# Step2, we chose Top10 articles for each month with the

 most comment count for further visual analytics. (NLP method from step1 is used again)

```
import pandas as pd

from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')

# Gdrive file path
file_path = '/content/drive/My Drive/Colab Notebooks/NLP_Visualization/T

# Get the data
df = pd.read_csv(file_path)

df.head()
```

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# Part3: Emotional insights from the word clouds.

```
import pandas as pd
from wordcloud import WordCloud
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from collections import Counter
# Data preprocessing
# Extract year from the 'time' column
df['year'] = pd. to datetime(df['time']).dt. year
# Combine headline and comment keywords
df['all keywords'] = df['comments keywords'].fillna('') + ' ' + df['h
# Function to create a word frequency dictionary based on sentimen
def get keywords by sentiment(df, year, sentiment type, top n=30):
       subset = df[df['year'] == year]
       if sentiment type == 'positive':
              subset = subset[subset['pos'] > subset['neg']]
       elif sentiment type == 'negative':
              subset = subset[subset['neg'] > subset['pos']]
       else:
              # neutral
              subset = subset[subset['neu'] >= subset[['neg', 'pos']]
       # Combine all keywords in the filtered subset
       keywords = ' '.join(subset['all_keywords']).split()
       keyword freq = Counter(keywords)
       # Select top N keywords
       return dict(keyword freq.most common(top n))
# Plot word clouds for a specific year
def plot wordclouds (year, top n=30):
       fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(18, 6), sharex=True,
       sentiments = ['positive', 'neutral', 'negative']
       colors = ['Greens', 'Blues', 'Reds']
       for i, sentiment in enumerate (sentiments):
              keyword freq = get keywords by sentiment(df, year, senti
              wordcloud = WordCloud(width=800, height=400, background
                                                         colormap=color
              axes[i].imshow(wordcloud, interpolation='bilinear')
              axes[i].set title(f"{sentiment.capitalize()} Keywords ({ye
```

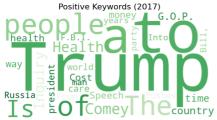
axes[i].axis('off')

plt.suptitle(f"Year {year} Top {top\_n} Keywords by Sentiment",
plt.tight\_layout()
plt.show()

# Generate word clouds for 2017 and 2018 with top 20 keywords per plot\_wordclouds (2017, top\_n=30) plot wordclouds (2018, top\_n=30)



Year 2017 Top 30 Keywords by Sentiment

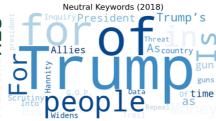


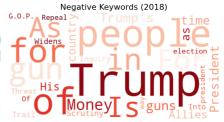




Year 2018 Top 30 Keywords by Sentiment







# Image 1: Keyword word cloud of the year based on sentiment intensity

Emotional characteristics of keywords of the year:

#### 2017:

Positive keywords: keywords such as "Comey" and "Health" indicate a focus on the positive aspects of health and policy reform. Neutral keywords: a lot of discussion focused on "Trump" and policy issues (e.g., "Russia"). Negative keywords: the keywords "Comey" and "Russia" show a strong link to political controversies (e.g. Russiagate).

#### 2018:

Positive keywords: the focus shifts to policy descriptions and analyses such as "Is" and "For", suggesting that the discussion is trending towards the positive side of specific policies. Neutral keywords: still centered on "Trump" and policy-related words. Negative keywords: In 2018, the negative sentiment is more focused on "gun" and "people", which may be related to the gun violence in the United States. Sentiment distribution changes for keywords:

In 2017, political issues (e.g., the Trump and Comey incidents) ran throughout the year, with sentiment covering all types (positive, neutral, and negative). In 2018, negative sentiment began to focus more on social issues (e.g., gun violence), while political-related keywords (e.g., Trump) gradually shifted to neutral and analytical discussions.

