



DATA DRIVEN METHODOLOGY FOR ONLINE PEOPLE PROFILING FOR ORGANIZATION REDESIGN AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

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Introduction

“Data may be a Powerful Weapon. Use It Responsibly – And Tell folks.” (Elliott, 2018) In his article revealed in 2018, he pointed out some major issues on however information was being mis employed by firms and other people to their profit. Verint International Study of over twenty four thousand customers across twelve Countries Indicates want for Organizations to Strike the correct Balance Between customized Service, information Privacy and Transparency:

- Nearly nine out of ten (89%) customers surveyed say it's important they accurately secure their personal data.
- 86% need to ensure if their information is passed on to 3rd parties for selling functions.
- Personalized service continues to be vital, with eightieth of customers, they find it irresistible once service is ready-made to them and their interests.
- Verint business survey finds that issues are aligned, with businesses putting stress on the importance of information privacy (94%), personalization (95%) and resolution queries quickly (92%). (Verint Systems, 2017) Governments across the globe have already complete these challenges, and one in every of the solutions to safeguard voters in European region is Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the ECU Parliament and of the Council, the ECU Union's ('EU') new General information Protection Regulation ('GDPR'), regulates the process by a private, an organization or a company of non-public information concerning people within the EU. It doesn't apply to the process of non-public information of deceased persons or of legal persons. The rules don't apply to information processed by a private for strictly personal reasons or for activities administrated in one's home, provided there's no association to an expert or enterprise. once a private uses personal information outside the non-public sphere, for socio-cultural or monetary activities, for instance, then the info protection law must be revered. (European Commission, 2018)

Key need for the current and future as a research challenge:

Hence the need for a mechanism where “**Human Profiling for Online Presence**” for individuals’ online behavior, and **Peoplechain to ensure mis-information, rumors are in check, verified and only “trustworth” facts are in circulation**, more importantly a **more responsible social behavior “online”** can be expected.

“If you’re not paying for the product, then you are the product” (The Social Dilemma, 2020) In today’s age and time, **“Social Media is a drug”** (The Social Dilemma, 2020), and while we are realizing it a bit late, the damage that it has done is profound. Social Dilemma¹, a movie released in the year 2020, has brought in some of the facts and the ugly side of social media, human computer interaction, unethical use of AI, and the dark side of mis information to the table. There are some of the dilemma’s that it talks about, however the most profound ones being:

Mental Health Dilemma –

A 5,000-person study found that higher social media use **correlate** with self-reported declines in mental and physical health and life satisfaction. Face-to-face social interactions enhance well-being. With the omnipresence of social media, necessary queries have arisen regarding the impact of on-line social interactions. within the gift study, we tend to assessed the associations of each on-line and offline social networks with many subjective measures of well-being. we tend to used three waves (2013, 2014, and 2015) of information from five thousand two hundred eight subjects within the across the nation representative Gallup Panel Social Network Study survey, together with social network measures, together with objective measures of Facebook use. we tend to investigated the associations of Facebook activity and real-world social network activity with self-reported physical health, self- reported mental state, self-reported life satisfaction, and body mass index. Their results showed that overall, the utilization of Facebook was negatively related to well- being. for instance, a 1- standard-deviation increase in “likes clicked” (clicking “like” on somebody else’s content), “links clicked” (clicking a link to a different website or article), or “status updates” (updating one’s own Facebook status) was related to a decrease of 5%–8% of a customary deviation in self- reported mental state. These associations were strong to variable cross-sectional analyses, still on 2-wave prospective analyses. The negative associations of Facebook use were appreciated or larger in magnitude than the positive impact of offline interactions, that suggests an attainable trade-off between offline and on- line relationships. (Holly B. Shakya, 2017)

Democracy Dilemma –

The # of nations with political misinformation campaigns on social media doubled within the past two years.

