

# **ANALYSIS OF TEXAS DEATH ROW INMATES AND THEIR FINAL STATEMENTS**

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## **TOOLS USED**

- **EXCEL, PYTHON, TABLEAU**

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# **OBJECTIVE**

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**What is important to death row inmates in their final moments?**

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**Compare Relationships vs Emotion**

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**Apologetic over time**

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**Does the final statement length correlate with words chosen?**

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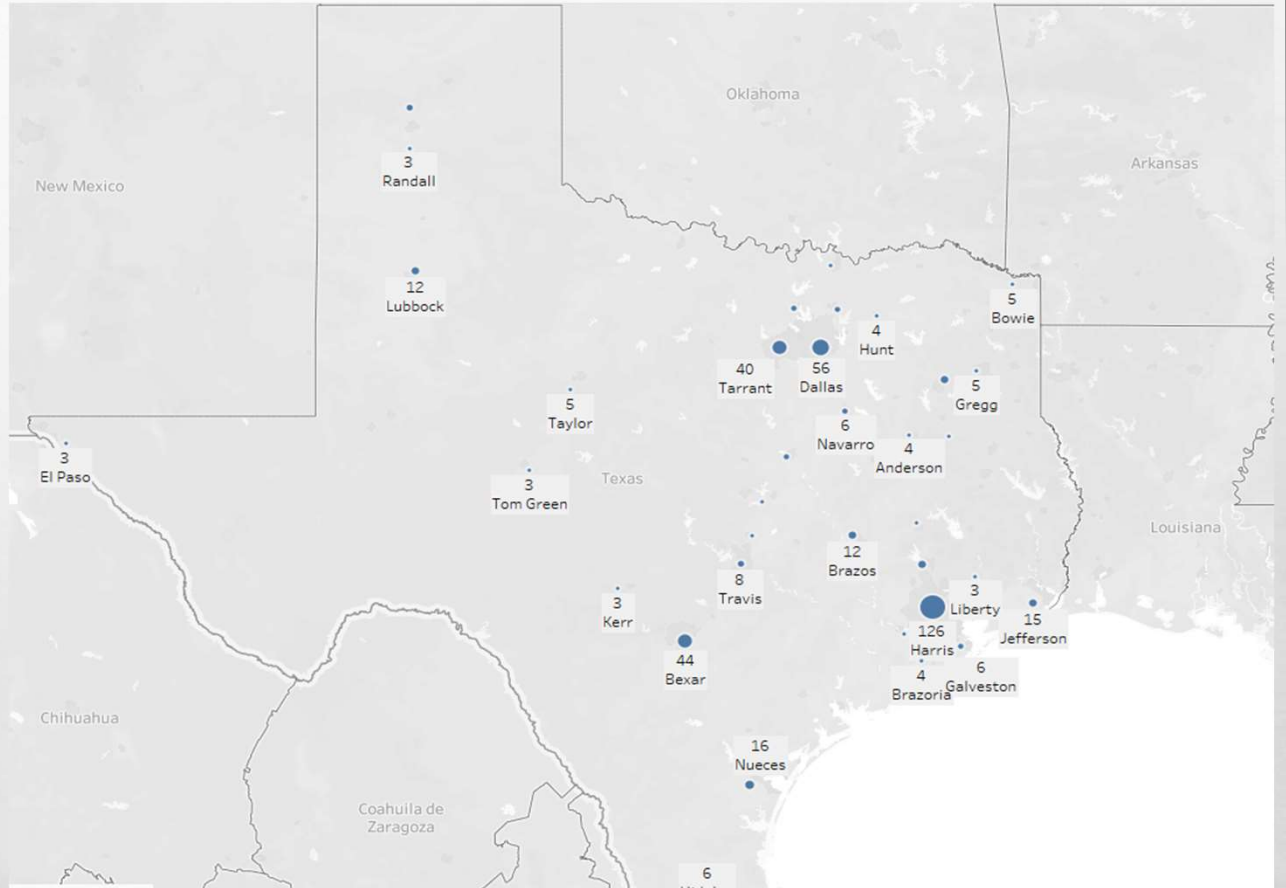
# TEXAS DEATH ROW POLICY