In 2017, keyword sentiment reflected political controversies like Trump and Russiagate, while in 2018,

 focus shifted towards social issues like gun violence, with political keywords becoming more neutral and analytical.

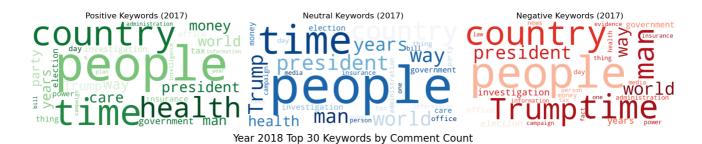
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import pandas as pd
from wordcloud import WordCloud
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from collections import Counter
```

- # Data preprocessing
- # Extract year from the 'time' column

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df['year'] = pd. to datetime(df['time']).dt.year
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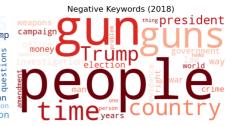
```
# Function to create a word frequency dictionary based on comment
def get keywords by comment count (df, year, sentiment type, top n=30):
       subset = df[df['year'] == year]
       if sentiment type == 'positive':
               subset = subset[subset['pos'] > subset['neg']]
       elif sentiment type == 'negative':
               subset = subset[subset['neg'] > subset['pos']]
       else:
               # neutral
               subset = subset[subset['neu'] >= subset[['neg', 'pos']]
       # Combine keywords weighted by comment count
       keywords weighted = Counter()
       for , row in subset.iterrows():
              keywords = row['comments keywords'].split() if isinstanc
               for keyword in keywords:
                      keywords weighted[keyword] += row['commentCount']
       # Select top N keywords
       return dict(keywords weighted.most common(top n))
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                                                          colormap=color
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               axes[i].set title(f"{sentiment.capitalize()} Keywords ({ye
               axes[i].axis('off')
       plt.suptitle(f"Year {year} Top {top n} Keywords by Comment Co
       plt. tight layout()
       plt. show()
# Generate word clouds for 2017 and 2018 with top 30 keywords pe
plot wordclouds by comment count (2017, top n=30)
plot wordclouds by comment count (2018, top n=30)
```





Positive Keywords (2018)

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# Image 2: Annual Keyword Word Cloud Based on Number of Comments

Keyword trends driven by number of comments:

#### 2017:

Positive keywords: Positive discussions with high comment counts continue to be related to policy (e.g., "health"), reflecting the public's expectation of a positive impact of policy. Neutral

keywords: Discussions centered around "people", "have", etc., demonstrating the breadth of the discussion and the general neutrality of the attitude. Negative keywords: "Trump" and the controversial issue of "Russia" are predominantly associated with Trump, indicating that these topics have sparked strong dissatisfaction and discussion.

#### 2018:

Positive keywords: focus shifted to "people" and "get", and discussions became more action-oriented (e.g., access to rights and resources). Neutral keywords: more comments focused on "gun" (related to gun policy and violence) and "people." Negative keywords: Words such as "gun" and "time" indicate greater public dissatisfaction with social security issues. Year-to-year variation in the number of comments:

In 2017 the discussion was largely focused on political issues (Trump, policy controversies), driving a large number of emotionally charged comments. In 2018, comments were driven more toward hot-button social issues (e.g., gun issues), with a significantly higher number of negatively-emotional comments. Synthesizing Conclusions

In 2017, comments focused on political issues like
Trump and policy controversies, while in 2018, the focus
shifted to social issues like gun violence, with an
increase in negatively charged discussions.

Based on the distribution of sentiment and comment keywords derived from the above analysis, the following suggestions can be provided for marketable writing to help attract more attention, increase interaction rates, and translate sentiment trends into writing strategies:

# 1. Grasp hot topics and define the target audience

Points to watch: High-frequency keywords in 2017 centered around political controversies (e.g., Trump, Russiagate, policy reform). In 2018, it shifted to social hot topics (e.g., gun violence, social security). Writing Advice: Focus on the topics that matter most to your target audience by addressing the hot buttons of a specific year. Example: Politics-related: write analytical articles or controversial discussions (e.g., policy impact interpretation). Social issues: Write in-depth reports that evoke emotional resonance through real cases and humanistic concerns. Ensure