New York Times, mentioned, the researchers compiled data from news organizations, civil society teams and governments to form one in every of the foremost comprehensive inventories of misinformation practices by governments round the world. They found that the quantity of nations with political misinformation campaigns quite doubled to seventy within the last 2 years, with proof of a minimum of one organization or government entity in every of these countries participating in social media manipulation. additionally, Facebook remains the No. one social network for misinformation, the report aforementioned. Organized info campaigns were found on the platform in fifty-six countries. However, the analysis shows that use of the ways, that embrace bots, faux social media accounts and employed “trolls,” is growing. (Davey Alba, 2019)

¹ <https://www.thesocialdilemma.com/>

Discrimination Dilemma –

64% of the people that joined extremist teams on Facebook did therefore as a result of the algorithms steered them there.

According to a Wall Street Journal report, Facebook determined to require no important action when internal analysis incontestable that its algorithms were stoking political orientation and division. one in all Facebook’s internal displays from 2018 expressly declared that its algorithms

– that boost bound content that targeted users could also be additional probably to move with – are exasperating discordant behavior and would still do therefore, the report aforementioned. “Our algorithms exploit the human brain’s attraction to divisiveness. If left unbridled, Facebook would feed users additional and additional discordant content in a trial to achieve user attention and increase time on the platform,” one slide browse. A separate 2016 study written by Monica Lee, an indoor analysis person, found that sixty-four per cent of individuals WHO had joined associate extremist cluster on the platform did therefore as a result of the cluster was promoted by Facebook’s automatic recommendation tools. (Editorial, 2020).

Additionally, in another report revealed within the same media, states that Facebook has insisted that it'll still allow lies in political advertising on its platform, despite searing criticism, because it announces new options to relinquish users a minimum of some management over political ads bestowed to them. Given the premise, we want to act and produce in a very resolution to those dilemmas. The terribly essence and magnitude of those issues is thus large that we would not be ready to solve it in one go, but we will try and address it via technology, the exact same that created it, has the solution to that, in conjunction with a combination of human intelligence. **“Social media starts to dig deeper and deeper down into the brain stem and takes over kids’ sense of self-worth and identity”** (The Social Dilemma, 2020), it’s time we brought in **ethical AI, Human Profiling for Online Presence**, and **human intellect** to the mix so that we can create **“trust worth”** information that is not creating undue bias, but only strains out facts, data and leaves the judgement to the individual without orchestrating facts to the platform owner’s advantage. In accordance to the challenges, a way to bring moral conduct to online behavior via **“Human Profiling for Online Presence”** that can be trusted and people adhere to, will be an attempt to solve a lot of defamation, hate speech and more, online.

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Literature Review

In terms of some of the research around work of importance around the topic of digital reputation, and cognitive bias modification there are some papers as below:

In their research (Eryarsoy, 2015) they called out the need for a digital reputation of companies as the internet and social media presence dominates the reputational factor. Their pivotal research question was on how to represent digital reputation of any organization in a digital paradigm. Their approach was a quantitative methodology to collect data from social sites, company web pages, blogs, wikis etc. about a company and rank them against each other.

However, what their research wasn’t addressing was, how do we manage the same construct for an individual, fact check and use of AI to diffuse fake news.

In other research, focused on cognitive bias, decision styles, and how they impact an individual (Gloria Phillips-Wren, 2019) it was discussed that systems and the platforms must help the individual decision makers think rationally. They brought out the point that Cognitive biases are closely related to how we human beings decide. Hence the idea to ensure that the biases are not fueled by mis information, and fake news, it’s important to build a system that can easily help remove un verified data and only let the verified, checked and trust worth information reach the end users.

