I. SELECTED TOPIC



SOCIAL MEDIA IMPACT – SUICIDE RATES

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2. REASON FOR TOPIC SELECTION

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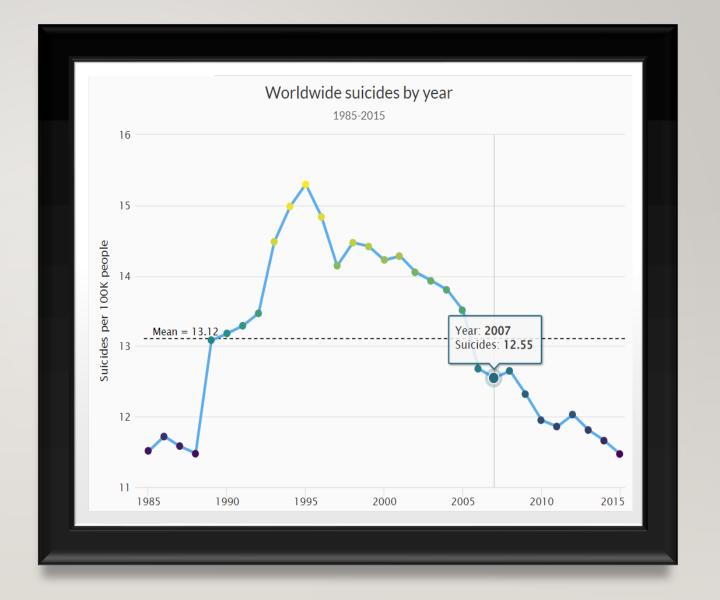
Suicide is a serious societal problem and the result of complex socioeconomic and cultural factors. Even if our analysis should show that social media use only has a minimal impact, we believe any measure to decrease risk and increase suicide prevention is worth pursuing.

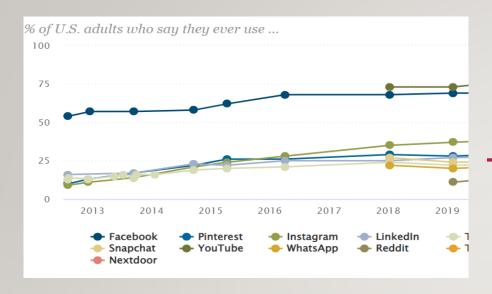


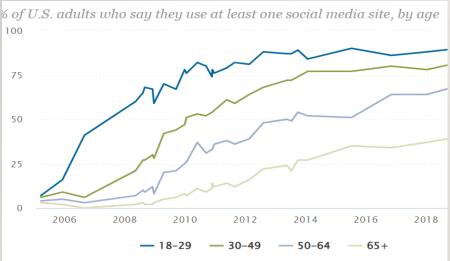
3. DATA SOURCE DESCRIPTION

SUICIDE RATES OVERVIEW 1985 TO 2015 – FROM KAGGLE

We are using a suicide data set from Kaggle, which lists suicides from around the world by country from 1985 until 2015. The data is split by gender, age and generation, and also lists the respective country's Human Development Index and GDP in a particular year.





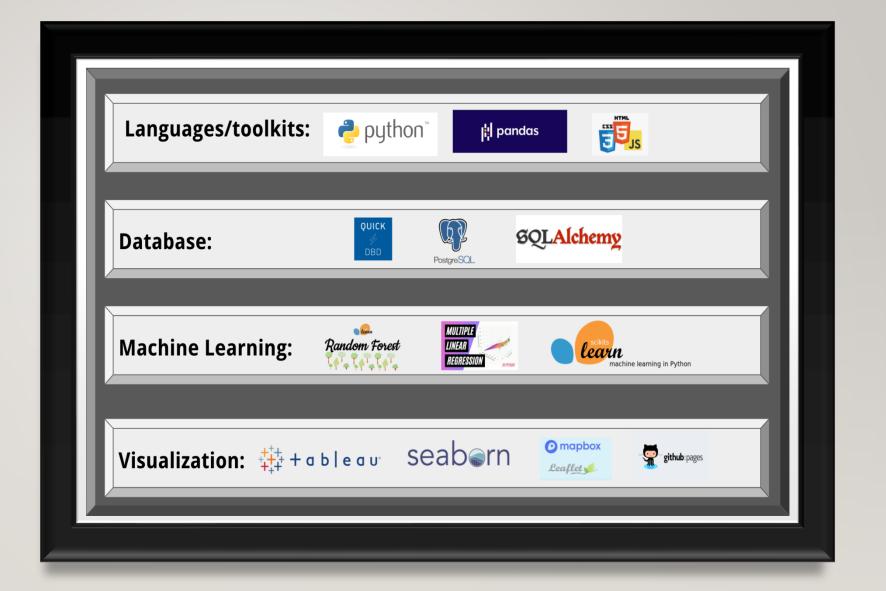


SOCIAL MEDIA FACT SHEET – FROM PEW RESEARCH CENTER

For social media usage, we rely on a Pew Research dataset that collected the share of U.S. adults using different forms of social media from 2005 through 2021. The data is broken down by age groups.

