

A Trope-Based Computational Approach to Participatory Propaganda Analysis — Online Appendix

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A. Codebook

Here we describe the codebook in detail. Here, we provide a fuller accounting of the types of scenes and stories that we encountered during codebook development and annotation, with examples, and discuss their connection to official explicit state messaging.

A.1. Amazing Xinjiang

The *Amazing Xinjiang* trope is seen in the East Turkistan topic, and is named after the campaign of the same name run by the state media [1]. According to state media, “Amazing Xinjiang” is designed to communicate that Xinjiang has an idyllic rural life, ethnic diversity and harmony, natural beauty, and is an attractive tourist destination [2]. The typologies of scenes are:

- Natural beauty, such as mountains [3] and deserts [4].
- Urban beauty, including cityscapes [5], and cities under snow [6].
- Wildlife, such as horses [7] or deer [8].
- Tourist and multi-ethnic cultural activities such as night markets [9] and festivals [10].

A.2. Happy Uyghurs

The *Happy Uyghurs* trope is seen in the East Turkistan topic, and depicts Uyghurs as living and working safely and happily. The state media often accompany these scenes with text rebutting claims of human rights abuses targeting Uyghurs, and presenting an alternative narrative of achievements with respect to human rights and development in the region [11]. The typologies of scenes are:

- Uyghurs smiling [12], dancing [13], or playing music [14].
- Uyghurs gainfully employed [15] or professionally thriving [16].
- Uyghurs offering testimonies, including as scholars [17], or after time in “re-education camps” [18].
- Uyghurs living long, healthy lives [19].

A.3. Law and Order

The *Law and Order* trope is seen in the Hong Kong topic, and connects directly to the official narrative that Hong Kong moved from the “chaos” of the protests, to “order”, and then “stability and prosperity” [20]. The *Law and Order* trope attempts to show the police and legal system bringing order to the chaos through policing and prosecution. The typology of scenes are:

- Idealized police “protectors” [21].
- Police patrolling the streets [22].
- The arrest [23] and prosecution [24] of the “vandals and traitors” alleged to have caused the chaos .

A.4. Magnificent Development

The *Magnificent Development* trope is seen in both topics, and connects to narratives about development progress. In the context of East Turkistan, this narrative focuses on mechanization and improving rural living standards [25]. In the context of Hong Kong, the narrative is focused on economic and technological development - the “prosperity” stage in the “chaos, to stability, to prosperity” deep narrative [20]. The typology of scenes are:

- Infrastructure development, especially under extreme conditions, such as trains going through snow [26], across large deserts [27], mountain airports at high altitude [28], and particularly high [29] or long bridges [30].
- International trade and shipping [31].
- Mechanization of rural labor, including cotton picking machines [32].
- Deployment of advanced technology [33].
- Construction of renewable energy [34].
- Pseudo-events to announce economic goals and agendas [35].

A.5. Powerful Ancestral Motherland

The *Powerful Ancestral Motherland* trope is seen in both topics, stresses the opportunities and benefits of being part of a superpower state [36]. The typology of scenes are:

- Classes for children with astronauts [37].
- Exchanges with Olympic athletes [38].
- Events such as symposiums looking to expand Hong Kong’s economic reliance on the inland [39].
- Military parades or drills [40].

A.6. Perfect Hong Kong Democracy

The *Perfect Hong Kong Democracy* trope is seen in in the Hong Kong topic, and attempt to paint Hong Kong’s electoral and legal system as “fair, just, open, competitive, representative, and clean” [41]. The typology of scenes are:

- Citizens lining up to vote [42].
- Transparent vote counting [43].
- Candidates attending to the needs of constituents [44].
- Testimonials from voters [45].

A.7. Red Hong Kong

The *Red Hong Kong* trope is seen in both topics, and attempts to portray popular support for the legal and political changes imposed on Hong Kong [46], and to suggest that patriotism is mainstream. The typology of scenes are:

- Hong Kong streets littered with PRC and Hong Kong flags [47].
- Flag waving patriots [48].
- Flag raising ceremonies [49].

A.8. Social Progress

The *Social Progress* trope is seen in both topics, and attempts to portray citizens as enjoying leisure, living safely, and working happily [50]. The typology of scenes are:

- Government efforts to protect people from COVID such as vaccinations [51].
- People productively employed, or receiving employment assistance [52].
- Smiling rural workers [53].
- Smiling children [54].
- Leisure activities [55].

A.9. Vandals and Traitors

The *Vandals and Traitors* trope is seen in the Hong Kong topic, and criminalizes the pro-democracy opposition within Hong Kong, so that their role in the narrative is portrayed as illegitimate makers of the “chaos” and unwanted by mainstream society [56]. The typology of scenes are:

- Protestors engaging in violent acts [57].
- Displays of affection towards the U.K. or U.S. [58].
- The humiliation, shaming, or arrest of the pro-democracy camp [59].

A.10. Western Hegemony

The *Western Hegemony* trope is seen in both topics, and communicates a conspiracy on the part of foreign governments (particularly the U.S. and the Five Eyes nations) to frustrate the PRC’s development in order to maintain their own political supremacy [60]. The typology of scenes are:

- Press conferences from PRC officials denouncing the actions of foreign nations as engaging in this conspiracy [61].
- Western media reports claimed to be manipulations [62].
- Western officials allegedly admitting to the conspiracy [63].
- Scenes of human rights abuses conducted in foreign countries accusing the PRC of human rights abuses that are alleged to show hypocrisy [64].

B. Detailed Machine Learning Results

B.1. Machine Learning Ablation Results

We performed ablation experiments on all possible combinations of labels and inputs in order to understand the contribution of each modality to each trope. Each experiment setup predicts the labels for either text and image, with varying inputs, as follows:

- **Text Labels, Text Inputs:** For each tweet whose text has been labeled, we add a data point with that text.
- **Text Labels, Image Inputs:** For each tweet whose text has been labeled, we only include tweets with at least one image, and add a data point with each singular image as the input.
- **Text Labels, Text and Image Inputs:** For each tweet whose text has been labeled, we only include tweets with at least one image, and add a data point with each pair of text and image as the input.
- **Image Labels, Text Inputs:** For each image that has been labeled, we add the text of its tweet as the input.
- **Image Labels, Image Inputs:** For each image that has been labeled, we add the image as the input.
- **Image Labels, Text and Image Inputs:** For each image that has been labeled, we add the pairing of the image and the text of its tweet as the input.

