World Cup 2022 in various media outlets

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Motivation

The main motivation behind the work was the desire to compare how the World Cup was perceived by the Qatari government media and the recognised global media, CNN.

We also wanted to check the difference in the occurrence of non-sports topics in relation to the 2022 World Cup.

Lastly, as football fans, we wanted to check and summarise the key events of the World Cup in Qatar.

Data Overview

We scrapped articles relating to World Cup 2022 from both CNN, gatar2022.ga and twitter. So far we analyzed first and second dataset.

The time span is respectively April 2022 – January 2023.

Overall we have 370 articles from CNN¹ and 157 articles from gatar2022.ga².



¹cnn.com

²gatar2022.ga/en/news

Preprocessing

- Data cleaning
- Tokenization
- Stemming
- Standard stopwords with additional:
 - world, cup, fifa, his, was, were etc.
- Ngrams 1-3
- TF approach
- TF-IDF approach



LDA - CNN

Number of topics k = 22 for LDA was chosen with use of coherence.

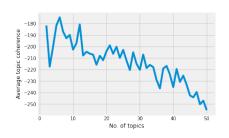


Figure: Coherence for TF

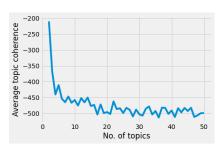


Figure: Coherence for TF-IDF

Parameters Optimization TF CNN

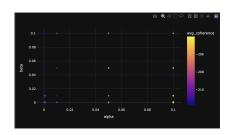


Figure: Plot of avg. coherence vs α and β

	alpha	beta	vectorizer	avg_coherence
44	0.1000	0.0100		-204.006580
	0.1000	0.0001		-204.455686
	0.1000	0.0010		-204.461116
	0.1000	0.0500		-205.221075
36	0.0500	0.0500		-205.729977
48	0.1000	0.1000		-206.775352
	0.0500	0.0010		-207.616414
38	0.0500	0.1000		-207.643828
30	0.0500	0.0001		-207.683504
34	0.0500	0.0100		-207.803109

Figure: Table of avg. coherence vs α and β

Conclusion $\alpha = 0.1$, $\beta = 0.01$.

Parameters Optimization TF-IDF CNN

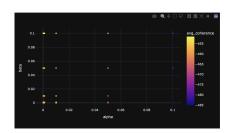


Figure: Plot of avg. coherence vs α and β

	alpha	beta	vectorizer	avg_coherence
19	0.0010	0.1000	tf-idf	-451.520445
9	0.0001	0.1000	tf-idf	-453.476329
7	0.0001	0.0500	tf-idf	-453.645025
21	0.0100	0.0001	tf-idf	-454.477188
23	0.0100	0.0010	tf-idf	-455.874104
17	0.0010	0.0500	tf-idf	-456.424172
15	0.0010	0.0100	tf-idf	-456.680062
5	0.0001	0.0100	tf-idf	-457.332053
3	0.0001	0.0010	tf-idf	-457.594023
29	0.0100	0.1000	tf-idf	-457.767595

Figure: Table of avg. coherence vs α and β

Conclusion $\alpha = 0.001$, $\beta = 0.1$.