Harvard Business Review, also published an article (Jack B. Soll, 2015) where the authors explained how one can overcome their own biases. Most of the times online users are over confident about the information they already have and give it more weight than anything else, and we cannot see the future that clear hence we believe whatever is being presented. The below image is a good representation of their work:

How to Prevent Misweighting

When we give too much or too little significance to the information we have, our decisions may suffer. It's a problem with all types of bias, but these tactics can help.

| | UTILITY | EXAMPLES |
|---|---|---|
|  BLINDING | Improve judgment by eliminating the influence of stereotypes, idiosyncratic associations, and irrelevant factors. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orchestras have players audition behind a screen to prevent gender bias. After this became standard practice, female membership skyrocketed from 5% in 1970 to nearly 40% today. Many professors ensure fair grading by covering up names (or asking an assistant to do so) before evaluating papers and other assignments. |
|  CHECKLISTS | Reduce errors due to forgetfulness and other memory distortions by directing our attention to what's most relevant. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Venture capitalists often use a set list of criteria to vet entrepreneurial pitches. Savvy hiring managers assess candidates by conducting structured interviews (they're much more accurate predictors of performance than open-ended interviews). Because there's a standard way to rate responses, people can be easily compared on various dimensions. |
|  ALGORITHMS | Ensure consistency by predetermined how much emphasis each piece of information will get.* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banks and other lenders use scoring algorithms to predict consumers' creditworthiness. Taking a page from professional baseball, employers are starting to use algorithms in hiring. One study showed that a simple equation for evaluating applicants outperformed human judgment by at least 25%. |

*Since algorithms reflect the biases of the experts who build them, it's best to combine them with other debiasing tools.

SOURCE: JACK B. SOLL, KATHERINE L. MILKMAN, AND JOHN W. PAYNE
FROM "OUTSMART YOUR OWN BIASES," MAY 2015

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Figure 2: How to Prevent Mis weighting (HBR)

Research Gaps, Objectives and Suggestions:

The objective of the research is to develop, and implement a working solution / model that can:

- Detect False News from various online medias
- Detect various Biases
- Gamify user's collaboration to give them reputational scores
- Higher the score = Better the individual's online behavior and participation to strain out false rumors and news
- Create a PeopleChain to map along with AI to confirm the authenticity of the news / information online
- Be a benchmark method and mode for "Human Profiling for Online Presence" for Online media
- Provide a Trustworth score to news and information online

Content Intelligence reduces media distortion by distilling topical news into salient information with confidence, while also identifying slant and alignment of each content sources.

- Ingest of topical 'news' from select sources
- Analysis and comparison of content, adjusted for source bias score.
- Presentation of simplified salient information
- Source content rating for bias and alignment with political agenda

In addition to the above we will then decipher the activities of the user, the type of content s/he is engaged in, and accordingly provide a "Human Profiling for Online Presence".

Social AI is core to user engagement, delivering a managed, safe and positive experience, while also building depth/validity in user data:

- Validate user identity, location, person
- Maintain public anonymity
- Gamify user engagement
- Create a 'safe-space'
- Enable free expression of credible opinions
- Maximize depth of user data

Research Methodology

Given this is a Data Science (Cleveland, 2019) challenge and there would be a need to establish the facts in order, bring in the right process to structure the data, aggregate data for individuals from various sources, eliminate biases, and more, then be able to give scores which will lead to an index of scoring for individuals, we will approach this problem with an established data science approach (Rollins, 2015), however with twist of our own approach.

The approach that we propose is as illustrated below, where the focus is not just research, but bringing in a lot of AI and Data Science approach to solving a real-world problem that is very prominent at this age and time.

