

China Trade Effects Domestic Policy:

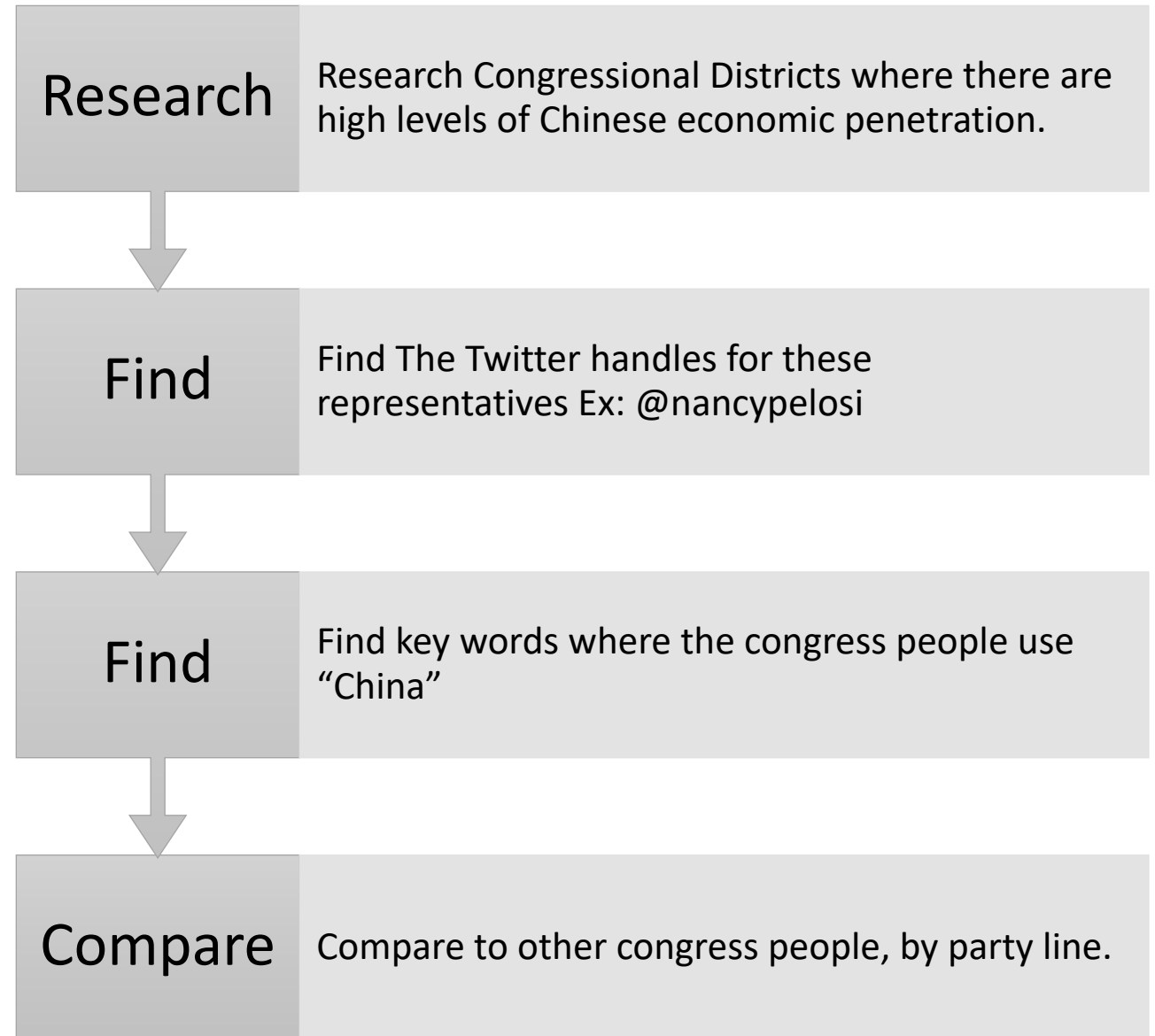
How political behavior in
congress is expressed
via Twitter

Thesis:

Does Chinese Economic penetration affect the way in which congress people frame their public positions toward China?

