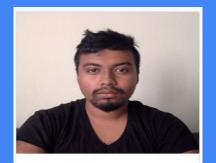
Congress and Me

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Robert Gutierrez Role: Fullstack Engineer

Biography: My dream is to innovate and create for the benefit of humanity and the future.



Abu-Zayd Abdullah Role: Fullstack Engineer

Biography: Junior at UT studying Computer Science who loves coding and video games.



David Sikabwe

Role: Fullstack Engineer

Biography: I like songwriting and lattes. I also write code sometimes. Please stream my music.



Calvin Dao

Role: Fullstack Engineer

Biography: I'm a software developer that enjoys game-dev and hanging out on creative writing forums.



Ben Hazel

Role: Fullstack Engineer

Biography: Senior CS major at UT and clarinet player in the Longhorn Marching Band.



Benjamin Burton

Role: Fullstack Engineer

Biography: Lacrosse player at the University of Texas at Austin and future Software Engineer at AT&T. Nice to meet you!

What is Congress and Me?

The issue on the table...

- US Politics are messy.
- Many politicians to keep track of
- Many issues to keep track of



Demo

Searching and sorting and filtering, oh my!

Congress and Me Home Representatives States Issues Visualizations About



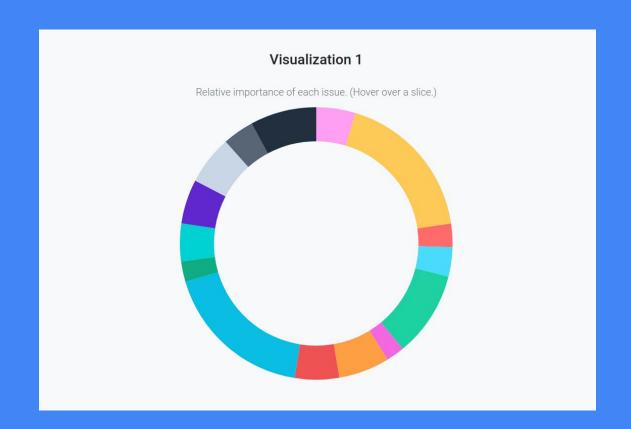
What is Congress and Me?

The six of us believe that a well-informed populace is crucial to a functioning democracy. We wanted a way for people to easily see what issues their representatives are and aren't talking about in their tweets and on the Congress floor, and we wanted to highlight which issues are being discussed and which ones require attention on a nation-wide scale. To that end, we're built Congress and Me.

Search

Visualizations

Data, but make it pretty



Self Critiques

What did we do well?

- Communicated well
- Fast loading
- Dynamic Search

What did we learn?

- Front End Development (Javascript, React, CSS)
- Database Management and Design (AWS, PSQL, Postman)
- Data Preprocessing (Python)

Self Critiques (cont'd.)

What can we do better?

- Better caching/less data usage
- More information on each model
- Scraping more types of data, such as speeches

What puzzles us?

- Database Efficiency
- Hosting (\$\$\$)

The Last Word Critiques

What did they do well?

- Attractive interface
- Unique and interesting topic
- Cool menu popup options

What did we learn?

- Many endangered languages around the world
- Little details like your loading graphics matter

The Last Word Critiques

- What could they do better?
 - When you navigate to the website it goes to https://sheltered-basin-86530.herokuapp.com/
 - Postman API is not up to date
- What puzzles us?
 - Lat and long on language
 - What do the language statuses mean?

Questions?

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