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Administrivia

- Not exactly administrivia, but:
- Interesting times we're living in. This weekend is the one-year anniversary of when the pandemic started affecting most people's lives. Do we even remember what "normal" used to be?
- And then there was the week in which we learned how much we depend on infrastructure and how fragile and interconnected it is! (I got a lesson too about how much we depend on our smartphones, when mine finally gave up the ghost.)
- Probably all of you have stories! I hope none too bad.

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- Yes, this week's live classes haven't been very interesting; I've been focused on just adjusting my schedule so I can be present at class time. I'm hoping to do something more interesting starting next week.
- A choice that appeals to me is adopting a "flipped" style, possibly using class time for Q-and-A and/or extended office hours. (Yes, to make this work I have to record lectures ahead of time. I'm not doing that well this week but am optimistic about catching up by end of the day tomorrow.)
How to manage attendance points — I'm still thinking about that. "Watch this space"?
- Office hours via Zoom today; link in e-mail.

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- Asked about whether you're willing and able to cope with a relatively heavy workload until we catch up a bit, many said they could but a number of others have midterms. So my plan: Set somewhat aggressive deadlines but be more flexible than usual about enforcing them.
- "Schedule" page has a rough plan for the next few weeks.

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Questions

- Anything you want to ask about reading, assignments, administrivia, ... ?

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Minute Essay

- Any interesting stories you want to share about these strange times?

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