

United Nations Association of Norway (UNA Norway)

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Vision: With the UN for a sustainable world.

Purpose: To communicate knowledge about the UN and international issues that create commitment to global, sustainable solutions.

UNA Norway has been informing about the UN and the UN's work for over 75 years. We communicate knowledge about the UN, international issues and global, sustainable solutions.

Our flagship is the UN role-plays where students represent different countries in the Security Council and debate issues related to a current conflict. We also offer lectures, film screenings, seminars and debates on international issues across the country, both for students and others, such as companies or organizations.

UNA Norway works politically for what the UN decides, and for measures that support our vision. UNA Norway is independent of the UN, but acts somewhat as ambassadors from the UN to Norway in order to ensure good political decisions that follow UN policy and secure resources for UN organizations.

Problem statement

UNA Norway works politically to influence the Storting, the government and other democratic institutions such as municipal councils. We need to measure the work we do to improve efficiency and ensure the quality of the work. That is why we work with results-based management.

Through this cooperation, UNA Norway wishes to strengthen our political work. The project can give us quantitative measures on the political work, which in turn can lead to better efficiency and remove time-consuming work of searching the countless documents in the Storting. We believe that quantitative text analysis can contribute with important insights.

The resource for the work will be www.stortinget.no. The Storting has its own API which can be found [here](#). To extract data from this API, you can, for example, use the R-package [stortingscrape](#), developed by Martin Søyland. UNA Norway has not previously measured the impact of our political work, so this is groundbreaking work for us.

The task

Our goal is to measure the degree of political influence in the Storting and find important information regarding our work. We want to extract and structure text data from the Storting, with two objectives:

1. Explore UNA Norway's contribution to or in the Storting: All text where the "FN-sambandet" is mentioned is interesting for us to know about. Being discovered in decision-making documents can be an indicator of influence.
2. Selected information on the UN's sustainability goals and the UN; find information that is central to us in documents from the Storting, by given keywords. Here are our suggestions:
 - a. 4.7 / UBU / education for sustainable development
 - b. Names of all UN organizations such as UNICEF, WFP or UNA NORWAYIDS

Other methods may also be relevant, such as topic models or classification algorithms.