**Email 1**

Are you attached to the title? what i mean is that i really don’t think this is a sentiment analysis task (at heart). it’s vote prediction. it doesn’t really tell you how people feel about iraq war, just how they voted in a particular situation.

i’m just reading the introduction and basically think it’s not well organised and easy to read. the introduction is something that should flow nicely, and gently explain what the problem is etc. anyone should be able to read it and understand what the thesis will be about (at least the first few paragraphs). You start with motivation then the problem definition, without even telling people what the thesis is about.

you should work on it some more and test it out on your mom. it should be clear enough that she can get what’s going on without you having to add extra information. don’t do technical lingo definitions in the first paragraph. you can phrase things in nice lay terms so everyone can understand. for example, what’s the hansard? it’s transcripts of the parliament.

at the moment i can barely follow and i basically know what it’s about. the examiner will be frustrated.

Improve on this general idea:

Before section 1.1 start off with an unnumbered paragraph or two explaining the thesis problem and motivation in a few lines. e.g.

"This thesis explores the task of vote prediction based on prior voting history of members of the British Parliament.  To achieve this I use transcripts of the sessions of the British parliament and MPs voting history. I use machine learning techniques to observer prior voting history and speeches the MPs make in order to predict how they will vote at a crucial open vote. The vote considered here is… because …

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Also 1) problem definition 2) motivation. No one can understand your motivation if they don’t know what you’re doing.

**Email 2**

Also be careful of unsubstiated generalised statements like

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While computational approaches are often applied to political texts, very few studies have ever specifically concerned a British corpus (a collection of written or spoken material stored on a computer and used to find out how language is used [6]).  
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because i’m sure if you searched for hansard on google scholar there should be a lot of work with hansard not to mention that the british national corpus which is a really popular british corpus of spoken and written texts…