4. APPLIED TECHNOLOGIES

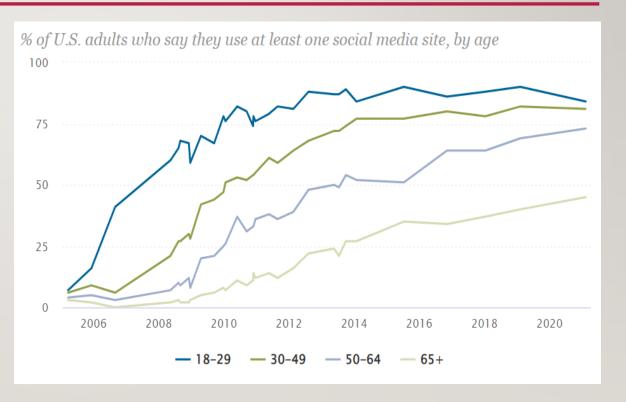
TECHNOLOGIES, LANGUAGES, TOOLS, AND ALGORITHMS USED THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT



5. ANALYTICAL OBJECTIVES

QUESTIONS WE HOPE TO ANSWER WITH DATA

We wanted to determine whether an uptick in social media use in recent years overlaps with an increase in suicide rates, particularly among younger cohorts who use social media in the greatest numbers. To determine correlation, we plan to visualize U.S. suicide rates and social media use over time.



6. DATA EXPLORATION

PANDAS INFO AND DESCRIBE FUNCTIONS

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5	population	27660 non-null	int64			
6	suicides_100k_pop	27660 non-null	float64			
7	country_year	27660 non-null	object			
8	HDI_for_year	8364 non-null	float64			
9	gdp_for_year	27660 non-null	int64			
10	gdp_per_capita	27660 non-null	int64			
11	generation	27660 non-null	object			
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	suicide_year	suicides_no	population	suicides_100k_pop	HDI_for_year	gdp_for_year	gdp_per_capita
count	27820.000000	27820.000000	2.782000e+04	27820.000000	8364.000000	2.782000e+04	27820.000000
mean	2001.258375	242.574407	1.844794e+06	12.816097	0.776601	4.455810e+11	16866.464414
std	8.469055	902.047917	3.911779e+06	18.961511	0.093367	1.453610e+12	18887.576472
min	1985.000000	0.000000	2.780000e+02	0.000000	0.483000	4.691962e+07	251.000000
25%	1995.000000	3.000000	9.749850e+04	0.920000	0.713000	8.985353e+09	3447.000000
50%	2002.000000	25.000000	4.301500e+05	5.990000	0.779000	4.811469e+10	9372.000000
75%	2008.000000	131.000000	1.486143e+06	16.620000	0.855000	2.602024e+11	24874.000000
max	2016.000000	22338.000000	4.380521e+07	224.970000	0.944000	1.812071e+13	126352.000000

VISUAL EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS



7. DATA ANALYSIS

MACHINE LEARNING - LINEAR REGRESSION MODEL

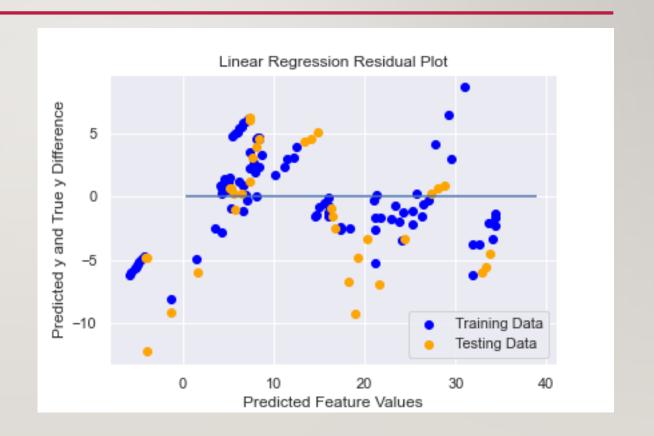
 "Best Fit" line through all data points

