

AllCandidatesTopicAnalysis

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In [6]: from textstat.textstat import textstat
import csv
import pandas
import matplotlib
#matplotlib.style.use('ggplot')
%matplotlib inline
import ast

In [30]: trump_df = pandas.read_csv('data/all_trump_w_topics.csv')
trump_df['candidate'] = 'trump'
clinton_df = pandas.read_csv('data/all_clinton_w_topics.csv')
clinton_df['candidate'] = 'clinton'
sanders_df = pandas.read_csv('data/all_sanders_w_topics.csv')
sanders_df['candidate'] = 'sanders'
cruz_df = pandas.read_csv('data/all_cruz_w_topics.csv')
cruz_df['candidate'] = 'cruz'
ORGS = ['nyt', 'wsj', 'cnn', 'fox', 'ap', 'reuters', 'politico', 'mcclatchy', 'buzzfeed', 'huf']

In [31]: n = len(clinton_df)
clinton_df.index = xrange(len(trump_df), (len(trump_df) + n))
m = len(sanders_df)
sanders_df.index = xrange(max(clinton_df.index), max(clinton_df.index) + m)
c = len(cruz_df)
cruz_df.index = xrange(max(sanders_df.index), max(sanders_df.index) + c)

In [32]: all_df = pandas.concat([trump_df, clinton_df, sanders_df, cruz_df])
all_df['gunning_fog'] = all_df['body'].apply(lambda x: textstat.gunning_fog(x) if type(x) == str else 0)
all_df['flesch'] = all_df['body'].apply(lambda x: textstat.flesch_kincaid_grade(x) if type(x) == str else 0)
all_df['readability'] = all_df['body'].apply(lambda x: textstat.flesch_reading_ease(x) if type(x) == str else 0)
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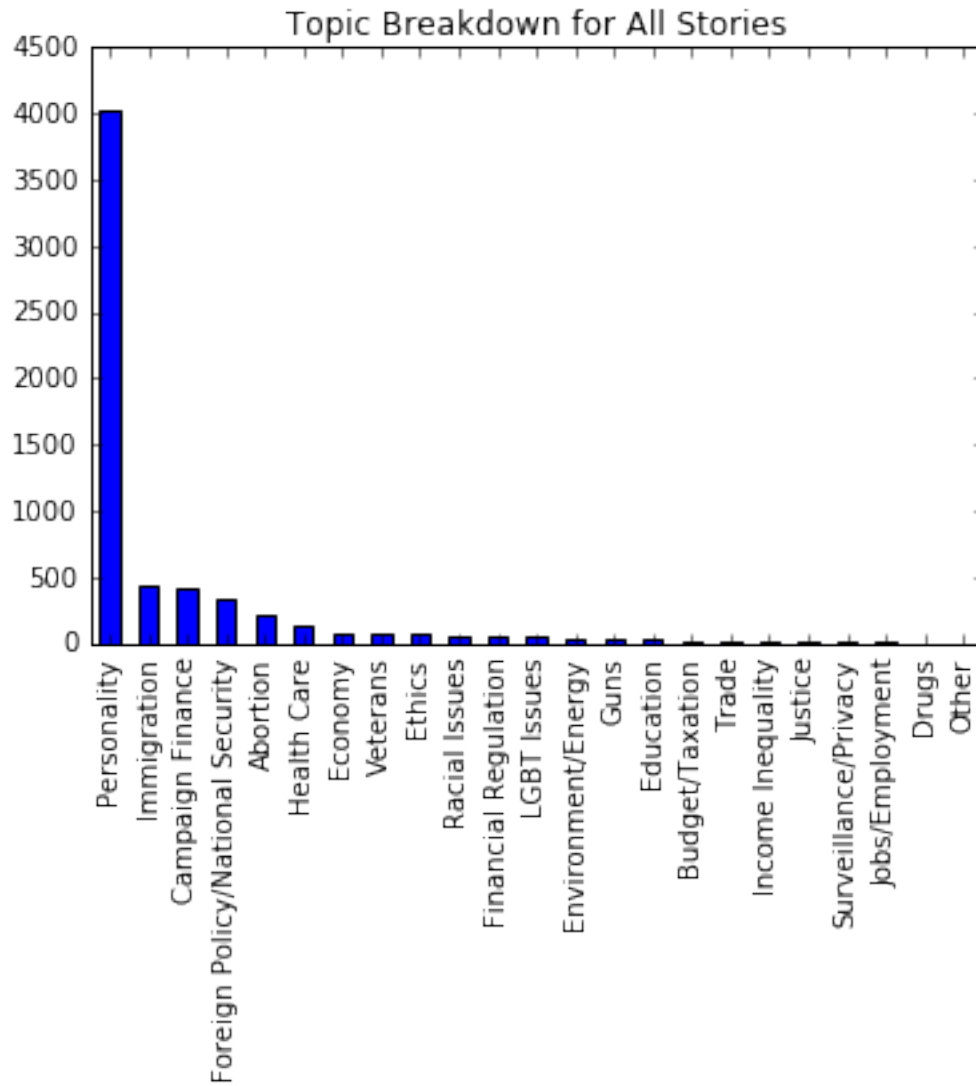
1 Convert topics to Dict and Filter by > 0.1

