	REPORT Introduction and Data
	Data, Motivation and Research question The European Social Survey (ESS) is a comprehensive project across 28 countries, including Germany, focusing on people's perspectives and experiences. Our study employs regression and classificantly analysis to understand the complexities in German society, especially how socio-economic changes affect individual well-being and financial conditions. This approach, highlighted in works by Smith (2019) and Jones and Brown (2020), is crucial for grasping the nuanced interplay of social, political, and economic influences on personal lives, underscoring the need for in-depth, multifaceted research is motivated by the practical implications that understanding these interconnections holds. In alignment with the findings of Patel and Lee (2018) on the potential impact of socio-politic factors on economic outcomes, we believe that unveiling the relationships between personal preferences, political inclinations, and financial well-being can inform evidence-based policy decisions. Between personal preferences, political inclinations, and financial well-being can inform evidence-based policy decisions.
	grounding our research in the existing literature, we aspire to contribute not only to academic knowledge but also to the broader discourse on social dynamics and well-being, echoing the sentiment expressed by scholars such as Anderson and Smith (2020) who stress the need for research that bridges theoretical insights with practical applications. Key variables and description Response Variables
:	• grspaya - 'Usual gross pay in euro, before deductions for tax and insurance' • happy - 'How happy are you' df_german_clean = pd.read_pickle('/data/interim/df_german_clean') def remove_outliers(df, column): Q1 = df[column].quantile(0.25)
	Q3 = df[column].quantile(0.75) IQR = Q3 - Q1 lower_bound = Q1 - 1.5 * IQR upper_bound = Q3 + 1.5 * IQR upper_bound = > lower_bound
	<pre>chart = alt.Chart(df_german_clean_v2).mark_point().encode(x=alt.X('agea:Q', title='Age'), y=alt.Y('grspaya:Q', title='Income'), color=alt.Color('gndr:N', scale=gender_colors, title='Sex'), tooltip=[alt.Tooltip('agea:Q', title='Age'),</pre>
	<pre>chart classification_df = pd.read_pickle('/data/interim/classification_df') classification_df = classification_df.copy() classification_df.loc[:, 'happy_cat'] = classification_df['happy'].astype(str) c_histogram = alt.Chart(classification_df).mark_bar().encode(</pre>
	<pre>tooltip=[alt.Tooltip('count()', title='Observations')]).properties(width=600, height=300, title={ "text": ['How happy are you? - Happiness Scores'], "subtitle": ['Taking all things together, how happy would you say you are?'], "color": 'black', "subtitleColor": 'grey' }).configure_view(strokeWidth=0)</pre>
	c_histogram Predictor Variables Financial Well-being: This variable quantifies an individual's perception of their financial situation, including income levels, financial security, and economic stability. • emplnof - Number of employees father had • emplmom - Number of employees mother had • dsgrmnya - How often disagree with husband/wife/partner about money
	• gincdif - Government should reduce differences in income levels Political Beliefs: This captures the political orientation of individuals, ranging from conservative to liberal viewpoints, including attitudes towards governance, policy preferences, and party affiliations • polintr - How interested in politics • mmbprty - Member of political party • Irscale - Placement on left right scale • gincdif - Government should reduce differences in income levels Social Preferences: This includes data on social interactions, community engagement, and personal values relating to societal issues. • tvtot - TV watching, total time on average weekday • tvpol - TV watching, news/politics/current affairs on average weekday • nwsptot - Newspaper reading, total time on average weekday
	 netuse - Personal use of internet/e-mail/www impfun - Important to seek fun and things that give pleasure ipgdtim - Important to have a good time • iprspot - Important to get respect from others wrywprb - Worry about work problems when not working, how often Demographic Information: Includes age, gender, education level, occupation, and other socio-demographic variables which are crucial for understanding the context of other responses. edude1-3 - Highest level of education, Germany: höchster allgemeinbildender Schulabschluss / höchster Studienabschluss / höchster Ausbildungsabschluss edumde1-3 - Father's highest level of education, Germany: höchster allgemeinbildender Schulabschluss / höchster Studienabschluss / höchster Ausbildungsabschluss edumde1-3 - Mother's highest level of education, Germany: höchster allgemeinbildender Schulabschluss / höchster Studienabschluss / höchster Ausbildungsabschluss
	Hypothesis Regression Analysis Media Impact (H1): The level of media engagement, including personal internet use and TV watching, significantly correlates with an individual's gross-pay in Germany. Political Opinion (H2): Political factors, encompassing interest in politics and placement on the left-right scale, play a substantial role in predicting an individual's gross-pay. Family (Upbringing) Impact (H3): Variables related to family upbringing, such as the number of employees father and mother had and the highest level of education for both the individual and their parents, significantly predict an individual's gross pay, emphasizing the importance of family background in financial success.
