

DATA 641 - HW1(Analysis Part)

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Analysis of the most commonly used bigrams by both Democrats and Republicans suggests that, while the two parties closely follow similar topics and issues, their approaches to the same issues can differ. Top bigrams shared by both parties include “United States”, “President Trump”, and “Mr. President”, but Democrats are more likely to discuss “Unanimous Consent” and “Madam President”, while Republicans are more likely to discuss “American People” and “Small Businesses”. This suggests that the two parties have varying priorities when it comes to addressing the same issues. It may be that Democrats are more likely to prioritize compromise and consensus-building, while Republicans may instead take a more confrontational approach.

The Democratic and Republican parties have differing approaches to various topics, such as the economy and foreign policy. When discussing the economy, Democrats may emphasize the value of stimulus packages, increasing taxes on the wealthy and offering government support for small businesses. Conversely, Republicans may emphasize the importance of tax cuts, reducing regulations, and incentivizing businesses to hire more people. With regards to foreign policy, Democrats may focus on diplomacy, international cooperation and respect for human rights, while Republicans may prioritize national security, military strength, and economic sanctions. These distinctions demonstrate the different approaches each party takes when discussing the same topics.

Generally speaking, Republicans place greater emphasis on economic matters like trade agreements and unemployment insurance, while Democrats lean more towards social matters like civil rights and climate change. The Republican Party has a focus on economic issues, as evidenced by President Trump's 2017 tax reform bill, their push for unemployment insurance reform, and their championing of the USMCA trade agreement. Meanwhile, the Democratic Party has typically placed more attention on social issues, such as their support for the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, their focus on civil rights and racial justice, and their advocacy for a Green New Deal to address climate change.