The model and training hyperparameters for the text-only inputs are identical to the text-only model. For image-only inputs, we used the Vision Transformer [65] to encode the images and passed the encoding to a linear classification layer. We trained with learning rate **5e-5** for 10 epochs, with batch size 8. For the text labels, the multi-modal model had to consider that each tweet text may have zero or more images. For the images we therefore used a simple mean of image or zero vector where no images were present. Mathematically, let I be the set of images for a tweet, then:

$$\begin{aligned}x_t &= \text{roBERTa}(t) \\x_i &= \begin{cases} \frac{\sum_{i \in I} \text{ViT}(i)}{|I|} & \text{if } |I| > 0 \\ \vec{0} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \\x &= [\text{ReLU}_t(x_t); \text{ReLU}_i(x_i)] \\y &= \sigma(\phi(x))\end{aligned}$$

This model was trained with learning rate **5e-5** for 10 epochs with batch size 8. The loss function in all cases was binary cross entropy.

Table 1: Number of labels (n), mean and standard deviation (in parentheses) of F1, Precision (P), and Recall (R), calculated over 20 4-fold cross-validation runs, for our multi-modal text and image classifiers.

Trope	Text Inputs				Image Inputs				Text and Image Inputs			
<i>Text Labels</i>	n	F1	P	R	n	F1	P	R	n	F1	P	R
Amazing Xinjiang	321	.88 (.03)	.89 (.04)	.88 (.05)	321	.77 (.05)	.83 (.08)	.73 (.07)	321	.84 (.04)	.83 (.06)	.85 (.06)
Happy Uyghurs	236	.82 (.05)	.77 (.08)	.89 (.06)	236	.32 (.10)	.32 (.10)	.39 (.21)	236	.80 (.06)	.75 (.09)	.87 (.09)
Law and Order	284	.87 (.03)	.86 (.04)	.88 (.05)	284	.53 (.06)	.53 (.12)	.55 (.10)	284	.86 (.05)	.86 (.07)	.87 (.08)
Magnificent Development	326	.88 (.03)	.88 (.04)	.90 (.03)	326	.64 (.07)	.71 (.10)	.59 (.06)	326	.85 (.05)	.84 (.09)	.86 (.05)
Powerful Ancestral Motherland	250	.85 (.04)	.86 (.07)	.86 (.04)	250	.37 (.09)	.47 (.14)	.33 (.12)	250	.83 (.07)	.85 (.11)	.81 (.07)
Perfect Hong Kong Democracy	278	.86 (.04)	.86 (.07)	.87 (.05)	278	.46 (.13)	.55 (.15)	.41 (.14)	278	.85 (.07)	.84 (.11)	.88 (.06)
Red Hong Kong	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Social Progress	220	.70 (.05)	.69 (.08)	.73 (.09)	220	.20 (.08)	.30 (.20)	.25 (.17)	220	.63 (.07)	.62 (.10)	.66 (.11)
Vandals and Traitors	288	.81 (.04)	.78 (.06)	.85 (.05)	288	.54 (.09)	.51 (.13)	.59 (.11)	288	.77 (.05)	.74 (.09)	.81 (.07)
Western Hegemony	352	.78 (.05)	.78 (.05)	.78 (.07)	352	.44 (.07)	.43 (.10)	.48 (.10)	352	.75 (.07)	.75 (.09)	.77 (.10)
Macro-Averaged	4498	.84 (.01)	.83 (.02)	.85 (.02)	4498	.48 (.03)	.49 (.06)	.51 (.05)	4498	.80 (.02)	.79 (.04)	.83 (.03)
<i>Image Labels</i>	n	F1	P	R	n	F1	P	R	n	F1	P	R
Amazing Xinjiang	395	.85 (.05)	.87 (.06)	.85 (.06)	395	.82 (.06)	.86 (.09)	.79 (.08)	395	.90 (.04)	.92 (.05)	.89 (.04)
Happy Uyghurs	196	.74 (.06)	.71 (.06)	.79 (.10)	196	.73 (.10)	.81 (.11)	.70 (.15)	196	.82 (.08)	.83 (.08)	.83 (.12)
Law and Order	212	.79 (.06)	.81 (.08)	.79 (.08)	212	.61 (.10)	.67 (.13)	.59 (.14)	212	.81 (.08)	.85 (.11)	.80 (.13)
Magnificent Development	225	.73 (.07)	.76 (.09)	.71 (.09)	225	.82 (.07)	.84 (.08)	.82 (.09)	225	.87 (.06)	.87 (.10)	.87 (.07)
Powerful Ancestral Motherland	175	.71 (.08)	.75 (.10)	.70 (.11)	175	.48 (.10)	.49 (.11)	.52 (.16)	175	.75 (.14)	.79 (.14)	.75 (.18)
Perfect Hong Kong Democracy	172	.75 (.06)	.73 (.09)	.79 (.08)	172	.59 (.08)	.65 (.13)	.56 (.09)	172	.81 (.09)	.80 (.13)	.84 (.11)
Red Hong Kong	260	.70 (.06)	.74 (.08)	.70 (.09)	260	.82 (.06)	.87 (.06)	.79 (.10)	260	.87 (.05)	.89 (.08)	.86 (.09)
Social Progress	691	.76 (.03)	.75 (.06)	.78 (.07)	691	.74 (.05)	.75 (.07)	.73 (.09)	691	.82 (.03)	.82 (.07)	.82 (.07)
Vandals and Traitors	140	.68 (.07)	.70 (.08)	.69 (.11)	140	.55 (.15)	.65 (.17)	.53 (.21)	140	.69 (.08)	.68 (.14)	.73 (.14)
Western Hegemony	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Macro-Averaged	3376	.75 (.02)	.76 (.04)	.76 (.03)	3376	.69 (.04)	.72 (.06)	.68 (.05)	3376	.82 (.04)	.83 (.05)	.83 (.04)

B.2. Cross-Validation Results

The following table gives the validation and test set results averaged over 20 different runs of 3-fold cross-validation. The columns “Train,” “Val,” and “Test” give the average number of data points in each subset, and “P” is precision, “R” is recall.

