Convention Text Analysis: Tokenization

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Introduction

The process of tokenization boils text down to the simplest forms so that only the root words are counted and noise is diminished. Here, I eliminate the filler, stopwords, and prefixes/suffixes of words in DNC and RNC convention speeches to see if there are differences in outcomes based on methods used to process the text

```
# Load packages
library(quanteda)
library(readtext)
library(psych)
library(effsize)
```

DNC Speeches

Below, I show the process I used to tokenize the DNC corpus of text

```
# Load in data
DNC <- readtext("~/Desktop/Data/DNCtexts/*.txt", docvarsfrom = "filenames")
# Create the corpus
DNC_data <- corpus(DNC)</pre>
```

```
######## Cleaning and Creating tokens #######################
DNC.tokens <- tokens(DNC_data)</pre>
# Remove punctuations and numbers
DNC.tokens <- tokens(DNC.tokens, remove_punct = TRUE, remove_numbers = TRUE)
# Remove stopwords (i.e. if, but, and)
DNC.tokens <- tokens_select(DNC.tokens, stopwords("english"),</pre>
    selection = "remove")
# Take endings away (ie. -ed, =ing)
DNC.tokens <- tokens_wordstem(DNC.tokens)</pre>
# Convert all words to lowercase
DNC.tokens <- tokens_tolower(DNC.tokens)</pre>
# Convert to dfm
DNC.dfm <- dfm(DNC.tokens)</pre>
To analyze the text, I load the dictionary below.
load(file = "~/Desktop/Working/Moral-Psychology/SpeechAnalysis/quanteda/DNC/data_diction
dict_lg <- dictionary(data_dictionary_MFD)</pre>
This dictionary is applied to the analysis of the text.
DNCdata <- dfm_lookup(DNC.dfm, dictionary = dict_lg)</pre>
head(DNCdata)
## Document-feature matrix of: 6 documents, 10 features (45.0% sparse).
## 6 x 10 sparse Matrix of class "dfm"
##
                       features
## docs
                        care.virtue care.vice fairness.virtue fairness.vice
##
     dnc.akbari.txt
                                   4
                                                                              0
##
     dnc.albright.txt
                                   7
                                              7
                                                               1
                                                                              0
                                   5
                                              2
                                                               0
                                                                              0
##
     dnc.alexander.txt
##
     dnc.allenjohn.txt
                                   4
                                              1
                                                               1
                                                                              0
                                   5
##
     dnc.amaru.txt
                                              1
                                                               1
                                                                              0
##
     dnc.asian.txt
##
                       features
## docs
                        loyalty.virtue loyalty.vice authority.virtue
##
     dnc.akbari.txt
                                      3
                                                    0
                                                                       7
##
     dnc.albright.txt
                                      5
                                                    0
                                                                       3
##
     dnc.alexander.txt
                                      1
                                                    0
                                                                       2
```

0

5

9

##

dnc.allenjohn.txt

```
##
                                      2
                                                   0
                                                                     3
     dnc.amaru.txt
                                                                     3
##
     dnc.asian.txt
                                                   0
##
                       features
## docs
                        authority.vice sanctity.virtue sanctity.vice
##
     dnc.akbari.txt
                                      0
                                                      0
                                                                     0
##
     dnc.albright.txt
     dnc.alexander.txt
                                      0
                                                      0
##
                                                                     0
##
    dnc.allenjohn.txt
                                     0
                                                      1
                                                                     0
##
     dnc.amaru.txt
                                      0
                                                      2
##
     dnc.asian.txt
                                      0
                                                      0
```