	 Education Impact (H4): Various educational factors, including the highest general educational qualification, the highest degree obtained, and the highest vocational qualification, significantly correl with gross pay, highlighting the impact of educational attainment on financial outcomes. Classification Analysis Internet Use, Media Consumption, and Happiness (H5): The reported level of happiness is influenced by an individual's personal use of the internet, including email and websites, as well as the total spent on newspaper reading on an average weekday. This suggests that both technological engagement and media consumption habits collectively impact subjective well-being. Political Interest (H6): An individual's reported Happiness-Score is also predicted by their level of interest in politics, highlighting the impact of political curiosity on subjective well-being. Parental Influence on Education (H7): The reported Happiness-Score is predicted by the highest level of education attained by the individual's father, specifically the highest general educational
	qualification (höchster allgemeinbildender Schulabschluss), suggesting that parental education influences subjective well-being. • Financial Disagreements and Government Views (H8): The frequency of disagreements with a spouse/partner about money significantly correlates with an individual's Happiness-Score, as well as a belief that the government should reduce differences in income levels, indicating that financial disagreements and views on income equality impact subjective well-being. Methodology Classification
	For our classification, we are using a Logistic Regression model to predict the Happiness of German people based on different social, political, and financial aspects. As a predictor variable, we select variable "happy" from our data set, which reflects a person's self-assessment of happiness on a scale of 0 to 10. Fortunately, the dataset did not contain a single row with a missing value at the response variable "happy". Thus, we were able to use the whole dataset for our model. Since the variable can have 11 valid values (0 for "not happy" to 10 for "happy"), the values must first be categorized, since logistic regression can only make binary predictions. We would like to have balanced dataset containing a similar number of "happy" and "unhappy" people in our dataset. That's why we set the threshold to different values. By doing this, we can try to balance out the dataset the easiest way to categorize these values into two categories, is to split at the value 5. First, the value 5 will be included to the "happy" category.
:	<pre>cls_df = pd.read_csv("/data/interim/cls_df_pre_bin") cls_df_happy5 = cls_df.copy() cls_df_happy5['happy'] = cls_df_happy5['happy'].apply(lambda x: 1 if x >= 5 else 0) cls_df_happy5['happy'].value_counts() By looking at the count of the values, it's clear to see that there are far more people being "happy" than there are being "unhappy". Next, we compare this result with the next split at the value 6. cls_df_happy6 = cls_df.copy() cls_df_happy6['happy'] = cls_df_happy6['happy'].apply(lambda x: 1 if x >= 6 else 0)</pre>
	cls_df_happy6['happy'].value_counts() By splitting the data at the value 6, the distribution is more balanced than before. Still, it is not optimal for training our model. This issue will be handled later. We manually picked some predictor variables out of all the 674 variables included in the dataset which seem to the suitable for predicting the happiness score. Due to the high number of variables, we could not analyse every single one. The risk behind this approach is that we did not base the selection of these predictor on any insights or statistical analysis. Thus, the selected variables might not suitable for our model. Still, the selected predictor variables will be analysed and evaluated further.
	After binning the values of the response variable "happy", we aim to clean the predictor variables by either dropping variables containing a high percentage of missing values or replace the missing values, a replacement value would most likely not represent the "real" value, so we dropped these variables. The remaining predictor variables either had none or not more than 10% missing values. Depending on the respective variable being ordinal or nominal, we filled the missing values by using the median for ordinal variables and the mode for nominal variables. The data splitting process divided the dataset into training and test data. By using a test size of 30%, we will receive a training dataset containing 70% of the initial dataset. To further analyse our datand gain insights to improve the performance of our model, we first perform an explanatory data analysis (EDA) on the training data. The feature selection process was based entirely on the EDA containing a correlation matrix as well as a computation of the Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) which indicates multicollinearity across prevariables. The correlation matrix shows the strength of the linear relationship between two variables. The goal was to determine variables having a high correlation coefficient and to eliminate these variables to prevent multicollinearity. Some relationships did stand out, even though a final decision whether to eliminate these variables will be made after taking the VIF into consideration. For the VIF, we aim for a value below 10, at best even below 5. All variables show values below 10, but only four variables also achieve a value below 5. After considering the results of the correlation matrix, five predictor variables are eliminated leaving our dataset with seven predictor variables. After selecting all relevant features for our modeling process there is still one issue to handle. As described previously, we had to categorize the values of our response variable "happy" and "unhappy", By looki the count of these values, it'
	Regression The study focuses on exploring the relationship between gross pay and various predictor variables, encompassing social, political, and economic aspects. The initial dataset, which was quite extensivith 674 variables, underwent a thorough selection process. This process involved isolating the most relevant factors for regression and classification models, as guided by the hypotheses set forth project proposal. Such a focused approach was essential to ensure that the analysis remained relevant and targeted. The data was specifically curated to include only records from Germany, as indic by the "DE" value in the "cntry" column. An important step in data preparation involved handling special codes within the variables. These codes, representing unique interview responses such as "februsal". The or taken," or "No answer," were systematically converted into missing values using NumPy. This conversion was crucial for maintaining the integrity and consistency of the data analysis. The research methodology included both linear and logistic regression models. Each of these models required a distinct data cleansing approach to ensure the creation of appropriately structured dataframes. In the case of linear regression, a significant effort was made to categorize variables based on their shared special codes. This categorization facilitated the efficient transformation of the value of the codes into missing values, significantly reflining the dataset size from 3031 to 1094 rows. A decisive step in the data preparation was the exclusion of certain variables with a high proportion of NaN such as "edude2", "edurde2", "edunde2", "enumping", and "emphorn". The remaining variables underwent a tailored treatment process: median imputation was used for ordinal variables, and mode imputation for nominal variables, to best preserve the original data distribution. Further refinement was achieved by removing all rows with NaN values in the crucial response variable in proportion of the regression analysis, the data was spl
	Classification cls_data = pd.read_csv("/data/processed/cls_final.csv") X_cls_test = cls_data.loc[2121:].drop("happy", axis=1) y_cls_test = cls_data.loc[2121:][["happy"]] First, we will evaluate the model trained on the unbalanced dataset.
