# Understanding the Effect of Certain Socioeconomic Factors on Mental Health Outcomes

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## **Project Goal**

- Mental health => leading global concern
- Individuals with lower socioeconomic status => exhibits higher rates of mental disorders and vice versa for higher socioeconomic status individuals
- Leads to our question:

What specific socioeconomic factors among adults in the United States have a **profound impact** on mental health **severity**?

## **Dataset Description**

- https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/2023nhis.htm
- 29522 instances
- 647 attributes
- Class Label
  - Combines PHQ41\_A, PHQ42\_A, PHQ44\_A, and PHQ44\_A attributes

Code	Description
1	Not at all
2	Several days
3	More than half the days
4	Nearly every day
7	Refused
8	Not Ascertained
9	Don't Know

#### MHA: Brief mental health assessment

Variable #	Question #	Variable Name	Source Variables	Description	Туре	Location	Length
1	MHA.0020.00.4	PHQ41_A		How often little interest in things, past 2 weeks	Num	518	1
2	MHA.0030.00.4	PHQ42_A		How often feeling down, past 2 weeks	Num	519	1
3	Recode	PHQ2SCREEN_A	PHQ41_A; PHQ42_A	PHQ-2 screener result	Num	520	1
4	MHA.0040.00.4	PHQ43_A		How often felt nervous/anxious/on edge, past 2 weeks	Num	521	1
5	MHA.0050.00.4	PHQ44_A		How often can't stop/control worrying, past 2 weeks	Num	522	1
6	Recode	GAD2SCREEN_A	PHQ43_A; PHQ44_A	GAD-2 screener result	Num	523	1

## Pre-Processing

Removal of all attributes with >70% missing because:

- Lack of information little value
- Curse of dimensionality increases complexity of model with little improvement
- Leads to overfitting

We removed these by deleting the attribute all together.

## Pre-Processing - Continued

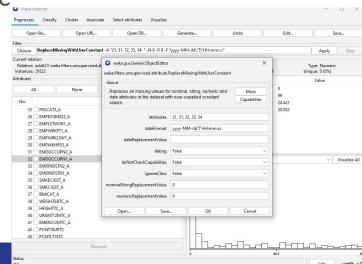
Filling in default values within the attribute because:

- Not everyone willing to answer questions
- Refusal to answer
- Participants don't know if they have or don't have

Replaced default value using Weka's

ReplaceMissingWithUserConstant

7	Refused
8	Not Ascertained
9	Don't Know



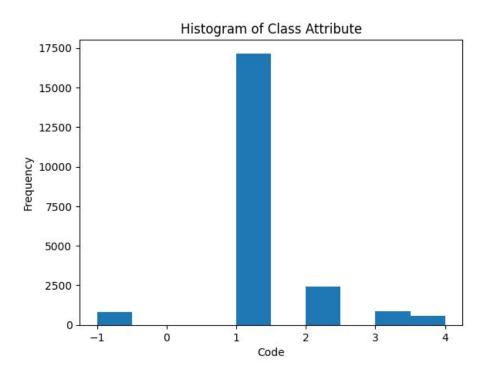
## Pre-Processing - Continued

Engineering the class attribute involved combining the 4 previously mentioned into a class variable. This was completed using a python script.

Overall left with 336 attributes.

```
def engineer attribute(row):
Engineers a new attribute based on PHQ41_A, PHQ42_A, PHQ43_A, PHQ44_A.
row: A pandas Series representing a row in the DataFrame.
Returns: The engineered attribute value.
phq values = [row['PHQ41 A'], row['PHQ42 A'], row['PHQ43 A'], row['PHQ44 A']]
if all(1 <= val <= 1 and not np.isnan(val) for val in phq_values):
  return 1
elif all(7 \le \text{val} \le 9 \text{ and not np.isnan}(\text{val}) \text{ for val in phq values}):
  return -1
else:
  average = np.nanmean(phq values)
  if 2 \le average \le 4:
   return round(average)
  else:
   return np.nan # Or another default value if needed
# Apply the function to create a new column
df['engineered attribute'] = df.apply(engineer attribute, axis=1)
# Print the DataFrame with the new column
print(df[['PHQ41_A', 'PHQ42_A', 'PHQ43_A', 'PHQ44_A', 'engineered_attribute']])
```

