



# COVID19 Vaccine Twitter Posts: Data Labeling and Text Classification

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# Problem Statement

SNS data serve as great resources for public opinions on different topics, don't have necessary y-labels to predict on.

The goal of this project is to find out an optimal labeling method for twitter posts regarding COVID19 vaccines to classify them into "pro-vaccination" vs "anti-vaccination".

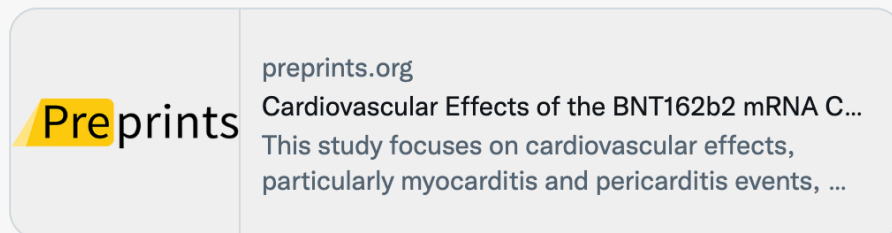




**Dr. Simone Gold** @drsimonegold · Aug 13

BREAKING: A new study has found cardiovascular adverse effects in around a third of teens following Pfizer vaccination, and heart inflammation in one in 43, raising fresh concerns about the risks of vaccination for young people.

This is beyond concerning.



640

11.4K

20.1K



**Joy-Ann (Pro-Democracy) Reid** 🗣️🔵 @JoyAnnReid · Aug 23, 2021

Great news!! Full FDA approval of the Pfizer COVID vaccine. Great sign that the others could follow. Hopefully this will get some people off the fence.  
[#getvaxxed](#) [#beatcovid](#)

**AP The Associated Press** 🔵 @AP · Aug 23, 2021

BREAKING: U.S. regulators give full approval to Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine, a milestone that may help lift public confidence in the shots.  
[apne.ws/oc8ApIC](https://apne.ws/oc8ApIC)

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256

2,133

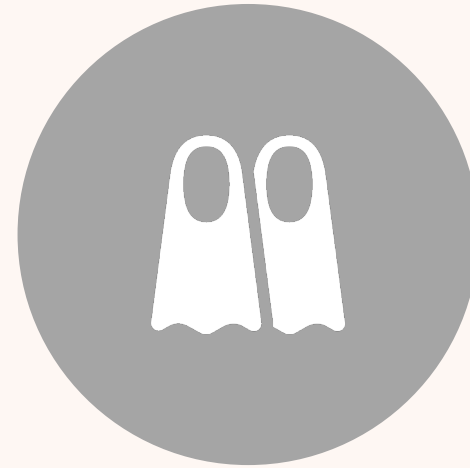


# Anti-vax vs Pro-vax

# Labeling Methods



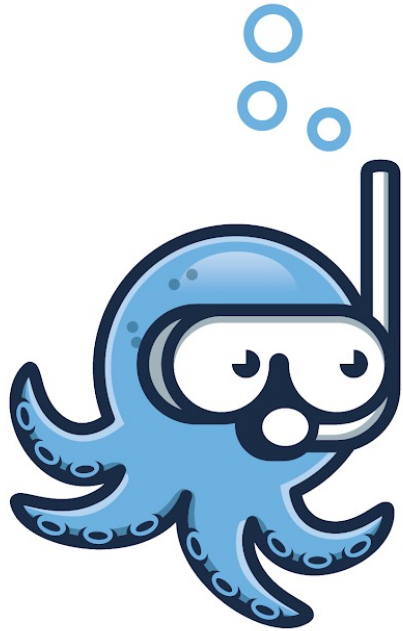
HASHTAG –  
CROWDSOURCING



SNORKEL-  
DATA LABELING PLATFORM

# Snorkel.ai

- Labeling tool for unlabeled data
- Sets of rough rules that help classify between the texts
- Take a vote on the majority!
- Takes weight into consideration