Table 2: Cross-validation results for predicting text labels from text inputs.

Trope	Train	Val	Test	Val F1	Val P	Val R	Test F1	Test P	Test R
HU	189.7	22.15	24.15	.84 (.05)	.81 (.07)	.89 (.05)	.81 (.05)	.76 (.09)	.88 (.08)
LO	227.75	28.5	27.75	.89 (.04)	.89 (.06)	.90 (.06)	.87 (.05)	.86 (.07)	.89 (.07)
MD	258.85	33.8	33.35	.90 (.03)	.90 (.05)	.91 (.04)	.87 (.05)	.85 (.08)	.89 (.06)
PAM	198.5	24.25	27.25	.87 (.03)	.86 (.04)	.89 (.05)	.84 (.05)	.84 (.08)	.86 (.06)
PHKD	221.1	29.35	27.55	.89 (.04)	.88 (.04)	.90 (.06)	.85 (.05)	.85 (.10)	.87 (.07)
SP	178.05	19.95	22.0	.68 (.07)	.68 (.12)	.70 (.11)	.65 (.09)	.67 (.11)	.67 (.15)
VT	229.2	30.3	28.5	.87 (.04)	.84 (.07)	.90 (.05)	.82 (.04)	.79 (.07)	.86 (.06)
WH	282.05	34.45	35.5	.81 (.04)	.80 (.06)	.82 (.07)	.79 (.05)	.80 (.07)	.79 (.10)
XP	255.55	32.05	33.4	.88 (.05)	.88 (.08)	.89 (.07)	.83 (.06)	.87 (.08)	.80 (.11)
All	3598.0	450.0	450.0	.82 (.01)	.81 (.04)	.85 (.02)	.82 (.01)	.81 (.03)	.85 (.02)

Table 3: Cross-validation results for predicting text labels from image inputs.

Trope	Train	Val	Test	Val F1	Val P	Val R	Test F1	Test P	Test R
HU	125.05	16.35	15.6	.42 (.10)	.43 (.17)	.44 (.09)	.32 (.10)	.32 (.10)	.38 (.20)
LO	218.85	27.95	29.2	.56 (.06)	.58 (.14)	.57 (.10)	.52 (.05)	.53 (.11)	.55 (.09)
MD	287.8	34.75	36.45	.67 (.04)	.73 (.08)	.62 (.06)	.64 (.06)	.70 (.10)	.59 (.06)
PAM	183.0	23.25	22.75	.49 (.10)	.59 (.18)	.44 (.09)	.36 (.08)	.47 (.13)	.33 (.11)
PHKD	151.95	19.15	18.9	.57 (.07)	.63 (.09)	.54 (.11)	.45 (.13)	.54 (.15)	.40 (.14)
SP	161.15	19.35	20.5	.27 (.10)	.35 (.18)	.31 (.17)	.20 (.08)	.29 (.19)	.24 (.16)
VT	207.55	25.65	26.8	.56 (.06)	.53 (.09)	.60 (.10)	.53 (.09)	.50 (.13)	.59 (.10)
WH	215.4	29.4	27.2	.51 (.05)	.51 (.11)	.53 (.07)	.44 (.07)	.43 (.09)	.47 (.10)
XP	303.3	36.35	40.35	.77 (.04)	.83 (.07)	.73 (.05)	.76 (.04)	.82 (.08)	.72 (.07)
All	2745.0	344.0	344.0	.50 (.02)	.50 (.06)	.52 (.04)	.48 (.02)	.48 (.05)	.50 (.05)

Table 4: Cross-validation results for predicting text labels from text and image inputs.

Trope	Train	Val	Test	Val F1	Val P	Val R	Test F1	Test P	Test R
HU	125.05	16.35	15.6	.91 (.03)	.87 (.05)	.96 (.04)	.84 (.06)	.78 (.10)	.92 (.07)
LO	218.85	27.95	29.2	.90 (.03)	.90 (.06)	.90 (.06)	.87 (.04)	.86 (.08)	.88 (.07)
MD	287.8	34.75	36.45	.94 (.02)	.95 (.03)	.93 (.03)	.93 (.02)	.93 (.04)	.93 (.03)
PAM	183.0	23.25	22.75	.90 (.04)	.91 (.06)	.90 (.08)	.89 (.05)	.88 (.06)	.89 (.06)
PHKD	151.95	19.15	18.9	.93 (.03)	.95 (.05)	.91 (.06)	.87 (.07)	.89 (.09)	.85 (.08)
SP	161.15	19.35	20.5	.85 (.05)	.86 (.06)	.86 (.07)	.80 (.05)	.77 (.12)	.86 (.08)
VT	207.55	25.65	26.8	.87 (.04)	.82 (.07)	.92 (.06)	.82 (.05)	.78 (.09)	.87 (.06)
WH	215.4	29.4	27.2	.85 (.04)	.86 (.07)	.84 (.07)	.78 (.06)	.79 (.10)	.78 (.11)
XP	303.3	36.35	40.35	.98 (.01)	.99 (.01)	.98 (.02)	.98 (.01)	.97 (.03)	.99 (.01)
All	2745.0	344.0	344.0	.88 (.01)	.88 (.02)	.89 (.02)	.87 (.02)	.87 (.02)	.88 (.03)

Table 5: Cross-validation results for predicting image labels from text inputs.