- **THERE HAVE BEEN 544 EXECUTIONS IN TEXAS FROM 1982 – 2017**
- **TEXAS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A THIRD OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITAL PUNISHMENTS**
- **OF THE 254 TEXAS COUNTIES, 136 HAVE NEVER SENT A SINGLE OFFENDER TO DEATH ROW**
- **A PERSON MUST BE UNANIMOUSLY VOTED GUILTY BY A JURY TO RECEIVE DEATH PENALTY, AS OPPOSED TO THE 10 VOTES NEEDED FOR A LIFE SENTENCE**



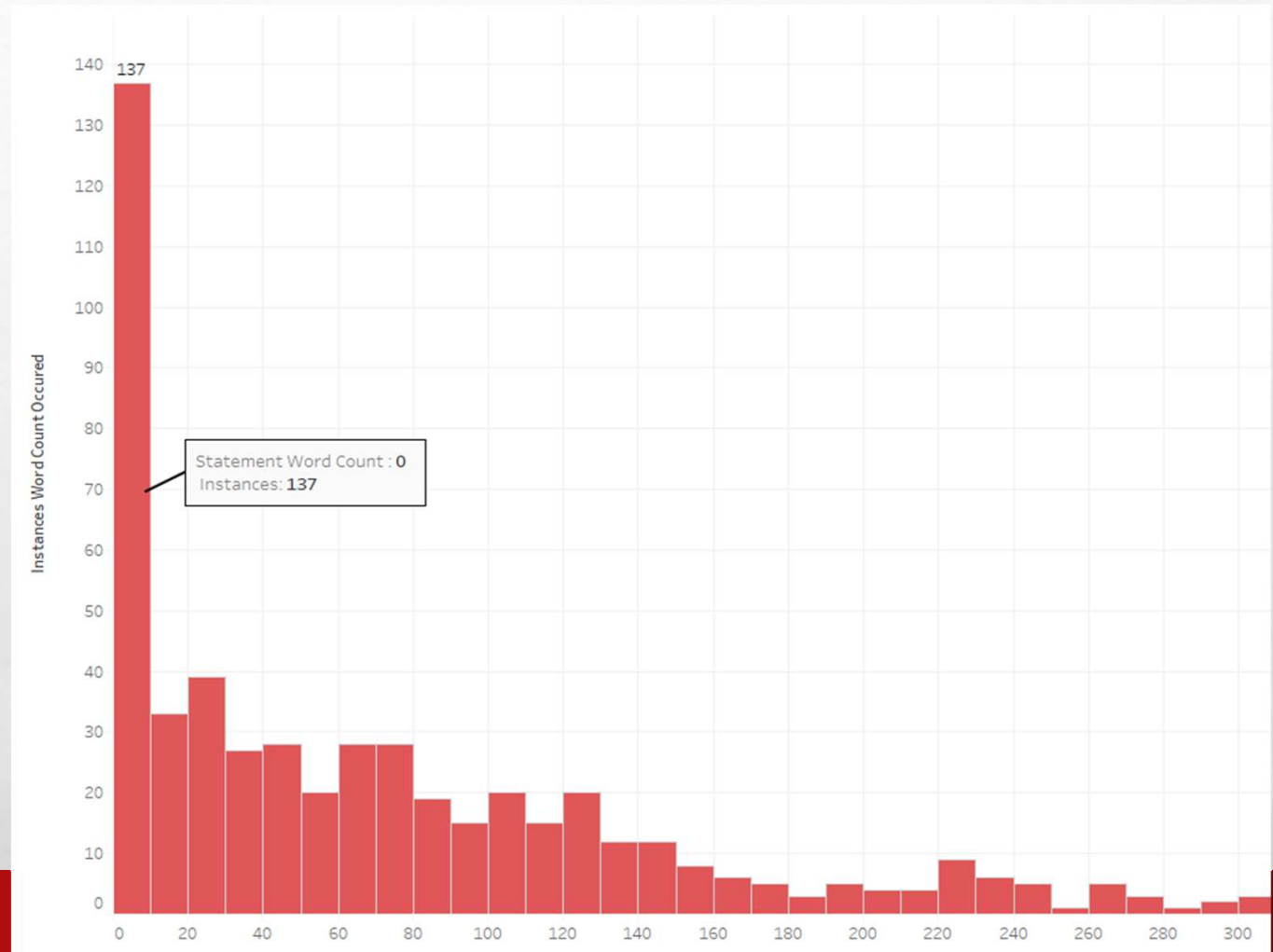
# TEXAS COUNTY EXECUTIONS

- 1 **HARRIS COUNTY (126)**
- 2 **DALLAS COUNTY (56)**
- 3 **BEXAR COUNTY (44)**
- 4 **TARRANT COUNTY (40)**
- 5 **JEFFERSON COUNTY (15)**