# snorkel

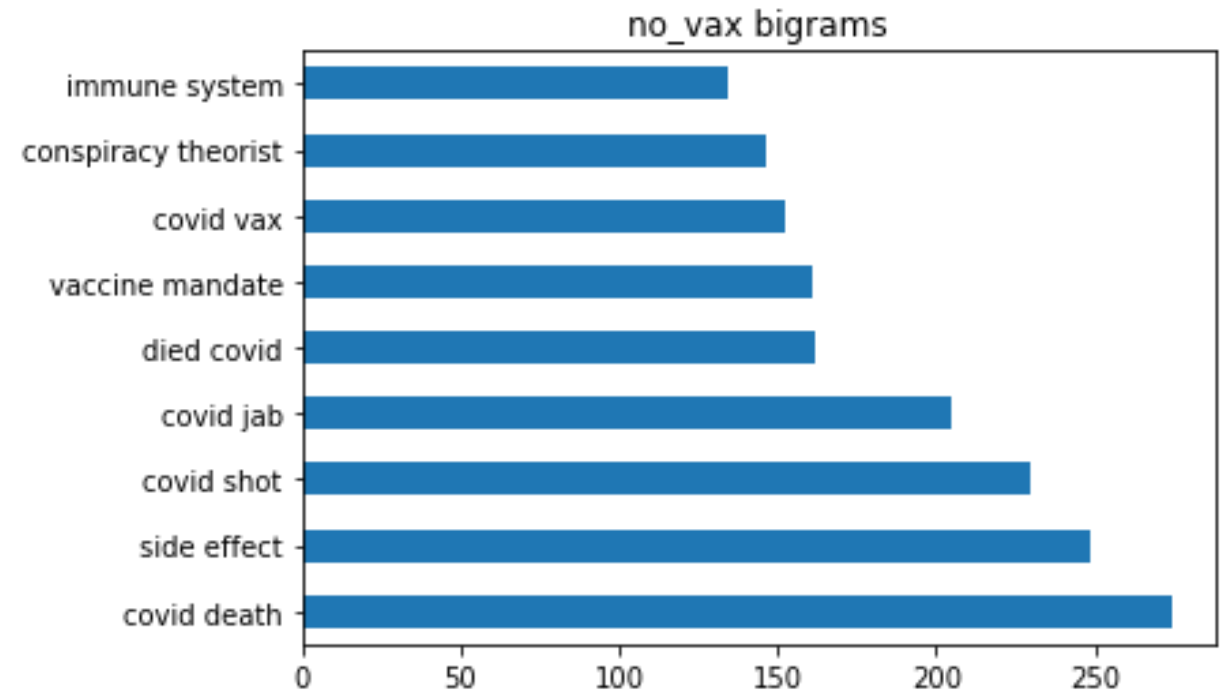
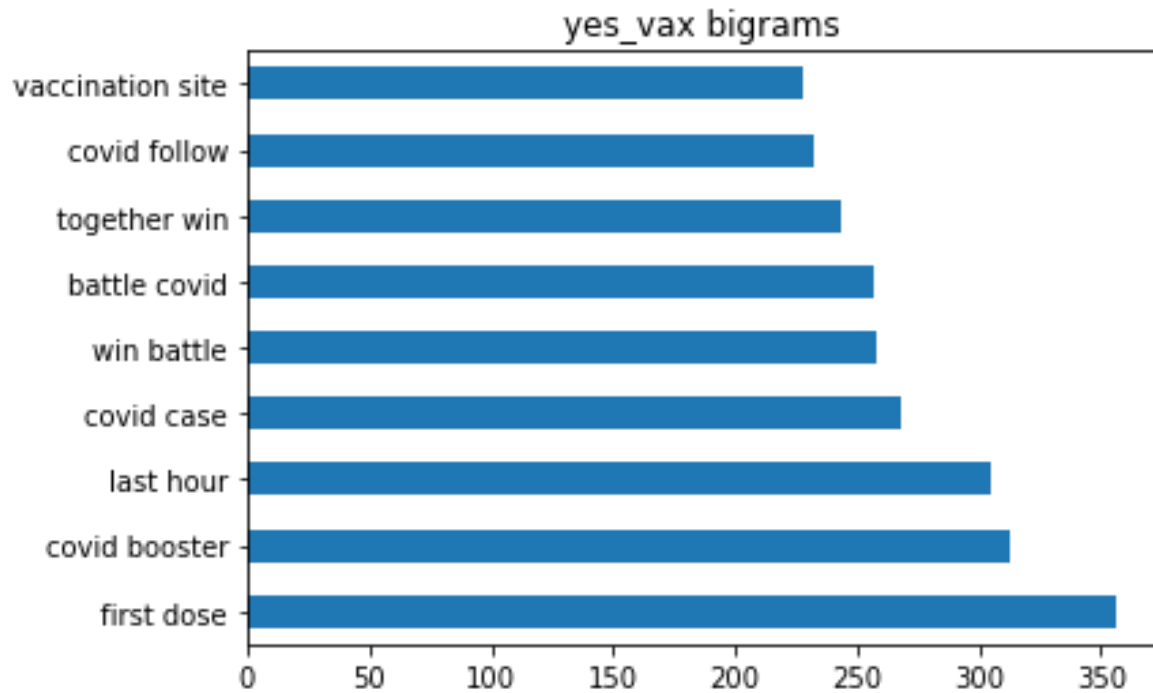


# Datasets

- SNScrape API
- 2 main datasets
  - Unlabeled ( data scraped just with general covid19 vaccine topic)
  - Hashtag labeled (data scraped based on parameters)

Pro_Vax	n	Anti_Vax	n
Unite2FightCorona	1000	NoVaccineMandates	1060
StaySafe	679	InformedConsent	748
GetVaccinated	473	MyBodyChoice	545
Vaccinated	417	NoVaccinePassports	528
LargestVaccinationDrive	381	VaccineSideEffects	513
healthcare	360	MedicalFreedom	503
COVIDisAirborne	337	IDoNotConsent	484
COVIDAppropriateBehaviour	332	VaccineInjury	419

