National anthems analysis

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Agenda

- 1. Interesting facts
- 2. NLP analysis
- 3. Cluster analysis

The source of data

We analyzed the English translations of the anthems, scraped from the website

https://nationalanthems.info/

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which country's anthem is the longest?

Longest anthem



Netherlands 601 words

Shortest anthem



Jordan 18 words

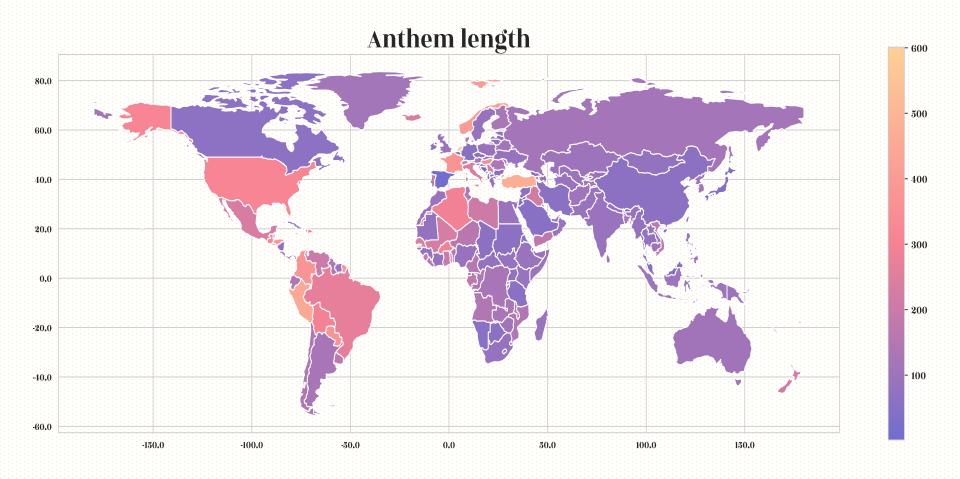






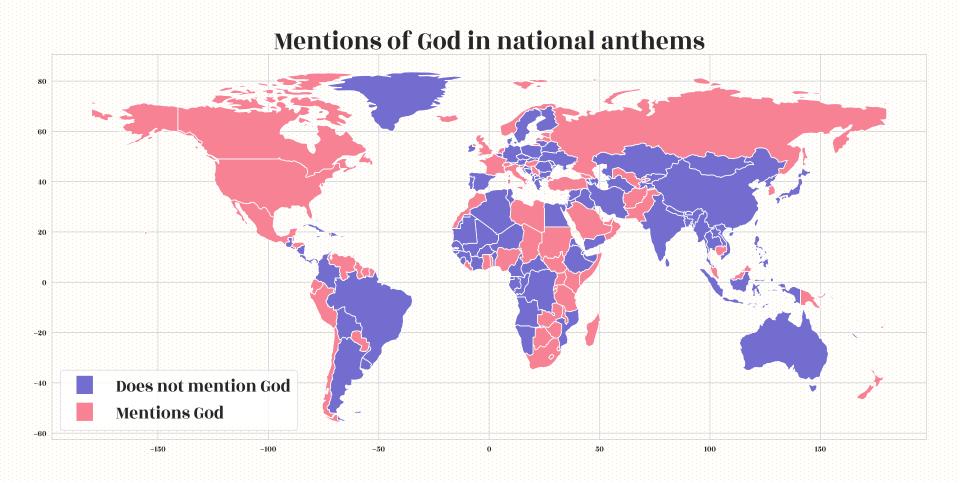
Spain

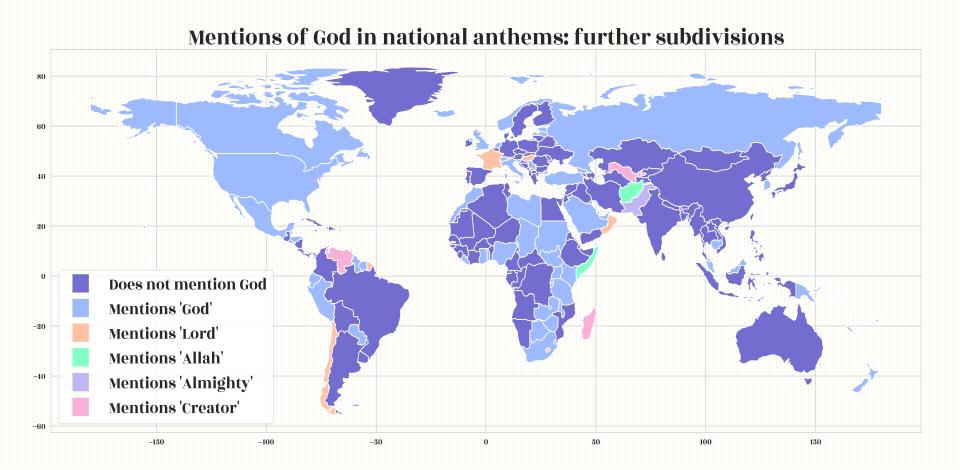
No official lyrics





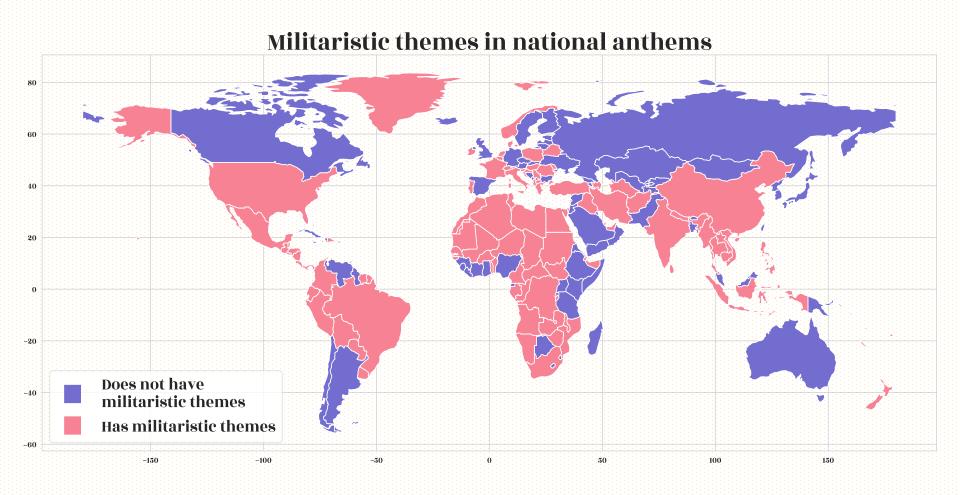
which national anthems mention God?







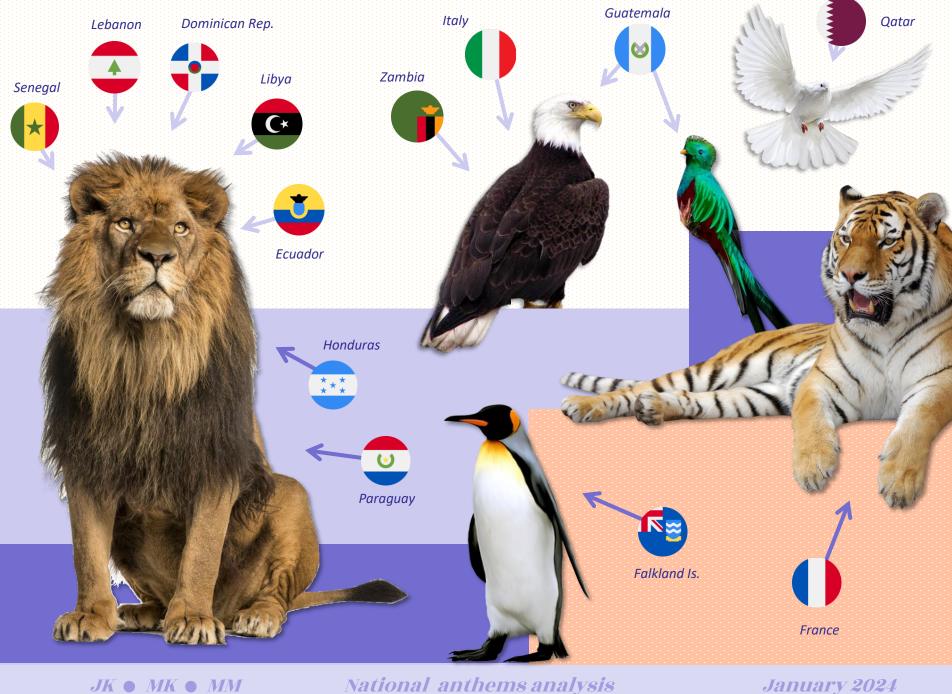
which national anthems have militaristic militaristic themselves?