RNC Speeches

The process can be repeated with the RNC speeches, as I demonstrate below

```
# Load in data
RNC <- readtext("~/Desktop/Data/RNCtexts/*.txt", docvarsfrom = "filenames")</pre>
# Create the corpus
RNC_data <- corpus(RNC)</pre>
RNC.tokens <- tokens(RNC_data)</pre>
# Remove punctuations and numbers
RNC.tokens <- tokens(RNC.tokens, remove punct = TRUE, remove numbers = TRUE)
# Remove stopwords (i.e. if, but, and)
RNC.tokens <- tokens_select(RNC.tokens, stopwords("english"),</pre>
   selection = "remove")
# Take endings away (ie. -ed, =ing)
RNC.tokens <- tokens_wordstem(RNC.tokens)</pre>
# Convert all words to lowercase
RNC.tokens <- tokens_tolower(RNC.tokens)</pre>
# Convert to dfm
RNC.dfm <- dfm(RNC.tokens)</pre>
load(file = "~/Desktop/Working/Moral-Psychology/SpeechAnalysis/quanteda/RNC/data_diction
```

```
dict lg <- dictionary(data dictionary MFD)</pre>
########### Analyze using MFD ###########
RNCdata <- dfm_lookup(RNC.dfm, dictionary = dict lg)</pre>
head(RNCdata)
## Document-feature matrix of: 6 documents, 10 features (40.0% sparse).
## 6 x 10 sparse Matrix of class "dfm"
##
                       features
## docs
                        care.virtue care.vice fairness.virtue fairness.vice
##
     rnc.alvarado.txt
                                   6
                                              1
##
                                   3
                                                                              0
     rnc.baio.txt
                                              1
                                                               1
##
     rnc.barrack.txt
                                  10
                                              3
                                                               0
                                                                              0
##
     rnc.beardslev.txt
                                   1
                                              3
                                                               0
                                                                              0
##
     rnc.blackburn.txt
                                                                              0
                                              1
                                                               1
                                   5
                                              2
##
     rnc.bondi.txt
                                                                              0
                                                              11
##
                       features
## docs
                        loyalty.virtue loyalty.vice authority.virtue
##
     rnc.alvarado.txt
                                      2
                                                    0
                                                                     10
##
     rnc.baio.txt
                                      0
                                                    0
                                                                      3
                                      5
##
     rnc.barrack.txt
                                                    0
                                                                      6
##
                                      3
                                                    0
                                                                      8
     rnc.beardsley.txt
     rnc.blackburn.txt
                                      4
                                                    0
##
                                                                     12
##
     rnc.bondi.txt
                                      1
                                                    0
                                                                      6
##
                       features
## docs
                        authority.vice sanctity.virtue sanctity.vice
##
     rnc.alvarado.txt
                                      0
                                                      10
                                      0
                                                       3
##
     rnc.baio.txt
                                                                      0
                                                       2
                                      0
                                                                      0
##
     rnc.barrack.txt
                                      0
##
     rnc.beardsley.txt
                                                       1
                                                                      0
##
     rnc.blackburn.txt
                                      0
                                                       1
                                                                      0
##
     rnc.bondi.txt
                                      1
                                                       1
```