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In [34]: all_df['topic_dict'] = all_df['topic'].apply(lambda d: ast.literal_eval(d))
all_df['top_topics'] = all_df['topic_dict'].apply(lambda d: {k:v for k, v in d.iteritems() if v > 0.1})
all_df['topic_list'] = all_df['top_topics'].apply(lambda d: d.keys())
all_df['top_topic'] = all_df['topic_dict'].apply(lambda d: max(d, key=lambda i: d[i]))
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2 Breakdown of Story Topics

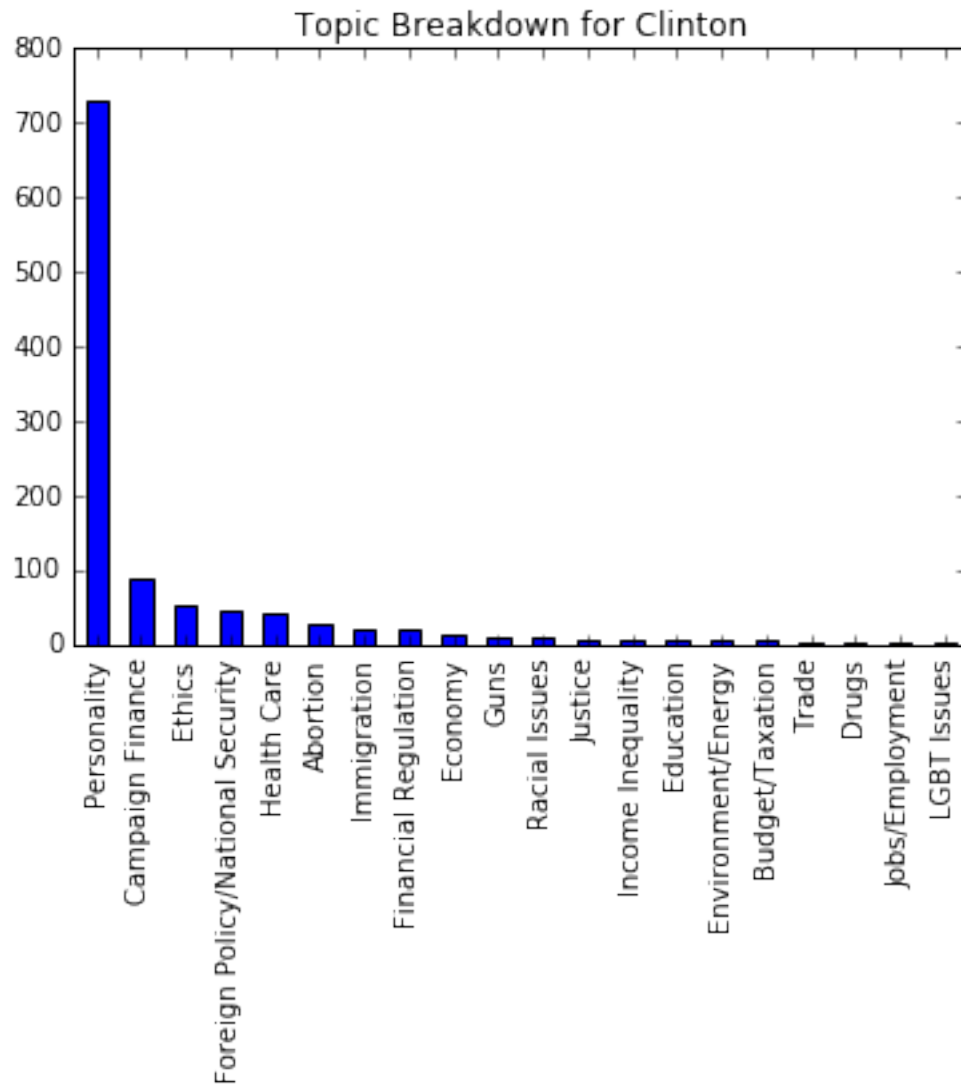
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In [35]: all_df['top_topic'].value_counts().plot(kind="bar", title="Topic Breakdown for All Stories")
# Top 10: Personality, Immigration, Campaign Finance, Foreign Policy/National Security, Abortion
# Health Care, Economy, Veterans, Ethics, Racial Issues
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Out[35]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1153c8b10>