• MSE: 24.55

R-squared: 0.8315

Training Score: 0.9120

• Testing Score: 0.8315



MACHINE LEARNING - RANDOM FOREST REGRESSOR MODEL

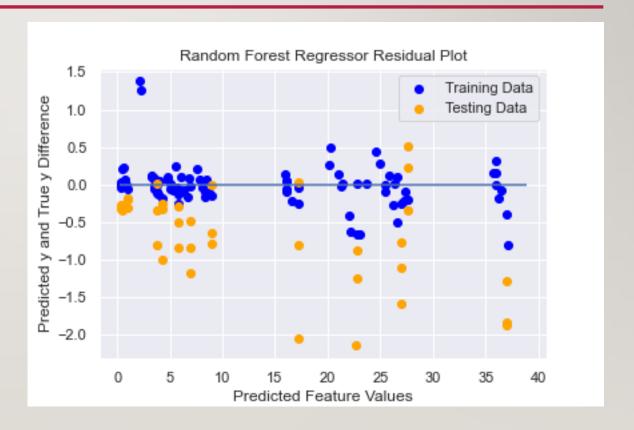
Averages of weaker Decision Trees

• MSE: 0.8826

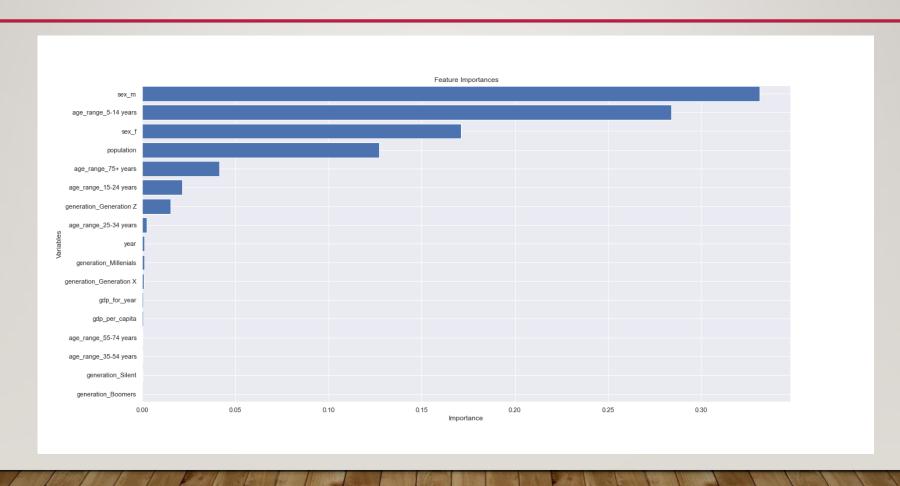
R-squared: 0.9939

Training Score: 0.9994

• Testing Score: 0.9939



RANDOM FOREST REGRESSOR FEATURE IMPORTANCE



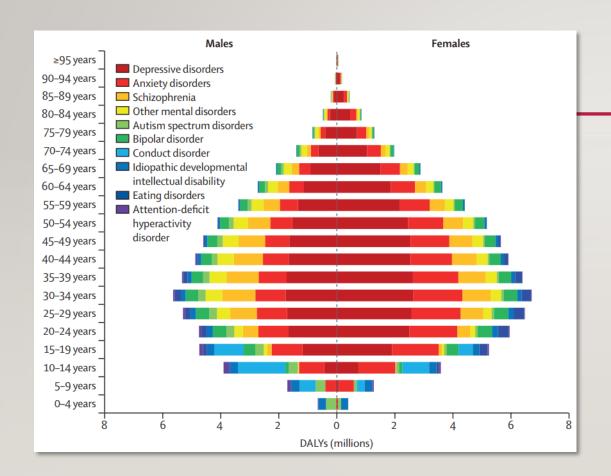
8. RESULTS OF ANALYSIS

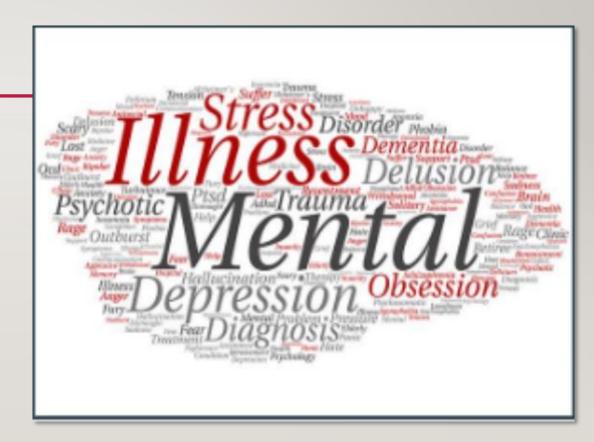


LINK TO OUR VISUALIZATION

- <u>Tableau Dashboard</u>
- Final Project Website

9. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE ANALYSIS





10. LIMITATIONS



