The effects of transitions of power on the contents of municipal government websites

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Government Websites

- Transparency

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Duplicate Line Removal

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 8 [              Directions &amp;amp; Map       History        Bonnie &amp;amp; Clyde
 9 Photos &amp;amp; Events        Economic Development       Pay Water Bill]
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15 [shapeimage_3_link_5]
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19 [Are You Water Aware?]
20 Water is a precious resource. It's important to use water wisely, particularly
21 during extended dry weather. By following these simple suggestions, you'll save
22 money on your water bill while conserving the supply we all depend on.
23 Check faucets and pipes for leaks
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25 A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste 20 gallons of water per day.
26 Larger leaks can waste hundreds of gallons.
27 Check your toilets for leaks
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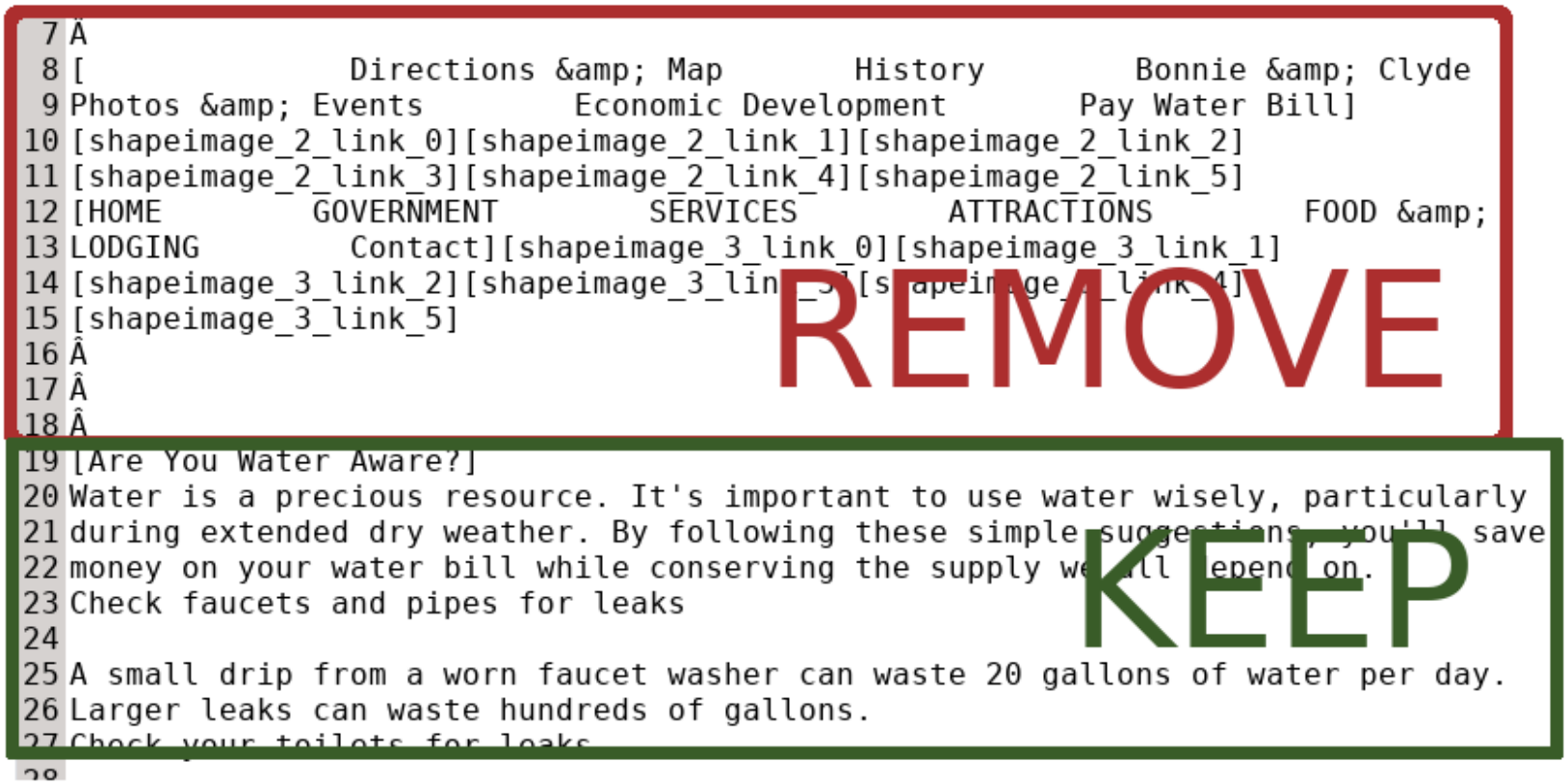