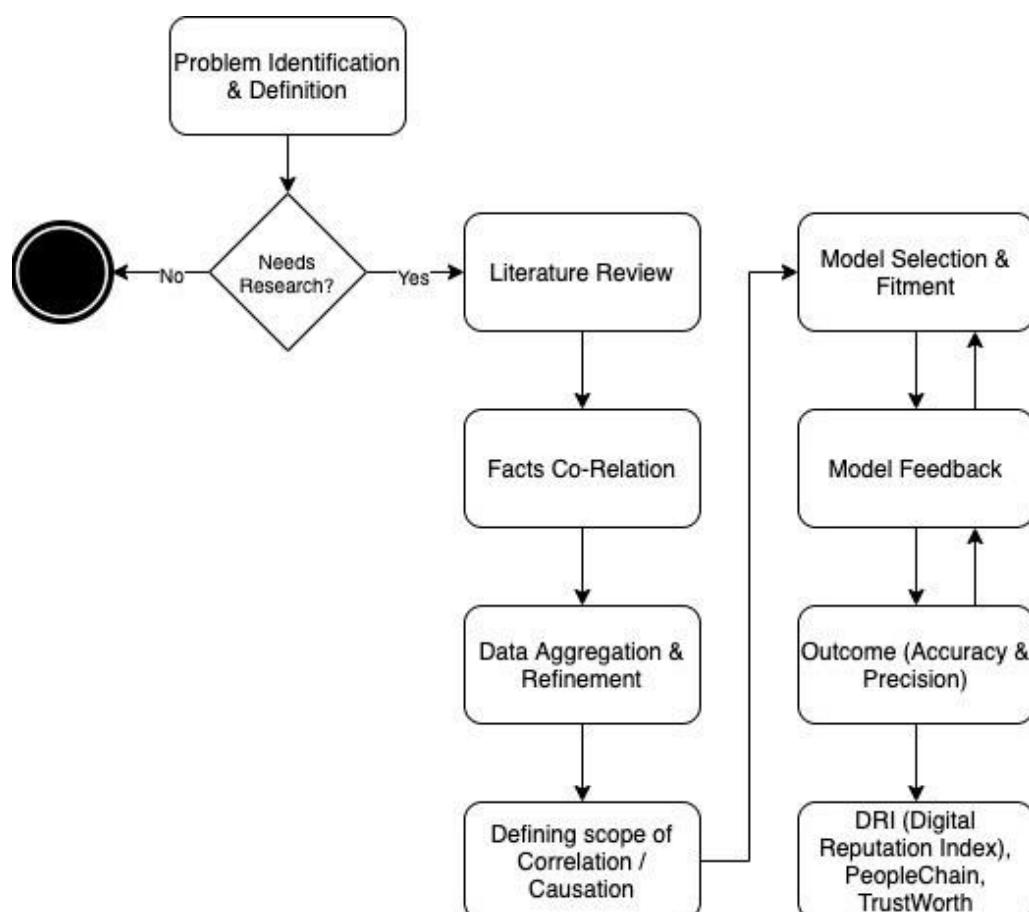


Figure 3: Research Methodology for Human Profiling for Online Presence, Peoplechain and Trustworth

Framework of Study – Research Design and Sampling

Based on the what we are trying to achieve, which is going to be **exploratory research** with data being the driving force for insights, we are going to take a data science approach for establishing facts and deducing correlation following which the solution will be presented.

The idea of the framework is keeping it repeatable considering the problem; where threats will continue to have newness and the model of people chain and Human Profiling for Online Presence will need to match and follow closely to be relevant, we are proposing the data science methodology as suggested by IBM. (Rollins, 2015).

The premise of this research being the hypothesis as below:

H_0

Rise of social media has made an adverse impact on physical wellbeing, social well-being, and has adversely affected information reliance and its accuracy, along with the people who use them for their analysis.

H_1

While research has extensively been conducted to prove the correlation of the social media vs the wellbeing (Holly B. Shakya, 2017), there is no considerable work being done on how to control this "**eDemic**" of online abuse of facts and mis information, bring in "**responsible online behavior**" by bringing in reputational wellbeing

for the individual. Hence the need is immediate to bring in such a matrix, scale and model that can help bring a sense of responsibility rather than callous posts, in their online behavior and engagement.