What animals

are mentioned in national anthems?





what are the most common n-grams & collocations?

| Word | Frequency |
|---------|-----------|
| i land | 247 |
| 2 let | 173 |
| 👅 god | 168 |
| country | 134 |
| free | 122 |
| people | 117 |
| thy | 109 |
| love | 104 |
| oh | 98 |
| glory | 97 |

| Bigram | Frequency |
|-----------------|-----------|
| iong live | 27 |
| god bless | 23 |
| inative land | 17 |
| free land | 11 |
| thousand years | 11 |
| oh god | 11 |
| witness witness | 10 |
| land free | 10 |

| Bigram collocation | Frequency |
|--------------------|-----------|
| i let us | 127 |
| long live | 27 |
| ₹ god bless | 24 |
| may god | 20 |
| native land | 17 |
| thousand years | 13 |
| give us | 12 |
| oh god | 11 |

| Trigram collocation | Frequency |
|---------------------|-----------|
| ilong life peace | 27 |
| let us march | 23 |
| ilet us unite | 17 |
| let us train | 13 |
| let us toil | 11 |
| ancient valour rise | 11 |
| let us swear | 11 |



what are the most common words by continent?

The most common words in national anthems by continent

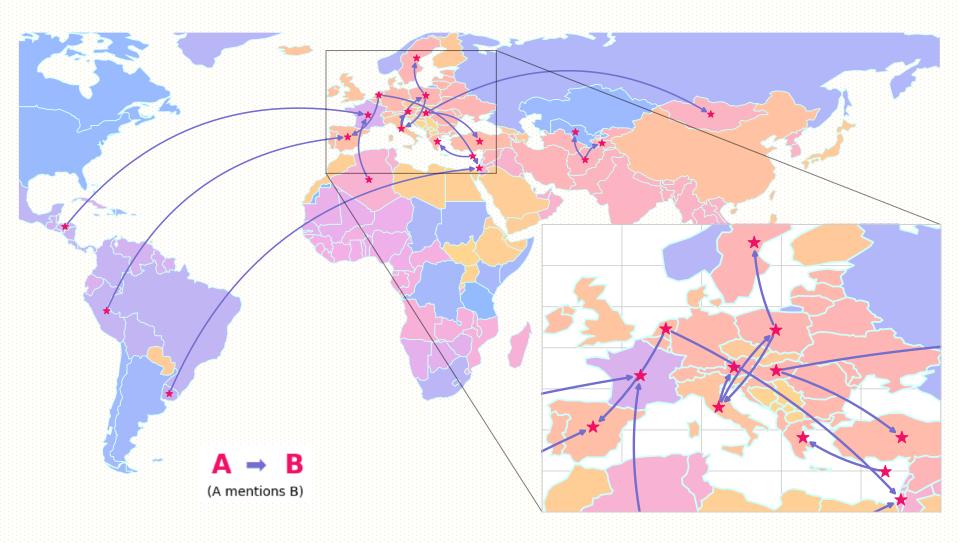




Which countries

mention each other?

Direct mentions of other countries in national anthems



Mentions

- Peru → Spain,
- Honduras → France,
- Algeria → France,
- Poland → Sweden, Italy,
- Hungary → Turkey, Mongolia,
- Netherlands → Israel, Spain,
- Italy → Poland, Austria,
- Cyprus → Greece,
- Uruguay → Israel
- Afghanistan → Tajikistan, Uzbekistan,

Some cases had to be removed manually...

National Anthem of Lebanon

"(...) Throughout the world her good deeds flow from pole to pole."



National Anthem of Honduras

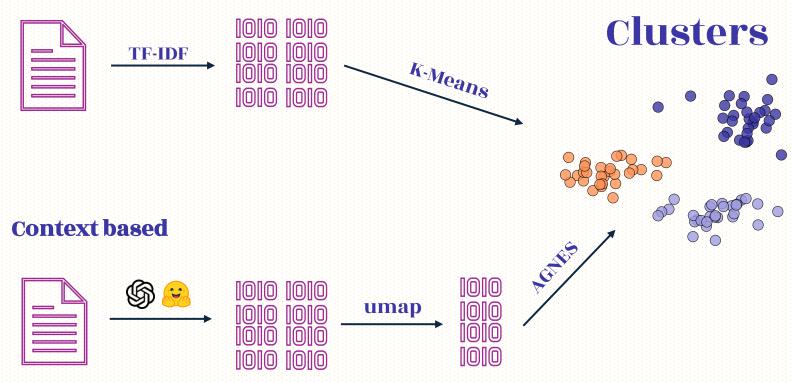
"(...) Like an Indian maiden you have been sleeping, Lulled by the resonant song of your seas,."