Analysis of Composite Data

Like the word count process, I created a composite data set with the two datasets using the rbind command in R.

```
DNCToken <- read.csv("~/Desktop/Working/Moral-Psychology/SpeechAnalysis/
  quanteda/DNC/DNCToken.csv", header = TRUE)
RNCToken <- read.csv("~/Desktop/Working/Moral-Psychology/SpeechAnalysis/
  quanteda/DNC/RNCToken.csv", header = TRUE)</pre>
```

```
getwd()
setwd("/Users/JenniferLin/Desktop/Working/Moral-Psychology/SpeechAnalysis/
  quanteda/Composite")
#Merge the data frames
compositeT <- rbind(DNCToken, RNCToken)</pre>
export(compositeT, "compTok.csv")
In the analysis below, I will load this dataset and run t-tests with the data.
# Load data
speech <- read.csv("~/Desktop/Working/Moral-Psychology/SpeechAnalysis/quanteda/Composite</pre>
    header = TRUE)
speech$Harm <- rowSums(speech[, c("care.virtue", "care.vice")],</pre>
    na.rm = TRUE)
speech$Fairness <- rowSums(speech[, c("fairness.virtue", "fairness.vice")],</pre>
    na.rm = TRUE)
speech$Ingroup <- rowSums(speech[, c("loyalty.virtue", "loyalty.vice")],</pre>
    na.rm = TRUE)
speech$Authority <- rowSums(speech[, c("authority.virtue", "authority.vice")],</pre>
    na.rm = TRUE)
speech$Purity <- rowSums(speech[, c("sanctity.virtue", "sanctity.vice")],</pre>
    na.rm = TRUE)
Then, I run descriptive statistics and t-tests for each of the foundations sorted by convention.
### Harm ###
describeBy(speech$Harm, speech$Convention)
##
## Descriptive statistics by group
## group: DNC
##
      vars
                       sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
             n mean
         1 152 8.96 10.35
                                    6.81 5.19
## X1
                             5.5
                                                 0 68
                                                          68 2.95
                                                                     10.49
##
        se
## X1 0.84
## group: RNC
      vars n mean
                     sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
         1 64 10.7 13.7
## X1
                             7
                                  8.23 5.93
                                                 93
                                                        93 3.87
                                                                    18.8 1.71
t.test(speech$Harm ~ speech$Convention)
```

```
##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: speech$Harm by speech$Convention
## t = -0.91348, df = 94.648, p-value = 0.3633
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -5.529959 2.044761
## sample estimates:
## mean in group DNC mean in group RNC
           8.960526
                           10.703125
cohen.d(speech$Harm, speech$Convention)
##
## Cohen's d
##
## d estimate: -0.1522974 (negligible)
## 95 percent confidence interval:
##
       lower
                  upper
## -0.4463674 0.1417726
### Fairness ###
describeBy(speech$Fairness, speech$Convention)
##
## Descriptive statistics by group
## group: DNC
     vars n mean sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
## X1
        1 152 1.97 2.97
                           1
                                 1.31 1.48 0 18
                                                     18 2.79
## -----
## group: RNC
     vars n mean
                    sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
## X1
        1 64 2.84 4.68
                           1
                                1.87 1.48
                                            0 31
                                                    31 3.76
                                                               18.19 0.59
t.test(speech$Fairness ~ speech$Convention)
##
  Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: speech$Fairness by speech$Convention
## t = -1.3846, df = 85.095, p-value = 0.1698
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -2.1354507 0.3821612
## sample estimates:
## mean in group DNC mean in group RNC
```

```
##
           1.967105
                            2.843750
cohen.d(speech$Fairness, speech$Convention)
##
## Cohen's d
##
## d estimate: -0.2461976 (small)
## 95 percent confidence interval:
##
        lower
                   upper
## -0.54083919 0.04844404
### Ingroup ###
describeBy(speech$Ingroup, speech$Convention)
##
## Descriptive statistics by group
## group: DNC
##
     vars
           n mean sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
## X1
        1 152 3.37 3.92
                            2
                                  2.7 1.48 0 31
                                                     31 3.2
                                                                16.22 0.32
## -----
## group: RNC
     vars n mean
                   sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
        1 64 5.34 5.86
                           4
                                4.17 2.97 0 27
                                                    27 2.16
t.test(speech$Ingroup ~ speech$Convention)
##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: speech$Ingroup by speech$Convention
## t = -2.475, df = 87.724, p-value = 0.01524
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -3.5614537 -0.3892042
## sample estimates:
## mean in group DNC mean in group RNC
           3.368421
                            5.343750
cohen.d(speech$Ingroup, speech$Convention)
##
## Cohen's d
##
## d estimate: -0.4316381 (small)
## 95 percent confidence interval:
##
       lower
                  upper
## -0.7281919 -0.1350843
```

```
### Authority ###
describeBy(speech$Authority, speech$Convention)
## Descriptive statistics by group
## group: DNC
     vars
                    sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
          n mean
      1 152 3.16 3.58
                           2
                                2.52 1.48 0 23
                                                   23 2.49 8.49 0.29
## X1
## -----
## group: RNC
     vars n mean
                   sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis se
                                                  46 2.09
      1 64 8.97 8.81
                        6.5
                               7.37 5.19
                                        0 46
t.test(speech$Authority ~ speech$Convention)
##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: speech$Authority by speech$Convention
## t = -5.1034, df = 71.909, p-value = 2.62e-06
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -8.080715 -3.540995
## sample estimates:
## mean in group DNC mean in group RNC
          3.157895
                          8.968750
cohen.d(speech$Authority, speech$Convention)
##
## Cohen's d
##
## d estimate: -1.029319 (large)
## 95 percent confidence interval:
##
       lower
               upper
## -1.3388306 -0.7198077
### Purity ###
describeBy(speech$Purity, speech$Convention)
##
## Descriptive statistics by group
## group: DNC
     vars n mean sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
        1 152 2.2 3.32 1 1.49 1.48 0 19 19 2.4 6.88 0.27
## group: RNC
```

```
##
      vars n mean
                     sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
## X1
         1 64 4.06 3.55
                                   3.62 2.97
                                                  16
                                                        16
t.test(speech$Purity ~ speech$Convention)
##
##
   Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: speech$Purity by speech$Convention
## t = -3.591, df = 111.45, p-value = 0.0004915
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
   -2.8943068 -0.8359564
## sample estimates:
## mean in group DNC mean in group RNC
##
            2.197368
                              4.062500
cohen.d(speech$Purity, speech$Convention)
##
## Cohen's d
##
## d estimate: -0.550352 (medium)
## 95 percent confidence interval:
##
        lower
                   upper
## -0.8486683 -0.2520357
```