# Spread of Class Variable



## Manual Attribute Removal

Removed all attributes related to mental health or explicitly mentioned depression/anxiety

#### Unweighted frequencies:

DEPEV_A	Ever had depression		
Code	Description	Frequency	Pe
1	Yes	5769	
2	No	23708	
7	Refused	28	
8	Not Ascertained	0	
9	Don't Know	17	Γ

Frequency Missing:

#### **Unweighted frequencies:**

ANXMED\_A Take medication for worried/nervous/anxious feelings

Code	Description	Frequency	Percent
1	Yes	4329	14.66
2	No	24470	82.89
7	Refused	44	0.15
8	Not Ascertained	657	2.23
9	Don't Know	22	0.07

Frequency Missing:

## Training / Validation / Testing Dataset

Completed using Python sklearn's train\_test\_split function. Used stratified sampling

Train/test: 70%

Validation: 30%

```
from sklearn.model selection import train test split
```

X\_train, X\_test, y\_train, y\_test = train\_test\_split(X, y, test\_size=0.2, random\_state=42, stratify=y)

## **Attribute Selection Algorithms**

#### CfsSubsetEval with BestFirst

- Good subset of features contains features highly correlated with the target class but uncorrelated with each other.
- Best First
  - Forward Selection: Empty set of features and add features incrementally
  - Backward Elimination: Start will all features and remove one by one
  - Bidirectional Search: Combine both forward and backward elimination

Selected attributes: 10,63,107,134,140,150,154,159,160,189

$$r_{zc} = \frac{k\overline{r_{zi}}}{\sqrt{k + k(k-1)\overline{r_{ii}}}}$$

#### Handpicked

151 VIGIL3 A

0.579129

- Calculating the Spearman rank correlation index of each attribute in relation to the class "engineered attribute".
- Taking the absolute value of the correlation coefficients

print(top 10 correlations)

Take the top 10, around a threshold of 0.6 on both the positive and negative

```
end.
                                  # Calculate Spearman rank correlations
0.634879
          121 HRTESTLAST A
                                  correlations = df.corr(method='spearman')['engineered attribute'].drop('engineered attribute')
          26 EMPDYSMSS3 A
0.610201
0.596229
           1 URBRRL
                                  # Take the absolute value of the correlations
          70 REGION
0.593039
                                  absolute correlations = correlations.abs()
0.592348
           7 PSTRAT
         224 LONGCOVD1 A
0.590748
                                  # Get the top 10 most correlated attributes
          150 VIGIL4 A
0.587731
                                  top 10 correlations = absolute correlations.nlargest(10)
0.58613
         134 SMKNOW A
          71 INTV ORT
0.582264
```

#### CorrelationAttributeEval with Ranker

- CorrelationAttributeEval evaluates attributes based on their correlation with the class label.
- Measures the relationship between each feature and target class.
- Uses the Pearson correlation.

```
0.633966 261 SOCSCLPAR_A
0.633344 266 COGMEMDFF_A
0.568578 311 LSATIS4_A
0.538037 312 PHSTAT_A
0.511334 262 SOCERRNDS_A
... [omitted for length]
-0.703882 154 DISCRIM5_A
-0.724287 150 VIGIL4_A
-0.745768 160 MHTHDLY_A
```

-0.747032 159 MHTHND A

$$r=rac{\sum{(x-m_x)(y-m_y)}}{\sqrt{\sum{(x-m_x)^2\sum{(y-m_y)^2}}}}$$

GainRatioAttributeEval with Ranker

0.510287

0.506297

0.505223

0.50145

... omitted for length]

