

Topic Modeling and Sentiment Analysis on News Articles and Comments

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SOCC: The SFU Opinion and Comments Corpus

❖ All opinion articles + all comments

❖ 5 years: January 2012 – December 2016

❖ 10,339 articles + 1,280,454 comments

❖ 6,895,696 words(articles) + 77,238,179 words (comments)



Motivation

Create a succinct summary of opinions on articles to help organizations make better decisions.

To Do:

- ❖ Observe the **change in hot topic** for these 5 years (2012 - 2016).
- ❖ Discover the **surrounding topics** on comments under a given article.
- ❖ Discover the **constructiveness/toxicity/sentiment** for the comments under a given topic.

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What drives anti-immigrant sentiment?

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Comments



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The British shadow minister for Europe, Pat McFadden, recently warned members of his Labour Party that they should try to make the most of the global economy and not treat immigration like a disease. As he put it, "You can feed on people's grievances or you can give people a chance. And I think our policies should be around giving people a chance."

In a world increasingly dominated by grievances – against immigrants, bankers, Muslims, "liberal elites," "Eurocrats," cosmopolitans, or anything else that seems vaguely alien – such wise words are rare. Leaders worldwide should take note.

In the United States, Republicans – backed by their Tea Party activists – threatened to close the government down just because President Barack Obama had offered undocumented immigrants who have lived and worked in the U.S. for many years a chance to gain citizenship. The United

Topic: anti-immigration

Comments

LOL! Good one.

Positive

Mass immigration is an environmental and social rolling disaster.

Negative

He should go to hell!

Very toxic.

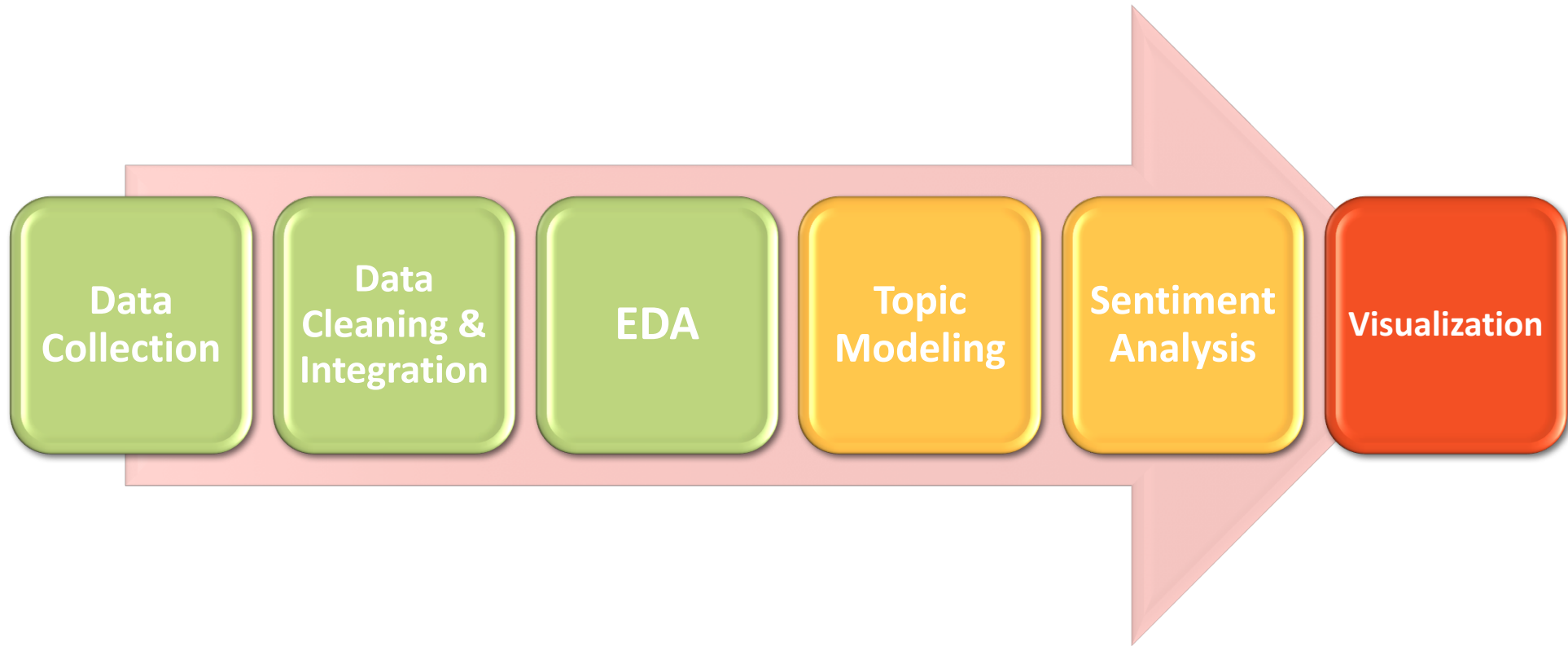
An impartial analysis would do much to dispell the misinformation and propaganda as well as establish the facts...

Constructive

Since the mid 60's Canada has benefited tremendously form the immigration of well educated people from many countries who have contributed much over the years to the economic and social fabric of our country. These are folks whose costs of education and healthcare while they were growing up were borne by other countries but whose brains were drained to Canada for the benefit of our country. Sometimes we should set aside our xenophobic lenses and look at immigration matter from another perspective.

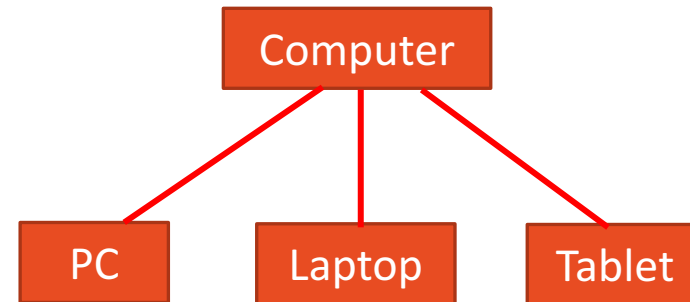
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Future Work

❖ Improve Topic Modeling:



❖ Improve Models for sentiment analysis.

❖ Visualization

Thank you !