Quiz Section AA, AD, and AF

RedPill Women

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Description: With our program, we are attempting our brand of sentiment analysis. Unlike the functions provided by Python, we will determine the appropriateness of a subreddit by establishing our criteria through specific word searches. By being able to insert our own values, i.e. words, into the search, we have established a program that is instantly modifiable in a changing environment. For example, we can use it to determine political sentiment by changing the keywords and engaging any interesting subreddit. We can in effect regulate the type of media we consume.

In contrast, the dream version of this product would be far more complex and detailed. By then, we hope the r/RedPill subreddit will be banned or removed from quarantine. We acknowledge that our program will inherently be biased and cannot be fully neutral. The ideal code would be able to select and pull out key terms across posts. Perhaps, it may also be able to see who are the most popular users and compile a ranking system. It would be interesting to explore how whether these Redditors have a hierarchy system or contain themselves in some form of social structure. Additionally, we would like to emphasize that it is extremely difficult to create a program surrounding these ideals.

Link to the Jupyterhub PDF here.

Ethical Questions:

1. How do stoic or libertarian values constrain or regulate the type of media an individual consumes?
2. If a stoic and a libertarian were both developing a program like this, how would their perspectives differ?
3. How a libertarian bot and a stoic bot maintain a balance between free speech, proper moderation, and the inherent risks of smear campaigns, harassment, or doxing on Reddit?

Challenges:

The most challenging aspect turned out to be examining this assignment from two completely different points of view. We picked Stoicism and Libertarianism, which we considered very divergent points of reference if not total opposites. The Libertarian ethics of our endeavor proved

difficult to define. It was also challenging to determine what posts to play with. We ultimately chose the r/RedPillWomen subreddit as our core focus because of how they framed themselves as enlightened by neo-red pill.

Additionally, given the limited scope of our bot. We noticed that many of the posts that it found were consistently neutral. The few outliers were considered "red pill" or "stoic." However, there were no posts that were considered libertarian. That was to be expected within this subreddit.