## final project

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We began by using a random forest on 13 specific variables (protest\_attend, religion, religiondevout, socioeconclass, incomeenough, race, education, age, leftrightscale, democracy\_score, trust\_score, economic\_score, freedom\_score) to determine the most important variables to predicting whether someone would attend a protest. We decided to choose these variables and filter out the others because they were the original list of predictors that we used to create the protest\_attend column/variable [AMUNA double check]. We decided on using random forest because it was a supervised model and it was one that we were most familiar with. We also thought that ranger would work well with our large dataset that contains both categorical and numerical values.

RANDOM FOREST on the 13 chosen variables

```
library(ranger)
library(dplyr)
##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
##
       filter, lag
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##
       intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
library(tidyverse)
## -- Attaching core tidyverse packages ----- tidyverse 2.0.0 --
## v forcats
             1.0.0
                        v readr
                                     2.1.5
## v ggplot2
              3.5.1
                         v stringr
                                     1.5.1
## v lubridate 1.9.3
                        v tibble
                                     3.2.1
## v purrr
              1.0.2
                         v tidyr
                                     1.3.1
## -- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --
## x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
## x dplyr::lag()
                    masks stats::lag()
## i Use the conflicted package (<a href="http://conflicted.r-lib.org/">http://conflicted.r-lib.org/</a>) to force all conflicts to become error
set.seed(1)
protestData <- read.csv("stats0218_finaldata.csv")</pre>
```

```
protestData <- protestData |>
  mutate(across(c(protest_attend, religion, religiondevout, socioeconclass, incomeenough, race, educati
protestDataClean13vars <- protestData |>
                select(protest_attend, religion, religiondevout, socioeconclass,
                       incomeenough, race, education, age, leftrightscale,
                       democracy_score, trust_score, economic_score, freedom_score) |>
  mutate(across(c(protest_attend, religion, religiondevout, socioeconclass, incomeenough, race, educati
#looking at data without NAs just to see which variables are most important
rf_NAs <- ranger(protest_attend ~ . - protest_label -protest_engagement_score1,
             data = protestDataClean13vars,
             importance = "impurity")
## Warning in terms.formula(f, data = data): 'varlist' has changed (from nvar=13)
## to new 15 after EncodeVars() -- should no longer happen!
rf NAs
## Ranger result
## Call:
## ranger(protest_attend ~ . - protest_label - protest_engagement_score1, data = protestDataClean
## Type:
                                     Classification
## Number of trees:
                                     500
## Sample size:
                                     443
## Number of independent variables: 12
## Mtry:
## Target node size:
## Variable importance mode:
                                     impurity
## Splitrule:
                                     gini
## 00B prediction error:
                                     34.99 %
rf_NAs$confusion.matrix
##
       predicted
## true 0 1
##
      0 147 75
      1 80 141
##
sort(rf_NAs$variable.importance)
##
          religion religiondevout
                                      incomeenough
                                                         education
                                                                              race
##
          4.111215
                         7.884361
                                          7.986362
                                                          9.120391
                                                                          9.463214
## socioeconclass leftrightscale democracy score freedom score
                                                                               age
         10.649797
                         15.915917
                                         26.375429
                                                         29.302636
                                                                         33.053659
##
##
   economic_score
                       trust score
         33.129869
                         33.242460
##
```

```
#prediction error: 35% , 65% accurate
#predicting Os (68.1% accurate), predicting 1s (69% accurate)

table(protestData$protest_attend)

##
## 0 1
## 600 598

#about same amount of Os/1s
```

When we filter out all NAs, we find that the most important variables in order of most to least important are: trust\_score, age, economic\_score, freedom\_score, democracy\_score, leftrightscale, socioeconclass, race, education, religiondevout, incomeenough, religion.

Checking if there are NAs in the top 5 predictors from protestData

## democracy\_score

##

The variables protest\_attend and freedom\_score have NAs so we have to impute:

```
set.seed(1)
library(mice)
```

```
##
## iter imp variable
## 1 1 freedom_score protest_attend
## 1 2 freedom_score protest_attend
## 1 3 freedom_score protest_attend
```