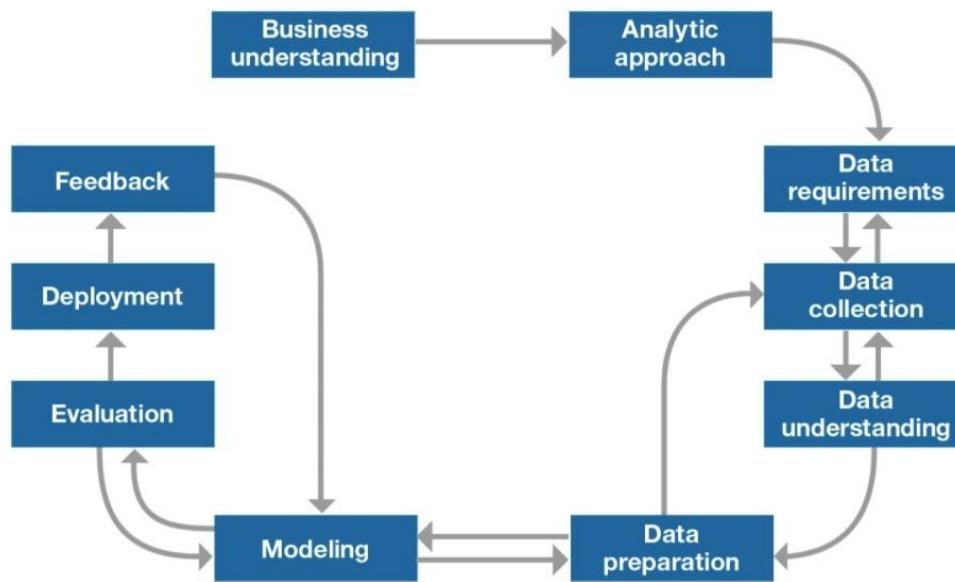


Figure 1: Foundational Methodology for Data Science by IBM (Rollins, 2015)

Design of Experiment

To set the basis of this research I have taken the liberty to use the construct of America in One Room (CDD, 2019), a national experiment which was conducted by Stanford CDD, where by 523 voters were sampled (stratified) from across the country and stationed at Dallas for discussions on civil matters from Immigrations, Healthcare, and Foreign Policy, to Tax & Economy. The highlight of the experiment was to showcase how biases cloud your judgement and availability of perspectives and information can help you steer right.

The mass experiment was conducted during September 19-22, 2019, where sample met in small groups in a moderated session and shared their views against experts and politicians from both Democrats and Republicans. There was a control user group of 844 participants who addressed the exact same questions as the sample, and was recruited by NORC (University of Chicago).

Sample Results & Findings for bias experiments by CDD

The findings are showcasing the impact of how informed people gets through biases. The table below compares the number of correct responses of deliberation participants before deliberation (T1) and after deliberation (T2). Correct answers are mentioned in parenthesis and the statistical significance was reached using popular paired t-tests. Percentage represents sample who answered right. Numbers in parenthesis are the size of the sample. +p≤0.1, *p≤0.05, **p≤0.01, ***p≤0.001.

Participants

| | T1% | T2% | Change |
|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Which political party holds the majority in the Senate? [Republican] | 74.4 (389) | 72.3 (378) | -2.1 |
| Which political party holds the majority in the House? [Democrat] | 71.5 (374) | 69.6 (364) | -1.9 |
| About how many undocumented immigrants are in the US? [10 million] | 20.5 (107) | 74.0 (387) | 53.5*** |
| Which of the following countries is NOT part of the Paris Agreement on the environment? [All of the above] | 32.1 (168) | 48.6 (254) | 16.5*** |
| The Affordable Care Act allows which of the following? [All of the above] | 57.0 (298) | 60.0 (314) | 3.0 |
| What percentage is the highest tax rate for capital gains taxes? [20%] | 24.5 (97) | 46.8 (93) | 21.8*** |
| Which of the following organizations dealing with trade has the most countries? [WTO] | 40.5 (212) | 49.7 (260) | 9.2*** |
| Knowledge Index | 45.8 | 60.1 | 14.3*** |