Additional Analyses

For the DNC, I was able to acquire the Invocations and Benedictions. However, due to the nature of the purposes of these speeches, the text would inflate the appeals to religion, and thus scores on the purity foundation. For the next set of analyses, I remove these speeches to see if it influences the results in any way.

```
table(speech$Type)

##

## benediction speech video
## 7 208 1

speech <- speech[!(speech$Type == "benediction"),]

Here, we can run the same analyses as above

### Harm ###
describeBy(speech$Harm, speech$Convention)</pre>
```

```
##
## Descriptive statistics by group
## group: DNC
     vars
                     sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
          n mean
        1 145 9.03 10.58 5
                                 6.84 4.45
                                           0 68
                                                     68 2.88
##
       se
## X1 0.88
## -----
## group: RNC
     vars n mean
                   sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
        1 64 10.7 13.7
                          7
                               8.23 5.93 0 93
                                                  93 3.87
                                                              18.8 1.71
t.test(speech$Harm ~ speech$Convention)
##
  Welch Two Sample t-test
##
##
## data: speech$Harm by speech$Convention
## t = -0.86686, df = 97.539, p-value = 0.3881
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -5.488834 2.151549
## sample estimates:
## mean in group DNC mean in group RNC
           9.034483
                          10.703125
cohen.d(speech$Harm, speech$Convention)
##
## Cohen's d
##
## d estimate: -0.1436314 (negligible)
## 95 percent confidence interval:
##
       lower
                 upper
## -0.4398205 0.1525578
### Fairness ###
describeBy(speech$Fairness, speech$Convention)
##
## Descriptive statistics by group
## group: DNC
     vars n mean sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
##
        1 145 2.04 3.02 1
                                1.38 1.48 0 18
                                                    18 2.72
## group: RNC
   vars n mean sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
##
```

```
## X1
        1 64 2.84 4.68
                           1
                                1.87 1.48 0 31 31 3.76 18.19 0.59
t.test(speech$Fairness ~ speech$Convention)
##
##
   Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: speech$Fairness by speech$Convention
## t = -1.2599, df = 86.888, p-value = 0.2111
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -2.0682271 0.4634857
## sample estimates:
## mean in group DNC mean in group RNC
           2.041379
                            2.843750
cohen.d(speech$Fairness, speech$Convention)
##
## Cohen's d
##
## d estimate: -0.2224884 (small)
## 95 percent confidence interval:
        lower
                   upper
## -0.51913043 0.07415357
### Ingroup ###
describeBy(speech$Ingroup, speech$Convention)
##
## Descriptive statistics by group
## group: DNC
            n mean sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
                          2
                               2.65 1.48 0 31
                                                   31 3.18
## X1
        1 145 3.34 4
                                                              15.72 0.33
## -----
## group: RNC
     vars n mean
                   sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
        1 64 5.34 5.86
                           4
                                4.17 2.97
                                           0 27
                                                    27 2.16
                                                                4.48 0.73
t.test(speech$Ingroup ~ speech$Convention)
##
##
  Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: speech$Ingroup by speech$Convention
## t = -2.487, df = 89.912, p-value = 0.01473
\#\# alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
```

```
## -3.5957313 -0.4021136
## sample estimates:
## mean in group DNC mean in group RNC
           3.344828
                            5.343750
cohen.d(speech$Ingroup, speech$Convention)
##
## Cohen's d
##
## d estimate: -0.4305816 (small)
## 95 percent confidence interval:
       lower
                  upper
## -0.7293459 -0.1318172
### Authority ###
describeBy(speech$Authority, speech$Convention)
##
## Descriptive statistics by group
## group: DNC
##
     vars
            n mean
                    sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis se
## X1
        1 145 3.2 3.63
                            2
                                 2.56 1.48
                                            0 23
                                                     23 2.46
                                                                 8.21 0.3
## -----
## group: RNC
     vars n mean
                    sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis se
        1 64 8.97 8.81
                         6.5
                                7.37 5.19
                                           0 46
                                                    46 2.09
                                                                4.92 1.1
t.test(speech$Authority ~ speech$Convention)
##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: speech$Authority by speech$Convention
## t = -5.0532, df = 72.63, p-value = 3.13e-06
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -8.044145 -3.493355
## sample estimates:
## mean in group DNC mean in group RNC
            3.20000
                             8.96875
cohen.d(speech$Authority, speech$Convention)
##
## Cohen's d
##
## d estimate: -1.00745 (large)
```

```
## 95 percent confidence interval:
##
        lower
                   upper
## -1.3188563 -0.6960441
### Purity ###
describeBy(speech$Purity, speech$Convention)
##
##
   Descriptive statistics by group
## group: DNC
##
            n mean sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
## X1
         1 145 1.88 2.8
                             1
                                  1.32 1.48
                                              0 17
                                                       17 2.4
                                                                   7.35 0.23
## group: RNC
      vars n mean
                     sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
         1 64 4.06 3.55
                                  3.62 2.97
                             3
                                              0 16
                                                       16 1.1
t.test(speech$Purity ~ speech$Convention)
##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: speech$Purity by speech$Convention
## t = -4.3471, df = 98.999, p-value = 3.349e-05
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -3.174683 -1.184800
## sample estimates:
## mean in group DNC mean in group RNC
            1.882759
                              4.062500
cohen.d(speech$Purity, speech$Convention)
##
## Cohen's d
##
## d estimate: -0.7148291 (medium)
## 95 percent confidence interval:
##
        lower
                   upper
## -1.0186177 -0.4110404
```

Graph of Results

I generate a graph to display the results of the analyses. These do not contain the invocation and benediction addresses.

