



# FLAGGING CYBERBULLYING ON TWITTER FOR BE KIND ORG.

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## **BUSINESS OBJECTIVE**

 Changes in Twitter leadership could lead to a rise in hate speech and misinformation online

- BeKind Org. will create a browser extension to flag potentially harmful tweets
- A predictive model is needed to accurately flag instances of cyberbullying



### **OUR SOLUTION**

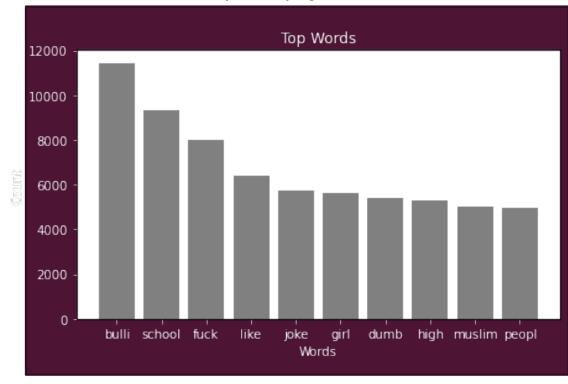
- Utilize real tweets that have already been manually flagged by type of cyberbullying
- Process tweets such that a predictive model can understand words the same way human beings can
- Train dataset using Neural Networks
  - An algorithm inspired by the biological neural networks that constitute the human brain



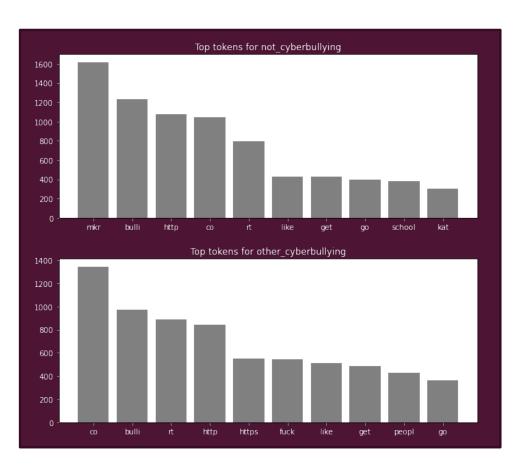
#### DATA EXPLORATION AND PROCESSING

- Data used for prediction consists of 47K tweets
  labeled according to the class of cyberbullying:
  - Age
  - Ethnicity
  - Gender
  - Religion
  - Other types of cyberbullying
  - Not cyberbullying
- Standardization and elimination are performed for model efficiency
  - "Bullies" and "Bullied" become "bulli"
  - Words such as "the", "a", "and" etc. will be removed

Frequency Distribution Of Top Words Used in Cyberbullying Tweets



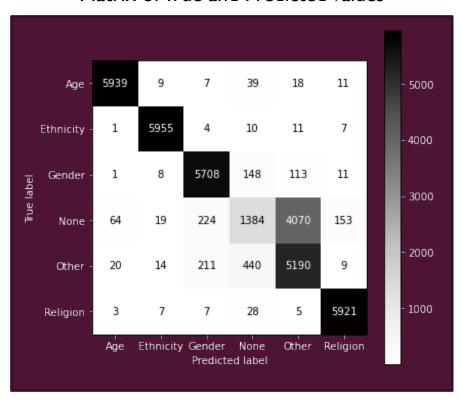
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- The most common words for most Cyberbullying categories are unique
- However, "Not Cyberbullying" and "Other Cyberbullying" had
  a high overlap in word usage
- Neural Networks are needed so our model can understand the **order of words** used

#### EVALUATION OF FINAL MODEL

#### Matrix of True and Predicted Values



- Our model predicted the correct label 82% of the time
- The model was less efficient classifying "other" types of cyberbullying with "non-bullying"
- This model correctly predicted non-bullying tweets
  32% of the time

#### RECOMMENDATIONS / NEXT STEPS



Implement this model as a starter for the browser extension and continue to gather data to improve accuracy in models.



Remove "other" classification of cyberbullying as it is too vague.



Include a flag for tweets with misleading or incorrect data articles, as the rise in these types of tweets can also negatively affect users.

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## **THANK YOU**