that the content is contemporary, and be good at correlating article titles with recent hot social events.

# 2. Skillfully use emotions to guide interaction

Observation point: Negative Sentiment (2017: Trump, 2018: gun issues): negative public sentiment focused on specific controversial events. Neutral Sentiment (throughout both years): keywords show a general topic of public discussion. Writing advice: Resonate: use high-frequency keywords of negative sentiment (e.g., guns, social issues) to write essays that inspire anger or resentment. Example: Sample headline, "Why is there still no solution to the problem of gun violence?" or "How far is the truth about Russiagate from us?" Calm Analysis: provides data and facts on neutral sentiment topics to fulfill audience needs for knowledgeable content. Headline example: "An analysis of the impact of 2022 policy reforms on the average family" or "Gun policy: attitudes and differences by state."

# 3. headline and keyword precision

Observation: The keywords "people," "have," and "Trump" recur in the number of comments, indicating that these words are highly engaging for users to discuss. Writing Advice: Highlight high-frequency keywords in titles and openings to increase click-through rates. Example: "The Trump administration's new policies: affecting you and your family" "How to Protect Your Children in the Face of Gun Violence?" Embed high-frequency keywords into subheadings and paragraph beginnings to optimize SEO (search engine optimization).

# 4. add interactive content to boost user engagement

Observation point: Peaks in the number of comments correspond to hot events and high emotion topics. Writing Suggestion: Add interactive questions to guide reader engagement. Example: End-of-text question, "How do you think gun policy should change?" Set up a poll or message campaign, "Russiagate: what findings do you trust?" Use data charts or examples to give readers specific discussion points.

# 5. topic inserts that focus on positive emotions

Observation point: Positive sentiment, while relatively low, still plays a role in topics such as health and positive policy impact. Writing Suggestion: Implant positive content in mainstream negative sentiment events. Example: Write solution-oriented content in the context of a policy controversy: "How can the new health care policy benefit you?" Tap into positive forces in social issues: "Positive Developments in Gun Reform: the Rise of Public Power"

# 6. Focusing on Humanizing Narratives to Enhance Emotional Connections

Point of Observation: The negative emotional word cloud involves "people" and "gun," indicating a high level of public concern for social safety. Writing Advice: Impress the reader with a true story: "Gun Violence Survivor's Story: How She Faced a New Chapter in Her Life" "How an

Ordinary Family Found Hope in Health Care Reform" Avoid purely data-driven or hard-hitting expressions and use humanizing narratives to create a deeper emotional connection.

## 7. Long-term trends and future-oriented content

Observations: The keywords "health," "gun," and "people" show the public's concern for ongoing issues. Writing Advice: Write predictive and future trend analysis articles that address the audience's concerns about long-term implications. Example: "How will health care policy affect American lives in the next decade?" "Trends in Gun Violence: what else do we need to focus on?"

## **Examples of Marketable Writing**

Here are some article title templates based on the above suggestions:

"What are the key changes coming to U.S. gun policy in 2023?" "The Trump policy controversy: the long-term impact on the lives of ordinary people" "How should your family respond under health care reform?" "Social Security: sharing case studies of gun reform successes" "Ten things about Trump: truths you may not know"

# Part4: Keywords grouping insights

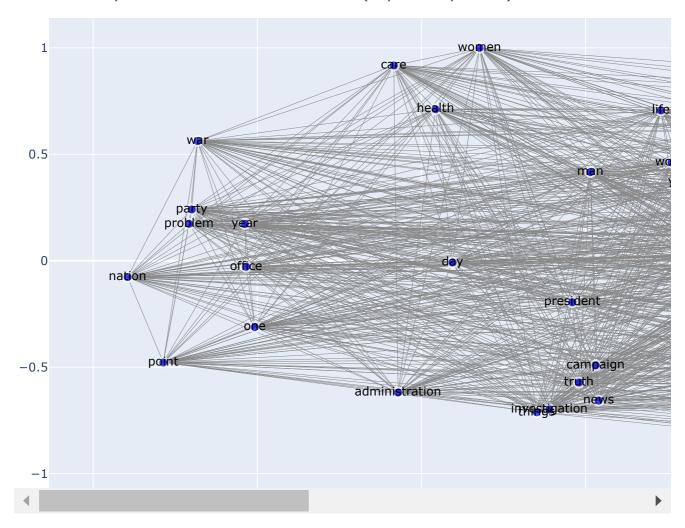
```
import networks as
                    nx
from collections import Counter
import plotly graph objects
df['keywords list'] = df['comments keywords'].apply(lambda x: x.split()
# Count keyword frequencies
all keywords = [kw for keywords in df['keywords list'] for
keyword freq = Counter(all keywords)
  Select top N keywords by
                              frequency
                 Adjust
                       this value to limit the number of keywords
top keywords = set([kw for kw, freq in keyword freq.most common(top n
# Count co-occurrence only for the top keywords
co occurrence = Counter()
for keywords in df['keywords list']:
       filtered keywords = [kw for kw in keywords if kw in top ke
          i, kwl in enumerate(filtered keywords):
                       in filtered keywords[i+1:]:
              for kw2
                      co occurrence[(kw1,
                                         kw2) += 1
```

