

# ML ASKREDDIT PROJECT

TEAM - NLP

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# PROBLEM STATEMENT

The moderators of AskReddit continuously strive to remove "troll" questions, however, it is not possible to manually inspect every question and do this -- thousands of questions are added every day.

Which is where OUR WORKS come in. The moderators of AskReddit have provided us with a sample of all the questions they received last year.

Our job: To create a model capable of automatically detecting troll questions so that they can be flagged and removed.

# ABOUT DATASET

The data set was provided on Kaggle. The data set included three files:

- train.csv – the training set contains the labels named as 'target'
- test.csv – the test set, which does not contain the target variable 'target' .

Overall, the dataset has id columns along with question text and target variable.

Training data has 653061 entries

Test data has 653061 entries

# SAMPLE DATA

|   | qid                  | question_text                                     | target |
|---|----------------------|---|--------|
| 0 | a3dee568776c08512c89 | What is the role of Lua in Civ4?                  | 0.0    |
| 1 | bdb84f519e7b46e7b7bb | What are important chapters in Kannada for 10 ... | 0.0    |
| 2 | 29c88db470e2eb5c97ad | Do musicians get royalties from YouTube?          | 0.0    |
| 3 | 3387d99bf2c3227ae8f1 | What is the difference between Scaling Social ... | 0.0    |
| 4 | e79fa5038f765d0f2e7e | Why do elevators go super slow right before th... | 0.0    |
| 5 | 99912c31a1b6e043e776 | Could the Jewish mafia control certain scienti... | 0.0    |

# EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS



# PIE CHART

Shows no. of labels counts

# WORDCLOUD

Shows which words are frequent

# GRAPH

Shows most used words

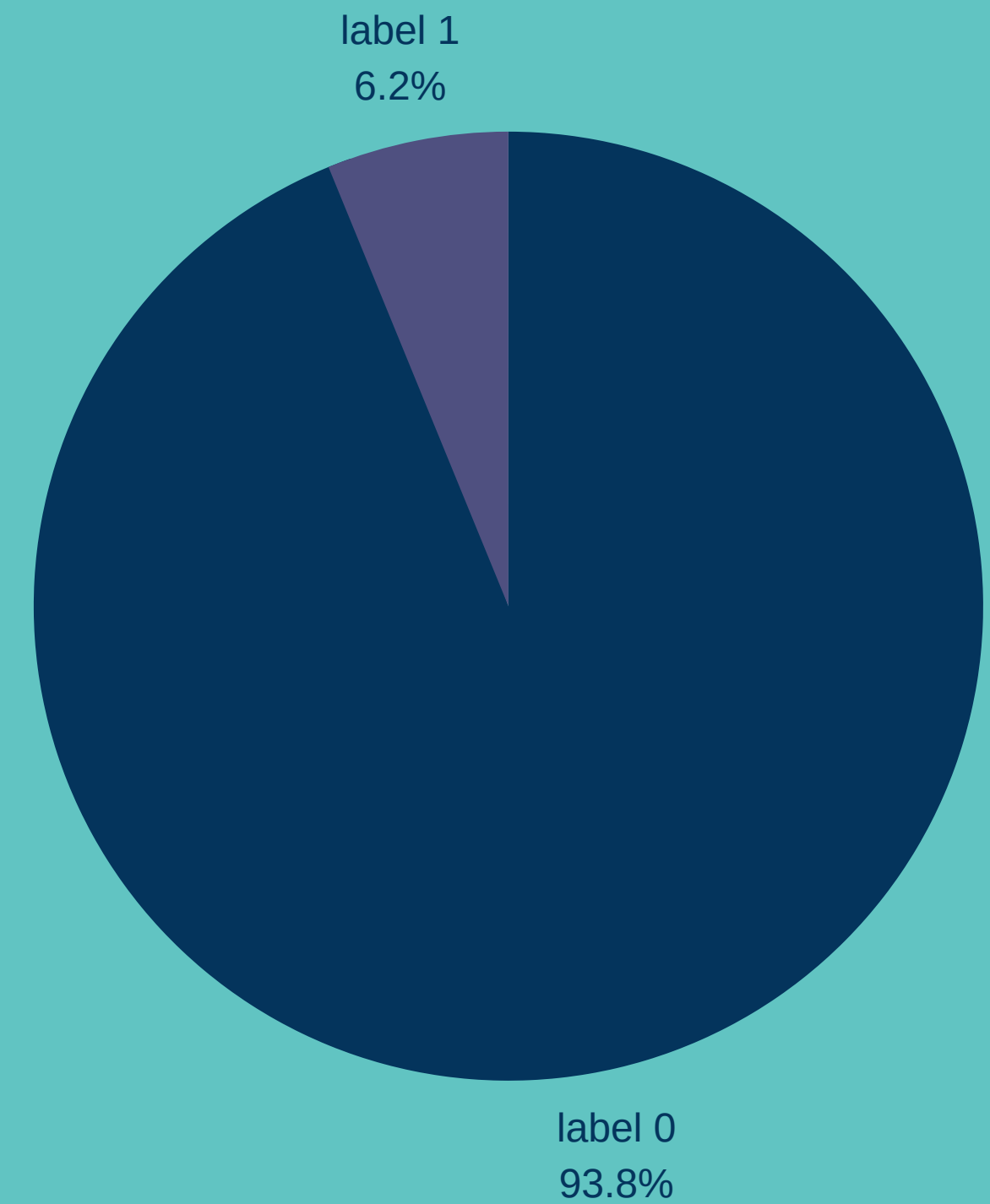
# HISTOGRAM

Shows length vs count of labels



## PIE CHART

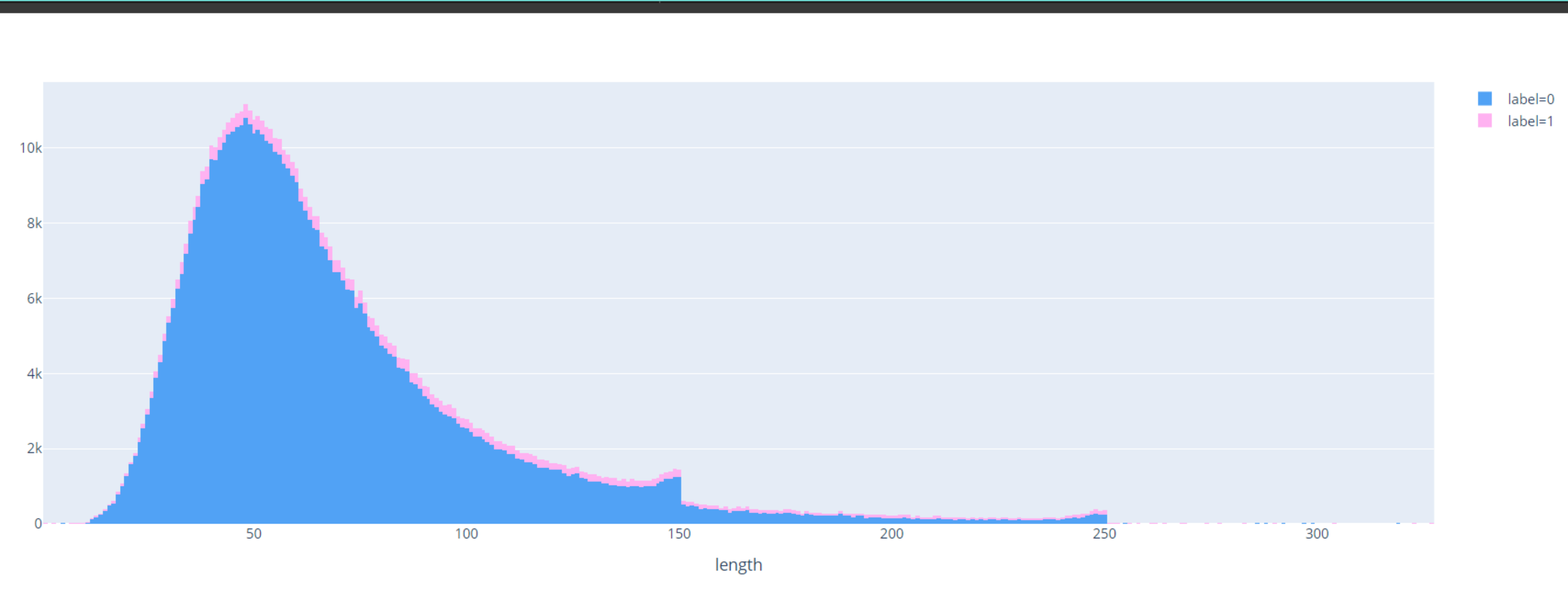
This chart shows us data entries with label 0 are way higher than data entries with label 1