TF Word Clouds CNN







LDA TF Topics CNN

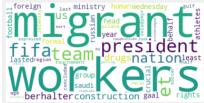
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Topic 0: ['match', 'team', 'argentina', 'game', 'goal', 'first', 'messi', 'group', 'france', 'win']
Topic 1: ['soccer', 'us', 'pelé', 'team', 'before', 'al', 'players', 'saudi', 'statement', 'ronaldo']
Topic 2: ['messi', 'argentina', 'first', 'game', 'match', 'goal', 'france', 'two', 'team', 'win']
Topic 3: ['brazil', 'match', 'portugal', 'ronaldo', 'first', 'south', 'team', 'goal', 'korea', 'south korea']
Topic 4: ['workers', 'rights', 'migrant', 'migrant workers', 'human rights', 'human', 'tournament', 'fifa', 'qatars', 'qatari']
Topic 5: ['team', 'messi', 'argentina', 'france', 'match', 'first', 'tournament', 'final', 'two', 'year']
Topic 6: ['argentina', 'football', 'live', 'match', 'two', 'soccer', 'tournament', 'like', 'game', 'first']
Topic 7: ['russian', 'ukraine', 'ukrainian', 'russia', 'us', 'city', 'also', 'war', 'president', 'forces']
Topic 8: ['us', 'soccer', 'team', 'people', 'cnn', 'told', 'two', 'football', 'fans', 'also']
Topic 9: ['people', 'tournament', 'al', 'portugal', 'also', 'team', 'cnn', 'human rights', 'around', 'year']
Topic 10: ['first', 'match', 'tournament', 'argentina', 'morocco', 'team', 'football', 'two', 'year', 'france']
Topic 11: ['morocco', 'first', 'tournament', 'team', 'year', 'workers', 'qoal', 'final', 'argentina', 'two']
Topic 12: ['game', 'fifa', 'tournament', 'first', 'argentina', 'soccer', 'france', 'messi', 'cnn', 'player']
Topic 13: ['first', 'football', 'year', 'team', 'match', 'also', 'messi', 'national', 'mbappé', 'tournament']
Topic 14: ['football', 'us', 'fifa', 'iran', 'people', 'team', 'soccer', 'cnn', 'fans', 'players']
Topic 15: ['wahl', 'first', 'before', 'soccer', 'match', 'grant', 'final', 'cnn', 'pelé', 'told']
Topic 16: ['team', 'first', 'argentina', 'portugal', 'morocco', 'goal', 'tournament', 'teams', 'match', 'messi']
Topic 17: ['people', 'also', 'us', 'soccer', 'morocco', 'two', 'cnn', 'team', 'match', 'told']
Topic 18: ['tournament', 'morocco', 'croatia', 'first', 'team', 'game', 'also', 'two', 'people', 'players']
Topic 19: ['argentina', 'match', 'team', 'first', 'messi', 'brazil', 'also', 'vs', 'president', 'told']
Topic 20: ['argentina', 'first', 'match', 'messi', 'team', 'croatia', 'game', 'tournament', 'spain', 'morocco']
Topic 21: ['first', 'match', 'argentina', 'messi', 'morocco', 'team', 'football', 'two', 'goal', 'tournament']
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LDA TF Topics CNN

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Topic 1:
['soccer', 'us', 'pelé', 'team', 'before', 'al', 'players', 'saudi', 'statement',
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Topic 4:
['workers', 'rights', 'migrant', 'migrant workers', 'human rights', 'human',
'tournament', 'fifa', 'gatars', 'gatari']
Topic 7:
['russian', 'ukraine', 'ukrainian', 'russia', 'us', 'city', 'also', 'war',
'president', 'forces']
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TF-IDF Word Clouds CNN









