*(Moderator walks in and waits for the class to settle down)*

Welcome, to the supreme leader’s panel discussion! I’m Wende, moderator for today’s live show. Have you bought the SMU Special Edition “The Supreme Leader’s Times”? We have a special offer of only $45.89 e dollars! For those who have not bought it, you may go to [www.thesupremepresses.wordpress.com](http://www.thesupremepresses.wordpress.com), and checkout of our cool YouTube videos and digital newspaper online.

Hong Kong is seeing its most dramatic time after its reunion to the People’s Republic of China as protestors went to the street since early June this year, against the government from passing the Extradition Law Amendment Bill, or ELAB for short. People have been expressing all kinds of comments on social media platforms such as Twitter and Reddit. Researchers and news media agencies are keen to find out how people interact with one another online, and what is the general public sentiment towards this issue. They will definitely be interested in a more scientific and systematic approach to analyse this social media landscape.

*(With great enthusiasm)*

Today, we have on board computational social scientist Haodi Qi, Reddit Analyst Chelsea Zhang and Social Network Researcher Ms. Hanyu Jiang to talk more about the work the team have done so far! Our discussion for today will start with Text Analysis and Network Analysis on Twitter, followed by the sharing of Reddit analysis and finally concluding the panel discussion with the project’s future direction.

*(To Qi Haodi)*

Wende: Mr Qi, I’ve heard that your team has collected 1.7 million Tweets from Twitter, how did you process it?

Haodi:

Wende: I saw this amazing wordcloud on the poster in the shape of Hong Kong. Can you share more about your findings with the audience?

Haodi:

Wende: There is someone from this classroom who wants to know more about the general sentiments of Twitter users regarding the Hong Kong issues. Would you like to share?

Haodi:

Wende: Thank you very much for the insights! Now the team has also consolidated the twitter data and made them into 34 pieces of social network graphs from 24 Sep to 30 Oct.

*(To Hanyu)*

Wende: Ms Jiang, would you like to share more about these interesting graphs?

Hanyu:

Wende: How about the network measures we learned in class?

Hanyu:

Wende: That’s amazing! Now let’s move on to Reddit special analyst Chelsea Zhang, to see what she has for us today. So Chelsea, how did you process the data from Reddit?

Chelsea:

Wende: What are the interesting findings that you would like to share with us?

Chelsea:

Wende: Wow that sounds pretty cool and Thank you Chelsea

(Proceed to conclusion)

Thank you to all our panelists for sharing so much insights with us today. I am still amazed by how the team used text analysis and generated the WordCloud, showing us popular phrases with its sentiment score. The network analysis also showed us the changes of network structure over time, allow us to identify the prominent nodes like @HongKongFP and @Woppa1Woppa. Reddit analysis also showed us many interesting findings and informative dashboards.

In conclusion, our team believes that this computational social science analytics project is scalable with greater amount of data and higher computational power. This project can also be applied to other social science related issues and generate more insights for any client working with us. With that I conclude today’s panel and thank you for attending The Supreme Leader’s Panel discussion