**My Pitch**

**Section: Politics + Society**

**Story**

To date, the sampling/analysis of the political opinions on the potential Scottish Independence from the United Kingdom has focused primarily on the mainland of Scotland. It is therefore unclear what the rest of the country feel about the political issue. Using Twitter data, I use a hybrid geo-text mining technique to reveal the sentiments of citizen across the country within few weeks to the 31st January 2020, the Brexit date. The analysis reveals a wide range of emotions across the UK, with a markedly variation in all the constituent nations (i.e. Scotland, England, Wales, and Northern Ireland). The results of my analysis also reveal that ‘Brexit’ is a key issue driving most of the expressed sentiments on the political matter.

**Significance**

The article presents a framework for a multi-national analysis of political sentiments using Twitter data. The technique used is valuable for social scientists and may be appropriate as alternative to the traditional opinion polling methods.

**Timeliness: now**

**Multimedia**

There are four figures in the articles:

(1) Figure 1: A pie chart showing the percentages of tweets from the four countries. Inserted in the pie chart is a map of the United Kingdom that shows the relative location of the four nations in the UK. (2) Figure 2: Four wordclouds (one for each country) showing the importance of words used in tweets. (3) Figure 3: A chord chart showing the polarity of sentiment across the four country and, (4) Figure 4: A chord chart showing the categories of emotions expressed in each country.

I will be happy to provide the images in any format required by the publication.

**Key Points**

(1) Provides a glimpse into the variances in the political sentiments expressed across the country about the Scottish independence, prior to the UK exiting the EU on the 31st January 2020.

(2) Link to the open-source piece of software in R that was used for the analysis. This is to facilitate the reproducibility of the analysis by social scientists and data analyst who might be interested in similar analysis.