

Master Modeler Competition Round 1

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CHILD TRAFFICKING

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- ❖ Introduction
- ❖ Data
- ❖ Model
- ❖ Conclusion



Introduction



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Objectives

“Leverage social media to reach individuals in need of assistance for leaving a human trafficking situation.”

- A. Determine the types of posts that are most successful
- B. Estimate the value of each type of engagement (likes, etc.)
- C. Evaluate post attributes (use of celebrities, etc.) that tend to drive more positive post results

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Data Cleaning

01

Cleaning - missing values, data types, duplicates, etc..

02

Filtering - subsetting data to highlight information

Data Manipulation

01

Hot Encoding - qualitative variables to binary

02

Time Matching - utilizing time as a variable of data

03

Custom Features - combining content for additional value

04

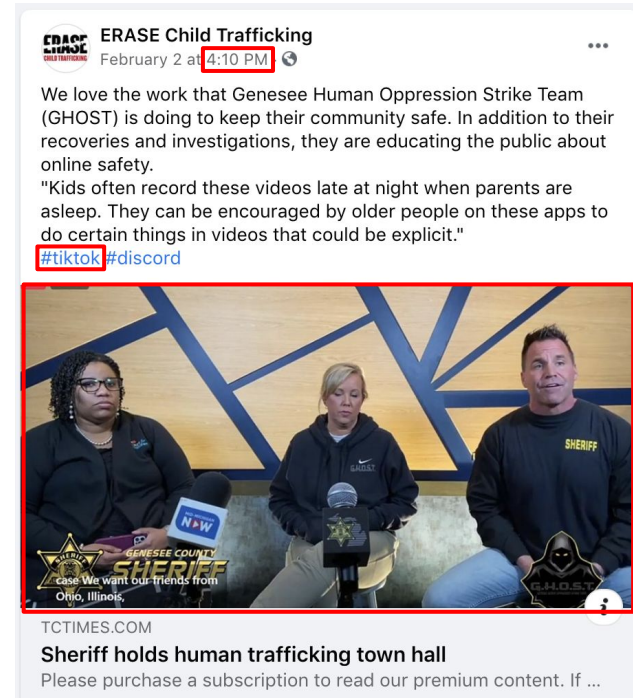
Aggregation - merging disparate data sets

05

Dimensionality Reduction - for model training purposes

Post Attribute Analysis

- ❖ Sentiment Analysis
- ❖ Length
- ❖ Endorsements
- ❖ Media Form (video/image/etc.)
- ❖ Post Type (informational, personal, etc.)
- ❖ Time
- ❖ Hashtag Use
- ❖ Etc...



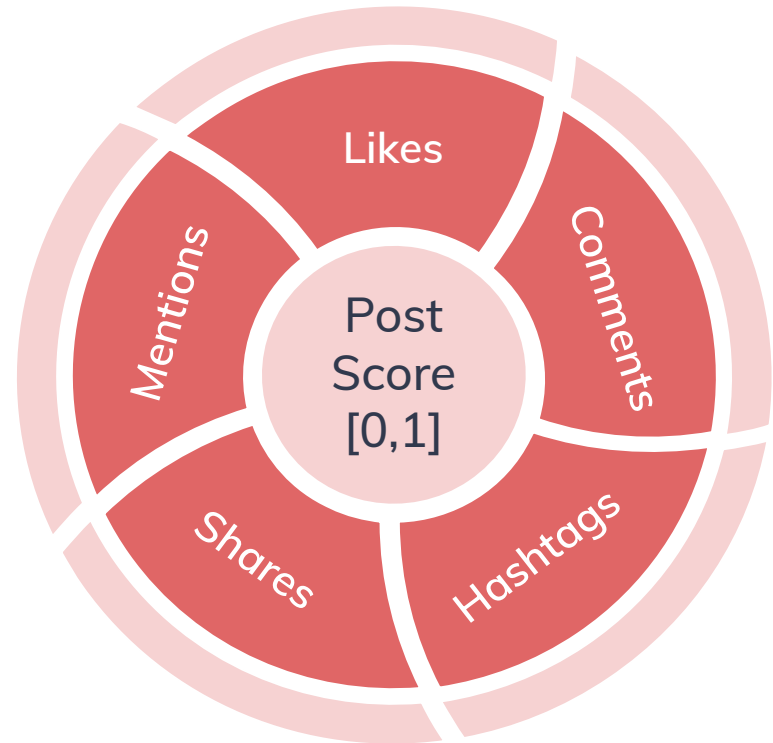
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Metric Weighting

1. Engagement Rate by Reach (ERR)
2. Engagement Rate by Post (ERP)
3. Engagement Rate by Impressions (ERI)
4. Daily Engagement Rate (DER)
5. Engagement Rate by Views (ERV)
6. Factored Engagement Rate (FER)



Machine Learning Model Development

Model objective:

Determine which attributes have the greatest impact on Post Score [0,1]

Model inputs:

Post attributes, Post Score [0,1]

Model output:

Coefficients of attributes

Resources:

Python 3.9, Scikit-learn, etc...



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Conclusion

With this analysis and modeling we hope to improve ERASE Child Trafficking's ability to increase awareness of human and child trafficking, reduce the level of trafficking, and reach individuals in need of assistance for leaving a human trafficking situation.