```
# Create the graph
G = nx. Graph()
for (kw1,
          kw2), weight in co occurrence.items():
       if weight > 5: # Set a threshold for minimum co-occurren
               G. add edge (kw1, kw2, weight=weight)
# Create positions for nodes
pos = nx. spring layout (G)
 Extract edge positions
edge x =
edge y = []
for edge in G. edges():
       x0, y0 = pos[edge[0]]
       x1, y1 = pos[edge[1]]
       edge x.append(x0)
       edge x. append(x1)
       edge x. append (None)
       edge y. append (y0)
       edge y. append (y1)
       edge y. append (None)
edge_trace = go.Scatter(
       x=edge x, y=edge y,
       line=dict(width=0.5, color='#888'),
       hoverinfo='none',
       mode='lines'
)
 Extract node positions, sizes, and text
node x = []
node y = []
node size = []
node text = []
# To control text font size
for node in G. nodes():
       x, y = pos[node]
       node x. append (x)
       node y. append (y)
       freq = keyword freq[node]
       node size.append(max(10, freq * 20 / max(keyword freq.values())
       text size.append(max(12, freq * 30 / max(keyword freq.values())
       node_text.append(node) # Display keyword text on nodes
```

```
node trace = go.Scatter(
       x=node x, y=node y,
       mode='markers+text',
                           # Add text to the nodes
       marker=dict(
               size=node size, # Node size based on frequency with
               color='blue',
               line width=2
       ),
       text=node text, # The text to display
       textfont=dict(size=text size, color='black'), # Text size wit
       textposition="middle center", # Position text at the center
       hoverinfo='text'
)
# Create the figure
fig = go.Figure(data=[edge trace, node trace],
                              layout=go. Layout (
                                     title="Keyword Co-occurrence Netwo
                                      titlefont size=16,
                                     showlegend=False,
                                     hovermode='closest',
                                     margin=dict(b=0, 1=0, r=0, t=40)
                              ))
fig. show()
```



#### Keyword Co-occurrence Network (Top 50 Keywords)



#### 2D Keyword Co-occurrence Network Analysis

The dense structure reveals interconnected discussions on themes like "election," "law," and "democracy," showing the public's holistic interest in fairness, transparency, and governance mechanisms.

