

## Part 3 - Themes Over Time and Party Affiliation

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- What are the most common themes in inaugural addresses?
- How has this changed over time?
- Does a certain party have more polarizing speech?

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import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import spacy
from collections import Counter

inaugural = pd.read_csv('data/inaugural_address.csv').iloc[:, 1:]
#convert to dt
inaugural['date'] = pd.to_datetime(inaugural['date'])
inaugural.head()
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	president_name	president_num	date	text
0	George Washington	1	1789-04-30 00:00:00+00:00	\nFellow- Citizens of the Senate and of the Hou...
1	George Washington	1	1793-03-04 00:00:00+00:00	\nFellow Citizens:\nI AM again called upon by ...
2	John Adams	2	1797-03-04 00:00:00+00:00	\nWHEN it was first perceived, in early times,...
3	Thomas Jefferson	3	1801-03-04 00:00:00+00:00	\nFriends and Fellow- Citizens:\nCALLED upon to...
4	Thomas Jefferson	3	1805-03-04 00:00:00+00:00	\nPROCEEDING, fellow- citizens, to that qualifi...

## 1 What are the most common themes in inaugural addresses?

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from gensim.corpora import Dictionary
from gensim.models import LdaModel
import pyLDAvis
import pyLDAvis.gensim_models
from spacy import displacy

# If did not get env from Makefile, run:
!python -m spacy download en_core_web_sm

nlp = spacy.load("en_core_web_sm")

def preprocess_text(text):
    doc = nlp(text)
    return [
        token.lemma_.lower() for token in doc
        if not (token.is_stop or token.is_punct or token.is_space)
    ]

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        and len(token.lemma_) > 3
    ]

processed_docs = inaugural["text"].apply(preprocess_text)

dictionary = Dictionary(processed_docs)
dictionary.filter_extremes(no_below=5, no_above=0.5)
corpus = [dictionary.doc2bow(doc) for doc in processed_docs] # approx 25 seconds

lda_model = LdaModel(corpus=corpus, id2word=dictionary, num_topics=5, random_state=42, pass

print("Inaugural Addresses LDA Themes:")
for i, topic in lda_model.print_topics( -1):
    print(f"Theme: {i}")
    print(f"Words: {topic}")
    print()

Inaugural Addresses LDA Themes:
Theme: 0
Words: 0.005*"method" + 0.004*"establish" + 0.004*"race" + 0.004*"community" + 0.004*"rest"

Theme: 1
Words: 0.010*"business" + 0.006*"federal" + 0.006*"increase" + 0.005*"ought" + 0.005*"legis"

Theme: 2
Words: 0.009*"thank" + 0.008*"today" + 0.007*"like" + 0.006*"task" + 0.006*"face" + 0.005*"

Theme: 3
Words: 0.013*"today" + 0.012*"americans" + 0.009*"century" + 0.007*"democracy" + 0.007*"chi"

Theme: 4
Words: 0.005*"opinion" + 0.005*"object" + 0.004*"general" + 0.004*"exist" + 0.004*"revenue"

pyLDAvis.enable_notebook()
pyLDAvis.gensim_models.prepare(lda_model, corpus, dictionary)

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## 2 How have the major themes changed over time?

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inaugural_1700s = inaugural[inaugural['date'].dt.year < 1800]
inaugural_1800s = inaugural[(1800 <= inaugural['date'].dt.year) & (inaugural['date'].dt.year
inaugural_1900s = inaugural[(1900 <= inaugural['date'].dt.year) & (inaugural['date'].dt.year
inaugural_2000s = inaugural[2000 < inaugural['date'].dt.year]

processed_docs_1700s = inaugural_1700s["text"].apply(preprocess_text)
processed_docs_1800s = inaugural_1800s["text"].apply(preprocess_text)
processed_docs_1900s = inaugural_1900s["text"].apply(preprocess_text)

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processed_docs_2000s = inaugural_2000s["text"].apply(preprocess_text)

# use same dictionary for all:
dictionary = Dictionary(processed_docs)
dictionary.filter_extremes(no_below=5, no_above=0.5)

corpus_1700s = [dictionary.doc2bow(doc) for doc in processed_docs_1700s]
corpus_1800s = [dictionary.doc2bow(doc) for doc in processed_docs_1800s]
corpus_1900s = [dictionary.doc2bow(doc) for doc in processed_docs_1900s]
corpus_2000s = [dictionary.doc2bow(doc) for doc in processed_docs_2000s]

lda_model_1700s = LdaModel(corpus=corpus_1700s, id2word=dictionary, num_topics=5, random_state=1)
lda_model_1800s = LdaModel(corpus=corpus_1800s, id2word=dictionary, num_topics=5, random_state=1)
lda_model_1900s = LdaModel(corpus=corpus_1900s, id2word=dictionary, num_topics=5, random_state=1)
lda_model_2000s = LdaModel(corpus=corpus_2000s, id2word=dictionary, num_topics=5, random_state=1)

print("Inaugural Addresses 18th Century LDA Themes:")
for i, topic in lda_model_1700s.print_topics(-1):
    print(f"Theme: {i}")
    print(f"Words: {topic}")
    print()