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##
     2
        2 freedom_score protest_attend
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     2
        3 freedom_score protest_attend
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     2
        4 freedom score protest attend
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     2
        5 freedom score protest attend
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     3
        1 freedom_score protest_attend
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        2 freedom_score protest_attend
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        3 freedom_score protest_attend
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     3
        4 freedom_score protest_attend
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     3
        5 freedom_score protest_attend
        1 freedom_score protest_attend
##
     4
        2 freedom_score protest_attend
##
##
     4
        3 freedom_score protest_attend
##
     4
        4 freedom_score protest_attend
##
     4
        5 freedom_score protest_attend
##
        1 freedom score protest attend
        2 freedom_score protest_attend
##
    5
##
    5
        3 freedom_score protest_attend
##
     5
        4 freedom_score protest_attend
##
        5 freedom_score protest_attend
completeData <- complete(imputedData)</pre>
#fill in NAs with complete data
protestData$freedom_score <- completeData$freedom_score</pre>
protestData$protest_attend <- completeData$protest_attend</pre>
#Check to see if there are still NAs
protestDataClean13vars <- protestData |>
                select(protest_attend, religion, religiondevout, socioeconclass,
                       incomeenough, race, education, age, leftrightscale,
                       democracy_score, trust_score, economic_score, freedom_score) |>
  mutate(across(c(protest_attend, religion, religiondevout, socioeconclass, incomeenough, race, educati
colSums(is.na(protestDataClean13vars |>
                select(protest_attend, freedom_score, trust_score, economic_score, democracy_score, age
##
   protest_attend
                     freedom_score
                                       trust_score economic_score democracy_score
##
                 0
##
               age
```

##

##

##

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4 freedom\_score protest\_attend

5 freedom\_score protest\_attend

1 freedom score protest attend

0

##

Now that there are no more NAs in the original dataset, we will run random forest using the top 5 predictor variables

```
## Ranger result
##
## Call:
  ranger(protest_attend ~ trust_score + age + economic_score +
                                                                        freedom_score + democracy_score,
##
                                      Classification
## Type:
## Number of trees:
                                      500
                                      1200
## Sample size:
## Number of independent variables:
## Mtry:
## Target node size:
                                      1
## Variable importance mode:
                                      impurity
## Splitrule:
                                      gini
## 00B prediction error:
                                      34.92 %
rf$confusion.matrix
##
       predicted
## true
          0
      0 379 223
##
```

We see that the prediction error is about the same when we ran random forest on the data that omitted the NAs. The model is slightly better at predicting 1s (63% right) vs predicting 0s (67% right).

1 196 402

## Call:

Instead of imputing data using mice, what if we did something more naive such as imputing data using mean/median?

```
set.seed(1)
\#reload\ original\ protestData
protestData <- read.csv("cleandata.csv")</pre>
protestData <- protestData |>
  mutate(across(c(protest_attend, religion, religiondevout, socioeconclass, incomeenough, race, educati
#select columns with NAs, find median, and update the columns in protestData
protestDataNoNA <- protestData |>
  select( freedom_score)
medianFreedomScore <- median(protestDataNoNA$freedom_score)</pre>
protestDataMedianAsNAs <- protestDataClean13vars |>
    mutate(freedom_score = case_when(is.na(freedom_score) ~ medianFreedomScore, TRUE ~ freedom_score))
  filter(!is.na(protest_attend)) #gets rid of 6 missing protest_attend NA values instead of calculating
rfMedians <- ranger(protest_attend ~ trust_score+age+economic_score+freedom_score+democracy_score,
             data = protestDataMedianAsNAs,
             importance = "impurity")
rfMedians
## Ranger result
##
```

```
## ranger(protest_attend ~ trust_score + age + economic_score +
                                                                       freedom_score + democracy_score,
##
                                     Classification
## Type:
## Number of trees:
                                     500
## Sample size:
                                     1200
## Number of independent variables: 5
## Mtry:
## Target node size:
## Variable importance mode:
                                     impurity
## Splitrule:
                                     gini
## 00B prediction error:
                                     34.92 %
```

## rfMedians\$confusion.matrix

```
## predicted
## true 0 1
## 0 379 223
## 1 196 402
```

When imputing data with median values, the predictions are slightly worse (40.1% prediction error) when compared to models using imputed data.

Training/testing RF with the imputed data from mice/complete since its slightly better

