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Social Media Conversations About Women Who are Victims of Violence or Missing

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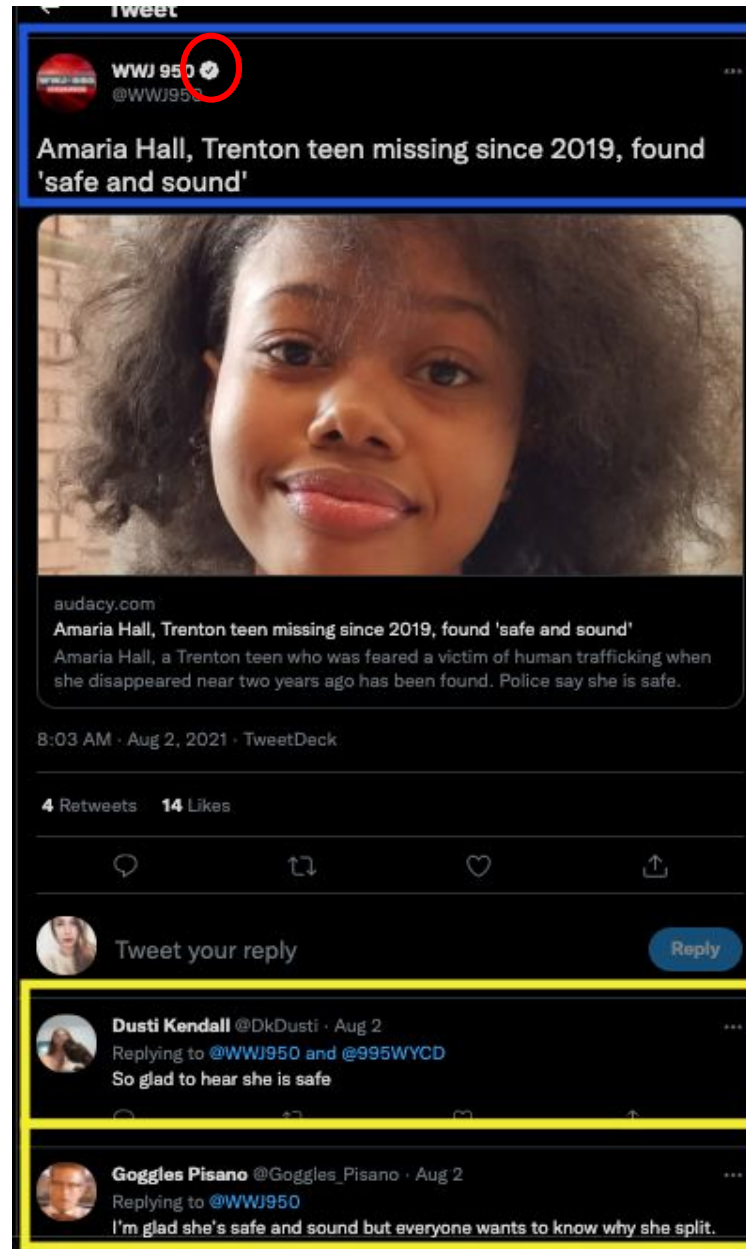
“I call it the missing white woman search syndrome. If there is a missing white woman you're going to cover that every day.”