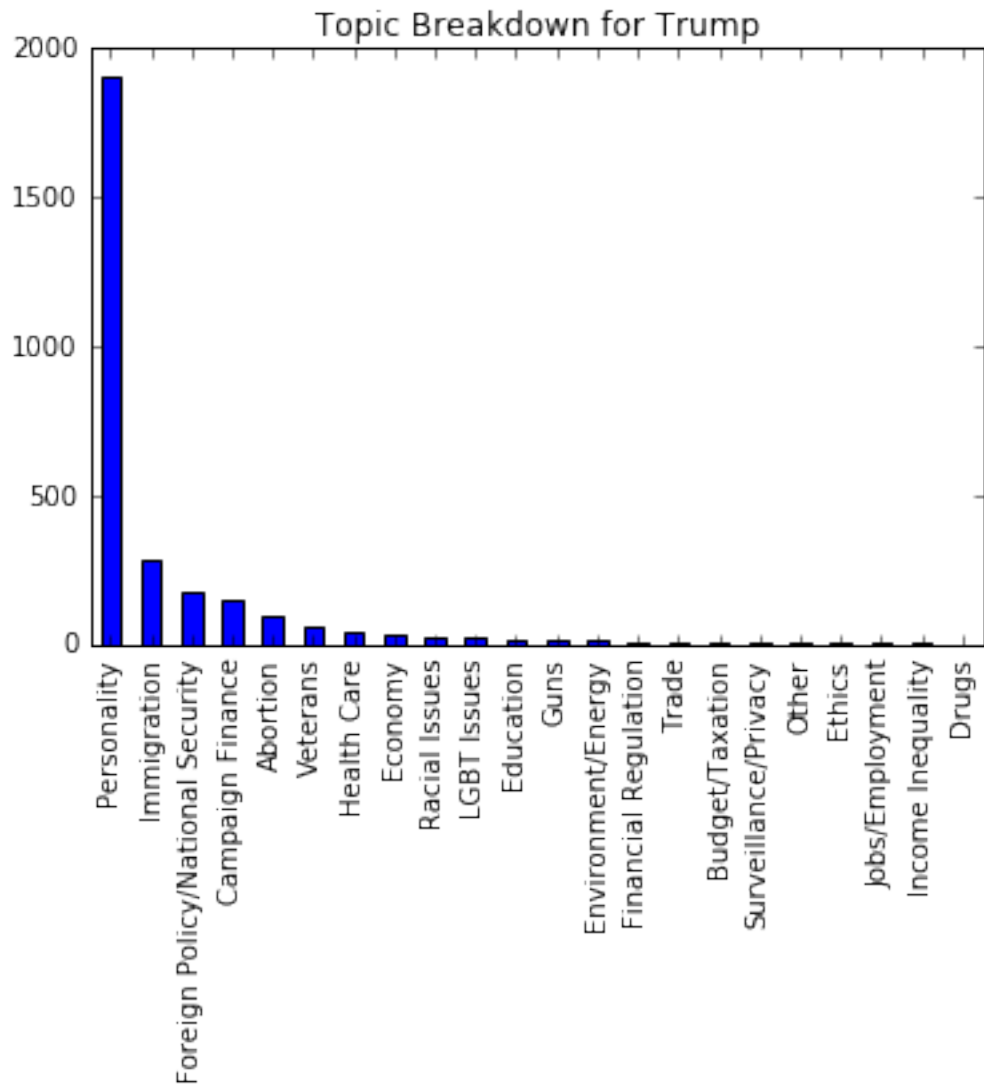
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In [41]: all_df[all_df['candidate'] == 'clinton']['top_topic'].value_counts().plot(kind="bar", title="T
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Out[41]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x116fd8f50>