Figure 4: Knowledge Gain Table on Participants

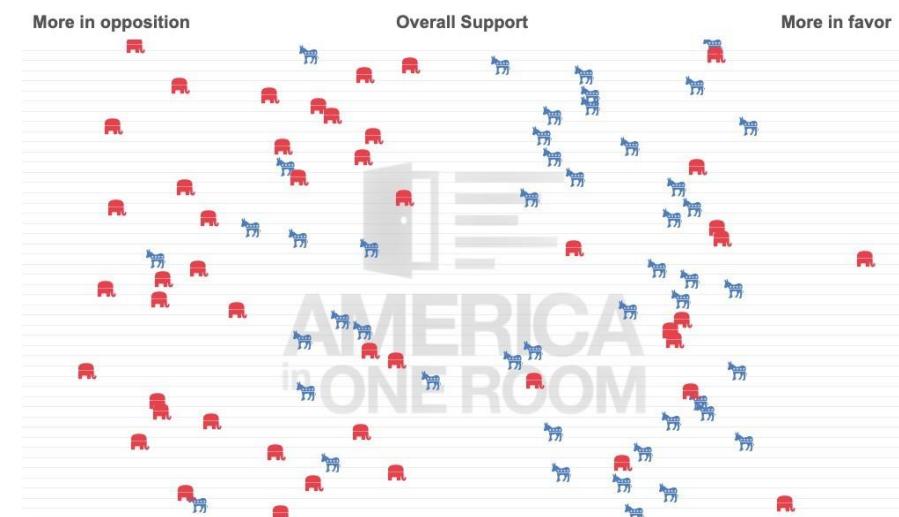


Figure 5: Democrat and Republican polarization view on all proposals before factual discussion