Trope	Train	Val	Test	Val F1	Val P	Val R	Test F1	Test P	Test R
HU	120.35	14.25	16.4	.71 (.09)	.64 (.12)	.81 (.11)	.65 (.08)	.60 (.08)	.75 (.16)
LO	138.25	17.85	18.9	.84 (.05)	.85 (.10)	.84 (.09)	.76 (.09)	.76 (.11)	.77 (.13)
MD	133.8	17.05	17.15	.68 (.07)	.75 (.12)	.63 (.12)	.58 (.11)	.64 (.15)	.55 (.14)
PAM	106.75	12.65	13.6	.71 (.10)	.74 (.14)	.72 (.14)	.66 (.08)	.71 (.12)	.64 (.15)
PHKD	104.9	13.05	13.05	.79 (.05)	.80 (.08)	.80 (.10)	.67 (.08)	.65 (.11)	.72 (.14)
RHK	171.55	21.7	20.75	.63 (.07)	.66 (.16)	.63 (.08)	.53 (.11)	.57 (.15)	.54 (.17)
SP	452.7	55.8	57.5	.73 (.04)	.69 (.07)	.78 (.06)	.70 (.05)	.68 (.07)	.74 (.10)
VT	97.55	11.95	12.5	.74 (.13)	.79 (.14)	.72 (.15)	.67 (.12)	.72 (.12)	.65 (.17)
XP	119.2	13.85	14.95	.83 (.09)	.89 (.11)	.80 (.13)	.79 (.08)	.81 (.12)	.80 (.12)
All	1976.0	247.0	247.0	.70 (.03)	.71 (.04)	.71 (.04)	.68 (.01)	.69 (.04)	.68 (.04)

Table 6: Cross-validation results for predicting image labels from image inputs.

Trope	Train	Val	Test	Val F1	Val P	Val R	Test F1	Test P	Test R
HU	156.5	19.55	19.95	.76 (.07)	.85 (.11)	.70 (.11)	.73 (.09)	.80 (.11)	.69 (.14)
LO	165.35	23.6	23.05	.67 (.06)	.70 (.09)	.64 (.05)	.61 (.10)	.67 (.12)	.59 (.14)
MD	177.45	23.55	24.0	.85 (.06)	.89 (.07)	.82 (.07)	.82 (.06)	.84 (.08)	.81 (.08)
PAM	139.9	18.05	17.05	.53 (.08)	.53 (.11)	.55 (.13)	.47 (.09)	.48 (.11)	.51 (.16)
PHKD	136.5	17.45	18.05	.65 (.09)	.71 (.15)	.62 (.10)	.59 (.08)	.64 (.12)	.56 (.09)
RHK	208.35	25.2	26.45	.84 (.05)	.89 (.07)	.81 (.07)	.82 (.06)	.86 (.05)	.79 (.10)
SP	552.0	68.5	70.5	.76 (.04)	.75 (.07)	.78 (.05)	.73 (.04)	.74 (.06)	.73 (.08)
VT	111.05	14.8	14.15	.63 (.07)	.73 (.16)	.59 (.11)	.55 (.14)	.64 (.17)	.52 (.21)
XP	315.8	39.45	39.75	.85 (.03)	.88 (.06)	.82 (.06)	.81 (.05)	.86 (.08)	.78 (.07)
All	2700.0	338.0	338.0	.70 (.02)	.72 (.05)	.69 (.04)	.69 (.03)	.71 (.05)	.68 (.04)

Table 7: Cross-validation results for predicting image labels from text and image inputs.

Trope	Train	Val	Test	Val F1	Val P	Val R	Test F1	Test P	Test R
HU	156.5	19.55	19.95	.87 (.05)	.91 (.07)	.85 (.08)	.82 (.08)	.82 (.08)	.83 (.11)
LO	165.35	23.6	23.05	.86 (.06)	.88 (.09)	.85 (.07)	.81 (.08)	.84 (.10)	.79 (.13)
MD	177.45	23.55	24.0	.88 (.05)	.89 (.07)	.88 (.07)	.86 (.05)	.87 (.10)	.87 (.07)
PAM	139.9	18.05	17.05	.81 (.06)	.81 (.10)	.82 (.08)	.75 (.14)	.78 (.13)	.75 (.18)
PHKD	136.5	17.45	18.05	.86 (.07)	.86 (.09)	.87 (.07)	.81 (.09)	.79 (.13)	.84 (.11)
RHK	208.35	25.2	26.45	.88 (.04)	.90 (.05)	.87 (.07)	.86 (.04)	.89 (.07)	.85 (.08)
SP	552.0	68.5	70.5	.83 (.03)	.82 (.06)	.85 (.04)	.81 (.03)	.82 (.06)	.82 (.07)
VT	111.05	14.8	14.15	.73 (.08)	.75 (.10)	.73 (.11)	.68 (.07)	.67 (.13)	.73 (.13)
XP	315.8	39.45	39.75	.93 (.02)	.94 (.04)	.92 (.04)	.90 (.03)	.92 (.05)	.88 (.04)
All	2700.0	338.0	338.0	.83 (.02)	.83 (.03)	.83 (.02)	.82 (.04)	.83 (.05)	.82 (.04)

B.3. Co-Occurrence of Text and Image Labels

Table 8: Number of images with each trope, number of tweets where the text is the same trope, and percentage, for each trope.

Trope	Images	Texts	Proportion
Magnificent Development	126	236	.53
None	777	1257	.62
Social Progress	54	652	.08
Red Hong Kong	22	134	.16
Perfect Hong Kong Democracy	59	86	.69
Powerful Ancestral Motherland	55	82	.67
Happy Uyghurs	71	209	.34
Amazing Xinjiang	332	417	.80
Law and Order	96	199	.48
Vandals and Traitors	60	133	.45
Western Hegemony	13	25	.52