Before I begin, I load some packages

```
# Load packages
library(car)
library(dplyr)
library(psych)
library(ggplot2)
library(GGally)
library("ggpubr")
library("reshape2")
library(scales)
```

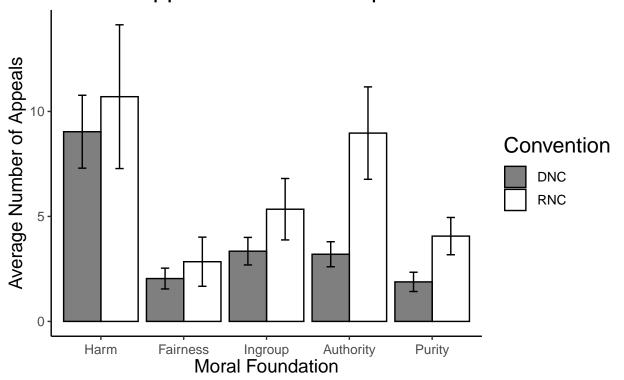
I will display my data using bar graphs. To do this, I generate some summary statistics for each of the foundations

```
# Summary Statistice by convention
Harm <- speech %>% group_by(Convention) %>% summarize(mean = mean(Harm,
    na.rm = TRUE), sd = sd(Harm, na.rm = TRUE), n = n(), se = sd/sqrt(n),
    ci = qt(0.975, df = n - 1) * se) %% mutate(type = "Harm")
Fairness <- speech %>% group_by(Convention) %>% summarize(mean = mean(Fairness,
    na.rm = TRUE), sd = sd(Fairness, na.rm = TRUE), n = n(),
    se = sd/sqrt(n), ci = qt(0.975, df = n - 1) * se) %% mutate(type = "Fairness")
Ingroup <- speech %>% group_by(Convention) %>% summarize(mean = mean(Ingroup,
    na.rm = TRUE), sd = sd(Ingroup, na.rm = TRUE), n = n(), se = sd/sqrt(n),
    ci = qt(0.975, df = n - 1) * se) % mutate(type = "Ingroup")
Authority <- speech %>% group_by(Convention) %>% summarize(mean = mean(Authority,
    na.rm = TRUE), sd = sd(Authority, na.rm = TRUE), n = n(),
    se = sd/sqrt(n), ci = qt(0.975, df = n - 1) * se) %>% mutate(type = "Authority")
Purity <- speech %>% group_by(Convention) %>% summarize(mean = mean(Purity,
    na.rm = TRUE), sd = sd(Purity, na.rm = TRUE), n = n(), se = sd/sqrt(n),
    ci = qt(0.975, df = n - 1) * se) %% mutate(type = "Purity")
To generate the graphs, I need to bind these summary statistics to one dataframe
# Combine each of the outputs
token <- rbind(Harm, Fairness, Ingroup, Authority, Purity)</pre>
```

I generate the plot using ggplot

```
ggplot(token, aes(x = type, y = mean, fill = Convention)) + geom_bar(stat = "identity",
    position = position_dodge(), color = "black") + geom_errorbar(aes(ymin = mean -
        ci, ymax = mean + ci), width = 0.2, position = position_dodge(0.9)) +
        ggtitle("Moral Appeals in Political Speeches") + theme_classic() +
        xlab("Moral Foundation") + ylab("Average Number of Appeals") +
        labs(caption = "Source: 2016 RNC and DNC") + theme(text = element_text(size = 12,
        colour = "black"), axis.title = element_text(size = 14, colour = "black"),
        title = element_text(size = 16, colour = "black"), plot.caption = element_text(size
        color = "black"), axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 0,
        hjust = 0.5, vjust = 0.5), plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5)) +
        scale_x_discrete(labels = wrap_format(10)) + scale_fill_manual("Convention",
        values = c(DNC = "grey50", RNC = "white"))
```

Moral Appeals in Political Speeches



Source: 2016 RNC and DNC