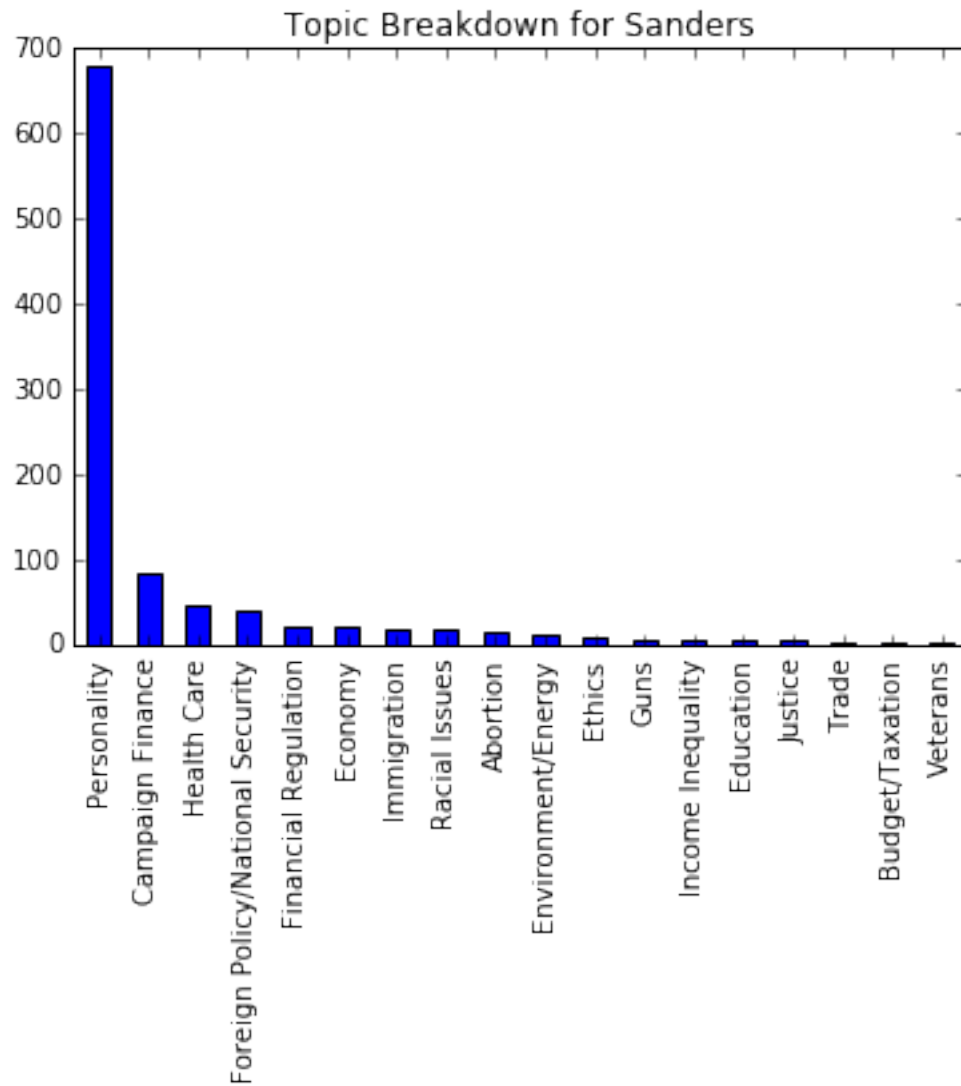
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In [42]: all_df[all_df['candidate'] == 'trump']['top_topic'].value_counts().plot(kind="bar", title="Top
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Out[42]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x114af8250>
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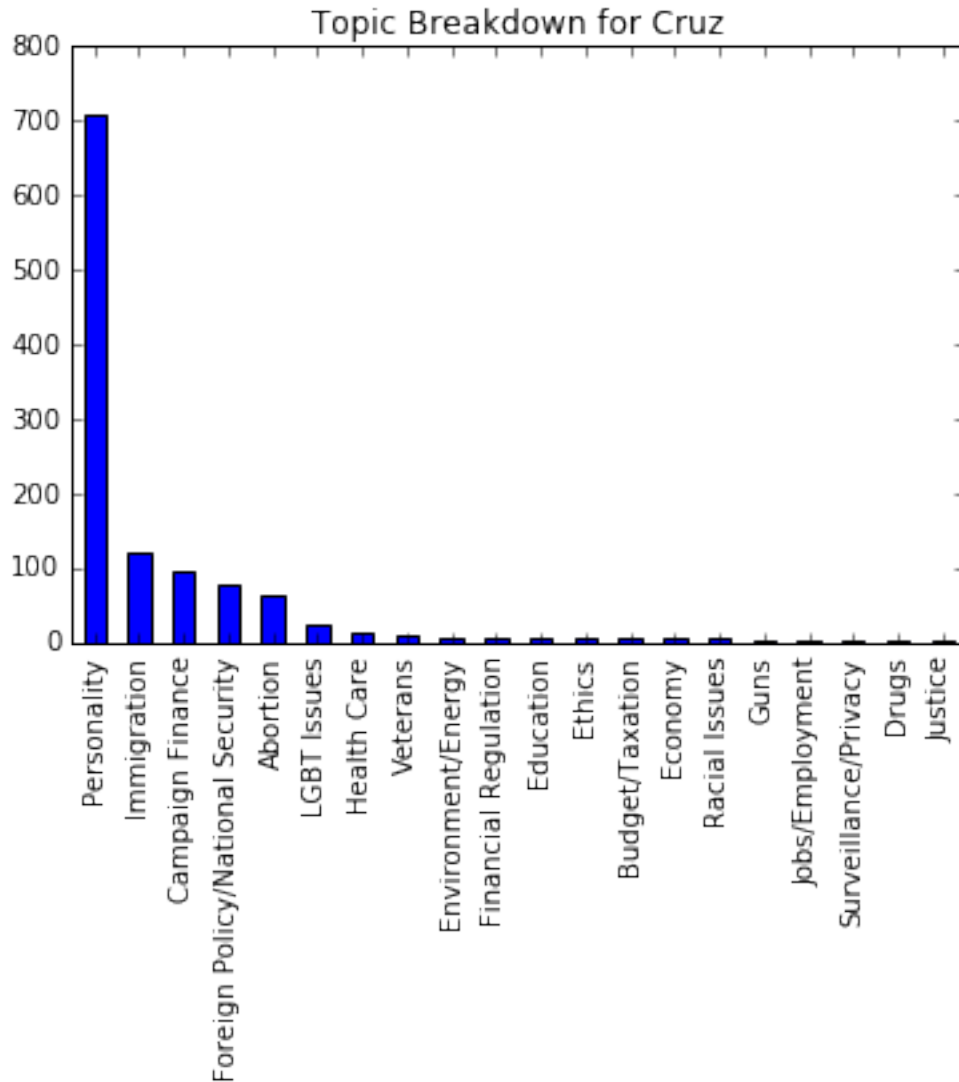
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In [43]: all_df[all_df['candidate'] == 'sanders']['top_topic'].value_counts().plot(kind="bar", title="T
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Out[43]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1153b6810>
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In [64]: all_df[all_df['candidate'] == 'cruz']['top_topic'].value_counts().plot(kind="bar", title="Topi
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Out[64]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1177e2450>
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2.1 Reading Level Breakdown by Topic