```
#reloading protestData/protestDataClean13vars with imputed NA data
protestData <- read.csv("stats0218_finaldata.csv")</pre>
protestData <- protestData |>
  mutate(across(c(protest_attend, religion, religiondevout, socioeconclass, incomeenough, race, educati
protestData$freedom_score <- completeData$freedom_score</pre>
protestData$protest_attend <- completeData$protest_attend</pre>
protestDataClean13vars <- protestData |>
                select(protest_attend, religion, religiondevout, socioeconclass,
                        incomeenough, race, education, age, leftrightscale,
                        democracy_score, trust_score, economic_score, freedom_score) |>
  mutate(across(c(protest_attend, religion, religiondevout, socioeconclass, incomeenough, race, educati
colSums(is.na(protestData |>
                select(protest_attend, freedom_score, trust_score, economic_score, democracy_score, age
   protest_attend
                      freedom_score
                                        trust_score
                                                      economic_score democracy_score
##
                                                   0
                 0
##
               age
#training/testing
set.seed(2)
split <- sample(1:nrow(protestDataClean13vars), 0.5*nrow(protestDataClean13vars))</pre>
train <- protestDataClean13vars[split,]</pre>
test <- protestDataClean13vars[-split, ]</pre>
```

From the table we see that: Predicting 0s: 65.4% accuracy Predicting 1s: 60.9% Overall accuracy: 63%

This tells us that the model has an overall accuracy of 63%, but is slightly better at predicting 0s (when someone does not attend the protest). An overall accuracy of 63% is better than average, but not by much. Instead of limiting our model to the 13 variables, our group decided to try using the entire dataset to see if other predictor variables might be better.

All current RF models aren't amazing. Decided to try using all variables from original data

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##	P31INN_6	P47ST
##	0.000000000	0.000000000
##	P57ST_F	P57ST_G
##	0.000000000	0.000000000
##	S9	S13INN_A_C
##	0.000000000	0.000000000
##	S13INN_A_2	S13INN_A_3
##	0.000000000	0.000000000
##	S14M_E	S14M_G
##	0.000000000	0.000000000
##	S14M_H	S14M_I
##	0.000000000	0.000000000

##	S14M_J	S15_A
##	0.000000000	0.000000000
##	S15_B	S16
##	0.000000000	0.000000000
##	S20_A	S20_C
##	0.000000000	0.000000000
##	S20_D	S20_F
##	0.000000000	0.000000000
##	S20_G	S20_H
##	0.000000000	0.000000000
##	S20_I	S20_J
##	0.000000000	0.000000000
##	S22_B	P33N_D
##	0.000000000	0.0005777778
##	S13INN_A_1	P18N_H
##	0.0017647059	0.0020000000
##	P23ST_D	S14M_D
##	0.002666667	0.0026666667
##	P57ST_H	S13INN_A_D
##	0.003000000	0.0031704261
##	P31INN_5	S20_K
##	0.0034285714	0.003555556
##	S14M_B	P57ST_A
##	0.003666667	0.0037686275
##	marketeconomygood	P24ST_A
##	0.0040181818	0.0043111111
##	P24ST_C	P19N
##	0.0043589744	0.0048000000
##	P38CSN_F	trustinpolice
##	0.0053333333	0.0057000000
##	P31INN_A	P36ST
##	0.0057142857	0.0064000000
##	trustinjudiciary	S8
##	0.0064285714	0.0064444444
##	P57ST_B	P18N_D
##	0.006666667	0.0068000000
##	governedbyfew	P18N_E
##	0.0071428571	0.0072000000
##	P25N_A	P37STCS_E
##	0.0072380952	0.0072666667
##	P38CSN_C	P56N_B
##	0.007466667	0.0075753968
##	S11	S14M_F
##	0.0080980392	0.0081696970
##	P25N_C	P57ST_E
##	0.0083804196	0.0084461538
##	P31INN_4	fampart
##	0.0084784689	0.0086363636
##	trustinchurch	P44ST_D
##	0.0089392713	0.009222222
##	P53N_D	P31INN_3
##	0.0093405573	0.0094424242
##	P48ST	P31INN_1
##	0.0095897436	0.0096666667

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##	0.0100586821	0.0101522914
##	P53N_A	P53N_C
##	0.0103333333	0.0104000000
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##	0.0106848485	0.0109489621