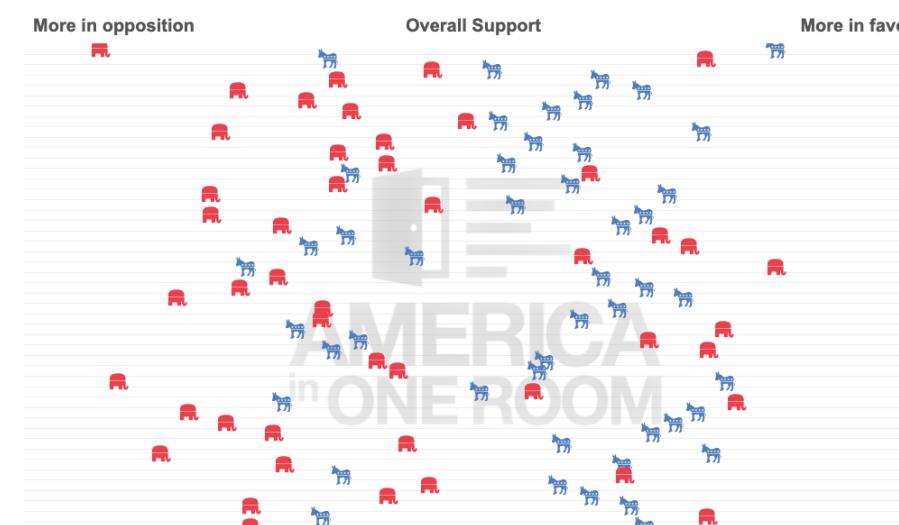


Figure 6: Democrats and Republican views after open discussions

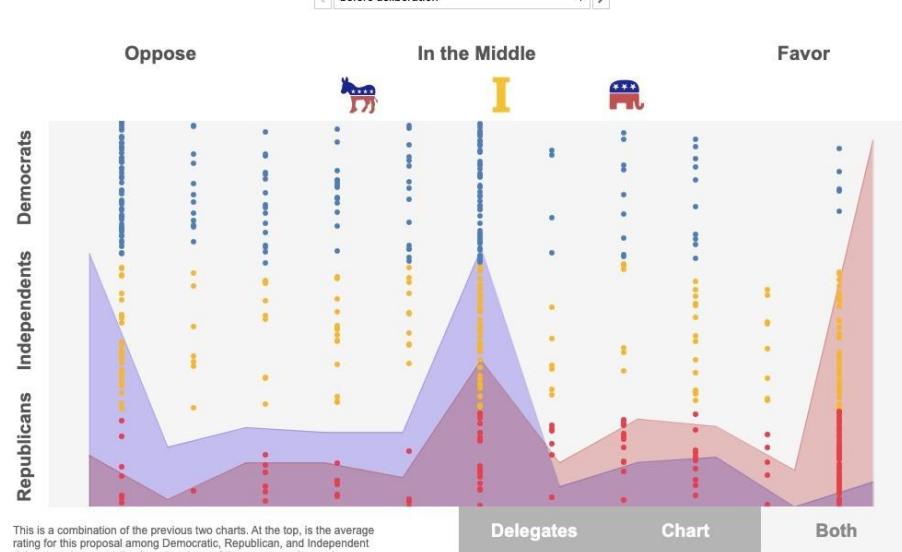


Figure 7: Distribution before the factual discussions on issues

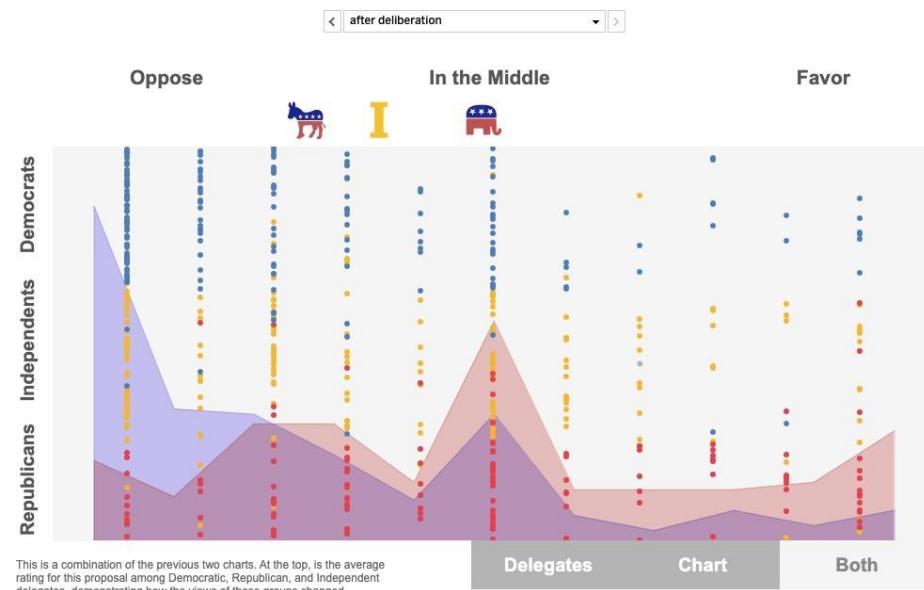
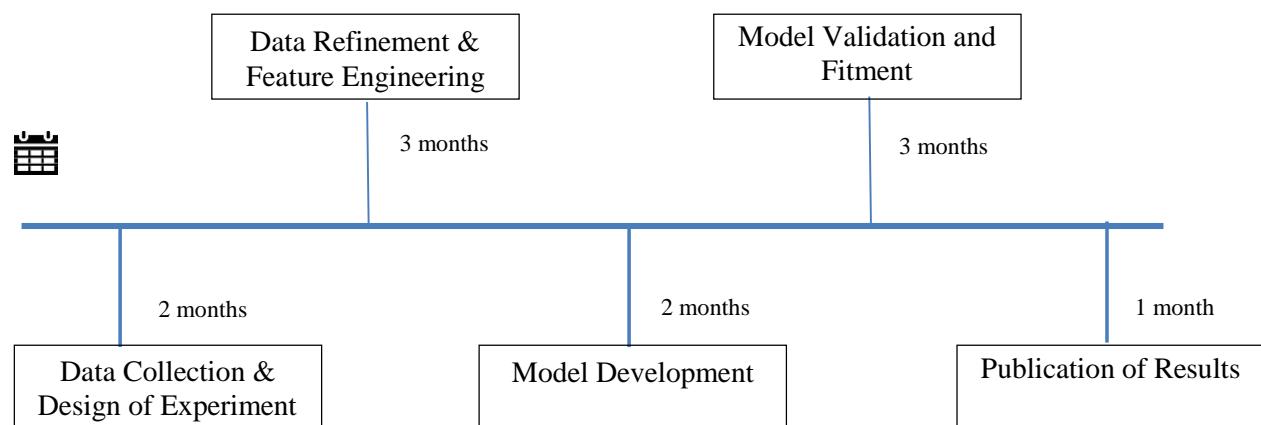