# HISTOGRAM

Shows us lengths vs counts in our data, of  
both of our labels



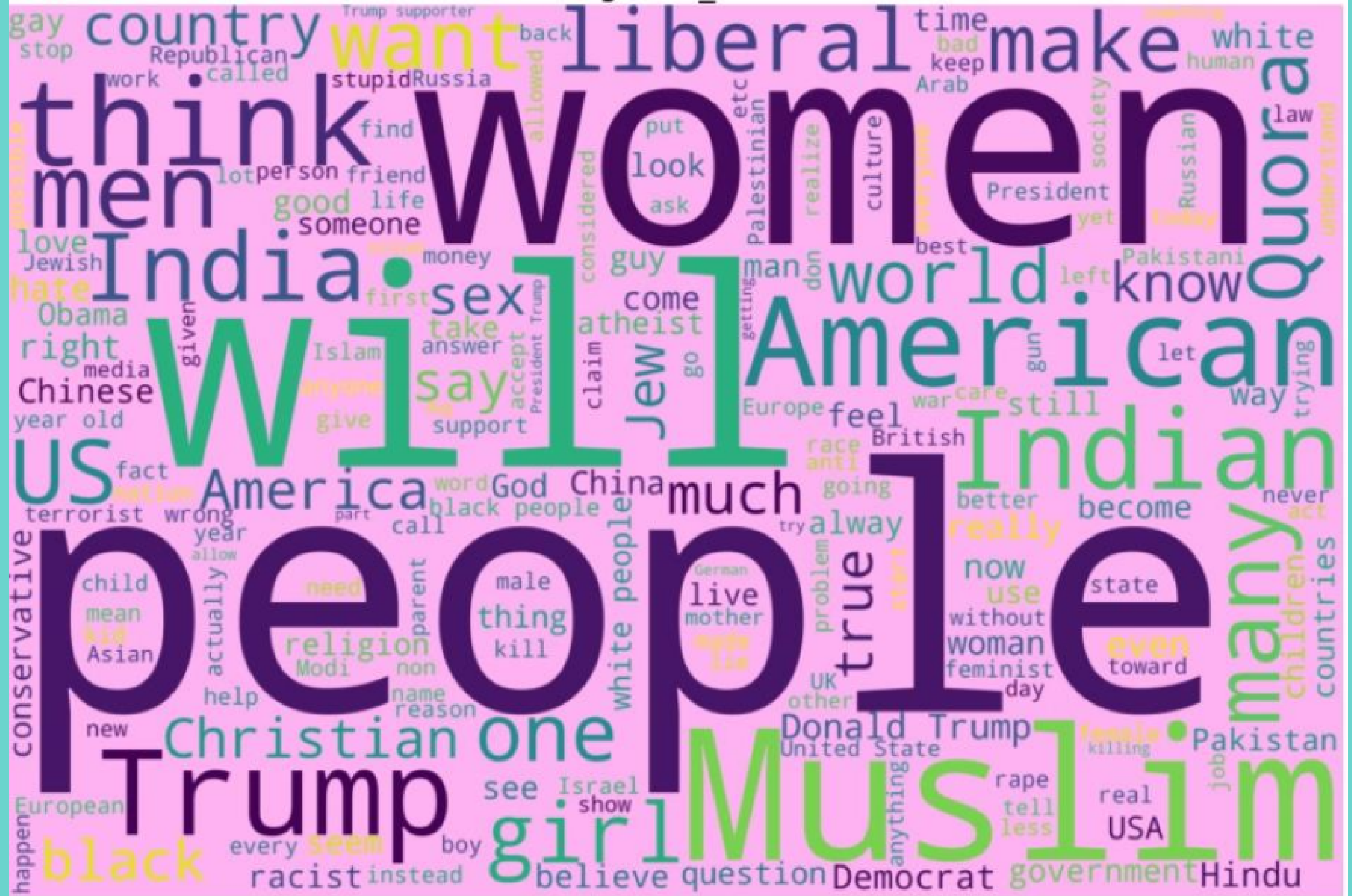


# WORD CLOUD

Word cloud showing all the prominent words among all the data entries with different labels