 $GainRatio(A) = Gain(A)/SplitInfo_A(D)$ 

$$SplitInfo_{A}(D) = -\sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \frac{|D_{j}|}{|D|} \times \log_{2}(\frac{|D_{j}|}{|D|})$$

$$Gain(A) = Info(D) - Info_A(D)$$

$$Info(D) = -\sum_{i=1}^{m} p_i \log_2(p_i)$$

Info 
$$_{A}(D) = \sum_{j=1}^{v} \frac{|D_{j}|}{|D|} \times Info(D_{j})$$

#### SymmetricUncertAttributeEval

- SymmetricUncertAttributeEval is an attribute evaluator based on the concept of Symmetrical Uncertainty (SU)
- Entropy is a measure of the uncertainty or randomness in data.
- Symmetrical uncertainty is a normalized form of information gain, designed to remove biases towards attributes with many values.

```
0.564391
         322 FAM A
         318 WTFA A
0.192102
0.19129
         159 MHTHND A
         160 MHTHDLY A
0.088267
         261 SOCSCLPAR A
0.083587
         150 VIGIL4 A
0.078292
        311 LSATIS4 A
0.09597
0.0568936 156 DISCRIM3 A
         266 COGMEMDFF A
0.064919
0.063711
         154 DISCRIM5 A
0.061754
         153 VIGIL1 A
```

## **Model Selection**

#### **Decision Tables**

- Decision tables are concise visual representations of which actions to perform based on a given dataset.
- Each row responds to a combination of feature values,
- Rules which are the specific values/conditions in which the decision is made
- This model is good for interpretation and creates rules that might be valuable for analysis.

Not suitable for continuous variables and may be impractical for complex

models.

Age Group	Income Level	Purchase (Yes/No)
Young	Low	No
Young	High	Yes
Middle-aged	Low	Yes
Middle-aged	High	Yes
Senior	Low	No
Senior	High	No

## **Model Selection - Continued**

#### J48:

- This classifier is a subset of existing decision tree algorithms.
- It is an open-source Java implementation of the C4.5 decision tree algorithm.
- Uses a recursive process to build the tree.
- Uses information gain to measure how much a feature reduces the uncertainty for the class label.
- J48 is great for larger datasets as well as handling both categorical and continuous variables.
- Prone to overfitting and bias towards certain features due to the use of gain ratios.

## Model Selection - Continued

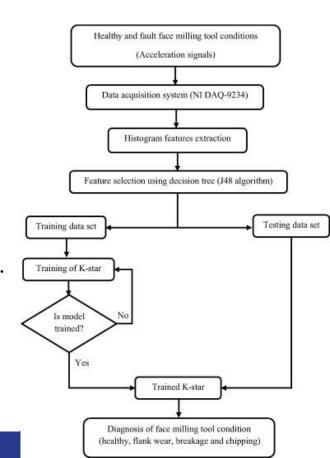
#### Bagging:

- Bagging involves training multiple models independently on different subsets of the data.
- The data will be randomly sampled an n amount of times with replacement.
- The model will train it on each of the data samples which create predictions.
- Models' predictions will be combined through simple averaging to make an overall prediction.
- Bagging can reduce variance and improve stability because it trains on multiple different models with different subsets of data.
- Increased computation because requires training of multiple models as well as not being useful for low variance models.

## **Model Selection - Continued**

#### **KStar**

- Stores all the training data and makes predictions only when a new instance is classified.
- Makes decisions based on distances between new instances and the stored training data.
- Instances that are closer to the new instance have more influence and more weight on final prediction.
- K star is good for complex distributions of data as well as categorical and continuous data.
- Complex and may be slow for large datasets as well as being memory intensive because it saves all the training instances.