-Gwen Ifill

Methods

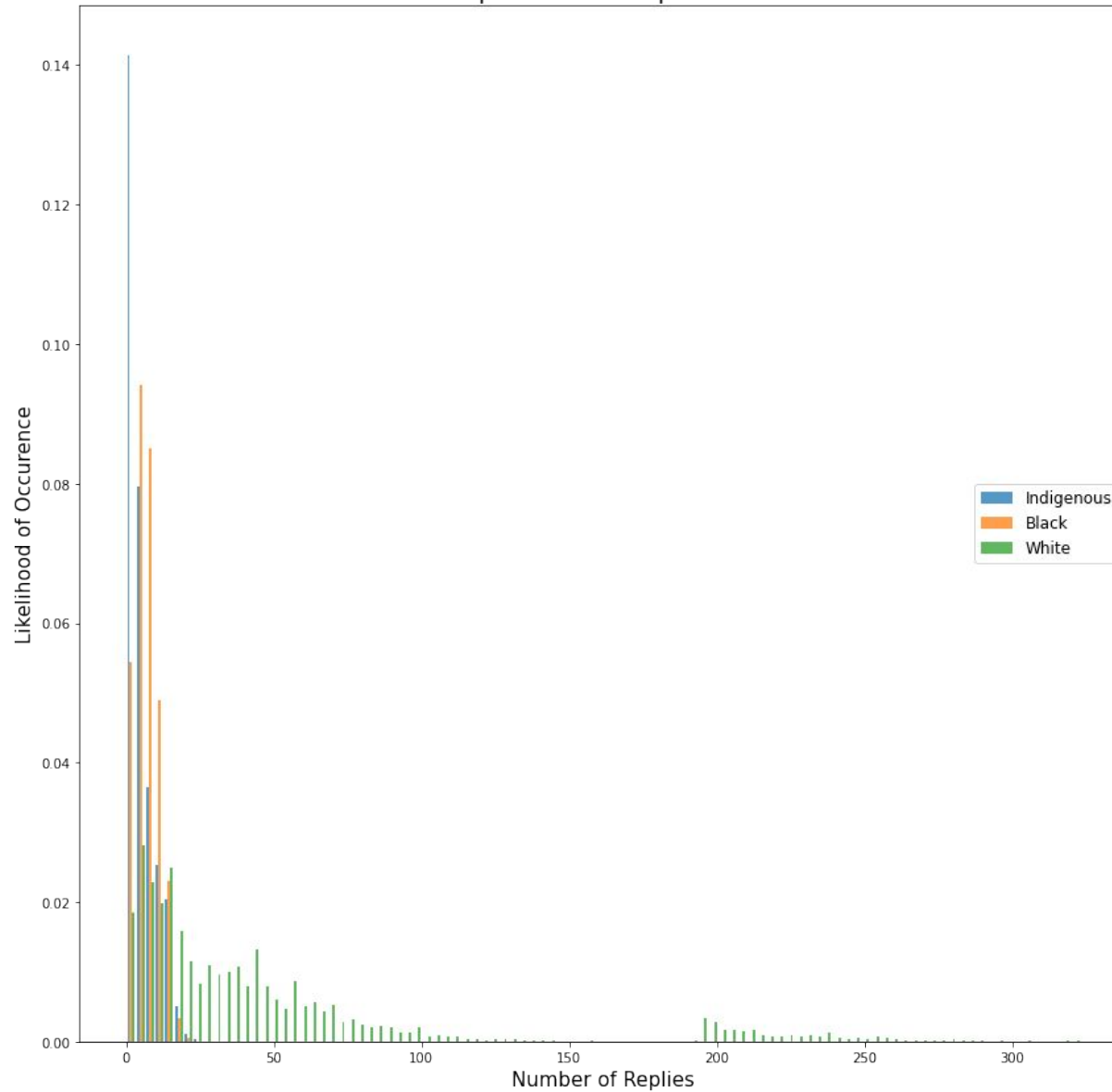
- Scraped twitter threads with twint to create dataset
 - Looked for tweets from “verified” accounts, collected all responses
- Analysis using Python, Matplotlib, Pandas, Numpy, and SpaCy
- Bridges2 supercomputing clusters to mine and process text data
- Final dataset contains ~400 verified tweets and ~700 responses to them

Original tweet from a detroit area radio station, which is verified on Twitter (check mark inside red circle)