Inaugural Addresses 18th Century LDA Themes:
Theme: 0
Words: 0.003*"voice" + 0.003*"execute" + 0.003*"official" + 0.003*"entertain" + 0.003*"install"

Theme: 1
Words: 0.001*"knowledge" + 0.001*"general" + 0.001*"legislature" + 0.001*"choice" + 0.001*"economy"

Theme: 2
Words: 0.001*"happiness" + 0.001*"ought" + 0.001*"establish" + 0.001*"blessing" + 0.001*"humanity"

Theme: 3
Words: 0.007*"ought" + 0.005*"happiness" + 0.005*"establish" + 0.005*"circumstance" + 0.005*"virtue"

Theme: 4
Words: 0.008*"legislature" + 0.006*"virtuous" + 0.006*"general" + 0.006*"choice" + 0.006*"knowledge"

print("Inaugural Addresses 19th Century LDA Themes:")
for i, topic in lda_model_1800s.print_topics(-1):
    print(f"Theme: {i}")
    print(f"Words: {topic}")
    print()

Inaugural Addresses 19th Century LDA Themes:
Theme: 0
Words: 0.006*"protection" + 0.005*"object" + 0.005*"revenue" + 0.005*"extend" + 0.004*"import"

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Theme: 1
Words: 0.008*"revenue" + 0.007*"business" + 0.006*"legislation" + 0.005*"countryman" + 0.005*"increase"

Theme: 2
Words: 0.006*"officer" + 0.006*"revenue" + 0.005*"community" + 0.005*"method" + 0.005*"increase"

Theme: 3
Words: 0.006*"opinion" + 0.005*"experience" + 0.005*"happiness" + 0.004*"feel" + 0.004*"circumstance"

Theme: 4
Words: 0.005*"object" + 0.005*"general" + 0.005*"effect" + 0.005*"exist" + 0.005*"case" + 0.005*"countryman"

print("Inaugural Addresses 20th Century LDA Themes:")
for i, topic in lda_model_1900s.print_topics( -1):
    print(f"Theme: {i}")
    print(f"Words: {topic}")
    print()

Inaugural Addresses 20th Century LDA Themes:
Theme: 0
Words: 0.007*"island" + 0.007*"rest" + 0.005*"inhabitant" + 0.005*"million" + 0.005*"faithful"

Theme: 1
Words: 0.010*"business" + 0.007*"increase" + 0.006*"ought" + 0.006*"race" + 0.005*"proper" + 0.005*"countryman"

Theme: 2
Words: 0.008*"task" + 0.006*"civilization" + 0.006*"opportunity" + 0.006*"face" + 0.005*"thousand"

Theme: 3
Words: 0.014*"today" + 0.012*"century" + 0.012*"americans" + 0.008*"help" + 0.007*"earth" + 0.007*"countryman"

Theme: 4
Words: 0.001*"today" + 0.001*"federal" + 0.001*"economic" + 0.001*"business" + 0.001*"opportunity"

print("Inaugural Addresses 21st Century LDA Themes:")
for i, topic in lda_model_2000s.print_topics( -1):
    print(f"Theme: {i}")
    print(f"Words: {topic}")
    print()

Inaugural Addresses 21st Century LDA Themes:
Theme: 0
Words: 0.001*"thank" + 0.001*"today" + 0.001*"generation" + 0.001*"child" + 0.001*"americans"

Theme: 1
Words: 0.006*"permanent" + 0.006*"excuse" + 0.006*"feel" + 0.005*"tyranny" + 0.005*"deep" + 0.005*"countryman"

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Theme: 2
Words: 0.018*"thank" + 0.014*"today" + 0.014*"americans" + 0.009*"child" + 0.009*"democracy"

Theme: 3
Words: 0.011*"today" + 0.010*"generation" + 0.009*"americans" + 0.007*"woman" + 0.007*"child"

Theme: 4
Words: 0.001*"today" + 0.001*"child" + 0.001*"generation" + 0.001*"thank" + 0.001*"americans"

# 18th century topics visaualization
pyLDAvis.gensim_models.prepare(lda_model_1700s, corpus_1700s, dictionary)

# 19th century topics visaualization
pyLDAvis.gensim_models.prepare(lda_model_1800s, corpus_1800s, dictionary)

# 20th century topics visaualization
pyLDAvis.gensim_models.prepare(lda_model_1900s, corpus_1900s, dictionary)

# 21st century topics visaualization
pyLDAvis.gensim_models.prepare(lda_model_2000s, corpus_2000s, dictionary)

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### 3 Does a certain party have more polarizing speech?