```
import networkx as nx
from collections import Counter
import plotly.graph_objects as go
```

df['keywords\_list'] = df['comments\_keywords'].apply(lambda x: x.split()

# Count keyword frequencies
all\_keywords = [kw for keywords in df['keywords\_list'] for kw in k
keyword\_freq = Counter(all\_keywords)

# Select top N keywords by frequency
top\_n = 50 # Adjust this value to limit the number of keywords
top\_keywords = set([kw for kw, freq in keyword\_freq.most\_common(top\_n)

```
# Count co-occurrence only for the top keywords
co occurrence = Counter()
for keywords in df['keywords list']:
       filtered keywords = [kw for kw in keywords if kw in top ke
       for i, kwl in enumerate(filtered keywords):
              for kw2 in filtered keywords[i+1:]:
                      co occurrence [(kw1, kw2)] += 1
# Create the graph
G = nx. Graph()
for (kw1, kw2), weight in co occurrence.items():
       if weight > 10: # Increase the threshold for minimum co-
              G. add edge (kw1, kw2, weight=weight)
# Create 3D positions for nodes using a better layout algorithm
pos 3d = nx.kamada kawai layout(G, dim=3) # Better for 3D distribu
# Extract edge positions
edge x = []
edge y = []
edge z = []
for edge in G. edges():
       x0, y0, z0 = pos 3d[edge[0]]
       x1, y1, z1 = pos 3d[edge[1]]
       edge x. extend([x0, x1, None])
       edge y.extend([y0, y1, None])
       edge z. extend([z0, z1, None])
edge trace = go. Scatter3d(
       x=edge x, y=edge y, z=edge_z,
       line=dict(width=0.5, color='lightgray', dash='dot'), # Use da
       hoverinfo='none',
       mode='lines'
)
# Extract node positions, sizes, colors, and text
node x = []
node y = []
node z = []
node size = []
node text = []
node color = []
text size = [] # Adjust text size
```

```
for node in G. nodes():
           y, z = pos 3d[node]
       node x. append(x)
       node y. append (y)
       node z. append(z)
       freq = keyword freq[node]
       node size.append(freq * 15 / max(keyword freq.values()))
       node text.append(f"{node}: {freq}")
       node color. append (freq)
                               # Use frequency to determine color
       text size.append(max(10, freq * 20 / max(keyword freq.values())
node trace = go. Scatter3d(
       x=node x, y=node y, z=node z,
       mode='markers+text',
       marker=dict(
               size=node size, # Node size based on frequency
               color=node color, # Use frequency to color nodes
               colorscale='Viridis', # A visually appealing color s
               opacity=0.8, # Reduce opacity to improve visualizati
               showscale=True,  # Show color scale legend
               colorbar=dict(
                      title="Keyword Frequency",
                      x=1.05
               )
       ),
       text=[node for node in G.nodes()], # Display keyword text
       textfont=dict(size=text size, color='black'), # Adjust text s
       textposition="middle center",
       hoverinfo='text'
)
# Create the figure
fig = go.Figure(data=[edge trace, node trace],
                              layout=go. Layout (
                                      title="3D Keyword Co-occurrence N
                                      titlefont size=16,
                                      showlegend=False,
                                      hovermode='closest',
                                      margin=dict(1=0, r=0, t=40, b=0),
                                      scene=dict(
                                             xaxis=dict(title="X-axis"),
                                             yaxis=dict(title="Y-axis"),
                                             zaxis=dict(title="Z-axis")
                                      )
                              ))
```