## Why Not Others? (AdaBoostM1)

```
=== Summary ===
Correctly Classified Instances
                                                        74.7225 %
                                      5250
Incorrectly Classified Instances
                                                         25,2775 %
                                     1776
Kappa statistic
                                         0.5718
Mean absolute error
                                        0.2556
Root mean squared error
                                        0.3307
Relative absolute error
                                        98.8777 %
Root relative squared error
                                        91.7491 %
Total Number of Instances
                                     7026
=== Detailed Accuracy By Class ===
                                                                          ROC Area PRC Area Class
                 TP Rate FP Rate Precision
                                             Recall
                                                      F-Measure MCC
                 0.922
                                              0.922
                         0.232
                                   0.600
                                                      0.727
                                                                 0.623
                                                                          0.845
                                                                                    0.574
                                                                                              -1
                 0.973
                         0.172
                                   0.854
                                              0.973
                                                      0.910
                                                                 0.812
                                                                          0.901
                                                                                    0.845
                                                                                              1
                 0.000
                         0.000
                                             0.000
                                                                          0.712
                                                                                    0.176
                 0.000
                         0.000
                                             0.000
                                                                          0.617
                                                                                    0.075
                 0.000
                         0.000
                                             0.000
                                                                          0.607
                                                                                    0.078
                 0.747
                         0.151
                                             0.747
                                                                          0.833
                                                                                    0.614
Weighted Avg.
=== Confusion Matrix ===
                           <-- classified as
 1773 151
                               a = -1
   95 3477
                              b = 1
  573 142
                              c = 2
  253 142
                               d = 3
  261 159
                              e = 4
```

## **Example Statistics**

```
=== Summary ===
Correctly Classified Instances
                                     18343
                                                         88.7636 %
Incorrectly Classified Instances
                                      2322
                                                         11.2364 %
Kappa statistic
                                         0.8051
Mean absolute error
                                         0.074
Root mean squared error
                                         0.1876
Relative absolute error
                                        32.3704 %
Root relative squared error
                                        55.5117 %
Total Number of Instances
                                     20665
=== Detailed Accuracy By Class ===
                                                                                    PRC Area Class
                TP Rate FP Rate Precision
                                              Recall
                                                       F-Measure MCC
                                                                           ROC Area
                0.875
                          0.039
                                   0.900
                                              0.875
                                                       0.887
                                                                  0.843
                                                                           0.958
                                                                                     0.904
                                                                                               -1
                0.919
                          0.093
                                   0.932
                                              0.919
                                                       0.926
                                                                  0.824
                                                                           0.963
                                                                                     0.970
                0.856
                                                                  0.748
                                                                                     0.747
                          0.034
                                   0.694
                                              0.856
                                                       0.766
                                                                           0.960
                0.635
                          0.007
                                   0.717
                                              0.635
                                                       0.674
                                                                  0.666
                                                                           0.963
                                                                                     0.638
                0.639
                                   0.645
                                              0.639
                                                                  0.635
                                                                                     0.631
                          0.007
                                                       0.642
                                                                           0.962
Weighted Avg.
                0.888
                          0.069
                                   0.891
                                              0.888
                                                       0.889
                                                                  0.815
                                                                           0.961
                                                                                     0.917
=== Confusion Matrix ===
                                 <-- classified as
     a
  5199
        459
              182
                            47 |
                                     a = -1
  453 11046
              415
                            53 |
                                     b = 1
        114 1458
                                     c = 2
        153
                            16
                                     d = 3
               25
    37
         79
               22
                           260 I
                                     e = 4
```

# Summary of Accuracies

	Model Type				
Attribute Group	Decision Table	J48	Bagging	KStar	Averages
cfsEVAL	88.7636	88.9475	88.6422	86.0233	88.09415
reliefEVAL	88.0444	88.0159	86.2226	75.6618	84.486175
corrEVAL	85.8098	86.4098	85.8098	82.3086	85.0845
gainEVAL	88.6991	85.8098	85.8098	85.3829	86.4254
symmEVAL	88.9268	89.4677	86.2226	85.454	87.517775
Averages	88.04874	87.73014	86.5414	82.96612	