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inaugural['party'] = np.array([
    'None',
    'None',
    'Federalist',
    'Democratic -Republican',
    'Democratic -Republican',
    'Democratic -Republican',
    'Democratic -Republican',
    'Democratic -Republican',
    'Democratic -Republican',
    'National Republican',
    'Democratic',
    'Democratic',
    'Democratic',
    'Whig',
    'Democratic',
    'Whig',
    'Democratic',
    'Democratic',
    'Republican',
    'Republican',
    'Republican',
])

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'Democratic',
'Democratic',
'Republican',
'Democratic',
'Republican'
])
inaugural = inaugural[['president_name', 'party', 'president_number', 'date', 'text']]
inaugural.head()

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	president_name	party	president_number	date	text
0	George Washington	None	1	1789-04-30 00:00:00+00:00	\nFellow-Citizens the Senate and of the Hou...
1	George Washington	None	1	1793-03-04 00:00:00+00:00	\nFellow Citi-Cons:\nI AM again called upon by ...
2	John Adams	Federalist	2	1797-03-04 00:00:00+00:00	\nWHEN it was first perceived, in early times,...
3	Thomas Jefferson	Democratic-Republican	3	1801-03-04 00:00:00+00:00	\nFriends and Fellow-Citizens:\nCALLED upon to...
4	Thomas Jefferson	Democratic-Republican	3	1805-03-04 00:00:00+00:00	\nPROCEEDING, fellow-Citizens, to that qualifi...

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from afinn import Afinn
import warnings
# ignore groupby warnings:
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")

afinn = Afinn()

def calculate_sentiment_metrics(tokens):
    """
    Calculates sentiment metrics for tokens
    """
    scores = [afinn.score(token) for token in tokens]

    # Remove neutral words for polarization_score
    non_zero_scores = [s for s in scores if s != 0]

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    return {
        'sentiment_score': sum(scores),
        'positive_words': sum(1 for s in scores if s > 0),
        'negative_words': sum(1 for s in scores if s < 0),
        'sentiment_variance': np.var(non_zero_scores) if non_zero_scores else 0
    }

sentiment_metrics = processed_docs.apply(calculate_sentiment_metrics)
sentiment_df = pd.DataFrame(sentiment_metrics.tolist())

# Combine with original data
inaugural_with_sentiment = pd.concat([inaugural, sentiment_df], axis=1)

def calculate_polarization(group):
    """
    Polarization metrics function for groupby
    """
    return pd.Series({
        'mean_sentiment_variance': group['sentiment_variance'].mean(),
        'total_positive_words': group['positive_words'].sum(),
        'total_negative_words': group['negative_words'].sum(),
        'net_sentiment': group['sentiment_score'].mean(),
        'num_speeches': len(group)
    })

polarization_by_party = inaugural_with_sentiment.groupby('party').apply(calculate_polarization)

polarization_by_party['avg_positive_per_speech'] = (
    polarization_by_party['total_positive_words'] / polarization_by_party['num_speeches']
)
polarization_by_party['avg_negative_per_speech'] = (
    polarization_by_party['total_negative_words'] / polarization_by_party['num_speeches']
)

/Users/calvin/miniconda3/envs/inaugural -address/lib/python3.11/site -packages/afinn/afinn.py
self._word_pattern = re.compile('\w+', flags=re.UNICODE)

(
    polarization_by_party
    .sort_values('net_sentiment', ascending=False)
    [['total_positive_words', 'total_negative_words', 'net_sentiment', 'num_speeches']]
)

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	total_positive_words	total_negative_words	net_sentiment	num_speeches
party				
Whig	478.0	180.0	245.000000	2.0
National Republican	161.0	45.0	227.000000	1.0
Federalist	147.0	40.0	203.000000	1.0
Democratic-Republican	887.0	288.0	194.000000	6.0
Republican	3718.0	1400.0	189.086957	23.0
Democratic	2638.0	1016.0	151.050000	20.0
None	92.0	23.0	69.000000	2.0

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(
    polarization_by_party
    .sort_values('avg_positive_per_speech', ascending=False)
    [['avg_positive_per_speech', 'avg_negative_per_speech', 'mean_sentiment_variance']]
)
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	avg_positive_per_speech	avg_negative_per_speech	mean_sentiment_variance
party			
Whig	239.000000	90.000000	2.588256
Republican	161.652174	60.869565	3.243731
National Republican	161.000000	45.000000	2.751744
Democratic-Republican	147.833333	48.000000	3.147726
Federalist	147.000000	40.000000	3.329578
Democratic	131.900000	50.800000	3.158040
None	46.000000	11.500000	2.705604