In [65]: # Top 10: Personality, Immigration, Campaign Finance, Foreign Policy/National Security, Abortion
Health Care, Economy, Veterans, Ethics, Racial Issues

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TOPICS = ['Personality', 'Immigration', 'Campaign Finance', 'Foreign Policy/National Security',
          'Abortion', 'Health Care', 'Economy', 'Veterans', 'Ethics', 'Racial Issues']
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print "Average Flesch Scores by Topic"
for t in TOPICS:
    df_t = all_df[all_df['top_topic'] == t]
    print t, ":", "%.2f" % df_t['flesch'].mean()
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Average Flesch Scores by Topic

Personality : 9.02

Immigration : 9.28

Campaign Finance : 9.01
 Foreign Policy/National Security : 9.19
 Abortion : 9.08
 Health Care : 9.86
 Economy : 9.75
 Veterans : 9.06
 Ethics : 10.90
 Racial Issues : 9.93

2.2 Topic Breakdown By Candidate

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In [85]: CANDIDATES = ['clinton', 'sanders', 'trump', 'cruz']
         for c in CANDIDATES:
             print c, 'average Flesch score', '%.2f' % all_df[all_df['candidate'] == c]['flesch'].mean()
             print
             print 100* all_df[all_df['candidate'] == c]['top_topic'].value_counts(normalize=True)[:5]
             print
  
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clinton average Flesch score 9.55

Personality	66.453965
Campaign Finance	8.204193
Ethics	4.740201
Foreign Policy/National Security	4.193254
Health Care	3.828624
Name: top_topic, dtype: float64	

sanders average Flesch score 9.55

Personality	68.442211
Campaign Finance	8.442211
Health Care	4.623116
Foreign Policy/National Security	4.020101
Financial Regulation	2.211055
Name: top_topic, dtype: float64	

trump average Flesch score 8.94

Personality	66.110532
Immigration	9.871394
Foreign Policy/National Security	6.082725
Campaign Finance	5.318040
Abortion	3.441084
Name: top_topic, dtype: float64	

cruz average Flesch score 8.85

Personality	61.154177
Immigration	10.335917
Campaign Finance	8.182601
Foreign Policy/National Security	6.546081
Abortion	5.598622
Name: top_topic, dtype: float64	

2.3 Average Reading Scores by Candidate per Topic

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In [94]: CANDIDATES = ['clinton', 'sanders', 'trump', 'cruz']
        for t in TOPICS:
            print t
            for c in CANDIDATES:
                print c, '%.2f' % all_df[(all_df['candidate'] == c) & (all_df['top_topic'] == t)]['flesch']
            print
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Personality
clinton 9.30
sanders 9.35
trump 8.87
cruz 8.79