## cfsEVAL

=== Summary ===			== Summary ===			
Correctly Classified Instances Incorrectly Classified Instances Kappa statistic Mean absolute error Root mean squared error Relative absolute error Root relative squared error Total Number of Instances	18343 88.7636 % 2322 11.2364 % 0.8051 0.074 0.1876 32.3704 % 55.5117 % 20665		prrectly Classified Instances ncorrectly Classified Instance appa statistic an absolute error not mean squared error alative absolute error not relative squared error not all Number of Instances		88.9475 % 11.0525 %	
=== Detailed Accuracy By Class ===			== Detailed Accuracy By Class	===		
0.919 0.093 0. 0.856 0.034 0. 0.635 0.007 0. 0.639 0.007 0.	recision         Recall         F-Measure         MCC           .900         0.875         0.887         0.843           .932         0.919         0.926         0.824           .694         0.856         0.766         0.748           .717         0.635         0.674         0.666           .645         0.639         0.642         0.635           .891         0.888         0.889         0.815	ROC Area PRC Area Class 0.958 0.904 -1 0.963 0.970 1 0.960 0.747 2 0.963 0.638 0.962 0.631 4 0.961 0.917	TP Rate PP Ri 0.877 0.04 0.932 0.10 0.776 0.02 0.664 0.00 0.636 0.00 ≥ighted Avg. 0.889 0.07	.1 0.895 0.877 9 0.922 0.932 3 0.754 0.776 9 0.694 0.664 6 0.673 0.636	0.886 0.841 0 0.927 0.824 0 0.765 0.743 0 0.679 0.669 0 0.654 0.648 0	ROC Area PRC Area Class 0.946 0.865 -1 0.950 0.955 1 0.943 0.743 2 0.945 0.630 3 0.917 0.533 4 0.948 0.894
=== Confusion Matrix ===			== Confusion Matrix ===			
5199 459 182 52 47   453 11046 415 51 53   66 114 1458 38 27	classified as a = -1 b = 1 c = 2 d = 3 e = 4		a b c d e 5208 471 148 59 53 475 11195 244 65 39 72 250 1322 39 20 24 139 24 397 14 38 82 16 12 259	a = -1 b = 1 c = 2 d = 3		

**Decision Table** 

## symmEVAL

```
=== Summary ===
Correctly Classified Instances
                                     6248
                                                        88.9268 %
Incorrectly Classified Instances
                                      778
                                                        11.0732 %
Kappa statistic
                                        0.806
Mean absolute error
                                        0.0759
Root mean squared error
                                        0.1883
Relative absolute error
                                       33.1669 %
Root relative squared error
                                       55.6112 %
Total Number of Instances
                                     7026
=== Detailed Accuracy By Class ===
                 TP Rate FP Rate Precision Recall
                                                      F-Measure MCC
                                                                          ROC Area PRC Area Class
                 0.875
                         0.045
                                  0.888
                                             0.875
                                                      0.881
                                                                 0.834
                                                                          0.960
                                                                                    0.905
                 0.932
                         0.107
                                  0.923
                                             0.932
                                                      0.928
                                                                 0.827
                                                                          0.964
                                                                                    0.972
                 0.806
                         0.022
                                  0.765
                                             0.806
                                                      0.785
                                                                 0.766
                                                                          0.965
                                                                                    0.782
                 0.620
                         0.008
                                  0.705
                                             0.620
                                                      0.660
                                                                 0.652
                                                                          0.966
                                                                                    0.634
                 0.606
                          0.007
                                  0.676
                                             0.606
                                                      0.639
                                                                 0.633
                                                                          0.970
                                                                                    0.615
                 0.889
                         0.077
                                  0.889
                                             0.889
                                                      0.889
                                                                 0.815
                                                                          0.963
                                                                                    0.920
Weighted Avg.
=== Confusion Matrix ===
                           <-- classified as
      163
                 20
                      22
                              a = -1
            83
                      10
                              h = 1
                 13
                              c = 2
        46
             7 124
                      3
                              d = 3
                  3
                      94
                              e = 4
```

```
=== Summary ===
Correctly Classified Instances
                                     6286
                                                        89.4677 %
Incorrectly Classified Instances
                                      740
                                                        10.5323 %
Kappa statistic
                                        0.817
Mean absolute error
                                        0.0677
Root mean squared error
                                        0.1853
Relative absolute error
                                       29.6203 %
Root relative squared error
                                       54.7355 %
Total Number of Instances
                                     7026
=== Detailed Accuracy By Class ===
                TP Rate FP Rate Precision
                                             Recall
                                                      F-Measure MCC
                                                                          ROC Area PRC Area Class
                 0.874
                         0.039
                                  0.900
                                             0.874
                                                      0.887
                                                                 0.842
                                                                          0.951
                                                                                    0.874
                                                                                              -1
                 0.931
                         0.092
                                  0.933
                                             0.931
                                                      0.932
                                                                 0.839
                                                                          0.952
                                                                                    0.956
                 0.815
                         0.024
                                  0.750
                                             0.815
                                                      0.781
                                                                          0.948
                                                                                    0.722
                                                                 0.761
                 0.725
                         0.009
                                  0.704
                                             0.725
                                                      0.714
                                                                 0.706
                                                                          0.943
                                                                                    0.670
                                                                                              3
                 0.723
                         0.008
                                  0.675
                                             0.723
                                                      0.698
                                                                 0.691
                                                                          0.934
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Weighted Ava.
                0.895
                         0.067
                                  0.896
                                             0.895
                                                      0.895
                                                                 0.826
                                                                          0.951
                                                                                    0.899
=== Confusion Matrix ===
                           <-- classified as
 1772 152
                  23
                              a = -1
  160 3790
            86
                 23
                      12
                              b = 1
       61 467
                 13
                      13
                              c = 2
       35
                              d = 3
                145
       24
             8 2 112
                              e = 4
```