##	P46N	P24ST_B
##	0.0109578947	0.0111372549
##	socioeconclass	P59ST
##	0.0114927536	0.0115474747
##	P62N_1	democracypreference
##	0.0121264069	0.0122469697
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##	0.0126000000	0.0126810967
##	P33ST_B	P37STCS_C
##	0.0126835165	0.0128253968
##	P31INN_E	P43STGBS_B
##	0.0129697320	0.0133739130
##	education	P30INN_E
##	0.0134133401	0.0134285714
##	trustintlcompanies	S13INN_A_B
##	0.0135272727	0.0141030303
##	S13INN_A_A	P31INN_C
##	0.0144571429	0.0146424242
##	trustinbanks	corruptionlast2years
##	0.0148000000	0.0149500000
##	chanceswuoriginf	P38CSN_G
##	0.0150303030	0.0153333333
##	S3	P63ST
##	0.0155076923	0.0158787879
##	P34WVSNA	P62ST_2
##	0.0163564103	0.0164042347
##	freedomofspeech	codif
##	0.0165654528	0.0167658730
##	freedom_group	P23ST_F
##	0.0169019079	0.0169563492
##	P37WVSSTCS_D	P37CSN_F
##	0.0171731602	0.0172203175
##	P30INN_F	\$6
##	0.0174666667	0.017477778
##	S14M_C	P32INN
##	0.0175344029	0.0179380952
##	P38CSN_A	P33N_C
##	0.0182612368	0.0191399209
##	S12	S22_A
##	0.0192195804	0.0192301587
##	P29STIN_B	P23ST_A
##	0.0192663781	0.0197818182
##	P31INN_D	S19
##	0.0199314650	0.0200437922
##	trustinpeople	P23ST_E
##	0.0201346032	0.0202500000
##	P25N_B	P13ST_I
##	0.0204498965	0.0205381903

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##	P30INN_B 0.0205754386	numcasa 0.0206314204
##	equalityofmenwomenf	totrevi
##	0.0208432794	0.0211273726
##	trustinprintedpress	tamciud
##	0.0216226238	0.0220151961
##	trustinpoliticalparties	0.0220131901 S20_B
##	0.0220588235	0.0225332158
##	publicopinionexpression	P18ST I
##	0.0230317460	0.0231010101
##	P58ST	religiondevout
##	0.0235533800	0.0239311422
##	countrypast12monthseconsituation	REEDUC_2
##	0.0240213564	0.0244399711
##	P53N_B	P28STIN
##	0.0244746108	0.0245797908
##	S4	P18N_F
##	0.0249119127	0.0249658730
##	P23ST_C	freedomchancetogetjob
##	0.0251819005	0.0253878915
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##	0.0254612277	0.0255144928
##	P30INN_D	justfairwealthdistf
##	0.0255914297	0.0257633766
##	trustinradio	P24ST_E
##	0.0259560583	0.0267936508
##	reedad	P24ST_D
##	0.0269660710	0.0269730769
##	P57ST_D	P42STGBS
##	0.0274434703	0.0277056581
##	P26SDN_A	P62N_14
##	0.0295101859	0.0301187653
##	P18N_G	S21A
##	0.0308751338	0.0310303030
##	P61ST	democracybest
##	0.0317825108	0.0322359527
##	mesreal	robotjobtake
##	0.0323172653	0.0336381788 P21ST
## ##	P52N	0.0355735749
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##	0.0362154220	0.0362177489
##	P14ST_A	P51N
##	0.0365528822	0.0366169172
##	P56N_D	REEDUC_3
##	0.0366404417	0.0381769825
##	P18STM_C	P34WVSNB
##	0.0382268477	0.0382947372
##	S20_E	socioecon_label
##	0.0386143597	0.0387938451
##	P56N_A	P35NB
##	0.0399148815	0.0399305116
##	P26SDN_C	trustinsocmedia
##	0.0401741924	0.0407428986

##	${\tt freedomprivate property}$	P62ST_5
##	0.0418709716	0.0420846280
##	P26SDN_F	codigo
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##	trustintelevision 0.0434883550	P23ST_B
##		0.0440729247
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##	P62N_12	0.0446266224 S18_A
##	0.0450380120	0.0450770094
##	P31INN_2	P37WVSCS_G
##	0.0452211980	0.0457564305
##	P55N	P26SDN_E
##	0.0461076479	0.0482007361
##	sexo	P38CSN_D
##	0.0484415508	0.0492314233
##	economysatisfaction	P57ST_C
##	0.0495110863	0.0521516872
##	superven	democracy_group
##	0.0526344988	0.0539822299
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##	0.0545620618	0.0547530844