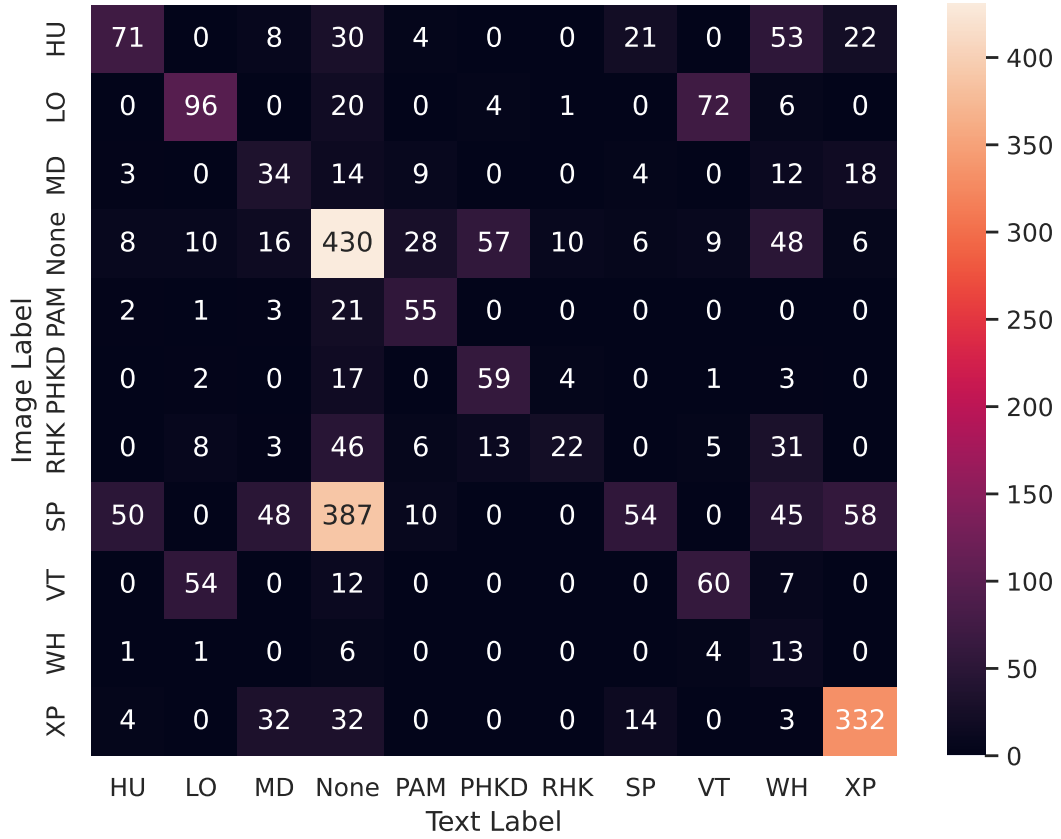


Figure 1: Co-occurrence of Image and Text labels in the final labeled dataset.

C. Engagement Metric Comparisons

Table 9: Mann-Whitney-U test for significant differences in likes depending on whether a tweet has at least one trope in our codebook (Yes, or No), per trope and account type.

	n		Median		Mean		U	z	Effect Size	p	Winner
	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes					
<i>State Media</i>											
Amazing Xinjiang	2276	418	6.5	13.0	18.7	21.9	325635	-10.265	0.198	0.0	Yes
Happy Uyghurs	2276	144	6.5	11.0	18.7	30.2	135017	-3.549	0.072	0.0	Yes
Law and Order	2276	179	6.5	5.0	18.7	12.9	176506	-2.978	0.06	0.003	No
Magnificent Development	2276	403	6.5	13.0	18.7	24.1	344865	-7.948	0.154	0.0	Yes
Perfect Hong Kong Democracy	2276	320	6.5	6.0	18.7	14.8	354395	-0.778	0.015	0.436	Undecided
Powerful Ancestral Motherland	2276	352	6.5	8.0	18.7	15.8	374843	-1.942	0.038	0.052	Undecided
Red Hong Kong	2276	145	6.5	8.0	18.7	29.0	151649	-1.637	0.033	0.101	Undecided
Social Progress	2276	925	6.5	2.0	18.7	4.9	542910	-21.507	0.38	0.0	No
Vandals and Traitors	2276	505	6.5	5.0	18.7	11.6	494202	-4.931	0.093	0.0	No
Western Hegemony	2276	437	6.5	11.0	18.7	26.8	420025	-5.153	0.099	0.0	Yes
<i>Partisans</i>											
Amazing Xinjiang	8868	417	0.0	2.0	12.0	16.0	1351700	-9.296	0.096	0.0	Yes
Happy Uyghurs	8868	202	0.0	1.0	12.0	25.5	815877	-2.168	0.023	0.019	Yes
Law and Order	8868	62	0.0	1.0	12.0	5.5	254880	-0.99	0.01	0.285	Undecided
Magnificent Development	8868	280	0.0	0.0	12.0	5.2	1139615	-2.342	0.024	0.011	No
Perfect Hong Kong Democracy	8868	178	0.0	0.0	12.0	8.0	763816	-0.737	0.008	0.425	Undecided
Powerful Ancestral Motherland	8868	287	0.0	0.0	12.0	6.3	1176251	-2.185	0.023	0.018	No
Red Hong Kong	8868	39	0.0	0.0	12.0	24.1	162592	-0.645	0.007	0.486	Undecided
Social Progress	8868	212	0.0	0.0	12.0	6.7	903815	-0.96	0.01	0.3	Undecided
Vandals and Traitors	8868	209	0.0	1.0	12.0	16.3	840377	-2.306	0.024	0.013	Yes
Western Hegemony	8868	455	0.0	0.0	12.0	12.3	2006385	-0.198	0.002	0.831	Undecided

Table 10: Mann-Whitney-U test for significant differences in retweets depending on whether a tweet has at least one trope in our codebook (Yes, or No), per trope and account type.

