# Battle over Scientology - Twitter Followers

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**Data set source:**

Not sure why I decided this but wanted to see if those followers of Scientology on Twitter differed from those who appose Scientology. And after some research I found that Actress Leah Remini from King of Queens was once a Scientologist and now pools all her energy into opposing the religion. She even has a Netflix show “Scientology and the Aftermath” which I have not seen, but it did win an Emmy. Anyways she seems to be the strongest opposing force to Scientology that I could find. So, the Data set is two text files containing those who follow @Scientology and those who follow @LeahRemini on Twitter.

**Data set description:**

The data was scraped from Twitter using Tweepy and code I used for the Twitter API exercise. I then wrote the data to a two text files named ` LeahRemini\_followers.txt` and ` Scientology\_followers.txt`. I collected the following data from the followers of each handle: screen\_name, name, id, location, friends\_count and description. I think the limitations for the data was I did not pull enough of it. I would continue to pull all of the followers if I were to answer more questions about this data

**Descriptive statistics:**

Leah Remini:

Tokens: 28750

Unique Tokens: 12218

Average Token Length: 6.08

Lexical Diversity: 0.43

Top 20 words:

USA, Love, New, CA, TX, Mom, Life, Like, NY, United, Los, States, FL, San, Proud, Lover, World, Living,

Music, One

Scientology:

Tokens: 32683

Unique Tokens: 15426

Average Token Length: 6.12

Lexical Diversity: 0.47

Top 20 words:

USA, de, Love, New, United, CA, LA, Life, South, States, Los, en, el, England, NY, FL, World, Africa, Like,

Music

**Interesting questions:**

What is the location of the followers of both accounts?

Are there any celebrity followers for either side?

Is there a difference word choice between the two groups?

Who on either side has more friends? Also, which followers have more followers?

Is there possibly a follower of both?

What are the other interests of followers from both and are there any similarities?

**Approach for a single question:**

What are the other interests of followers from both and are there any similarities?

I would use some text pattern techniques to find common words form both accounts like “Love” with is a top word for both. Also, another part to this question would be if those who follow Scientology are into the same things as the other followers. So, I could look at the description of these followers and possibly filter out verbs and nouns using Parts of Speech and parsing.