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LDA-COVID19-Tweets

*Temporal Modeling of COVID-19
Health Belief Phenotypes*



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Motivation

- The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in an “infodemic” of information regarding health, science, and public policy
- This influx of information not only reflects the public’s perception of our ongoing global health crisis but can also further influence it
- Understanding dynamics of public perception regarding COVID-19 is critical for strategizing policies to manage health
- Long term goals of this app: better understand the trajectory of health beliefs regarding COVID-19 and how they might change overtime

Web App

LDA-COVID19-Tweets

<http://lda-t-publi-11a4tb1s5d55-2039079140.us-east-1.elb.amazonaws.com/>

Data

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Wang et al

Original Paper

Using Tweets to Understand How COVID-19–Related Health Beliefs Are Affected in the Age of Social Media: Twitter Data Analysis Study

Abstracted
COVID-19 Twitter
Chatter Data set
constructed by the
Panacea Lab

NLP Pipeline



5.5 million
COVID-19 health
related tweets

Health Beliefs

1. Perceived Susceptibility
2. Perceived Severity
3. Perceived Barriers
4. Perceived Benefits

Model

Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA) Topic Modeling

Corpus of
Tweets

1) Filter Date

2) Pre-process text
(tokenize, remove punctuation, stop words)

Document Term
Matrix

3) Run LDA on Document Term
Matrix and decide k topics

4) Choose k with the max
coherence (success metric!)

5) Generate visual
word clouds

6) Evaluate the probability of
each original tweet belonging to
a certain topic (mysql) – users
can download/view the
classified tweets

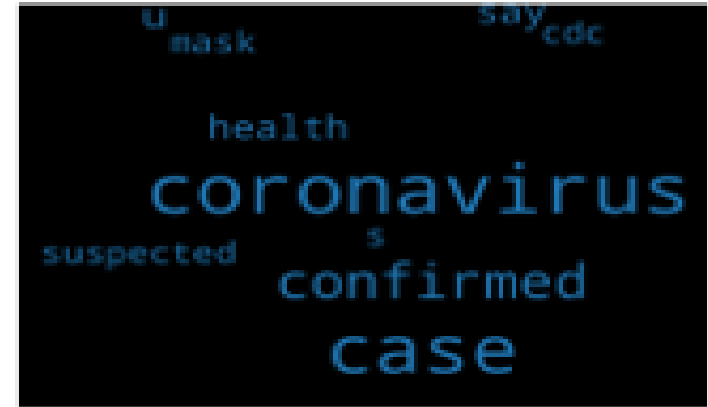
7) Evaluate topics in the
context or the original
health beliefs annotations

Results – January 2020

Best model- Coherence value = 0.40

topic_num	Count	Susceptibility	Severity	Benefits	Barriers
0	103	90	3	0	0
1	180	139	35	1	0
2	594	416	85	11	0
3	528	430	41	10	0
4	2046	1856	208	6	0
5	2592	1739	1036	17	3
6	4038	2274	875	128	13
7	24365	17486	7618	185	9

Topic 0



Topic 5



Thank You

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