	n		Median		Mean		U	z	Effect Size	p	Winner
	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes					
<i>State Media</i>											
Amazing Xinjiang	2276	418	3.0	7.0	6.6	10.6	266739	-14.294	0.275	0.0	Yes
Happy Uyghurs	2276	144	3.0	4.0	6.6	8.7	139275	-3.025	0.061	0.002	Yes
Law and Order	2276	179	3.0	1.0	6.6	3.1	138882	-7.099	0.143	0.0	No
Magnificent Development	2276	403	3.0	7.0	6.6	11.7	295139	-11.422	0.221	0.0	Yes
Perfect Hong Kong Democracy	2276	320	3.0	2.0	6.6	10.0	357600	-0.523	0.01	0.598	Undecided
Powerful Ancestral Motherland	2276	352	3.0	3.0	6.6	5.8	397704	-0.217	0.004	0.827	Undecided
Red Hong Kong	2276	145	3.0	1.0	6.6	10.2	152989	-1.473	0.03	0.137	Undecided
Social Progress	2276	925	3.0	0.0	6.6	1.9	598056	-19.18	0.339	0.0	No
Vandals and Traitors	2276	505	3.0	1.0	6.6	2.3	387420	-11.472	0.218	0.0	No
Western Hegemony	2276	437	3.0	3.0	6.6	6.8	461763	-2.37	0.045	0.017	Yes
<i>Partisans</i>											
Amazing Xinjiang	8868	417	0.0	0.0	1.9	3.3	1450097	-7.457	0.077	0.0	Yes
Happy Uyghurs	8868	202	0.0	0.0	1.9	3.1	807016	-2.409	0.025	0.0	Yes
Law and Order	8868	62	0.0	0.0	1.9	1.6	242755	-1.589	0.017	0.012	Yes
Magnificent Development	8868	280	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.8	1229967	-0.266	0.003	0.673	Undecided
Perfect Hong Kong Democracy	8868	178	0.0	0.0	1.9	2.9	706296	-2.405	0.025	0.0	Yes
Powerful Ancestral Motherland	8868	287	0.0	0.0	1.9	1.2	1241670	-0.701	0.007	0.266	Undecided
Red Hong Kong	8868	39	0.0	0.0	1.9	3.1	164099	-0.551	0.006	0.381	Undecided
Social Progress	8868	212	0.0	0.0	1.9	1.2	920623	-0.514	0.005	0.414	Undecided
Vandals and Traitors	8868	209	0.0	0.0	1.9	2.9	756935	-4.534	0.048	0.0	Yes
Western Hegemony	8868	455	0.0	0.0	1.9	2.1	1854430	-2.912	0.03	0.0	Yes

Table 11: Mann-Whitney-U test for significant differences in replies depending on whether a tweet has at least one trope in our codebook (Yes, or No), per trope and account type.

	n		Median		Mean		U	z	Effect Size	p	Winner
	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes					
<i>State Media</i>											
Amazing Xinjiang	2276	418	1.0	1.0	2.3	1.6	446872	-1.971	0.038	0.036	Yes
Happy Uyghurs	2276	144	1.0	1.0	2.3	2.6	146262	-2.166	0.044	0.021	Yes
Law and Order	2276	179	1.0	0.0	2.3	1.7	170784	-3.605	0.073	0.0	No
Magnificent Development	2276	403	1.0	1.0	2.3	2.8	406454	-3.644	0.07	0.0	Yes
Perfect Hong Kong Democracy	2276	320	1.0	0.0	2.3	1.6	326179	-3.025	0.059	0.001	No
Powerful Ancestral Motherland	2276	352	1.0	1.0	2.3	1.5	392769	-0.589	0.011	0.528	Undecided
Red Hong Kong	2276	145	1.0	0.0	2.3	3.3	155537	-1.161	0.024	0.213	Undecided
Social Progress	2276	925	1.0	0.0	2.3	0.5	723879	-13.871	0.245	0.0	No
Vandals and Traitors	2276	505	1.0	0.0	2.3	1.9	521365	-3.267	0.062	0.0	No
Western Hegemony	2276	437	1.0	1.0	2.3	3.3	433318	-4.266	0.082	0.0	Yes
<i>Partisans</i>											
Amazing Xinjiang	8868	417	0.0	0.0	2.4	1.4	1825323	-0.442	0.005	0.587	Undecided
Happy Uyghurs	8868	202	0.0	0.0	2.4	4.4	887970	-0.209	0.002	0.797	Undecided
Law and Order	8868	62	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.3	250957	-1.184	0.013	0.146	Undecided
Magnificent Development	8868	280	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.7	1099576	-3.262	0.034	0.0	No
Perfect Hong Kong Democracy	8868	178	0.0	0.0	2.4	2.3	659144	-3.772	0.04	0.0	No
Powerful Ancestral Motherland	8868	287	0.0	0.0	2.4	1.4	1079521	-4.381	0.046	0.0	No
Red Hong Kong	8868	39	0.0	0.0	2.4	2.1	159310	-0.85	0.009	0.297	Undecided
Social Progress	8868	212	0.0	0.0	2.4	1.2	872171	-1.798	0.019	0.027	No
Vandals and Traitors	8868	209	0.0	0.0	2.4	2.7	812990	-3.037	0.032	0.0	Yes
Western Hegemony	8868	455	0.0	0.0	2.4	2.7	1982361	-0.627	0.006	0.441	Undecided

D. Inter-Annotator Agreement Supplement

D.1. Per-Trope Agreement

Table 12: Per-trope inter-annotator agreement metrics. In order to give a sense of the label imbalance, the column “Proportion of Labels” gives the proportion of subjects with each label in the final training dataset.

Trope	Cohen’s k	AC1	PABAK	Proportion of Labels
Amazing Xinjiang	.84	.97	.96	9%
Happy Uyghurs	.60	.97	.95	5%
Law and Order	.60	.98	.96	6%
Magnificent Development	.45	.99	.97	8%
Powerful Ancestral Motherland	.67	.97	.95	5%
Red Hong Kong	.49	.99	.99	4%
Social Progress	.58	.96	.93	12%
Vandals and Traitors	.60	.98	.96	5%
Western Hegemony	.35	.93	.88	5%