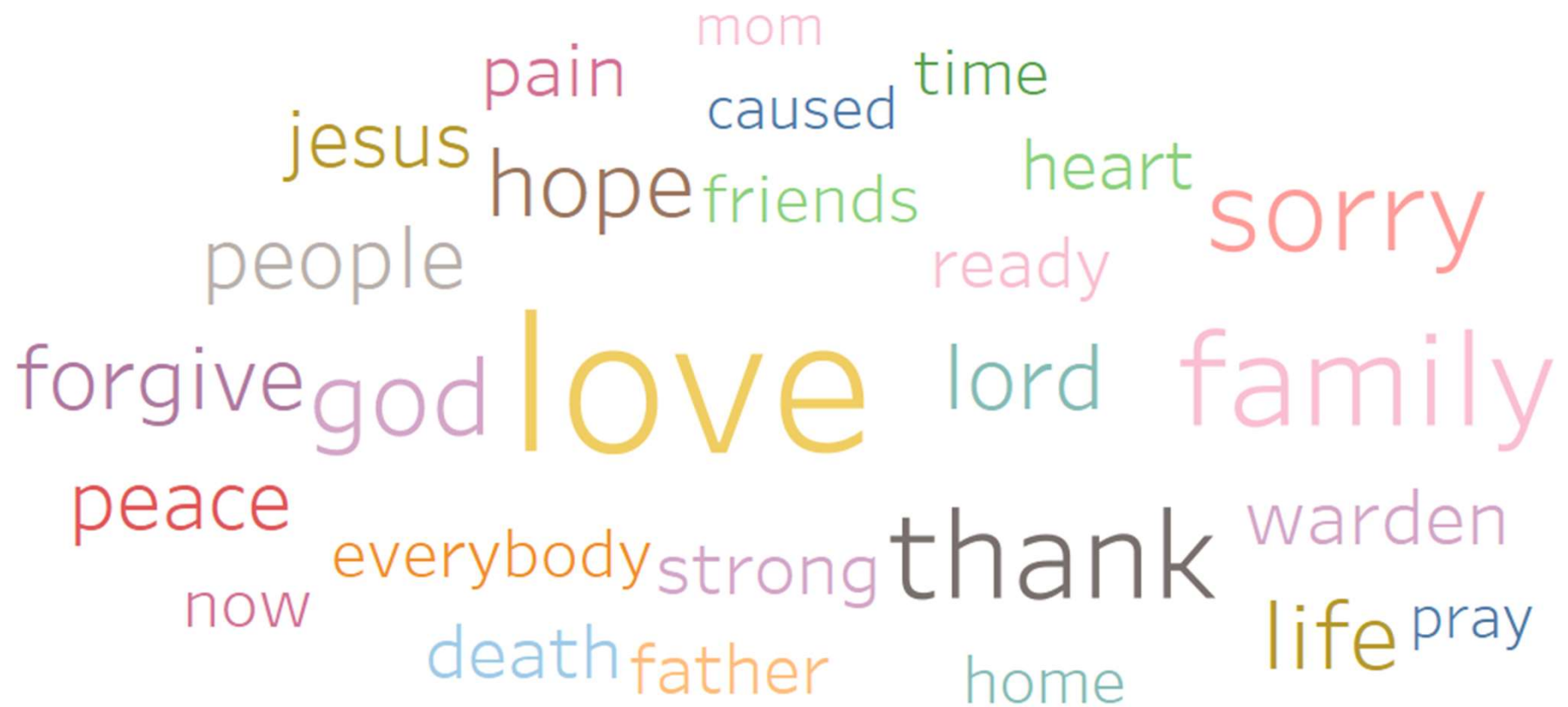


## Statement Length Distribution

**137 of the 544 inmates (25%)  
decided to give no statement  
at all.**



# Most Used Words



A word cloud featuring various common words in different colors and sizes. The words are arranged in a somewhat circular pattern, with 'love' being the largest and most central word. Other prominent words include 'family', 'thank', 