Immigration
clinton 10.09
sanders 10.19
trump 9.31
cruz 8.91

Campaign Finance
clinton 9.34
sanders 9.40
trump 8.79
cruz 8.73

Foreign Policy/National Security
clinton 10.16
sanders 9.77
trump 8.93
cruz 8.89

Abortion
clinton 10.19
sanders 9.45
trump 8.81
cruz 8.90

Health Care
clinton 9.85
sanders 10.52
trump 9.16
cruz 9.55

Economy
clinton 10.42
sanders 9.98
trump 9.48
cruz 8.50

Veterans
clinton nan
sanders 8.30
trump 9.08

cruz 9.07

Ethics

clinton 10.86

sanders 11.11

trump 11.10

cruz 10.88

Racial Issues

clinton 10.76

sanders 10.99

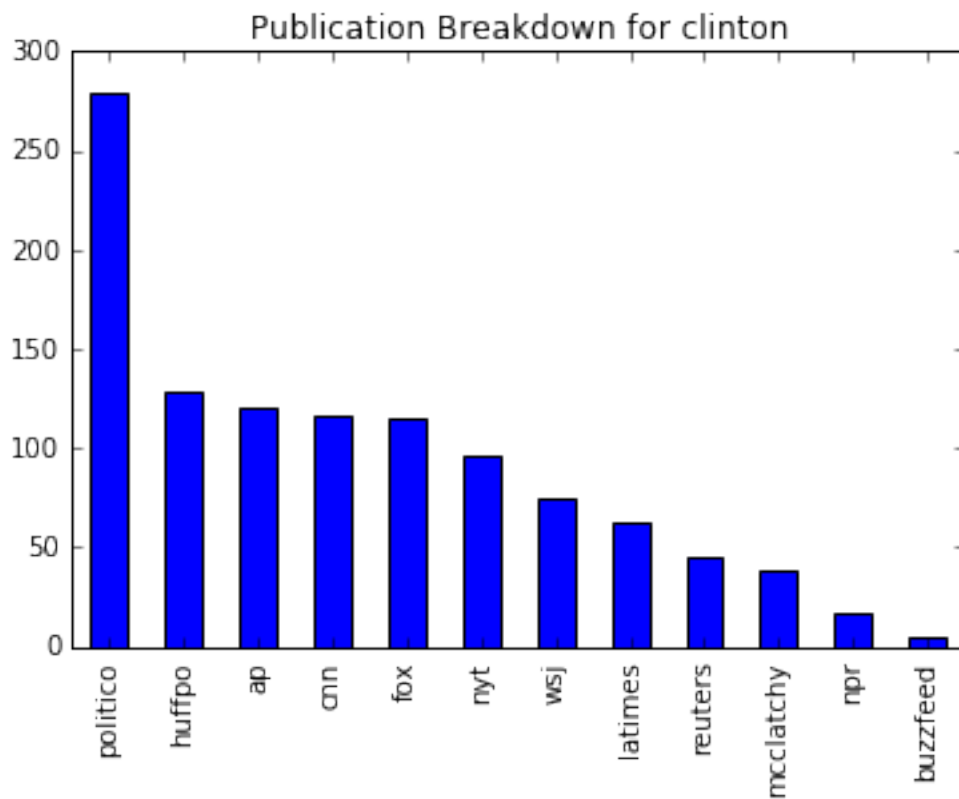