Figure 8: Distribution of views after open discussions

Research Timeline (proposed)

The expected and proposed timeline for this study is as below:



Progress Thus Far

I have already started working on the hypothesis and even developed a platform which is now live which embodies this work.

A sample implementation of one of the objectives of gamification and stance detection is shows under in Figure

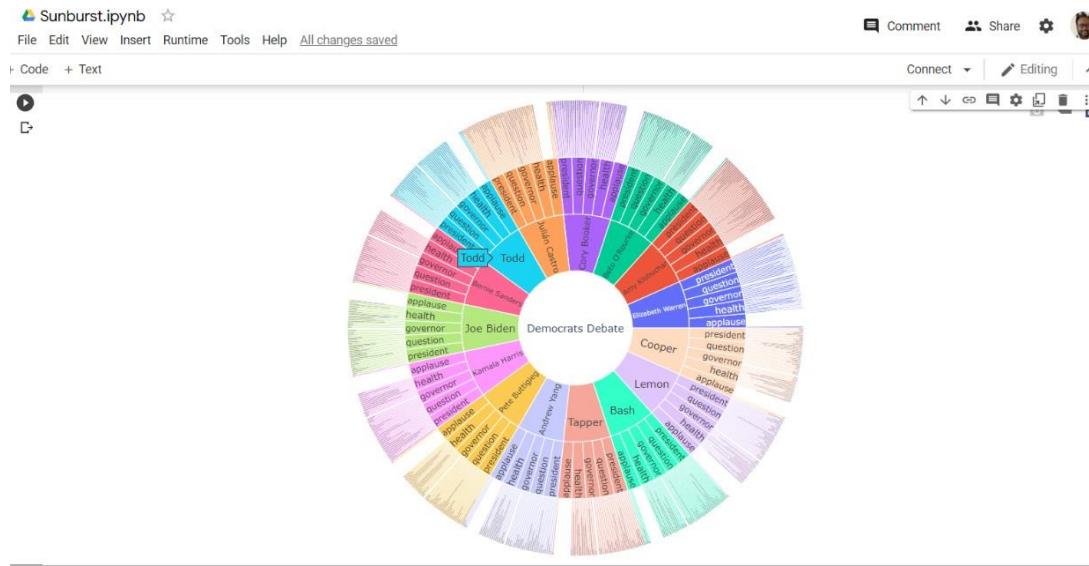


Figure 9: Sunburst view of the debate and the keyword on various stance

The application of the concepts are already available on a product I worked on, based out of Canada.

<https://canada.citizen.world/signup>

Data Collection and Design of Experiment hence has been completed and tested.

Expected Benefits of the Research and associated impact for Academia

The idea of America in a room is what I have taken to a technology construct to address biases, via data driven approach. Instead of the people in a room, I intend to bring anonymous users in a debate room, discuss their views, like, comment, share, and more of their views and facts online, thereby I bring all their activities data to a Trustworth and PeopleChain model. I have built a very basic level user gamification that tracks a user, and eventually scores their activities over time leading to an elevated user whose actions are seen with respect and this is where HOPE (Human Profiling for Online Presence) will be driving the online behavior.

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