'sorry', 'god', 'people', 'jesus', 'hope', 'pain', 'mom', 'time', 'heart', 'ready', 'lord', 'life', 'pray', 'home', 'father', 'death', 'now', 'peace', 'forgive', 'friends', 'caused', 'strong', 'everybody', 'warden', and 'life'.

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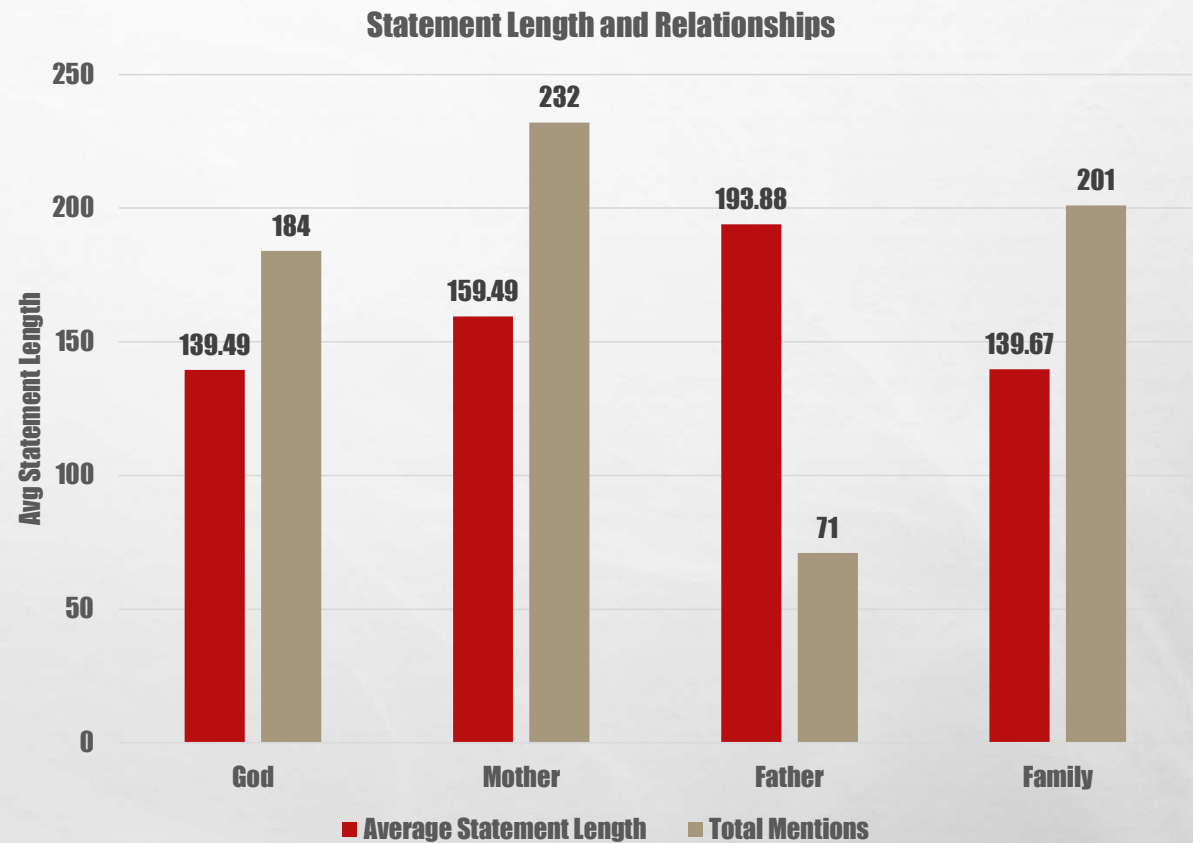
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# AVERAGE STATEMENT LENGTH AND PEOPLE