Two replies from other twitter users

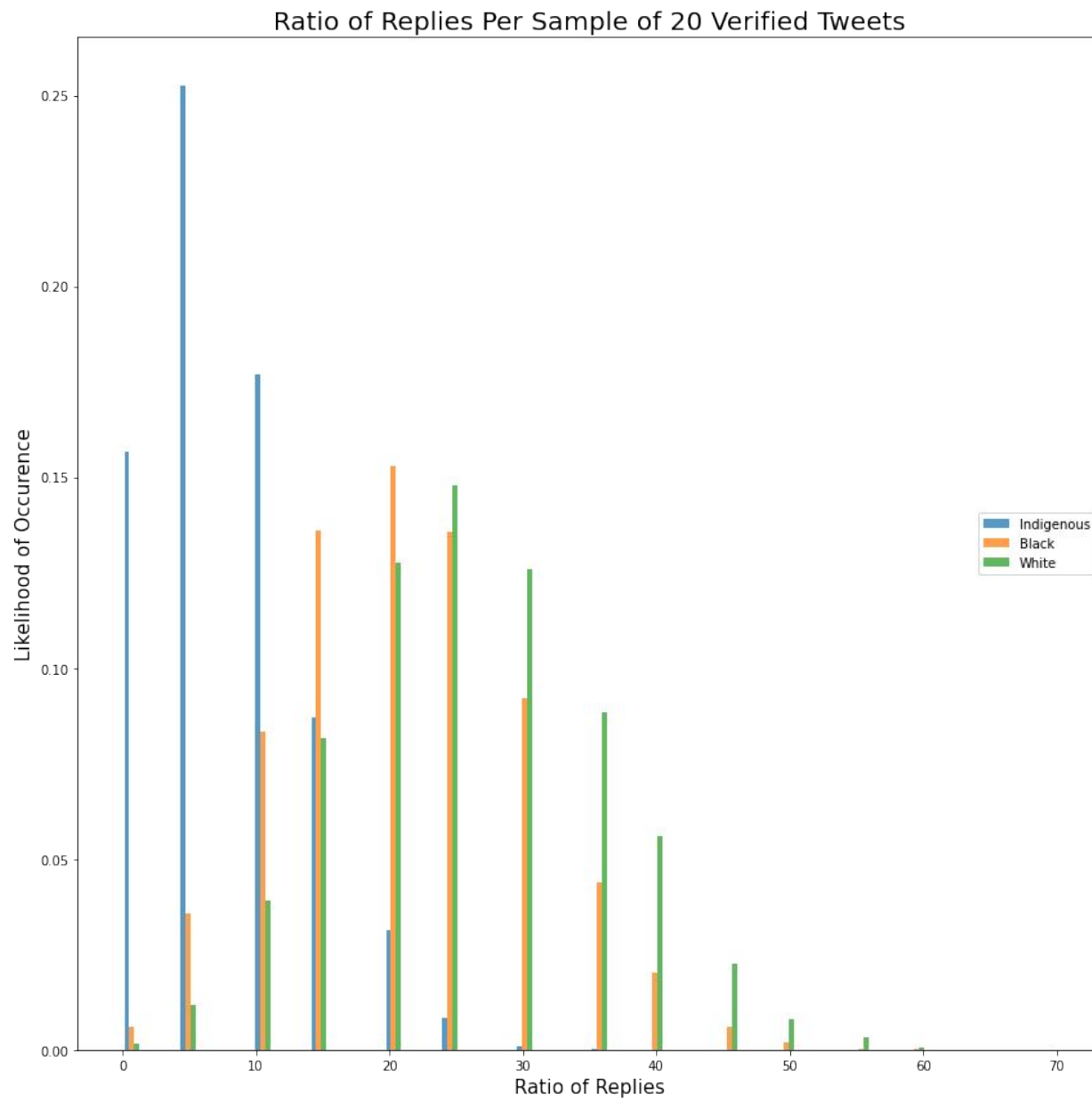
Total Number of Replies Per Sample of 20 Verified Tweets