## Hashtag Labeled Data – Other Hashtags



Hashtag Labeled - Bigrams



# Snorkel labeling function

Keywords

Sentiment

subjectivity

Hashtags

Profanity words

# Snorkel Results

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development set accuracy =  
59.2%

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hashtag subset accuracy =  
61.5%

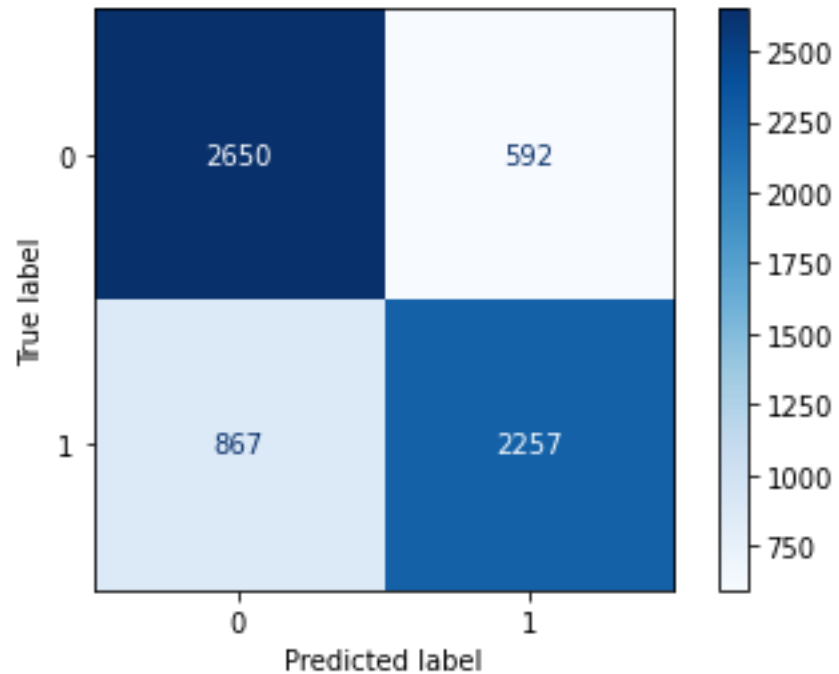
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Coverage:  
75,644 out of 111,959 rows

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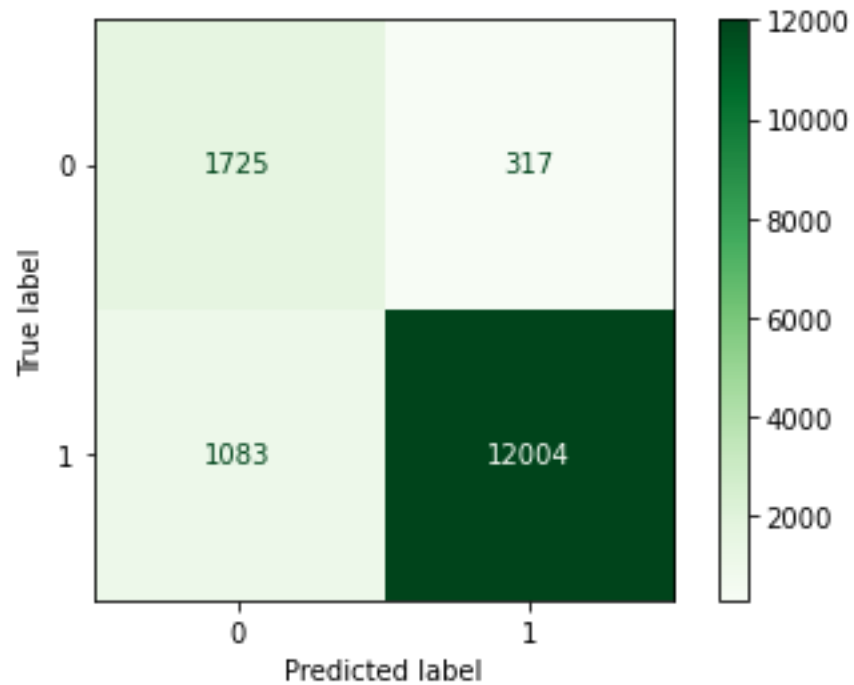
label distribution:  
pro-vax (0.86), anti-vax (0.14)

# Model results – Hashtag Labeled



test	precision	recall	f1-score
0	0.75	0.82	0.78
1	0.79	0.72	0.76
accuracy			0.77

# Model results – Snorkel Labeled



test	precision	recall	f1-score
0	0.61	0.84	0.78
1	0.97	0.92	0.94
accuracy			0.91



## Conclusion & next steps

- Snorkel Labeled data is better in terms of accuracy, recall, and precision
- Snorkel model integrity could be questionable
- Hashtag labeling is easier, but limited
- **Next step:**
  - compare across the two models
  - run hashtag labeled against unlabeled dataset