**MOTHERS - MOST MENTIONED**

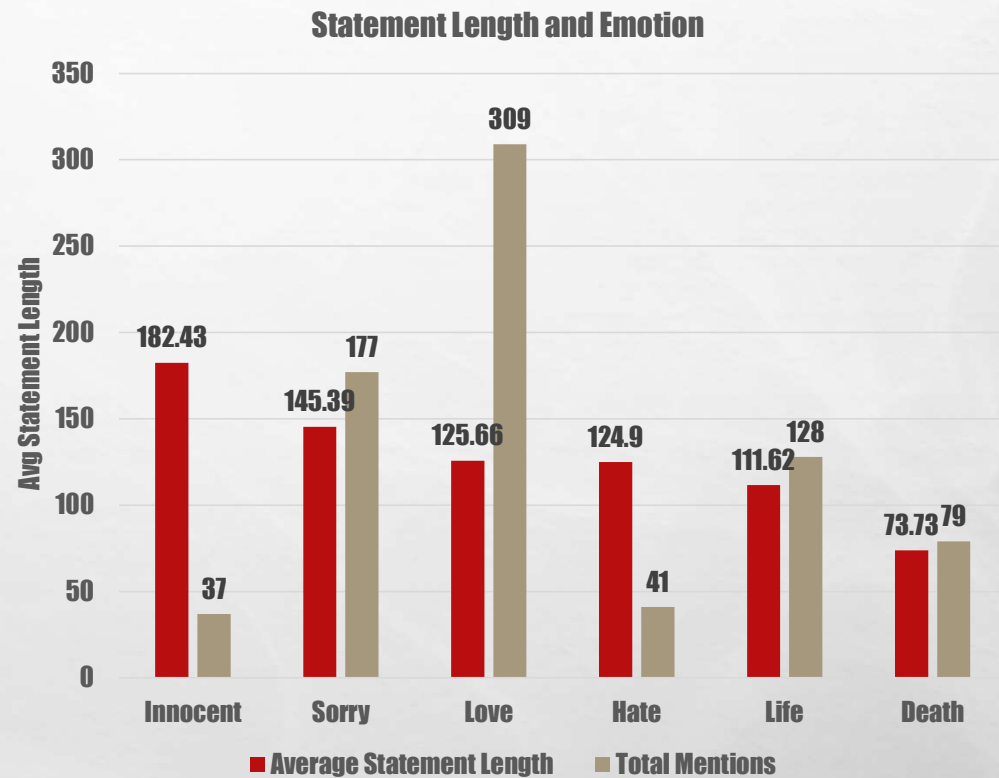
**FATHERS – LEAST MENTIONED, HIGHER STATEMENT LENGTH**