Indigenous mean = 4.8358

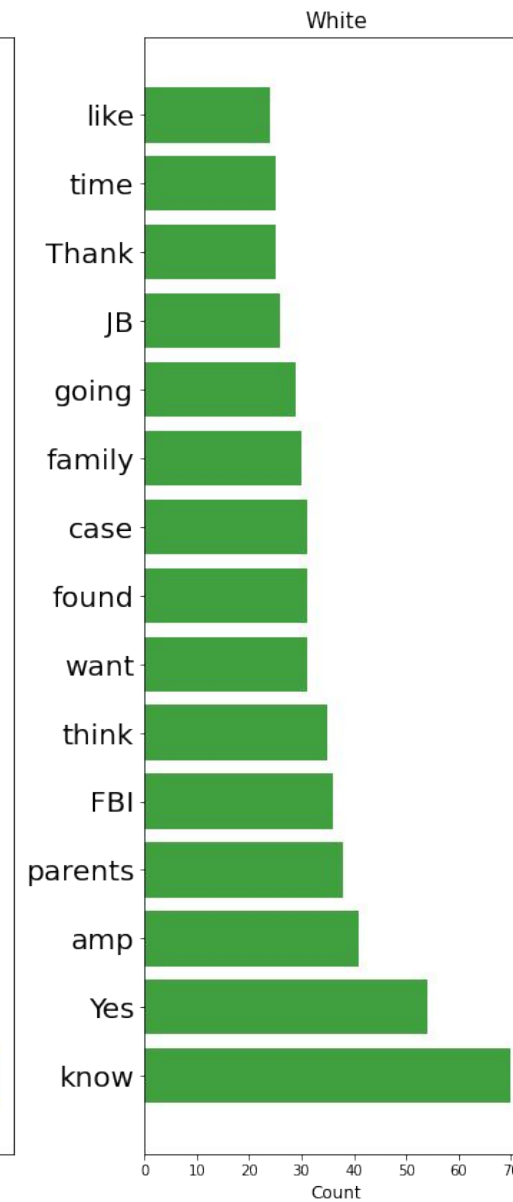
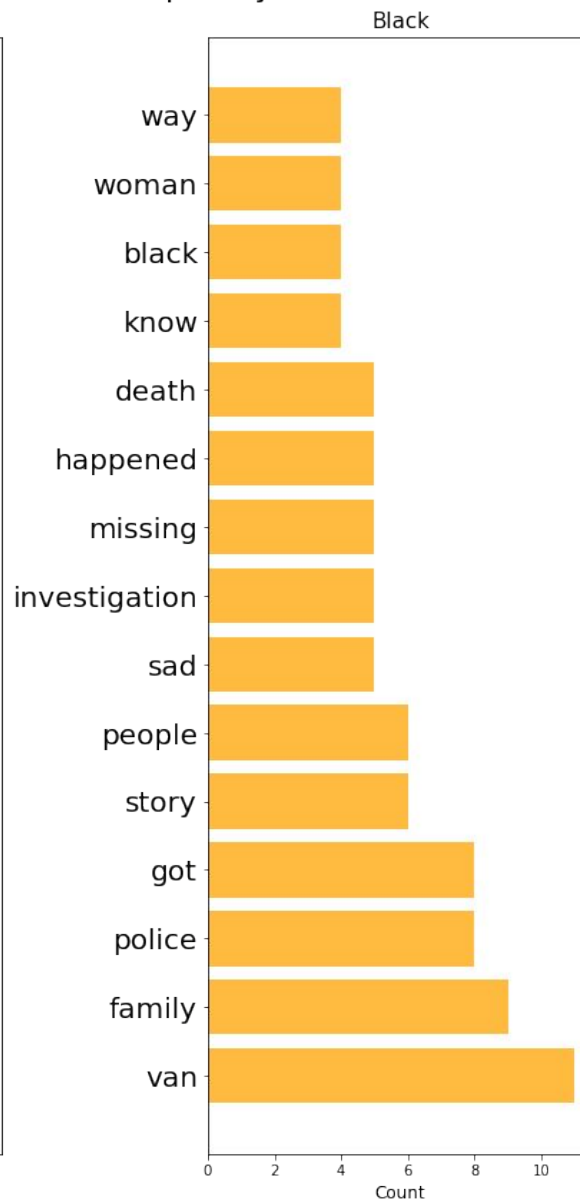
Black mean = 7.0727

White mean = 46.7179



Indigenous mean = 7.303%
Black mean = 20.999%
White mean = 26.1335%

Frequently Used Words



"@NPR OMG!!! What horror did she go through???"

EmotionOutput(output=fear, probas={fear: 0.537, surprise: 0.412, others: 0.032, joy: 0.007, anger: 0.006, disgust: 0.003, sadness: 0.003})

"@Complex few cases make me angrier than this one"