Negative\_word

**label=1**

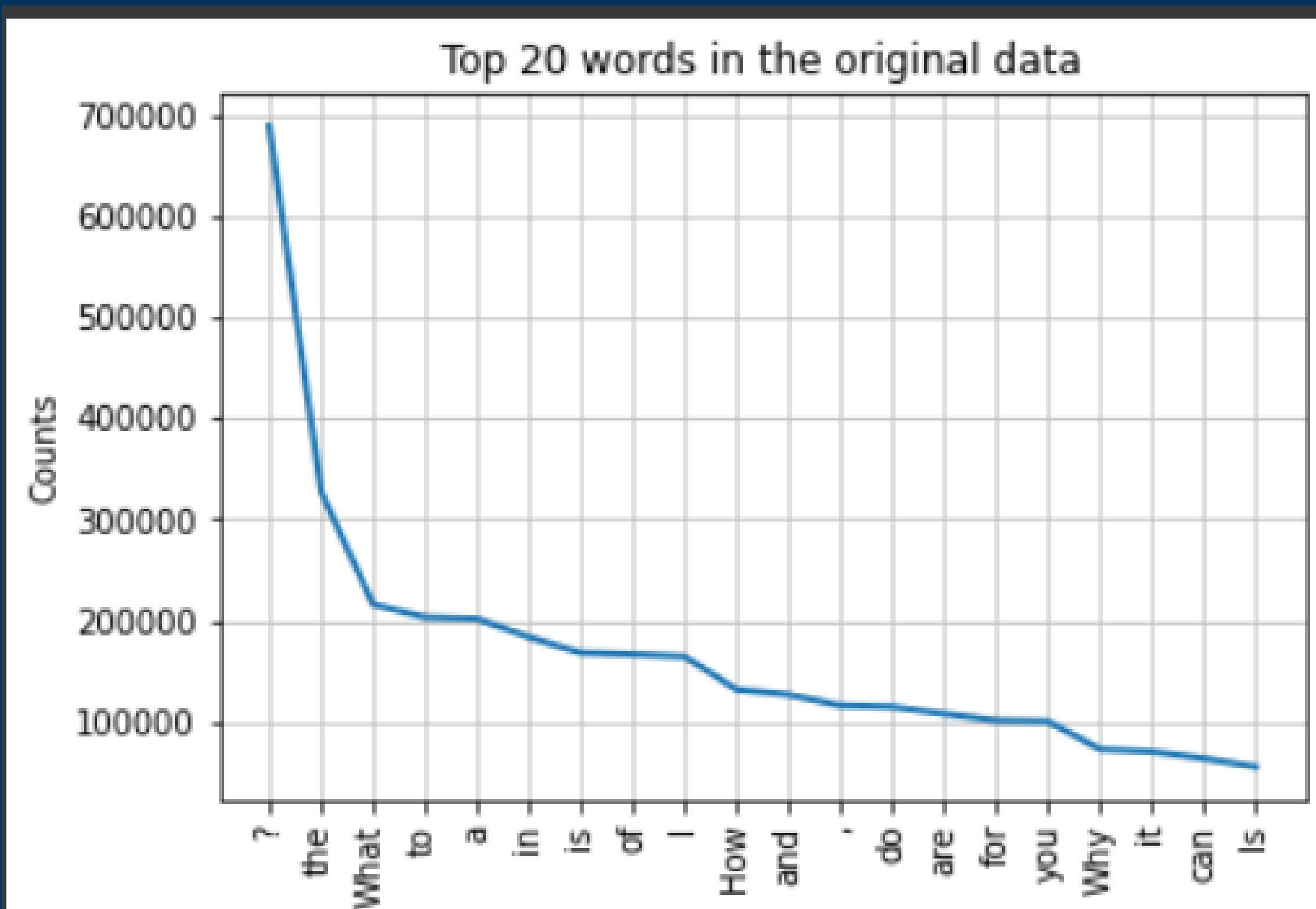


**label=0**



# GRAPH

It gives us intuition depicting which words  
are used most often in original and  
cleaned data