Clustering

Clustering methodology

Frequency based





Frequency based clustering

Cluster 1



Cluster 4



Cluster 2



Cluster 5

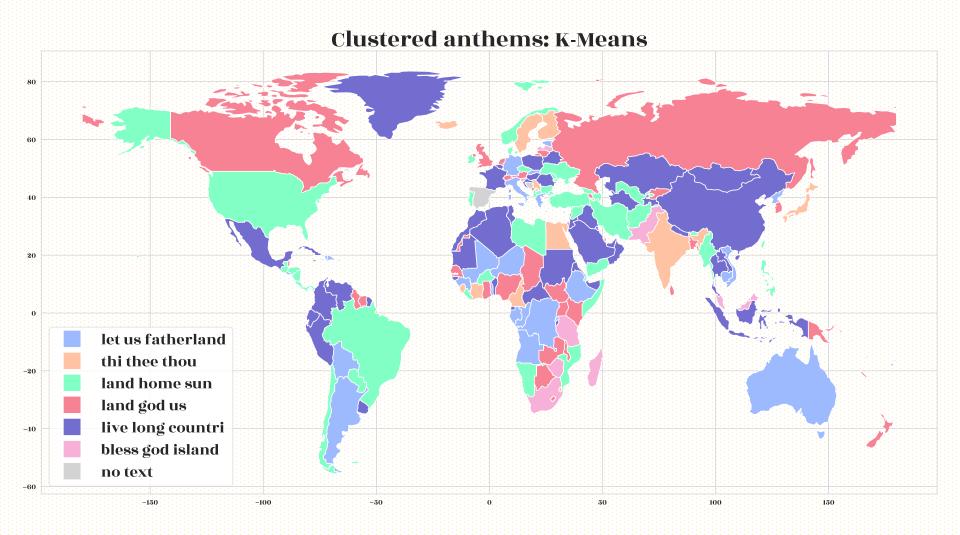


Cluster 3



Cluster 6

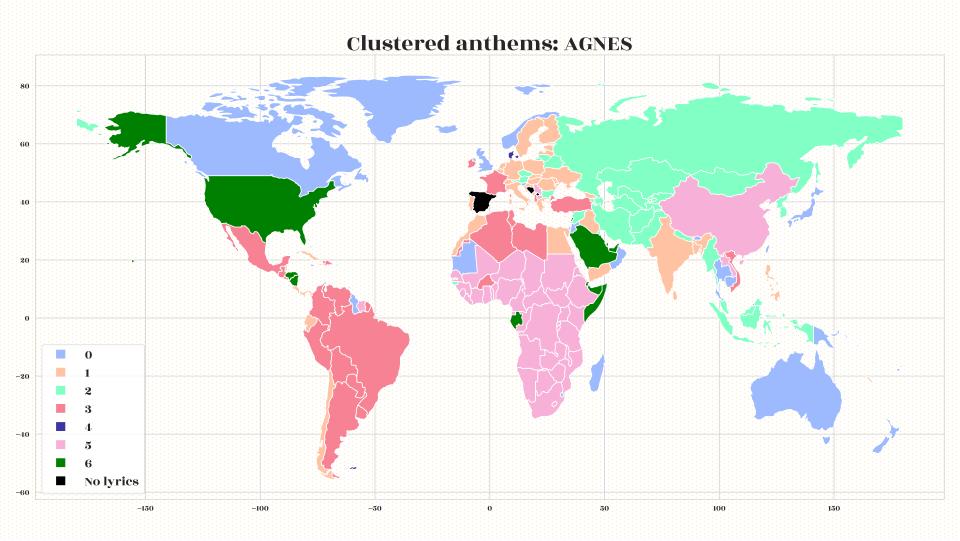






Context based

clustering



How to explain these results?

Let's ask an expert — GPT-4.

Exemplary GPT-4 trials

- **Cluster 0 theme:** All of these are the English translations of the national anthems of different countries.
- **Cluster 1 theme:** All of these national anthems belong to countries that are part of the Commonwealth of Nations.
- Cluster 3 theme: All of these national anthems emphasize the themes of freedom, national pride, resistance against oppression, and unity
- Cluster 5 theme: All of these national anthems express a strong sense of national pride, unity, and hope for the future. They also all mention the desire for peace, freedom, and prosperity for their respective nations.

Conclusions

- 1. Majority of anthems include military themes. Animals are relatively rarely mentioned.
- There is no one definite crtiterion (geographical, historical, religious), that is responsible for the clustering of anthems.

Possible explanation (?)

Anthems were created in a similar time frame (19th and 20th centuries), when the impact of globalisation could be significant.

3. Themes present in anthems seem to be universal across the whole world. They include: invocation to deity, calls for action and unity and appreciation of the country's past.