### Type I HIT

### Emotions in the US election tweets

### Instructions Hide

- Attempt HITs only if you are a native speaker of English, or very fluent in English.
- Certain check questions will be used to make sure the annotation is responsible and reasonable. Assignments that fail these tests will be rejected.
- Your responses are confidential. Any publications based on these responses will not include your specific responses, but rather aggregate information from many individuals. We will not ask any information that can be used to identify who you are.

# Q1.Which of the following best describes the **emotions** in this tweet (emotions of the tweeter or emotions of the people mentioned in the tweet):

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## **EXAMPLE 1** Tweeter: Both democrats and republicans were visibly ecstatic, and cheered Ryan's selection as VP candidate.

We can reasonably deduce that the republicans and democrats are happy (emotion) about Ryan's selection as VP candidate. Thus the correct response is: This tweet expresses or suggests an emotional attitude or response to something.

#### **EXAMPLE 2** Tweeter: Save jobs with #Obama or move back to the 1800s with Liar #Romney #Corrupt

We can reasonably deduce that the tweeter trusts (emotion) Obama because (according to the tweeter) Obama will save jobs. We can also deduce that the tweeter dislikes (emotion) Romney because (according to the tweeter) Romney is a liar and he is corrupt. Thus the correct response is: This tweet expresses or suggests two or more contrasting emotional attitudes or responses.

#### Q2. Which of the following best describes the style of this tweet?

- simple statement or question (Example: "Biden and Ryan had a testy exchange.")
- exaggeration or hyperbole (Example: "For a moment, it looked like Biden would give Ryan a noogie.")
- sarcasm (Example: "It is because of the wonderful policies coming out of Washington that our national debt is \*only\* \$16 trillion.")
- rhetorical question (Example: "Why can't Biden give one speech without making a gaffe?")
- understatement (Example: "Talking about how rich some candidates are, I guess Romney makes a decent living.")
- weird, surreal, or off-the-wall
- humorous, but none of the above

simple statement or question

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#### Notes:

A tweet may not explicitly express emotions. However, often people's emotions towards other people
or entities can still be deduced. The goal here is to identify if emotions are conveyed in a tweet even if
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Q4. Is this tweet about US politics and elections? (required)
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No. This tweet has nothing to do with US politics or anybody involved in it.
General comments on any of the questions above:

Tweeter: My 3 top dreams: Meet and shake hands with
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