```
fig. show()
```

```
import plotly.io as pio  # Import plotly.io for saving the HTML

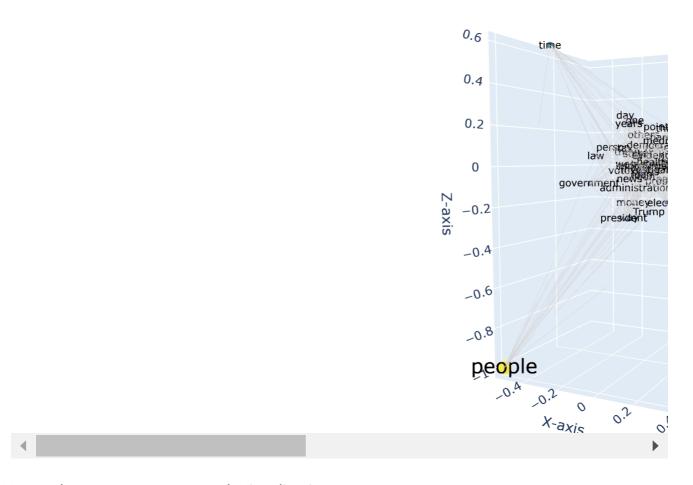
# Save the figure as an HTML file
#output_file = "3D_Keyword_Cooccurrence_Network.html"

#pio.write_html(fig, file=output_file, auto_open=False)