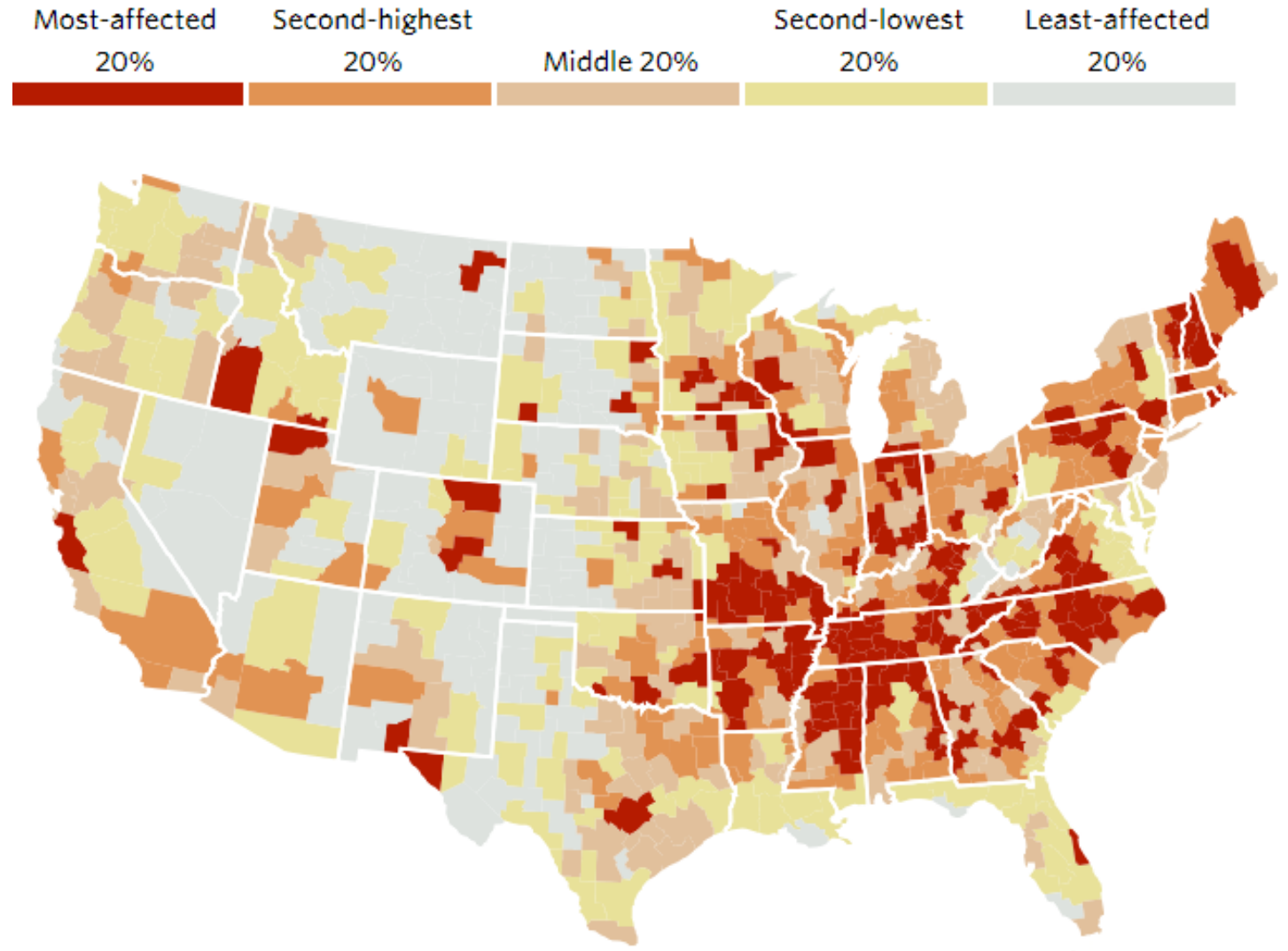


Research Process



Chinese Econ Penetration

- In areas where we see high levels of Chinese economic trade, we see congress people speaking about china
- One of the effects, of high levels of economic activity is high unemployment.
- This causes pressure for the local economy, therefore congress people talk bad about China.
- Easy to blame for problems.