LDA TF-IDF Topics CNN

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Topic 0: ['messi', 'match', 'holders', 'us_national', 'statement_said', 'argentina', 'amini', 'stadium_monday', 'least_five', 'gone_play']
Topic 1: ['milan', 'need_know', 'costa_rica', 'qiven', 'players', 'achieving', 'mariupol', 'program', 'dominik_livaković', 'before_first']
Topic 2: ['ronaldo', 'messi', 'because_something', 'magic', 'angel_di', 'croatias', 'new_york_times', 'final_whistle_during', 'cnn', 'rashford']
Topic 3: ['fifa', 'ronaldo', 'rights', 'human_rights', 'ten_hag', 'match', 'saudi', 'host', 'commit', 'does_get']
Topic 5: ['golf', 'per', 'earlier_today', 'grant', 'finals', 'heart', 'term', 'win_game', 'said_referring', 'feet']
Topic 6: ['make_match', 'licensed venues', 'touched', 'contributed_reporting_post', 'sides_first', 'along_way', 'human_rights_death',
'impossible', 'hit_back', 'slowly'l
Topic 7: ['ukraine', 'russian', 'us', 'fifa', 'team', 'ukrainian', 'cnn', 'country', 'tournament', 'fans']
Topic 8: ['messi_scored', 'two', 'punishable', 'condemned', 'bus', 'check_moving', 'brace', 'earlier_monday', 'adoring', 'see']
Topic 9: ['todays_match', 'iran', 'human_rights', 'iranian', 'iranian_football', 'cavallo', 'us_armband', 'news', 'portugal', 'shock_grief']
Topic 10: ['season', 'chain', 'said_during', 'crowd', 'reasons', 'match', 'south_korea', 'league', 'first', 'france']
Topic 12: ['off the', 'fifa', 'states mens', 'women', 'working conditions', 'iranian national team', 'irans first', 'sergiño', 'tournament',
Topic 13: ['national', 'training', 'counterattack', 'iran', 'pundits', 'options', 'spell', 'forum', 'could_see', 'valiantly']
Topic 14: ['team', 'match', 'us', 'messi', 'fifa', 'first', 'tournament', 'game', 'football', 'argentina']
Topic 15: ['soccer', 'us', 'match', 'russian', 'wahl', 'pelé', 'israel', 'years', 'qounder', 'before']
Topic 16: ['argentina', 'goal', 'messi', 'team', 'match', 'first', 'half', 'game', 'win', 'mbappé']
Topic 17: ['flights', 'airlines', 'fans', 'issued_statement', 'manager_fernando_santos', 'establishment', 'three_countries', 'achraf_hakimi',
'average', 'drink']
Topic 18: ['jakob_jensen', 'happy', 'danilo', 'qatar_also', 'wage', 'played', 'advocates', 'football_governing_body', 'earlier_year',
'return_home']
Topic 19: ['appearing_shadow_domestic', 'took_control', 'agency_tass', 'xherdan_shaqiri', 'vladimir_putin', 'wanted_change_official', 'evening',
'recently_told', 'lifting_trophy', 'us_soccer_federation']
Topic 20: ['information categorically', 'spare', 'three years', 'manager hansi', 'football told', 'fuel', 'flagship', 'bukayo', 'unleashed',
Topic 21: ['uae', 'kicks', 'tchouaméni', 'resort', 'build', 'buoved', 'efficiency', 'iran', 'real_madrid', 'forty']
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LDA TF-IDF Topics CNN

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Topic 3:
['fifa', 'ronaldo', 'rights', 'human_rights', 'ten_hag', 'match', 'saudi', 'host',
'commit', 'does_get']
Topic 4:
['workers', 'migrant_workers', 'us', 'drugs', 'construction', 'migrant',
'president', 'berhalter', 'fifa', 'wednesday']
Topic 6:
['make_match', 'licensed_venues', 'touched', 'contributed_reporting_post',
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'slowly']
Topic 9:
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['todays_match', 'iran', 'human_rights', 'iranian', 'iranian_football',

LDA TF-IDF Topics CNN

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Topic 17:
['flights', 'airlines', 'fans', 'issued_statement', 'manager_fernando_santos',
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Topic 18:
['jakob_jensen', 'happy', 'danilo', 'qatar_also', 'wage', 'played', 'advocates',
'football_governing_body', 'earlier_year', 'return_home']
Topic 19:
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LDA - Qatar

Number of topics k = 29 for LDA was chosen with use of coherence.

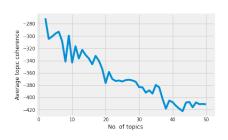


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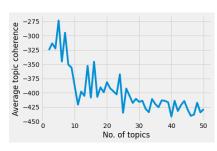


Figure: Coherence for TF-IDF

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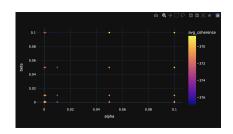


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	alpha	beta	vectorizer	avg_coherence
38	0.0500	0.1000		-368.736847
48	0.1000	0.1000		-369.242746
	0.1000	0.0500		-369.582713
	0.0001	0.0010		-370.177741
	0.0001	0.0001		-370.428636
	0.0001	0.0100		-370.564547
44	0.1000	0.0100		-370.573238
	0.1000	0.0010		-370.866007
36	0.0500	0.0500		-370.972093
40	0.1000	0.0001		-371.199647
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Conclusion $\alpha = 0.05$, $\beta = 0.1$.