#print(f"Interactive 3D plot saved as {output_file}")
```

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#### 3D Keyword Co-occurrence Network (Top 50 Keywords)



#### 3D Keyword Co-occurrence Network Visualization

The 3D network highlights "people" as the central keyword, reflecting the public's primary concern with policies affecting lives, with strong connections to "government," "country," and "president," underscoring interest in governance and national policies.

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# Core keywords highlight public concerns

people "is the central node in the network, indicating a high level of public interest in the impact of policies on people's lives. The structure of the keyword network suggests that the discussion revolves around "people", covering core themes such as equity, rights and social welfare. Other high-frequency keywords, such as "government", "country", and "president", emphasize the public's broader interest in governance and policies at the national level. The close association of these words reflects the general discussion on the effectiveness of government policy implementation and governance.

#### Sub-themes are diverse and hierarchical

Sub-themes such as "election", "law", "democracy", and "investigation" suggest that the public is not only concerned with core governance issues, but also with specific institutional events and procedural issues. "election" and 'law' imply interest in election fairness, law reform, and law enforcement; 'media', 'press', and 'investigation' may be related to the ongoing public discussion of information transparency and investigation of political events.

#### Strong associations between keywords

Strong associations between the core word "people" and the words "government", "law" and "election" suggest that the discussion focuses on how policies affect people's livelihoods, the fairness of the election process, and the significance of legal reforms for the social fabric. Keywords such as "democracy" and "party" demonstrate the public's broader interest in political mechanisms and the distribution of power.

# Dense network structure reveals public thinking patterns

The high density of network structure indicates that the public discussion is centralized and coherent. Strong connections between discussion points mean that hot topics are often not independent but interrelated. For example, the connection between "election" and "law" and "democracy" suggests that the public closely associates election mechanisms, legal frameworks and the operation of democracy.

# **Gradual Focusing of Public Attention**

The core keywords and peripheral sub-keywords show the hierarchical nature of the public's concern: from the broad theme of "people" to specific events such as "election" and "law reform", to the institutional issues related to social mechanisms. The hierarchical nature of the network reflects the depth and breadth of the discussion, from broad themes such as "people" to specific events such as "elections" and "legal reform", to institutional issues related to social mechanisms.

The hierarchical relationship of the network reflects the diffusion of hotspots in the discussion.

Sub-keywords such as "media" and "investigation" that radiate outward from the core keywords indicate that the public discussion is not only limited to the policy itself, but also includes the public opinion and operational aspects related to the dissemination and implementation of the policy.

# Marketable Writing Advice

## Develop in-depth content around core keywords

Write in-depth articles on how policies affect people's lives, such as social welfare and tax policies, for keywords like "people" and "government." Example title: "People and policy: how does reform change our lives?" "The bond between government and people: the distance from policy to practice"

## Use sub-themes as entry points to explore specific events

For "ELECTION" and "LAW," write feature articles that focus on the public's major concerns about election fairness and law reform. Sample title: "Election fairness: victory or challenge for the system?" "Behind law reform: key changes we need to understand"

## Explaining Complex Topics through Keyword Relationship Maps

Use network diagrams to reveal correlations between keywords and create visualizations to enhance the appeal of the article. Example title: "Five central points of election controversy from a keyword network" "Graphic: why are the people at the center of the discussion?"

# Combine storytelling techniques to inspire emotional resonance

Demonstrate how policies actually affect individuals through real-life examples or emotional stories that incorporate the keywords "people" and "government." Example headline: "Personal stories from policy reform: when laws change lives" "The Real Impact of Policy as Seen in a Day in the Life of an Ordinary Person"

# Create interactive content to engage readers

Target keywords that are intensively discussed (e.g., "election", "democracy") and guide users to participate through polls, questionnaires, etc. Example headline: "What do you think is the biggest challenge of the election? Participate in our discussion!" "Core issues of democracy: what's your opinion?"

# Use keyword diversity to write about broad topics

Combine secondary keywords (e.g., "media", "investigation") to write articles that explore the public's perception of journalistic transparency, media influence, and opinion direction. Sample

title: "How important is the role of the media in political transparency?" "The Power of Opinion: How Do Investigations Affect Public Perception?"

# Futher neural network analysis is embedded in our

 prototype. Details is explained in the video demonstration.

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# Final Project Conclusions

Based on the project's objectives, progress, and the provided documents, here are the summarized conclusions:

# **Key Findings**

## **Emotional Analysis of Reader Comments:**

The project successfully integrated machine learning and visual analytics to analyze New York Times articles and their comments.

#### Sentiment Trends:

Political articles generated predominantly negative or neutral sentiments, reflecting polarized or subdued reactions. Lifestyle and sports articles elicited more positive sentiments, often associated with joy or excitement.

# Keyword Insights:

High-frequency keywords such as "Trump," "country," and "people" were central to discussions, particularly for political topics. Emotion-laden keywords varied significantly across topics, demonstrating the importance of context in sentiment analysis.

# Reader Engagement Insights:

Longer comments or those with more recommendations tended to express stronger emotions, showcasing a correlation between engagement level and emotional intensity. Articles with higher word counts often prompted more detailed and sentiment-rich comments, suggesting that content depth influences reader reactions.

# Visualizations and Data-Driven Insights:

The project implemented advanced visualizations, such as: 3D sentiment scatter plots showing sentiment trends over time. Keyword co-occurrence networks highlighting relationships among discussion topics. Dynamic word clouds revealing shifts in emotional keywords across different periods. These visualizations effectively uncovered hidden patterns, enabling intuitive understanding of complex emotional responses.

# Comparison of Analysis Methods:

TF-IDF, spacey and LLM-based approaches provided complementary insights. While TF-IDF and spacey identified frequency and emotion of the keywords, LLMs offered nuanced sentiment predictions, suggesting the potential for hybrid methodologies.

**Trends Over Time:** 

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Sentiment trends evolved between 2017 and 2018. Political sentiments in 2018 showed increased negativity, potentially linked to specific events like the midterm elections or policy debates. Articles in categories such as technology and health exhibited consistent engagement and emotional reactions, indicating ongoing public interest. Market-Driven Recommendations

# **Content Strategy:**

Focus on producing detailed articles in lifestyle and health sections, as they consistently evoke positive engagement. Strategically address polarizing topics (e.g., politics) with balanced narratives to reduce potential negativity in audience reactions. Interactive Dashboards for Media Outlets:

Implement real-time sentiment monitoring tools to gauge immediate reader responses to published content, aiding in responsive editorial planning. Utilize keyword-emotion matrices to refine headlines and article summaries, optimizing for emotional resonance. Enhanced Personalization:

Leverage sentiment insights to create personalized reader experiences. For instance, recommending positively received content for neutral readers or less polarizing articles for those reacting negatively.

# **Future NLP Innovations:**