## Winner - symmEVAL with J48

```
=== Summary ===
Correctly Classified Instances
                                     6286
                                                       89.4677 %
Incorrectly Classified Instances
                                      740
                                                       10.5323 %
Kappa statistic
                                        0.817
Mean absolute error
                                        0.0677
Root mean squared error
                                        0.1853
Relative absolute error
                                       29.6203 %
Root relative squared error
                                       54.7355 %
Total Number of Instances
                                     7026
=== Detailed Accuracy By Class ===
                TP Rate FP Rate Precision Recall
                                                      F-Measure MCC
                                                                         ROC Area PRC Area Class
                0.874
                         0.039
                                  0.900
                                             0.874
                                                      0.887
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Weighted Avg.
                 0.895
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                                  0.896
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=== Confusion Matrix ===
                           <-- classified as
 1772 152
                 23
                      26 I
                              a = -1
  160 3790
            86 23
                      12 I
                              b = 1
   19
       61 467 13
                     13 |
                              c = 2
             8 145
                              d = 3
        35
                  2 112 İ
                              e = 4
```

## Recreating Our Model

- Access preprocessed adult23\_train+test.csv
- 2. Tranform to Nominal datatypes
- 3. Go to the "Select Attributes" tab and choose the correct class "engineered\_attribute"
- 4. Select SymmetricUncertAttributeEval (Symmetric Uncertainty Attribute Evaluation Selection) as the Attribute Evaluator, and Ranker as the Search Method
- 5. Hit Start and wait for the program to finish
- 6. Take note of top 11 (threshold 0.55) features; keep the index values for these features
- 7. Go back to the Preprocess tab and click Remove other attributes except this
- 8. Click on the Classify tab and click "Percentage Split" under Test Options, write 70%
- 9. Select the J48 model under trees
- 10. Click start and wait for it to complete

