

ANALYSED BY.....



What data set have you chosen and why?

- Interesting host
 - Brooke Gladstone is an American journalist, author and media analyst.
- Interest in how media can create threats to free speech and government transparency.
- Interest in understanding how political narratives are covered in social media.



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120 episodes

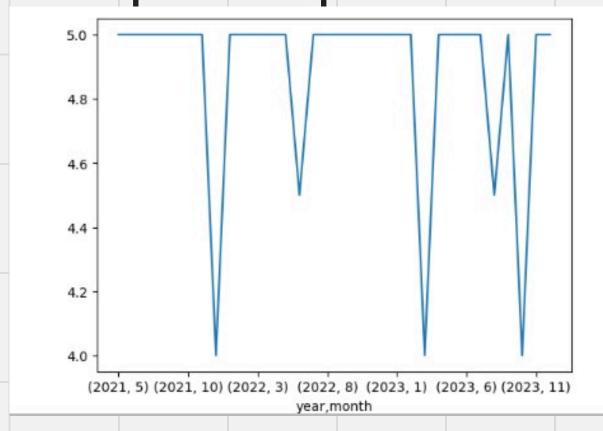
What were your first observations? What came up as the central, most prominent themes?



Cirrus: media, show, podcast, news, great

Reviews: very positive, like the host, "insightful" -> educational, "important" -> contributes to the public sphere

Ratings: 4.7/5

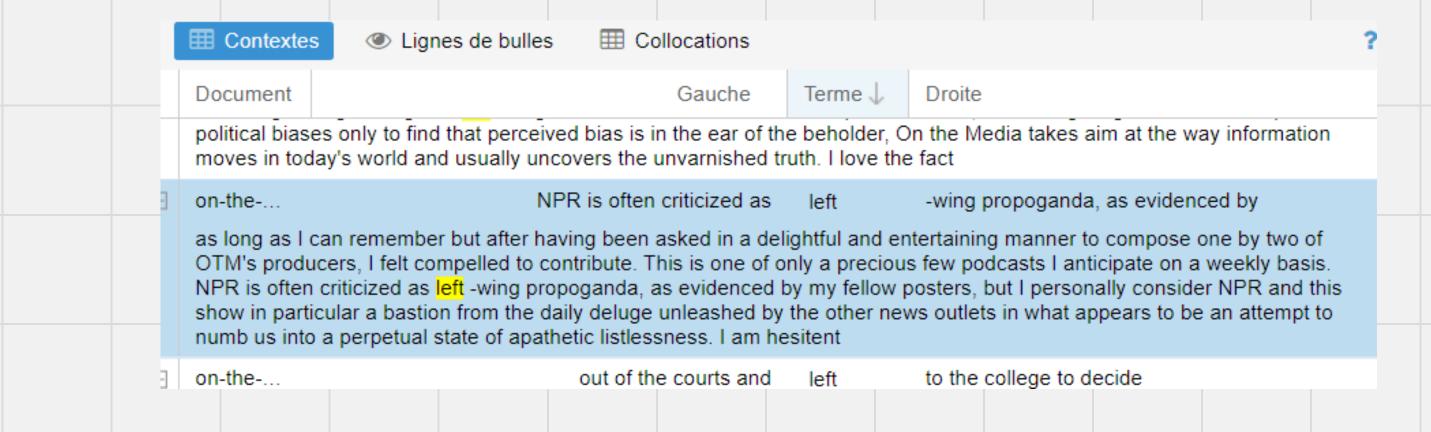






Were there any additional, perhaps more hidden themes that you discovered in the data? How did you find them and why are they important?

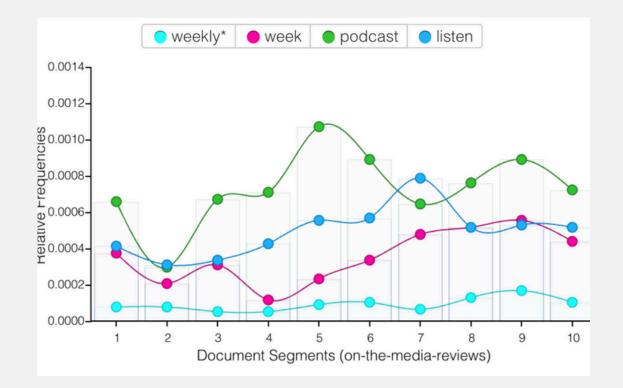
- they replaced the host Bob Garfield --> mixed reactions from listeners
- the commenters seem to regard the hosts in an informal way and mention last names rarely
- podcast represents a more left-leaning political spectrum -> similar to NPR?

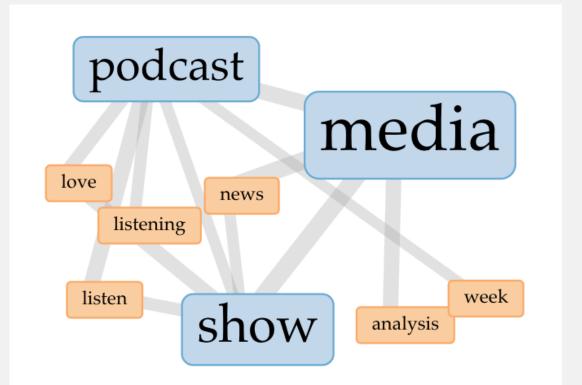




What has the data analysis taught you about your case study? What have you learned that you would not have seen (so seen) via close reading?

- Not only identifying major terms, trends, and themes in data , but also looking for nuanced or surprising details.
- It shows overlaps between culture, media and politics.
- Compared to close reading, distant reading reveals more details efficiently, e.g. the fluctuation of podcast audiences and correlations between terms.

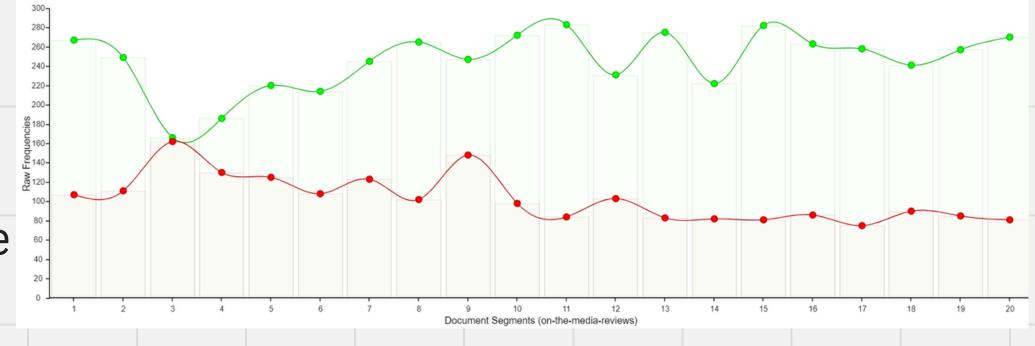






Was there anything unexpected or problematic?

- Double the amount of positivity in reviews than negativity
- Negativity correlated with just one of the hosts
- Mostly people agree that these news are honest, liberal, well reported, yet there are some reviews that contradict this.



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