Parameters Optimization TF-IDF Qatar

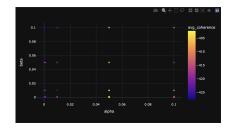


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33	0.0500	0.0010	tf-idf	-402.343844
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35	0.0500	0.0100	tf-idf	-402.978331
37	0.0500	0.0500	tf-idf	-407.141852
39	0.0500	0.1000	tf-idf	-407.144554
45	0.1000	0.0100	tf-idf	-411.493241
41	0.1000	0.0001	tf-idf	-413.003530
43	0.1000	0.0010	tf-idf	-413.039402
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23	0.0100	0.0010	tf-idf	-418.143389

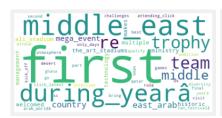
Figure: Table of avg. coherence vs α and β

Conclusion $\alpha = 0.05$, $\beta = 0.001$.

TF Word Clouds Qatar









LDA TF Topics Qatar

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Topic 0: ['fans', 'stadium', 'cupâ', 'first', 'also', 'said', 'during', 'lusail', 'host', 'group']
Topic 3: ['workers', 'rights', 'security', 'continued', 'ensure', 'government', 'contractors', 'human', 'dedicated', 'testament']
Topic 4: ['match', 'set', 'exhibition', 'training', 'looking forward', 'despite', 'team', 'argentina', 'souq', 'several']
Topic 6: ['stadium', 'fans', 'also', 'accommodation', 'cupâ', 'during', 'group', 'people', 'first', 'hayya']
Topic 7: ['every day', 'one', 'thawadi', 'lusail stadium', 'kick off', 'central doha', 'spoke', 'fans', 'legacy sc', 'canâ']
Topic 9: ['people', 'supreme committee', 'international', 'accessible', 'argentina', 'cooling', 'seeing', 'plan', 'up round', 'proud']
Topic 11: ['sustainable', 'yearâ', 'thank', 'fans', 'legacy', 'cameroon', 'predictions supreme', 'company', 'gave predictions', 'future']
Topic 12: ['first', 'middle east', 'during yearâ', 'trophy', 'team', 're', 'middle', 'east arab', 'country', 'mega event']
Topic 13: ['amazing', 'generation', 'generation amazing', 'social', 'development', 'jordan', 'foundation', 'education', 'youth', 'skills']
Topic 14: ['legacy', 'sc', 'delivery', 'supreme committee', 'supreme', 'supreme committee delivery', 'committee delivery', 'committee delivery legacy'.
'delivery legacy', 'committee']
Topic 15: ['audio', 'audio descriptive', 'descriptive', 'commentary', 'youth', 'app', 'descriptive commentary', 'audio descriptive commentary', 'key
Topic 16: ['said', 'first', 'executive director', 'generation', 'fans', 'international', 'development', 'learn', 'sport', 'skills']
Topic 17: ['blind', 'commentary', 'descriptive', 'descriptive commentary', 'audio descriptive', 'audio', 'audio descriptive commentary', 'arabic',
'sighted fans', 'partially sighted fans'l
Topic 18: ['pm', 'fan', 'transport', 'bus', 'festivalâ', 'fan festivalâ', 'metro', 'doha', 'corniche', 'public']
Topic 19: ['volunteers', 'volunteer', 'morocco', 'positive', 'fan', 'medical', 'said', 'heart', 'predictions supreme', 'cupâ']
Topic 20: ['fans', 'us', 'part', 'said', 'very', 'started', 'everyone', 'great', 'weâ', 'take part']
Topic 21: ['experience', 'during', 'cultural', 'fans', 'access', 'players', 'four', 'amazing', 'showcase', 'one']
Topic 22: ['hayya', 'international', 'hayya card', 'music', 'around', 'fans', 'transport', 'festival', 'mandatory', 'pm']
Topic 23: ['khori', 'qlobal sustainability', 'predictions supreme committee', 'ronald de', 'years ago', 'initiative', 'plenty', 'rest', 'leave',
'released'l
Topic 24: ['ambassadors', 'feels', 'providing', 'generation', 'pride', 'title', 'players', 'fan festival', 'up', 'said']
Topic 25: ['expected', 'metro', 'only days away', 'days away', 'only days', 'bus', 'detailed', 'drive', 'bus services', 'doha metro']
Topic 27: ['cupâ', 'said', 'many', 'matches', 'stadium', 'iâ', 'during', 'middle', 'legacy', 'fans']
Topic 28: ['fan', 'mark', 'centre', 'stadium host fans', 'world', 'fans', 'engagement', 'tournamentâ', 'khori executive director', 'volunteering']
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LDA TF Topics Qatar