D.2. Multi-Label Statistics

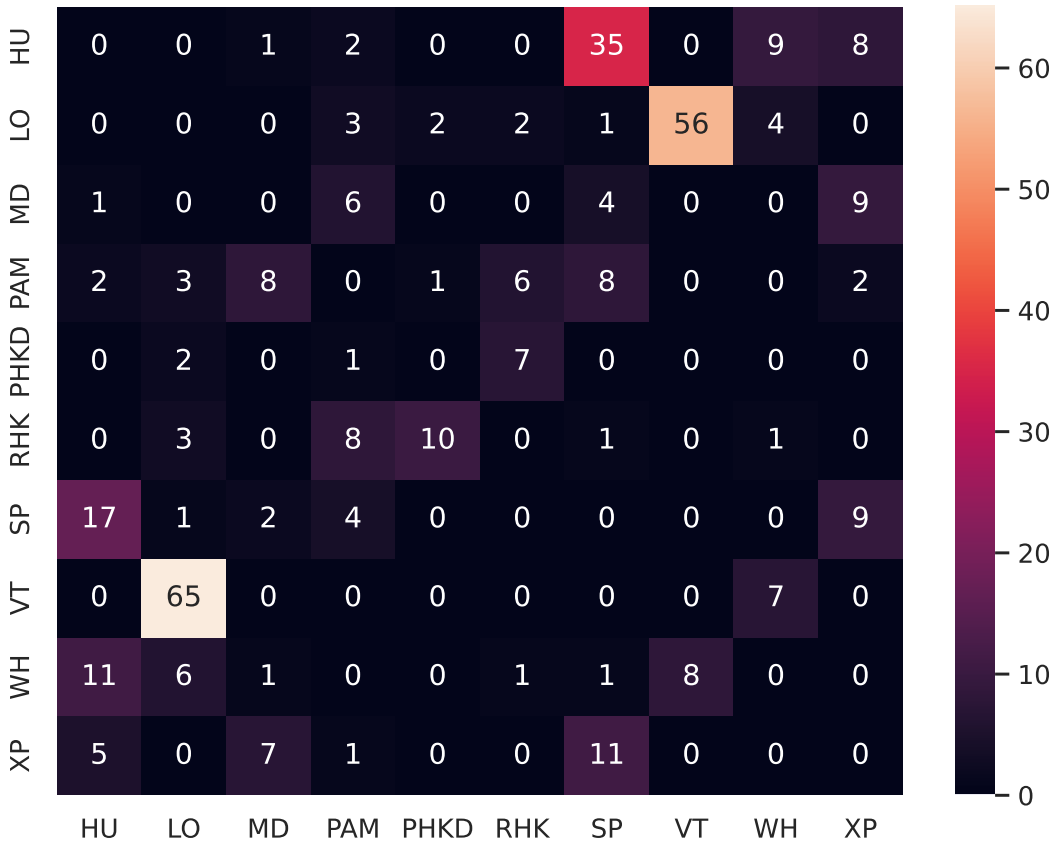


Figure 2: Co-occurrence of final labels in our labeled dataset. The numbers are the percentage of labels on the y -axis that co-occur labels on the x -axis. For example, 35% of *Happy Uyghurs* labels co-occur with *Social Progress*. But only 17% of *Social Progress* labels co-occur with *Happy Uyghurs*.

D.3. Per-Trope Confusion Matrices

Table 13: Per-trope confusion matrices for the two-annotator stage of annotation. “Yes” means the annotator selected the label for the subject. The column names are the combinations of annotator 1 (first answer) and annotator 2 (second answer).

Trope	Yes and Yes	No and Yes	Yes and No	No and No
Happy Uyghurs	99	85	82	1993
Law and Order	71	56	55	2077
Magnificent Development	26	36	31	2166
Powerful Ancestral Motherland	127	47	81	2004
Perfect Hong Kong Democracy	248	94	75	1842
Red Hong Kong	51	40	44	2124
Social Progress	130	91	96	1942
Vandals and Traitors	74	60	43	2082
Western Hegemony	84	118	150	1907
Xinjiang Paradise	292	88	77	1802

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4 months and two weeks and 14 months. the defendant, jimmy lai, founder of next media, was found guilty after trial and sentenced to 13 months in prison.). Twitter/X. [Online]. Available: <https://twitter.com/CNS1952/status/1470377969348583429>

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- [27] —. (2021, Sep.) 【#世界首條沙漠環線鐵路正式閉合】塔克拉瑪干沙漠是世界第二大流動性沙漠，也是中國最大的沙漠。今天，環塔克拉瑪干沙漠鐵路在新疆和田民豐縣境內完成最後的鋪軌作業，這意味著世界上首條沙漠環線鐵路正式閉合。和若鐵路修好形成環線之後，向東經過若羌就可以直接出疆，減少了一千多公里的行程。 ([#the world's first desert loop railway officially closed] the taklimakan desert is the second largest mobile desert in the world and the largest desert in china. today, the taklimakan desert railway completed the final track laying operation in minfeng county, hotan, xinjiang, which means that the world's first desert loop railway has officially closed. after the hotan-ruoqiang railway is completed and forms a loop line, passengers can directly leave xinjiang via ruoqiang to the east, reducing the journey by more than a thousand kilometers.). Twitter/X. [Online]. Available: <https://web.archive.org/web/20210927123653/https://twitter.com/PDChinese/status/1442468147450290177>
- [28] —. (2022, May) 【新疆首個高高原機場正式試飛】18日，一架空客A319-115型客機平穩降落跑道，標誌著新疆首個高高原機場——塔什庫爾干紅其拉甫機場正式開啓實地試飛驗證工作。中國民航規定，海拔高度在2438米及以上的機場為高高原機場。該機場標高3258.4米，年旅客吞吐量可達16萬人次、貨郵吞吐量達400噸。 ([xinjiang's first high-plateau airport officially starts test flight] on the 18th, an airbus a319-115 passenger plane landed smoothly on the runway, marking the official start of field test flight verification work at xinjiang's first high-plateau airport, taxkorgan hongqilapu airport. according to the china civil aviation administration, airports with an altitude of 2,438 meters or above are high-plateau airports. the airport is located at an elevation of 3,258.4 meters, with an annual passenger throughput of 160,000 and a cargo and mail throughput of 400 tons.). Twitter/X. [Online]. Available: <https://twitter.com/PDChinese/status/1527099671675830272>
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- [32] 中國新聞社 (China News Service). (2021, Mar.) 新疆長絨棉世界頂級。做衣被暖和、透氣、舒適，長年供不應求。為滿足國內需求，中國每年需進口200萬噸左右棉花，近年來積極拓展進口渠道，與多個重要棉花生產國合作，確保國內棉花供應鏈穩定。中國還建立棉花儲備制度，確保棉農無虞。而隨中國棉花機械化採摘推廣，2019年新疆棉機收比例就已經達42%。(xinjiang long-staple cotton is the best in the world. the clothes and quilts made from it are warm, breathable and comfortable, and are in short supply all year round. to meet domestic demand, china needs to import about 2 million tons of cotton every year. in recent years, it has actively expanded import channels and cooperated with several important cotton producing countries to ensure the stability of the domestic cotton supply chain. china has also established a cotton reserve system to ensure the safety of cotton farmers. with the promotion of mechanized cotton picking in china, the proportion of cotton harvested by machines in xinjiang reached 42)
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- [35] —. (2021, Jun.) 【經民聯希望推動香港回歸經濟城市定位，樹立“發展惠民”主調】香港經濟民生聯盟（經民聯）6月18日舉行記者會發布“七一宣言”，提出在新時代的兩大口號“推經濟”和“惠民生”，並圍繞上述口號提出四大綱領，希望推動香港回歸經濟城市的定位，重新樹立“發展惠民”主調。 ([the economic and trade union federation hopes to push hong kong back to its position as an economic city and re-establish the main theme of "development that benefits the people"] the hong kong economic and trade union (ecf) held a press conference on june 18 to release the "july 1 declaration", proposing two major slogans in the new era: "promoting the economy" and "benefiting people's livelihood", and proposed four major guidelines around the above

