the summer, I coll_____ overnment P_____ ael Franz on two distinct projects____t, I conducted preli_____s_____ on the Feder_____ommission, or FEC, learning about it____ of regulating and e_____ign finance l_____t the following week updating Franz's_____on the FEC cases f_____leral Elect_____on Divided: Measuring Conflict in Com_____on Votes Since 199_____, I noted both which commissioners voted (most serve for only a few years) and how they voted. This information is useful when contextualized with the knowledge that commissioners appointed by Democratic and Republican administrations may vote differently on contentious issues.

Second, I collected and presented data for our research paper "Predicting Congressional Elections from Expert Ratings, 1964-2022." This paper examines a long-ignored question regarding election predictions: To what extent c_____ and compared them to the actual results.

2022

We also assessed the level of agreement across sources by examining ratings across sources from 2006 to 2022. We found that expert ratings are, in fact, reliable sources for predicting both election outcomes (i.e., whether the Democrat or Republican wins) and, more specifically, the vote share of each candidate (e.g., the Democrat receives 45% of the vote, and the Republican receives 55% in district X).

To collect the data for this paper, we needed both the expert ratings from 1964 to 2022 and the actual election results for this period. I worked to collect this data, focusing primarily on Congressional Quarterly (CQ), an organization that tracks legislation as it moves through Congress and publishes political predictions and analysis. My tasks included updating election results and CQ's final election ratings for 1964-1982, as well as election ratings for 2018-2022 (including month by month ratings that occurred before the final_____election. I summarized the results_____that first half of the paper.) I spent

time examining prior research on election forecasting, which helped me contribute to writing the introduction. In the paper, I reviewed the evolution of election forecasts from simple predictions on presidential elections to complex models predicting individual House and Senate races using polling, macroeconomic data, and other race fundamentals. Additionally, I helped draft the discussion of the data (where it comes from, how it was collected, and how to read and evaluate it), analyzed our findings as displayed in figures in the paper, and wrote descriptions of these findings.

Ultimately, this process gave me tremendous insight into the world