Why is Twitter important?

- Global platform, hundreds of millions of possible viewers.
- No one watches TV anymore.
- Best way for a politician to get their ideas out into the ether.
- Framing the argument in their favor “Framing/Priming”





Nancy Pelosi ✓ @NancyPelosi · 5 Oct 2011

.@Kummernuss We need a level playing field-**China's** currency policy is costing U.S. #jobs: youtube.com/watch?v=kG1oMx... #AskDems



Leader Pelosi: We Need To Pass the Currency Refo...

Leader Pelosi answering the YouTube Town Hall Question: China is abusing the entire world, including America. Why don't we change Free Trade to Fair Free ... youtube.com



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Rep. Jason Smith ✓ @RepJasonSmith · 13 Sep 2017

.@realDonaldTrump is CRACKING DOWN and making sure the United States doesn't get a bad deal from **China**. More: ow.ly/bdT030f88IR



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Example Tweets :

Sentiment Analysis

3 Democrats observed

3 Republicans observed

Democrats tend to be more negative by a factor of 7:1

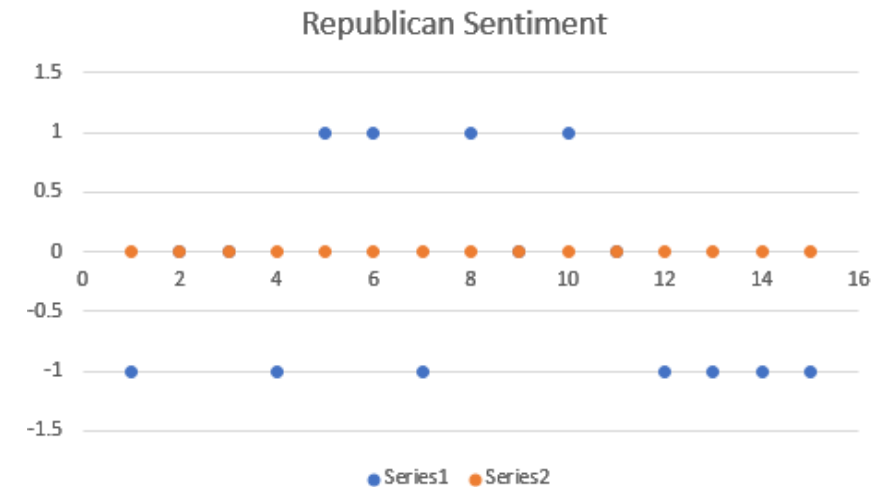
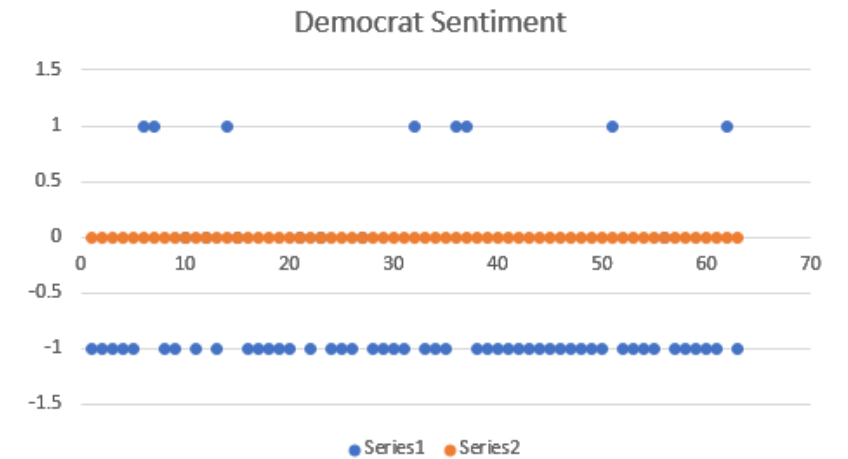
Republicans tend to be negative by a factor of 2:1

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Shortcomings

Only used analysis of 6 Congressional people.

There are ~50 congressional Districts in California

Software in its current state makes mistakes and classifies incorrectly.