# So, which features are important?

cfsEVAL	reliefEVAL	corrEVAL	gainEVAL	symmEVAL
DISAB3_A	HRTESTLAST_A	SOCSCLPAR_A	MHTHND_A	FAM_A
MLTFAMFLG_A	EMPDYSMSS3_A	COGMEMDFF_A	MHTHDLY_A	WTFA_A
EVRMARRIED_A	URBRRL	LSATIS4_A	SOCSCLPAR_A	MHTHND_A
SMKNOW_A	REGION	PHSTAT_A	TBIHLSBMC_A	MHTHDLY_A
PAITOOTH3M_A	PSTRAT	SOCERRNDS_A	WTFA_A	SOCSCLPAR_A
VIGIL4_A	LONGCOVD1_A	DISCRIM5_A	FAM_A	VIGIL4_A
DISCRIM5_A	VIGIL4_A	VIGIL4_A	TBILCDCMG_A	LSATIS4_A
MHTHND_A	SMKNOW_A	MHTHDLY_A	HOMEHC12M_A	DISCRIM3_A
MHTHDLY_A	INTV_QRT	MHTHND_A	RXDG12M_A	COGMEMDFF_A
HYSTEV	VIGIL3_A		MEDNG12M_A	DISCRIM5_A
			MEDDL12M_A	VIGIL1_A

# **Delay Due to Cost**

Attribute	Description
MHTHND_A	Needed counseling, therapy but did not get it due to cost, past 12 months
MHTHDLY_A	Delayed counseling, therapy due to cost, past 12 months
MEDNG12M_A	Needed medical care but did not get it due to cost, past 12 months
MEDDL12M_A	Delayed medical care due to cost, past 12 months

## Health

Attribute	Description
DISAB3_A	The Washington Group Short Set Composite Disability Indicator
SMKNOW_A	Now smoke cigarettes
PAITOOTH3M_A	Toothache or jaw pain
HRTESTLAST_A	A How long since hearing test
LONGCOVD1_A	Had COVID-19 symptoms for 3 or more months
SMKNOW_A	Now smoke cigarettes
PHSTAT_A	General health status
TBIHLSBMC_A	Headache, sensitivities, balance problems or mood change, past 12 months
WTFA_A	Weight - Final Annual

# Personal Specifics

Attribute	Description
VIGIL4_A	Avoid certain situations and places
DISCRIM5_A	You are threatened or harassed
VIGIL3_A	Watch what you say and how you say it
SOCSCLPAR_A	Language socially
COGMEMDFF_A	Difficulty remembering/concentrating
SOCERRNDS_A	Difficulty doing errands alone
TBILCDCMG_A	A Lost consciousness, dazed or confused, or had gap in memory, past 12 months
VIGIL1_A	Prepare for possible insults before leaving home

# Family Structure

Attribute	Description
FAM_A	Number of Emergency Contacts
HOMEHC12M_A	Received care at home, past 12 months
MLTFAMFLG_A	Indicator for multifamily households
EVRMARRIED_A	Sample adult has ever been married

## **Odd Ones Out**

Attribute	Description
EMPDYSMSS3_A	Days missed work, past 12 months (top-coded)
LONGCOVD1_A	Had COVID-19 symptoms for 3 or more months

### **Discussion Part 1**

Some attributes don't fit into the primary category, such as:

- Having COVID-19 for three or more months.
- Days missed at work in the past 12 months.

Data is from a 2023 survey, a period where COVID-19 effects were still relevant.

This could introduce bias toward these attributes being significant.

A future study with more recent data could better assess COVID-19's impact on mental health. These attributes are NOT included in the SymmetricUncertAttributeEval attribute group, meaning:

- The final model selected doesn't include these attributes.
- The model could be more generalizable to non-COVID-19 periods, but external testing is needed to confirm.

## **Discussion Part 2**

- General trends indicate that factors contributing to mental health severity include:
  - a. Health
  - b. Financial status
  - c. Family support
  - d. Internal thoughts
- Three of these factors can be assessed in non-psychological settings:
  - a. Hospitals can check a patient's family support, general health, and how long they waited to seek care.
  - b. These checks can guide recommendations for psychological evaluations, ensuring timely care.
- As mental health becomes more accepted, this information can help reduce barriers to support for vulnerable individuals despite lingering taboos.

## Conclusions

- Limitations:
  - a. Year of data collection
  - b. Uneven class distribution

 Great model performance 88% accuracy. This is well suited for medical application

# Any Questions?