trump 9.20

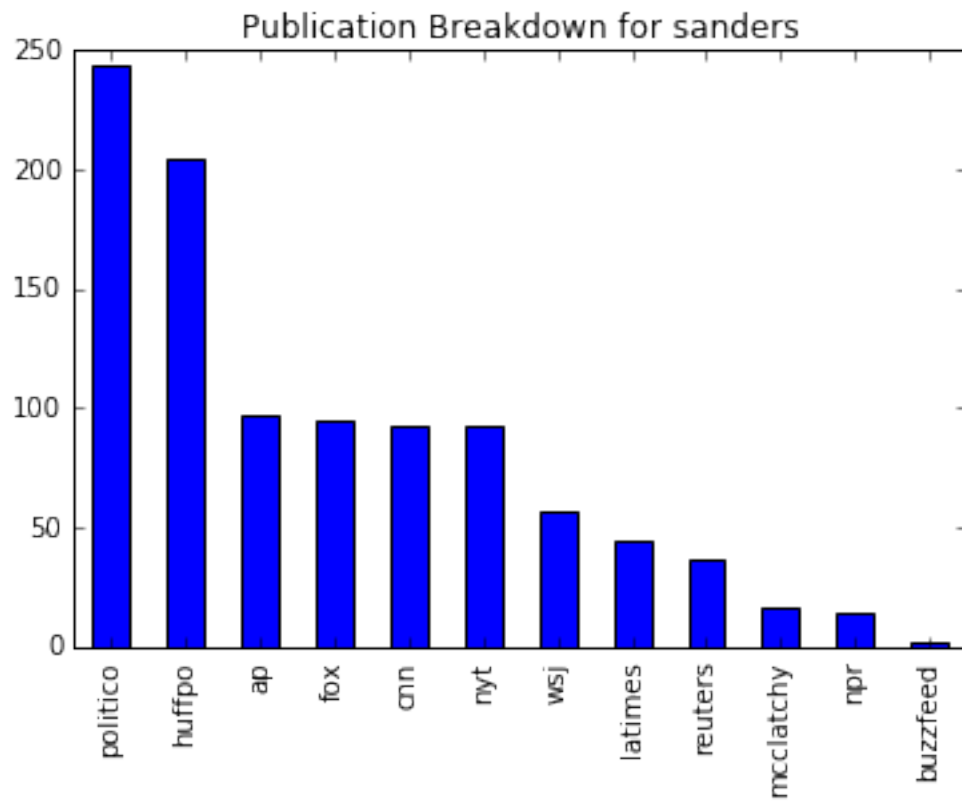
cruz 8.66

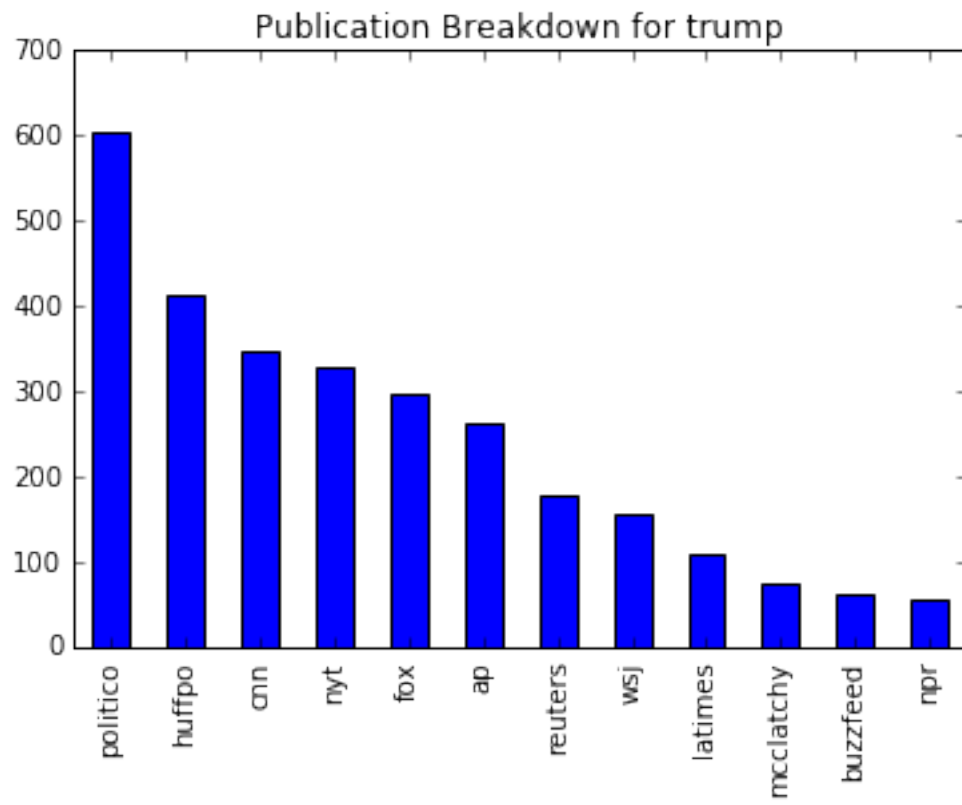
2.4 Story Distribution Per Candidate

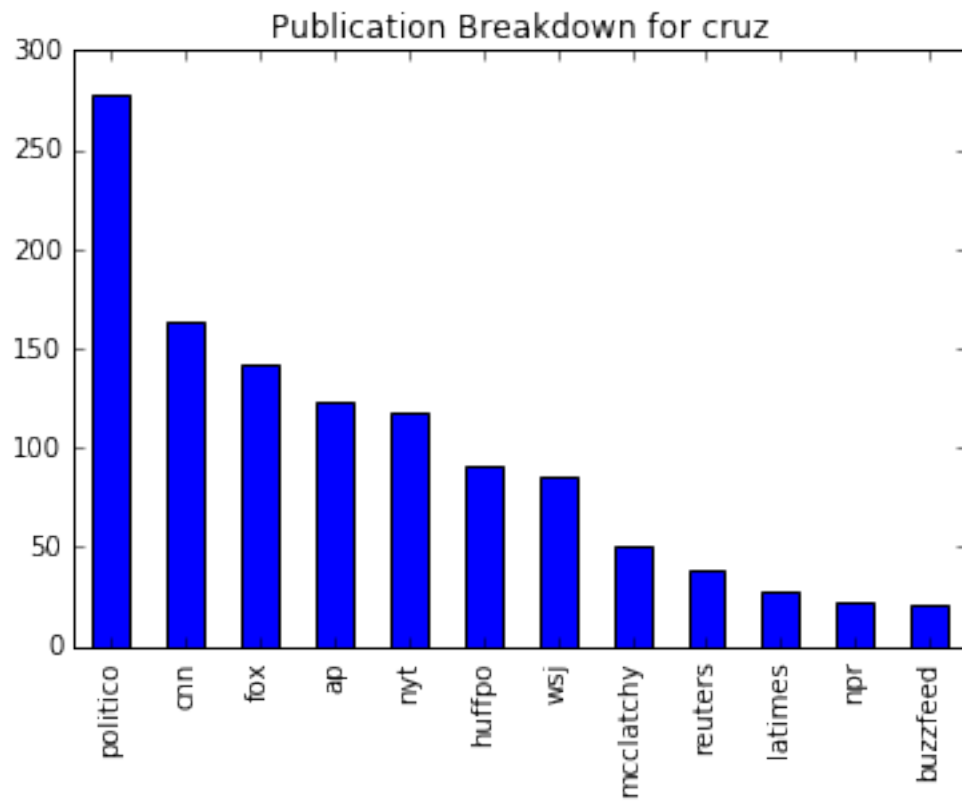
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In [111]: CANDIDATES = ['clinton', 'sanders', 'trump', 'cruz']
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for c in CANDIDATES:
    all_df[all_df['candidate'] == c]['org'].value_counts().plot(kind="bar", title="Publication Breakdown for " + c)
    matplotlib.pyplot.show()
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In []: