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# Twitter Influencers Clustering and Personalized Recommendation

**Engage with influencers the right way.**

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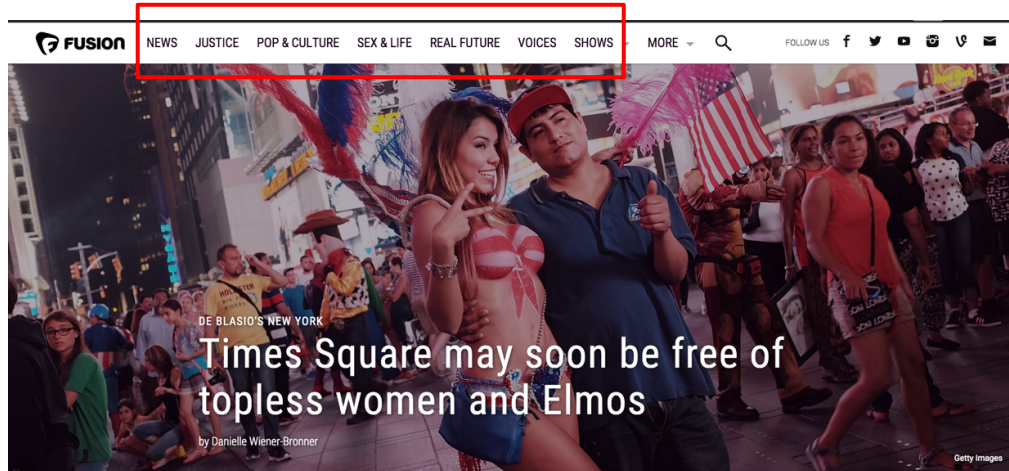
Give the **right people**  
the **right content** at the  
**right times**



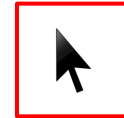
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# Fusion Data Sources



This  
Project  
Scope



# Mining Twitter

Who are influential to @thisisfusion:

- Participate in @thisisfusion tweets

- **retweet** ← Centrality Score

- favorite

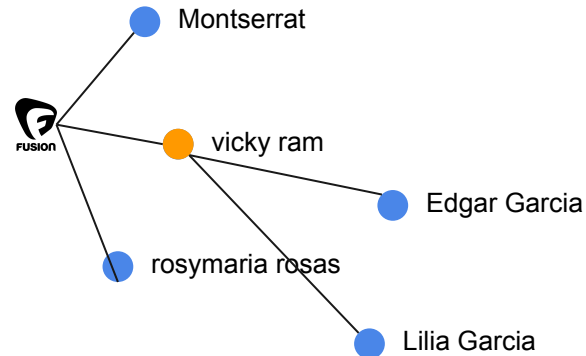
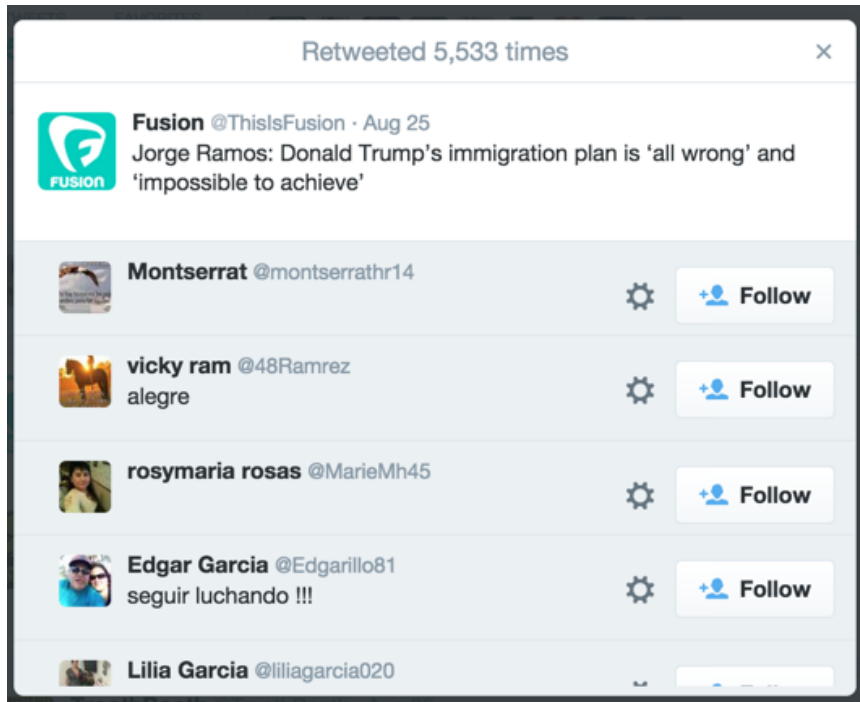
- comment

- Initiate tweets mentioning @thisisfusion

- **direct mention**



# Mining One Tweet

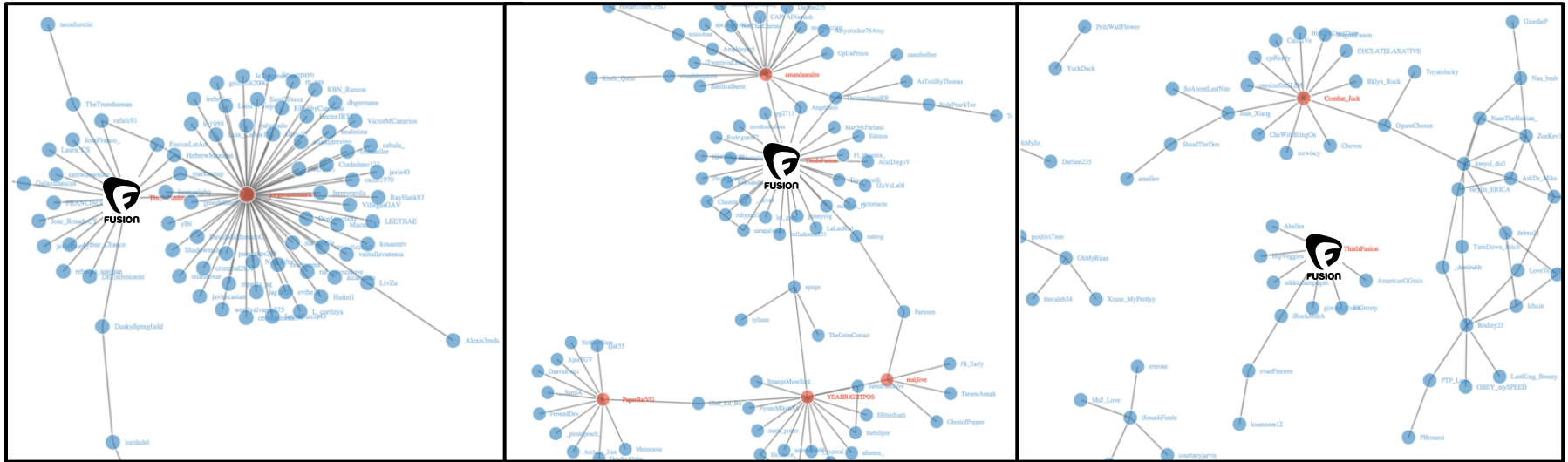


Centrality:  
How important a user is within a **retweet network**.

Degree-centrality: No. of followers  
Eigenvector-centrality: No. of important followers

# Mining One Tweet

# How does each tweet transmit?



# Mining Fusion Community

Not limited to specific tweet, InfluenceFlow Score captures overall information flow in Fusion community:

	User	Latin.America	follower	*	mention	=	score
1	jorgeramosnews	1	1439674		29		41750546
2	rafafc91	1	301		62		18662
3	FusionLatAm	1	142		125		17750
4	TheTranshuman	1	1646		5		8230
5	Arthur_Chance	1	1538		4		6152
6	Laura_CS	1	1070		3		3210
7	yfbl	1	2485		1		2485

← InfluenceFlow Score

Include:  
No. of Retweets  
No. of Direct mentions



# Right People: Superfans

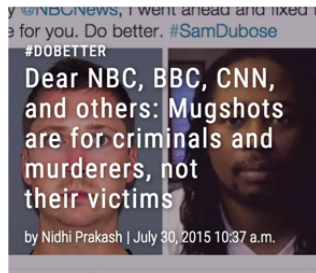
- Collect superfan data from every tweet
  - Scores
    - Centrality - influence within one tweet
    - InfluenceFlow - overall influence
  - Interests
    - Twitter Hashtags
    - Article Sections (news/justice/voices...)
    - Article Topics (drugs/transgender/mexico...)
    - ...

# Live Demo

Fusion On Twitter

Tweet Analysis

Find Influencers



Top 20 Tweet ID

data from 6/12 to 8/11

627213503871479808

Date: 2015-07-31

Retweets: 97

Favorites: 72

Alpha Centrality

Alpha

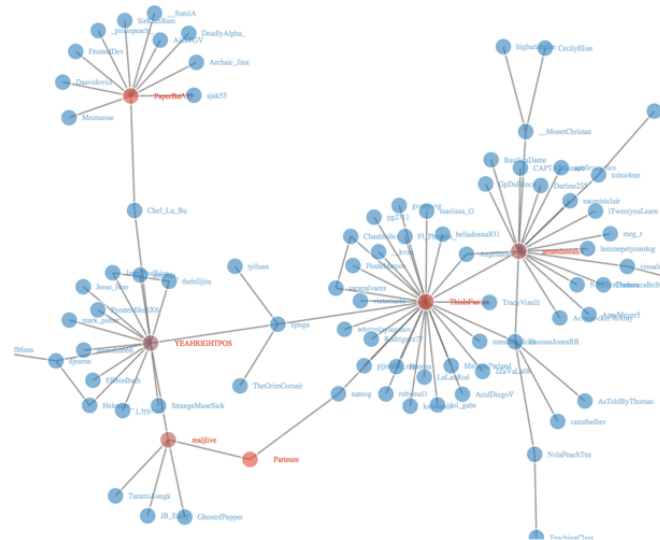
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Top N

30

Retweeting Network

All Retweeters



Name	Centrality	Influence
ThisIsFusion	23.296875	
amandaseales	11.875	0
YEAHRIGHTPOS	10.75	32052
realjive	7.875	24327
PaperBatVG	6	0
Parteum	4.9375	13917
Chef_Lu_Bu	4	0
nateog	3.46875	52780
ThomasJonesRB	2.75	0
__MonetChristan	2	0
xpngn	2	696
djname	2	1478
Chastitlelez	1.5	4484
visualsby pierre	1.5	1899
NolaPeachTee	1.5	778
thebilljim	1.5	540
toitot4me	1.5	160
gunnysvg	1	345
MattMcParland	1	166
mariissa_G	1	888
LaLauRod	1	5954
GpDaPrince	1	258
TracyViselli	1	3900
pg2711	1	1246
realjive	1	509

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FUSION

Dear NBC, BBC, CNN,  
and others: Mugshots  
are for criminals and  
murderers, not  
their victims

by Nidhi Prakash | July 30, 2015 10:37 a.m.

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Retweeting Network

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Search:

Show 10 entries

	Image	Name	Id	Tweets	Following	Followers	Mentions	Influence
78		nateog	18083070	63822	385	10569	5	52780
47		YEAHRIGHTPOS	16044763	13701	1510	32079	1	32052
63		realjlive	17280516	47351	1265	24358	1	24327
64		Parteum	7010732	26468	701	13928	1	13917
3		cars_and_trains	55465417	29115	6299	11692	1	11701
50		AcidDiegoV	382715672	8034	637	2374	4	9496
71		NotThatChelsea	358976635	8876	289	9480	1	9489
4		JaredPaulLive	226654027	10784	694	6588	1	6584

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Number of most popular tweets



Since date

2015-06-01

Subject Source

☒ Section

☐ Topic

☐ Hashtag

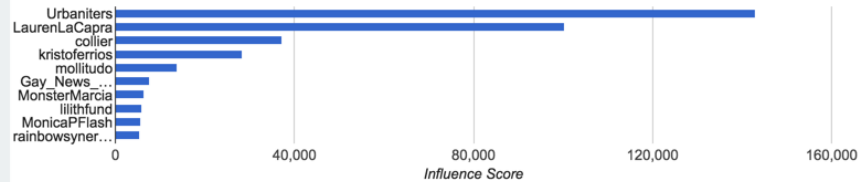
Subject

☒ Justice

☐ Latin.America

☐ News

Top Influencers



Show 10 entries

	User	Justice	follower	mention	score
1	Urbaniters	1	11004	13	143052
2	LaurenLaCapra	1	8365	12	100380
3	collier	1	3717	10	37170
4	kristoferrios	1	766	37	28342
5	mollitudo	1	1730	8	13840
6	Gay_News_Now	1	7657	1	7657
7	MonsterMarcia	1	6371	1	6371

# Right Content?

Is there an algorithm to suggest personalized recommendations to superfans?

In Progress:

- Text mining on all superfans timeline content
- Clustering texts on vectors from AlchemyAPI
- Observe distributions of superfan scores and interests in different clusters
- Content-based recommendation (match vectorized user timeline text and article text using cosine similarity)



LANGUAGE: English

RT @WomenWorldNews1: #USLatino #Latina Victor Mesa Leading Matanzas Once Again in Cuban Baseball Series: 19 de ago... <http://t.co/Xlg1fKF7f...> RT  
@WomenWorldNews1: #USLatino #Latina Daniel Radcliffe Sheds Boy Wizard Clothes in Frankenstein Film: 19 de agost... <http://t.co/mLtLf4MP...> RT  
@USALatinosNews: @UN: Historia que importan en el Día de la Asistencia Humanitaria → <https://t.co/stUvcXMghv> #ShareHumanity #USLatino h... RT  
@EspuelasVox: #Mexico blasts @realDonaldTrump stance on #immigrants as absurd, racist <http://t.co/y5wBNEMJuM> via @Reuters #tcot #uslati... RT  
@EspuelasVox: .@MarcoRubio benefits from Birthright Citizenship, now he's a restrictionist <http://t.co/cPyB6qmiUF> #tcot #latism #uslati... RT @EspuelasVox:

[Click here to learn more about entities.](#)

Visual

JSON

API

Entities	Louis Stokes	Venezuela	MSNBC	endome cancer	Iowa	Washington	Mexico	Hillary Clinton	Trump		
Keywords	Arctic	partner	Sun Yat-sen			Ted Cruz					
Taxonomy							America	US	Donald Trump		
Concepts	Ben Carson	Florida	Congress	Iran		Cuba					
Document Sentiment											
Targeted Sentiment	Salesman	Hillary.	Scott Walker	Birthright Citizenship		Michelle Obama	Ayn Rand	YouTube	Trump Hotel.	Trump hotel	GOP
Relations						Berkeley	mi...	Daniel Radcliffe	min...		
Language	Chef Jose Andres	Jorge Ramos	Jeb Bush								
Title				Obama		Facebook	Mark Zuckerberg	Jan Mickelson			
Author	assault	Marco Rubio	President			Matanzas	Carly Fiorina	Bernie Sanders	Reagan	Republican Party	
Text											
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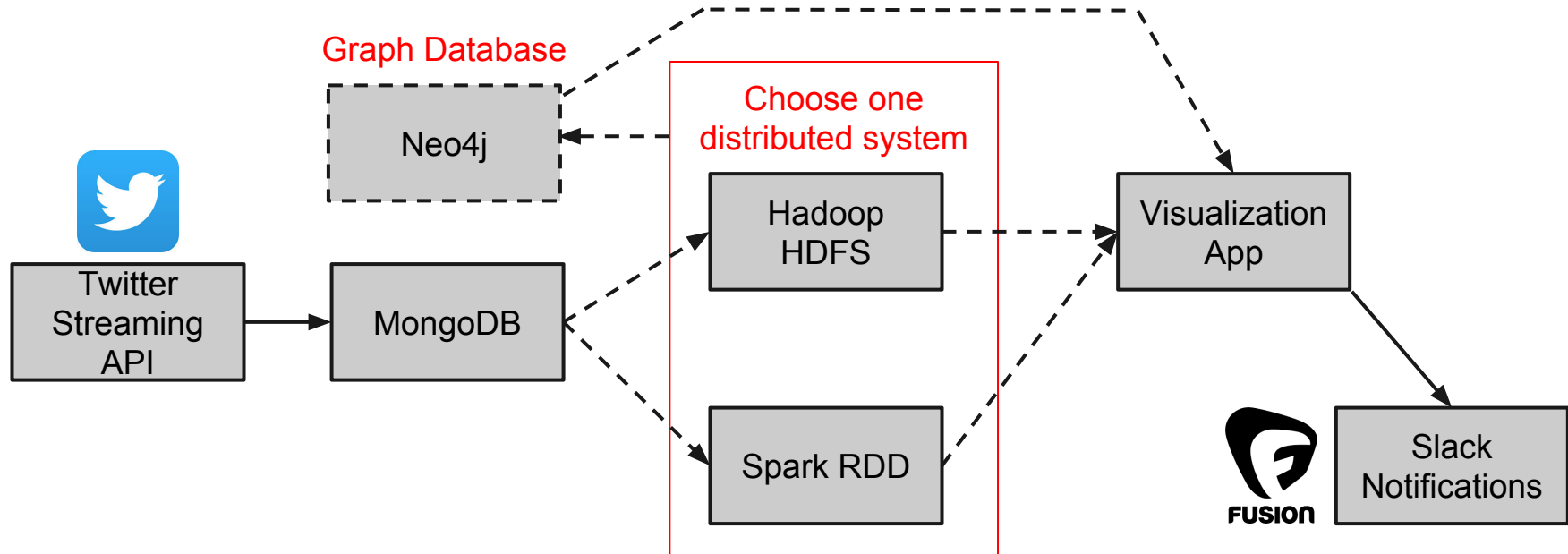
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1	Sexyman469	0.307363	0.000000	0	0.000000	1.506483	0	0	0.000000
2	alonso_529	0.296390	0.000000	0	0.202315	1.155570	0	0	0.000000
3	IvankaOC	0.000000	0.000000	0	1.598437	1.180828	0	0	0.000000
4	AngryYuca	0.423798	0.000000	0	3.961219	1.176333	0	0	0.000000
5	TooTurntNelly	0.000000	0.000000	0	0.000000	0.309068	0	0	0.000000
6	natashalennard	0.000000	0.613226	0	0.471438	1.602814	0	0	0.000000
7	paul_boyd	0.296297	0.000000	0	0.491203	1.323246	0	0	0.000000
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9	SteampunkMuppet	0.000000	0.000000	0	0.876238	0.618926	0	0	0.000000
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11	hatterfan	0.000000	0.000000	0	0.000000	3.599519	0	0	0.000000
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15	bequarius	0.460585	0.000000	0	0.594332	0.459007	0	0	0.000000
16	AceHoffman	0.349410	0.406325	0	0.000000	1.329949	0	0	0.000000

# Limits

- Time Limit (3-week-project)
  - Mainly focused on identifying and classifying superfans
  - Didn't include time analysis
- Data Limit (Twitter API limitations)
  - Rate limit - takes 1 to 2 days to get basic data needed for 20 tweets
  - Query limit - can't retrieve more than 3,200 tweets and 100 retweets, which sacrificed the flexibility of popularity analysis
  - Lack of infrastructure support - data consistency issue occurred a lot



# Make It Scalable



# About Us

This is an open source project collaborated between NYC Data Science Academy and Fusion media (an ABC-Univision joint-venture).

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