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Topic 3:
['workers', 'rights', 'security', 'continued', 'ensure', 'government',
'contractors', 'human', 'dedicated', 'testament']
Topic 6:
['stadium', 'fans', 'also', 'accommodation', 'cupâ', 'during', 'group',
'people', 'first', 'hayya']
Topic 12:
['first', 'middle east', 'during yearâ', 'trophy', 'team', 're', 'middle', 'east
arab', 'country', 'mega event']
Topic 18:
['pm', 'fan', 'transport', 'bus', 'festivalâ', 'fan festivalâ', 'metro', 'doha',
'corniche', 'public']
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TF-IDF Word Clouds Qatar





LDA TF-IDF Topics Qatar

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Topic 0: ['event', 'available', 'fans', 'pm', 'we', 'also', 'tickets', 'people', 'added', 'opening_match']
Topic 1: ['jordan', 'global sustainability assessment', 'recommend', 'human', 'khori executive', 'thanks', 'generations', 'hamad international',
'advice would', 'generation amazing'l
Topic 2: ['hayya', 'process', 'fans', 'benefits', 'help', 'series', 'sc', 'entry_permit', 'act_entry_permit', 'ticket']
Topic 5: ['volunteer', 'volunteers', 'training', 'learning', 'edition_cupâ', 'public', 'seen', 'face', 'role', 'once_in_lifetime']
Topic 7: ['airport', 'overall', 'compact', 'hamad_international', 'one', 'previous', 'arriving', 'tournaments', 'water', 'sustainable']
Topic 8: ['describe', 'kind', 'support', 'aims', 'nasser_khori_executive', 'work', 'held_december', 'itâ', 'soon', 'canâ']
Topic 9: ['plan', 'argentina', 'supreme_committee', 'up_round', 'appeared', 'gulf', 'artists', 'people', 'visiting', 'player']
Topic 10: ['looking forward', 'looking', 'forward', 'originally', 'science', 'appeared', 'footballâ showpiece event', 'canada', 'spot', 'currently']
Topic 11: ['sustainable', 'road', 'lusail', 'does', 'yearâ', 'milestone', 'thank', 'taking_place', 'qualified', 'october']
Topic 12: ['during_yeara', 'ali_stadium', 're', 'welcomed', 'multiple', 'mega_event', 'historic', 'middle_east', 'the_art_stadiums', 'it']
Topic 13: ['development', 'jordan', 'sustainable_development_goals', 'focusing', 'fans_across_globe', 'generation_amazing', 'believes', 'lionel_messi'
'act_entry', 'act']
Topic 14: ['start', 'recently', 'final', 'break', 'easy', 'during', 'interior', 'bus', 'better', 'pleased']
Topic 15: ['watch', 'amazing', 'reached', 'time', 'trip', 'eng_bodour', 'places', 'remember', 'kick', 'formed']
Topic 16: ['havya', 'card_holders', 'card', 'executive_director', 'feature', 'public', 'non', 'havya_card', 'follow', 'international']
Topic 17: ['generation amazing', 'generation', 'amazing', 'jordan', 'youth', 'programmes', 'communities', 'generation amazing foundation',
'amazing foundation', 'schools'l
Topic 18: ['stadium', 'janoub', 'janoub_stadium', 'wakrah', 'group', 'stadiumâ', 'stadium_host', 'sustainability', 'venue', 'design']
Topic 19: ['volunteers', 'road', 'training', 'together', 'lusail_stadium', 'lusail', 'staff', 'guests', 'marked', 'learning']
Topic 20: ['native', 'very', 'bodour', 'al', 'great', 'started', 'fans', 'oman', 'four_matches', 'including']
Topic 21: ['blind', 'commentary', 'descriptive', 'descriptive_commentary', 'audio_, 'audio_descriptive', 'audio_descriptive_commentary',
Topic 22: ['group', 'morocco', 'around', 'this', 'hayya', 'canada', 'festivalâ_bidda', 'thumama_stadium', 'years', 'poland']
Topic 23: ['khori', 'predictions_supreme_committee', 'qlobal_sustainability', 'ronald_de', 'years_ago', 'initiative', 'leave', 'plenty', 'people',
Topic 24: ['providing', 'feels', 'title', 'bavt stadium', 'fan festival', 'cultural', 'thousands fans', 'venue host', 'teamwork', 'up']
Topic 26: ['expertise', 'awareness', 'programmes', 'generation_amazing', 'share', 'legacy', 'during_yearâ', 'foundation', 'benefit', 'generation']
Topic 28: ['ahmad_bin', 'bin', 'ali_stadium', 'bin_ali_stadium', 'bin_ali', 'ahmad_bin_ali', 'lusail', 'ahmad', 'special', 'native']
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LDA TF-IDF Topics Qatar