:	We achieve an accuracy of 82.2% when testing the model with our dedicated test data. This accuracy is a quite good score for our model. When plotting the confusion matrix, we can see how our model_cls_unbal = pickle.load(open("/models/log-reg_unbal.pkl", "rb")) y_pred_unbal = model_cls_unbal.predict(X_cls_test) ConfusionMatrixDisplay.from_predictions(y_cls_test, y_pred_unbal, display_labels=model_cls_unbal.classes_)
:	The confusion matrix shows that our model predicted every data in our test data to be "happy". Not a single entry was predicted to be "unhappy". This explains the high accuracy score. We do not air have a model which only predicts people to be happy. This model is as good as assuming that every person in the dataset is "happy". Even after adjusting the decision threshold to 0.6 and 0.7, not a sentry was predicted to be "unhappy". Thus, this model will not be further evaluated. Next, we train a new model with our oversampled, balanced dataset. This model achieves an accuracy score of about 59.3%. Compared to the previous model, this value is significantly worse. By loc at the confusion matrix, we see that this model did also predict "unhappy" which is an improvement compared to the previous model. Still, performance is quite bad as many entries which are "happy predicted to be "unhappy". model_cls_bal = pickle.load(open("/models/log-reg.pkl", "rb")) y_pred_bal = model_cls_bal.predict(X_cls_test)
]:	ConfusionMatrixDisplay.from_predictions(y_cls_test, y_pred_bal, display_labels=model_cls_bal.classes_) print(classification_report(y_cls_test, y_pred_bal, target_names=["unhappy", "happy"])) We aim to optimize recall as we want to know what proportion of people got predicted correctly. By looking at the data whose true label is "unhappy" (or 0), the recall score is at 0.51. The recall score "happy" people is at 0.61 which is a bit better, but still leaves a lot of room for optimization. The ROC-curve (receiver operating characteristic) shows the performance of a classification model at different classification thresholds. The AUC-score (area under curve) provides an aggregate
]:[measure of performance across all possible classification thresholds. RocCurveDisplay.from_estimator(model_cls_bal, X_cls_test, y_cls_test) The ROC-curve is quite flat and close to a straight line. The AUC-score is at 0.59 which is close to the value 0.5 indicating a randomized prediction. This shows that the model trained on the balance dataset is anything but good. pred_proba = model_cls_bal.predict_proba(X_cls_test) df = pd.DataFrame({"y_pred": pred_proba[:,1] > 0.4})
	print(f"Logistic Regression with Threshold {0.4}") print(classification_report(y_cls_test, df["y_pred"], target_names=["unhappy", "happy"])) We try to optimize our model by using different classification thresholds using the recall score. By comparing different classification thresholds, we achieve the highest recall and F1-score at the thre 0.4 with a recall score of 0.57 and a F1-score of also 0.57. This model shows that the predictor variables do not really contribute to making a clear decision whether a person is happy or not. This issue was already addressed at the beginning stating that bas our manual variable selection we risk choosing variables which might not be suitable for the purpose of our model. This statement can now be confirmed.
	Regression The study's analysis of the Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) revealed notable levels of multicollinearity among several predictor variables. Particularly striking were the high VIF values for 'mmbprty' (49 and 'edude1' (14.42), indicating significant multicollinearity. Variables like 'polintr', 'edufde1', and 'edumde1' also displayed elevated VIF values, suggesting potential issues with multicollinearity that compact the model's reliability. In the linear regression model, the final set of variables included 'tvpol', 'edufde3', 'edumde3', 'nwsptot', 'netuse', 'tvtot', and 'edude3'. The performance metrics for this model were not particularly promising:
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	value of 0.1, representing the proportion of variance in the dependent variable explained by the independent variables, was quite low. This suggests that the linear regression model had limited predictions of variance in the dependent variable explained by the independent variables, was quite low.
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understanding of the factors that affect financial well-being. This approach promises to yield more substantial and enlightening results.

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