##	P62N_9	socialsecurityf
##	0.0552662963	0.0553739285
##	freedomenv	ini
##	0.0560021632	0.0560915920
##	race	freedompoliticalpart
##	0.0567993162	0.0576482906
##	P62ST_8	P18STM_B
##	0.0579807768	0.0603376179
##	P41ST_L	P39N
##	0.0605852184	0.0618633630
##	P27SDN	codsuper
##	0.0620038256	0.0621948496
##	incomedistfairness	S14M_A
##	0.0627719048	0.0634438874
##	P2OSTM	trustincongress
##	0.0644937238	0.0645837503
##	democracysatisfaction	P35NA
##	0.0646397733	0.0655414396
##	S10	S24
##	0.0665674068	0.0684324844
##	P37WVSCS_H	P33N_A
## ##	0.0685298186 S21B	0.0699270297
##	0.0709574942	P26SDN_B 0.0710974868
##	0.0709574942 wt	freedomofreligion
##	0.0720617835	0.0751592487
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##	0.0734733794 fin	countryprogress
##	0.0756554881	0.0779960287
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##	0.0783821451	0.0786935719
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##	P26SDN_D	P62ST_10
##	0.0794152015	0.0808169386
##	religion	P62ST_3
##	0.0809341104	0.0823856203
##	countrynext12monthseconsituation	P41ST_B
##	0.0841247271	0.0877734289
##	P30INN_C	P29STIN_A
##	0.0903348127	0.0904329242
##	P37CSN_B	${\tt family next 12} month secons ituation$
##	0.0916595194	0.0921953632
##	interestinpolitics	comdist
##	0.0946613193	0.0965814823
##	incomeenough	S18_B
##	0.0979529049	0.1056223932
##	P62ST_4	P62N_6
##	0.1115703317	0.1121519616
##	democracy_score	freedom_score
##	0.1130598039	0.1130951928
##	S17	P62ST_7
##	0.1146647418	0.1147704975
##	P62N_17	P62ST_11
##	0.1177864278	0.1224804145
##	ciudad	P37CSN_A
##	0.1308662916	0.1331721160
##	${\tt trustinnationalgovernment}$	leftrightscale
##	0.1342564068	0.1362344158
##	workforcommunity	lifesatisfaction
##	0.1367042208	0.1379907079
##	protestinsocmedia	age
##	0.1453468858	0.1471552540
##	diareal	presleadershipapproval
##	0.1567998106	0.1586766006
##	opinionplatform	P38CSN_E
##	0.1603345342	0.1631742518
##	P44ST_C	trustinnatcompanies
##	0.1643166108	0.1647915502
##	X	trust_group
##	0.1678413981	0.1764879987
##	P62N_16	protestagree
##	0.2066839820	0.2140897747
##	nonauthdemonst	P3N
##	0.2217776523	0.2757320301
##	numentre	trustinelectoralinst
##	0.2817905185	0.2976324862
##	trust_score 0.3037161766	economic_score
##		0.3883560820
##	P45ST_A	talkoftenpolitics 0.5194219696
##	0.4307306536	
##	economic_group	authdemonst
##	0.6297522123	0.6823904683

Top 10 most important variables in order of most to least important: high\_engagement, authdemonst, protestinsocmedia, talkoftenpolitics, protestagree, workforcommunity, nonauthdemonst , interestinpolitics, protestagree

Imputing missing data #"'{r} colSums(is.na(protestData |> select(protest\_engagement\_score1, high\_engagement, authdemonst, protestinsocmedia, talkoftenpolitics, opinionplatform, workforcommunity, nonauthdemonst, interestinpolitics, protestagree, protest\_attend)))

## library(mice)

imputedDataAllVars <- mice(protestData |> select(protest\_engagement\_score1, high\_engagement, authdemonst, protestinsocmedia, talkoftenpolitics, opinionplatform, workforcommunity, nonauthdemonst, interestinpolitics, protestagree, protest\_attend), method = "rf", seed = 1)

completeDataAllVars < - complete(imputedDataAllVars)

 $\# \text{fill in NAs with complete data protest Data} protest Data} protest Data prote$ 

#Check to see if there are still NAs colSums(is.na(protestData |> select(protest\_attend, protest\_engagement\_score1, high\_engagement, authdemonst, protestinsocmedia, talkoftenpolitics, opinionplatform, workforcommunity, nonauthdemonst, interestinpolitics, protestagree)))

#"' No more NAs moving onto RF with top ten variables instead

#"'{r} rfTopTen <- ranger(protest\_attend ~ protest\_engagement\_score1 + high\_engagement + authdemonst + protestinsocmedia + talkoftenpolitics + opinionplatform + workforcommunity + nonauthdemonst + interestinpolitics + protestagree , data = protestData, importance = "impurity")

rfTopTen rfTopTen\$confusion.matrix #" Almost perfect prediction (0.03% error) Gets 1s almost perfectly (9599 out of 9600 correct) and 0s (9601 out of 9605 correct)