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Topic 2:
['hayya', 'process', 'fans', 'benefits', 'help', 'series', 'sc', 'entry permit',' act_entry_permit',' ticket']

Topic 12:
['during_yearâ', 'ali_stadium', 're', 'welcomed', 'multiple', 'mega_event', 'historic', 'middle_east', 'the_art_stadiums', 'it']
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Time for BERT



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BERT CNN



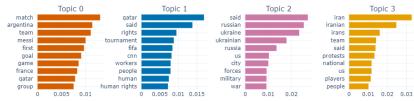


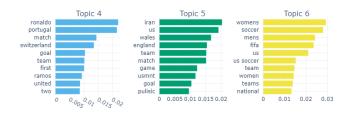




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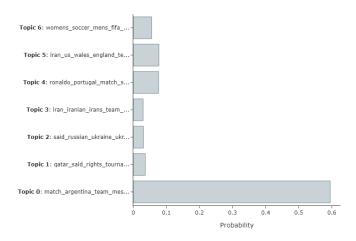
Topic Word Scores





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Topic Probability Distribution



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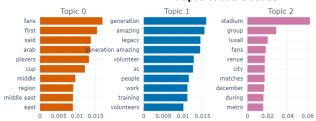






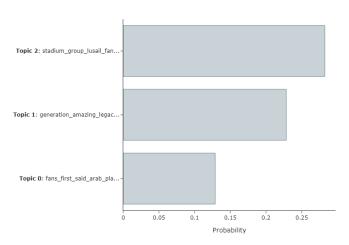
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Topic Word Scores



BERT Qatar

Topic Probability Distribution



Conclusions

We can clearly see differences in topics presented by West media and Qatar media. Topics such as *human rights* or *Iranian protests* were completely omitted in the Qatari media.

Summary of optimized LDA parameters:

	CNN	Qatar
TF	$\alpha = 0.1, \ \beta = 0.01$	$\alpha = 0.05$, $\beta = 0.1$
TF-IDF	$\alpha =$ 0.001, $\beta =$ 0.1	lpha= 0.05, $eta=$ 0.001

Further work: analysis of scrapped twitter dataset.

References



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