# STATEMENT LENGTH AND EMOTION

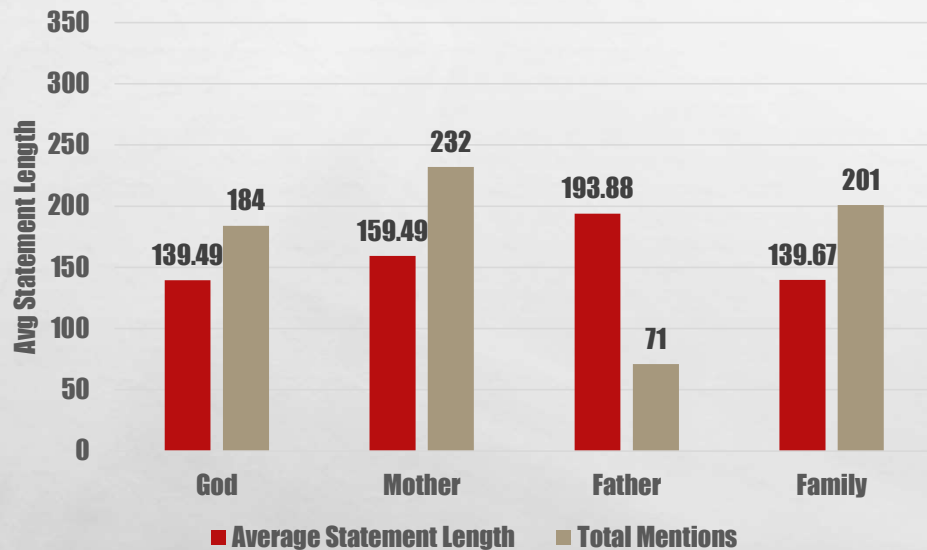
**LOVE – MOST MENTIONED**

**INNOCENT – LEAST MENTIONED, HIGHER  
STATEMENT LENGTH**

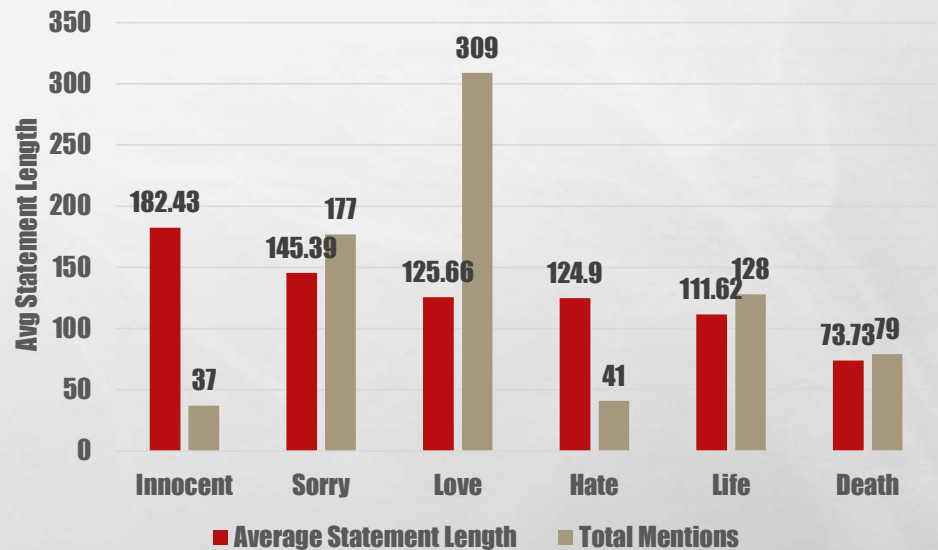


# RELATIONSHIP VS EMOTION

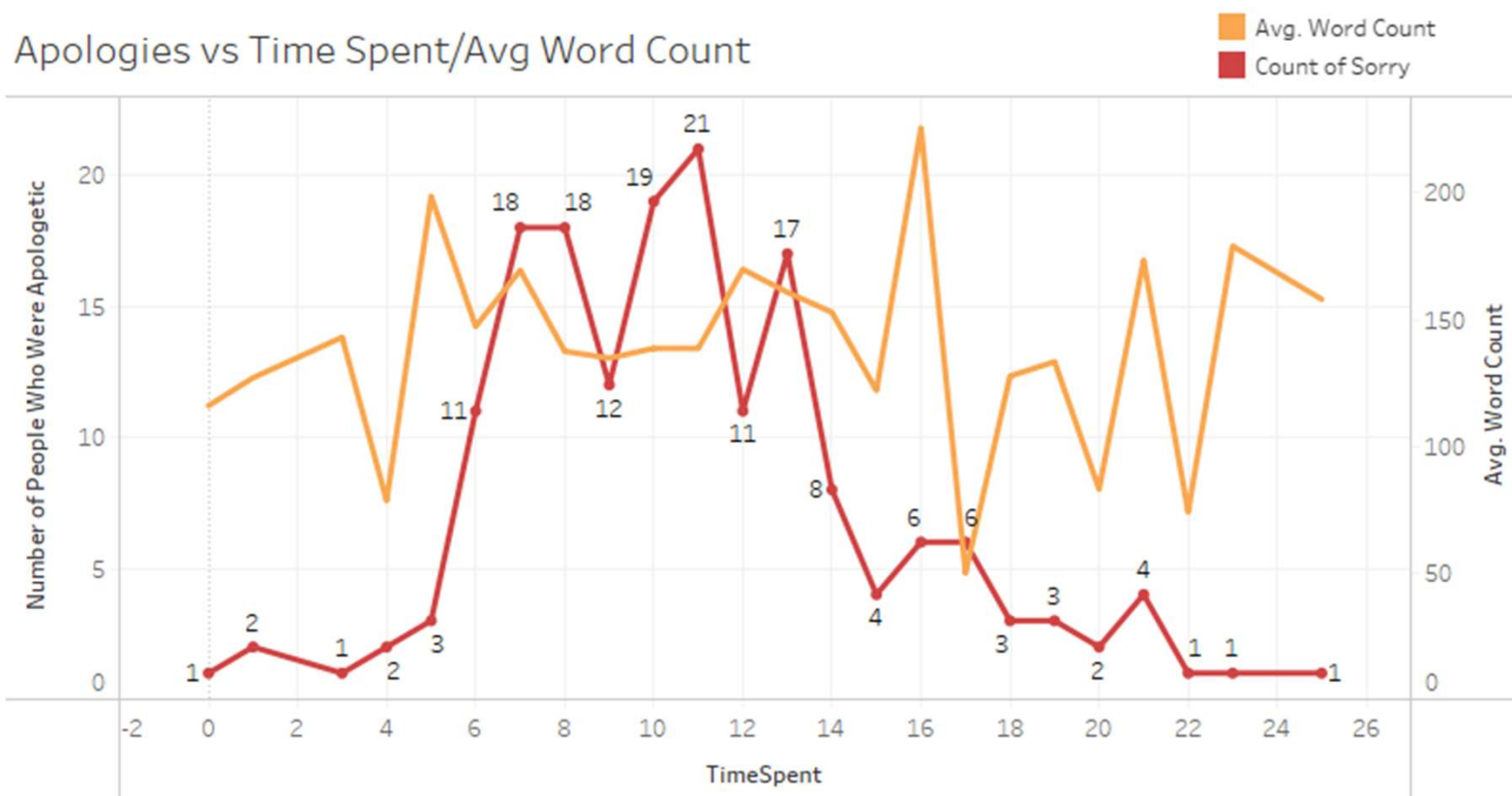
Statement Length and Relationship



Statement Length and Emotion



Apologies vs Time Spent/Avg Word Count



# STATEMENTS OVER 400 WORDS

Word Count	Innocent	God	Mother	Father	Sorry	Love	Family
1268	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
748		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
684	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
533		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
520	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
510		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
482		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
478		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
447		✓	✓	✓			✓
443		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
412		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
410		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
406	✓		✓		✓		
Totals	3 of 13	10 of 13	13 of 13	9 of 13	10 of 13	11 of 13	10 of 13



# IN CONCLUSION...

- **'FATHER' AND 'INNOCENT' WERE THE LEAST MENTIONED WHILE ALSO HAVING THE TWO HIGHEST WORDS PER STATEMENT**
  - **INMATES CHOOSE RELATIONSHIPS OVER EMOTION**
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- **PEOPLE WHO SPENT BETWEEN 5 TO 14 YEARS IN JAIL WERE MORE APOLOGETIC**
  - **LONGER THE STATEMENT, MORE KEYWORDS USED**
- **AGE AND EDUCATION DID NOT HAVE AN IMPACT ON STATEMENT LENGTH OR WORDS CHOSEN**



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**QUESTIONS?**