due (Due Fri May 2) [a single pdf or doc file emailed to me]

- Reading:
 - Review all of Groves Ch 4: Sample Design & Sampling Error
 - Review Groves Ch 6: Nonresponse
 - New: Groves Ch 10: Post-Survey Processing
 - If you have Lohr, you could see some gory details in Ch 2 (SRS), Ch 4 (Stratified Sampling) and Ch 5 (Cluster Sampling)

Exercises to Turn In (there are 5 exercises):

- 1. Groves, Ch 4, pp. 134–135, #8
- 2. Groves, Ch 6, pp. 196–197, #2
- 3. Groves, Ch 6, p. 199, #9
- 4. Groves, Ch 10, pp. 342–343 #3. The weighted mean wanted in part (a) uses the "base weights" in the formula at the top of p. 324. Refer to sections 10.5.1 and 10.5.2 to answer the qualitative part of part (a).
- 5. Groves, Ch 10, p. 343, #6. Make sure you give at least 2 strengths and 2 weaknesses for each method (which might be the same or might be different between methods), and directy compare the strengths and weaknesses.