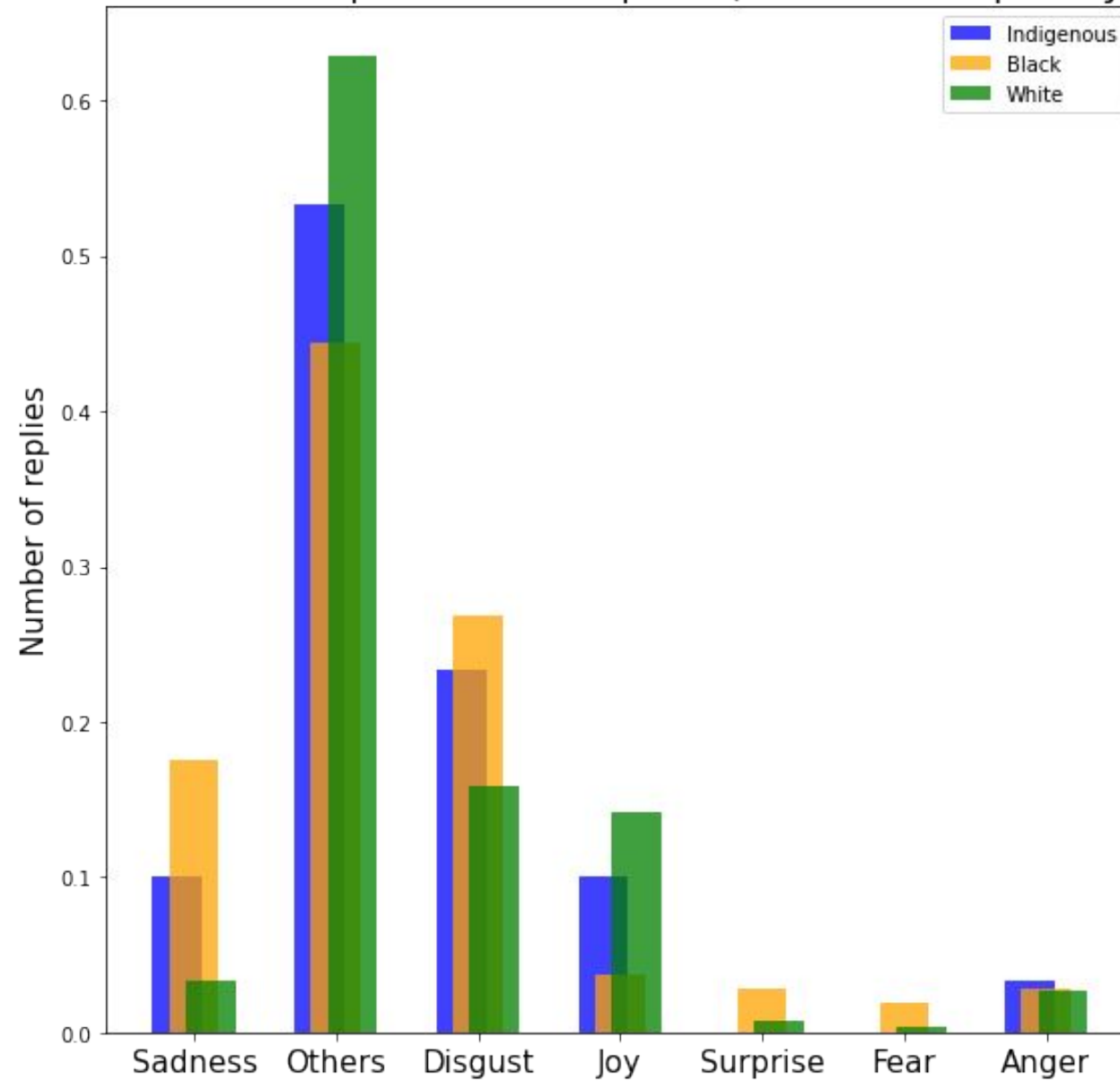
EmotionOutput(output=disgust, probas={disgust: 0.816, others: 0.158, anger: 0.012, sadness: 0.006, fear: 0.005, joy: 0.002, surprise: 0.001})

"@WWJ950 @955WYCD So glad to hear she is safe"

EmotionOutput(output=joy, probas={joy: 0.953, others: 0.038, sadness: 0.002, anger: 0.002, surprise: 0.002, fear: 0.001, disgust: 0.001})

In []:

Emotions Expressed in Replies (Relative Frequency)



Limitations

- Bias introduced by picking women myself, targeted search results
- Issues with twint
- Difficulty finding verified tweets with any responses for BIWOC
- Time limitations

Future Work

- Better results from twint with more time and practice
- Larger sample of women, tweets
- More sophisticated emotional analysis