Duplicate Line Removal

- Within each city, there is a lot of shared text
  - Boilerplate
  - Website elements
- If not removed, the text clusters into cities

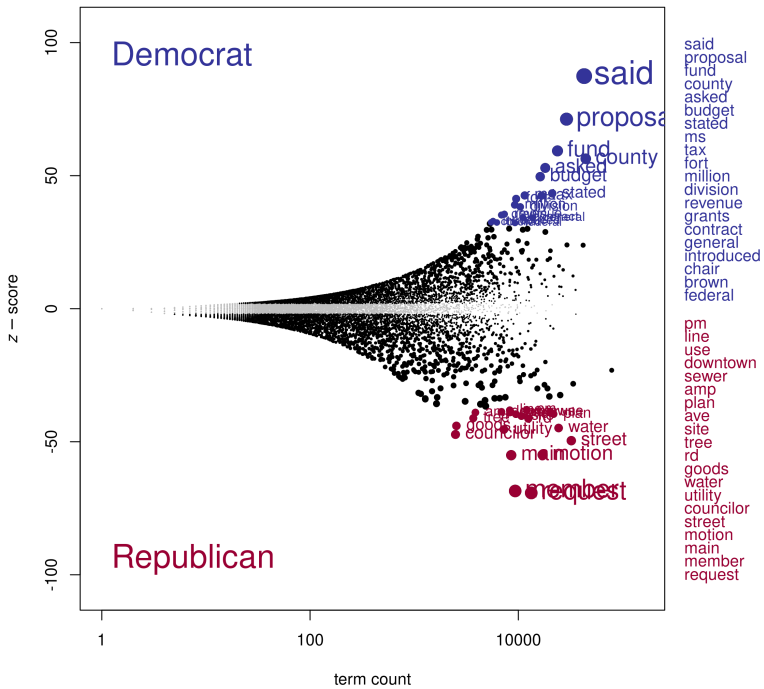
- Solution: Compare each line in each document to every other line in every document of that city
- Count duplicates
- Remove a line if it is duplicated within a city above some threshold
- Hash tables for computational efficiency

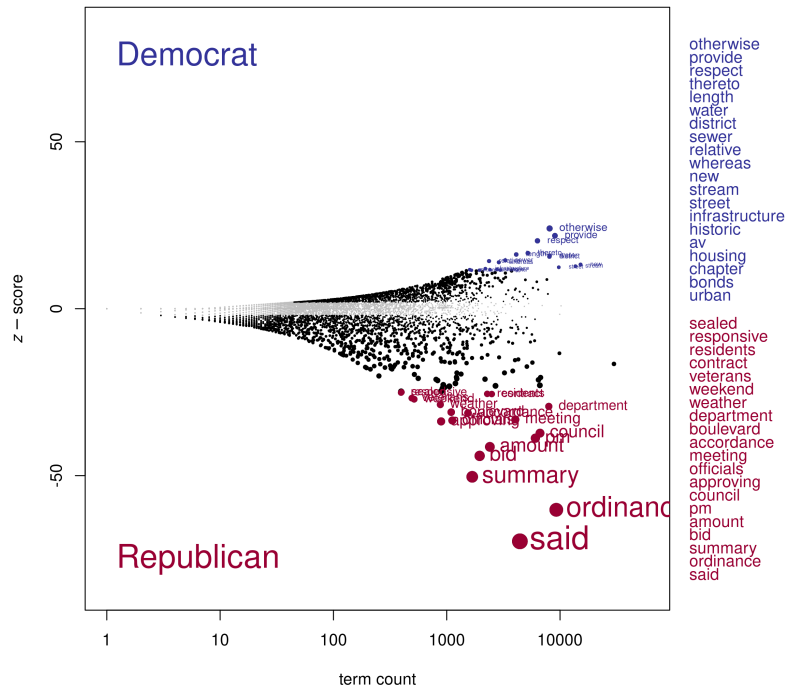
Other preprocessing

- Remove:
  - Dates
  - Numbers
  - Punctuation
  - Words not recognized by an English dictionary
  - Stopwords
  - Documents with too few unique words
- Set to lowercase
- Lemmatization

Hierarchical Clustering

Fightin' Words





Latent Dirichlet Allocation

Conclusion