

Weekly Update 2

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Weekly Progress (5 points)

1. Successfully scraped around five congress members tweets.
2. Realized I would need to routinely make new twitter accounts/get new cookies.
3. Realized it wasn't feasible for me to be able to run the whole script and get every tweet on my own laptop.
4. Started working on a script to access FEC API. Used Claude to help me with the script. I will keep in mind thinking about how to cite this.
5. Requested higher rate limit access from API and was granted access.

Challenges (3 points)

1. Trying to get a loaner laptop was a bit of a frustrating process. I had to run around three different IT desks, only for them to tell me they wouldn't end up loaning me a laptop for some reason.
2. I will need to request access from one of GW's remote servers. I'm a bit nervous since I will have no idea how to use it.
3. I realized that trying to download individual contribution using the API was not time effective. I'll just manually download the data from the FEC site. It took nearly eight hours to get the records of two members. It only took minutes using the website.

Code Commits (2 points)

<https://github.com/GW-datasci/26-spring-ngo-a/commits/main/>

1. Committed new data on tweets from script running over a few days
2. Committed script accessing FEC API

References

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