slogans, hoping to push hong kong back to its position as an economic city and re-establish the main theme of "development that benefits the people".). Twitter/X. [Online]. Available: <https://twitter.com/PDChinese/status/1406106969006616579>

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- [38] 中國新聞社 (China News Service). (2021, Dec.) 【人均喜劇人 盤點奧運健兒訪港的歡樂瞬間】受香港特區政府邀請，12月3日到5日，內地奧運健兒訪港代表團到訪香港，展開了為期三天的交流活動，也是不..... ([comedians per capita: A review of the joyful moments of the olympic athletes' visit to hong kong] invited by the hong kong sar government, the mainland olympic athletes' delegation visited hong kong from december 3 to 5 and launched a three-day exchange activity. the scene was also full of joy...). Twitter/X. [Online]. Available: <https://twitter.com/CNS1952/status/1468397391674241025>
- [39] 人民日報 People's Daily. (2021, Dec.) 第二十四屆北京●香港經濟合作研討洽談會6日以線上方式，在北京、香港兩地同時開幕，吸引500余名相關專業人士在北京和香港會場參會。香港特區行政長官林鄭月娥表示，北京與香港的合作源遠流長，根基深厚，期待未來兩地在高等教育和創新科技、金融、文化藝術三方面深化合作。(the 24th beijing-hong kong economic cooperation seminar and negotiation conference opened online simultaneously in beijing and hong kong on the 6th, attracting more than 500 relevant professionals to attend the conference at the venues in beijing and hong kong. the chief executive of the hong kong special administrative region, carrie lam, said that the cooperation between beijing and hong kong has a long history and deep roots, and she looks forward to deepening cooperation between the two places in the three areas of higher education and innovative technology, finance, and culture and art in the future.). Twitter/X. [Online]. Available: <https://twitter.com/PDChinese/status/1468061201124966400>
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of the seventh legislative council have been successfully elected.). Twitter/X. [Online]. Available: <https://twitter.com/CNS1952/status/1472744434366545922>

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煒18日表示，香港海洋公園未來山下園區，從港鐵出口至深水灣海邊，會成免費入場的零售餐飲消閒地區，並引入不同伙伴營運；山上園區則按景點收費，園區內的舊設施或需退休，將引入第三者夥伴經營，園方只保留動物及少量機動遊戲等設施。 ([#hong kong ocean park's lower park will be open to the public free of charge] ocean park corporation chairman lau ming-wai said on the 18th that the future lower park of hong kong ocean park, from the mtr exit to the deep water bay beach, will become a free-admission retail, dining and leisure area, and will introduce different partners for operation; the upper park will charge according to the scenic spot, and the old facilities in the park may need to be retired and will be operated by a third party partner. the park will only retain animals and a small number of amusement rides and other facilities.). Twitter/X. [Online]. Available: https://twitter.com/Tong_Shuo/status/1351044122187067402

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去60多年來，人口總量增長了4倍，維吾爾族人口總量從220萬增長到約1200萬。說新疆“種族滅絕”，是徹頭徹尾的“世紀謊言”，毫無道德可言 (in response to u.s. secretary of state blinken’s statement that the chinese government continues to commit genocide and crimes against humanity against uyghur muslims and other ethnic minorities in xinjiang, chinese foreign ministry spokesperson wang wenbin said on the 2nd that the total population of china’s xinjiang region has increased fourfold over the past 60 years, and the total uyghur population has increased from 2.2 million to about 12 million. saying that xinjiang is ”genocide” is a complete ”lie of the century” and has no morals at all). Twitter/X. [Online]. Available: <https://twitter.com/CNS1952/status/1499010383138504716>

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- [63] ——. (2021, Mar.) 【华春莹在记者会上展示视频：美方导演的这出戏，该落幕了】当年参与策动伊拉克战争的美国前高官亲口承认，所谓新疆维吾尔族问题，只不过是美国企图从内部搞乱中国、遏制中国的战略阴谋 ([hua chunying showed a video at the press conference: This drama directed by the us should end] a former senior us official who participated in instigating the iraq war admitted that the so-called xinjiang uyghur issue is nothing more than a strategic conspiracy by the united states to disrupt china from within and contain china.). Twitter/X. [Online]. Available: <https://web.archive.org/web/20210621181956/https://twitter.com/GuanchaNewMedia/status/1406844732592984068>
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