# Counts vs Words

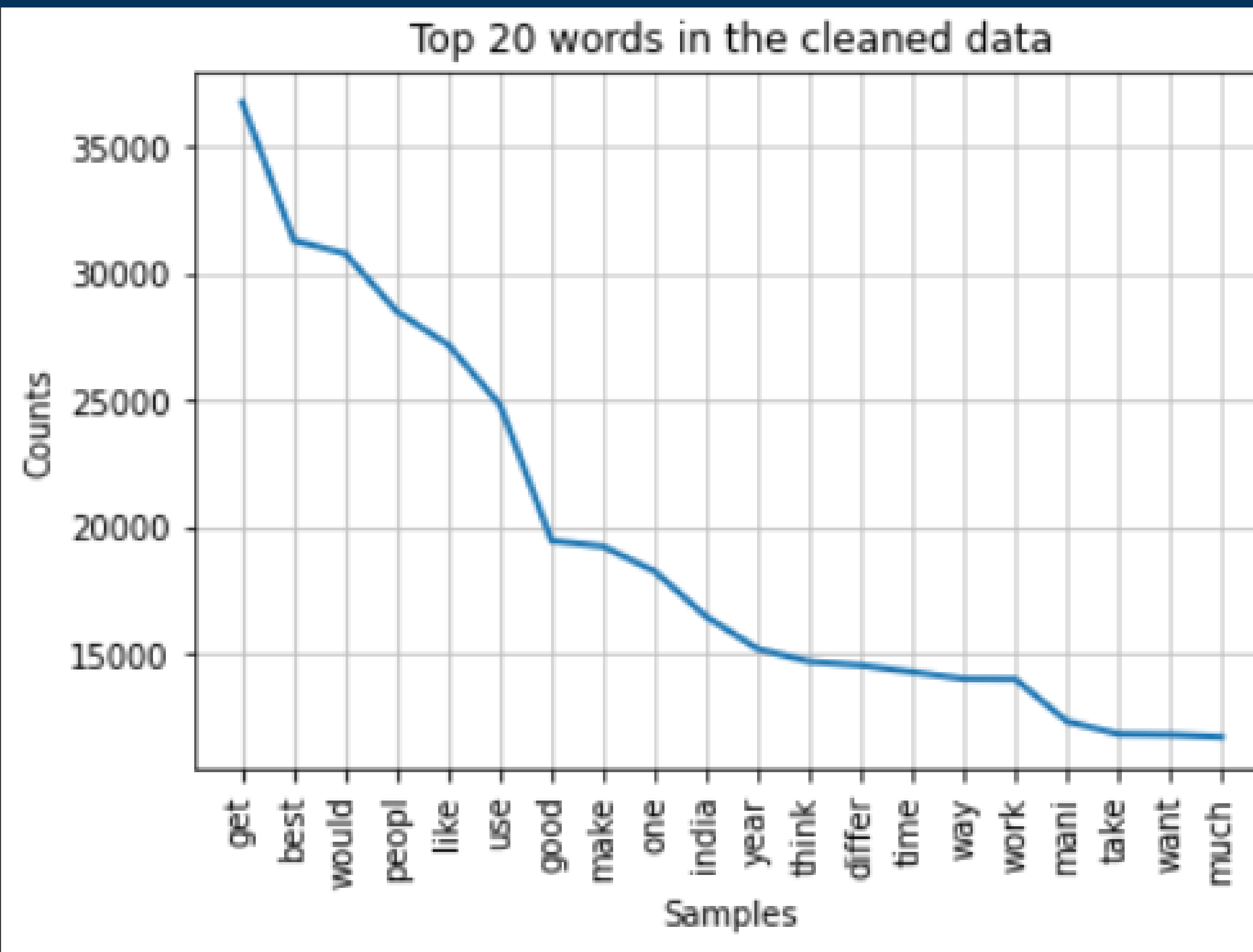
IN ORIGINAL DATA

WE CAN SEE MANY  
STOPWORDS IN OUR DATA

# Counts vs Words

IN CLEANED DATA

ALL THOSE STOP WORDS  
ARE REMOVED AFTER  
CLEANING



# PREPROCESSING





CLEANING TEXT

STEMMING

OVER SAMPLING

VECTORIZER



# CLEAN TEXT STEMMING

We see many stopwords and unnecessary characters in our data entry and these are cleaned using the function `clean text`.

Some functionalities include:-

- remove special characters
- remove some webaddress
- remove stopwords
- uppercase to lowercase
- used stemming using `snowballstemmer`

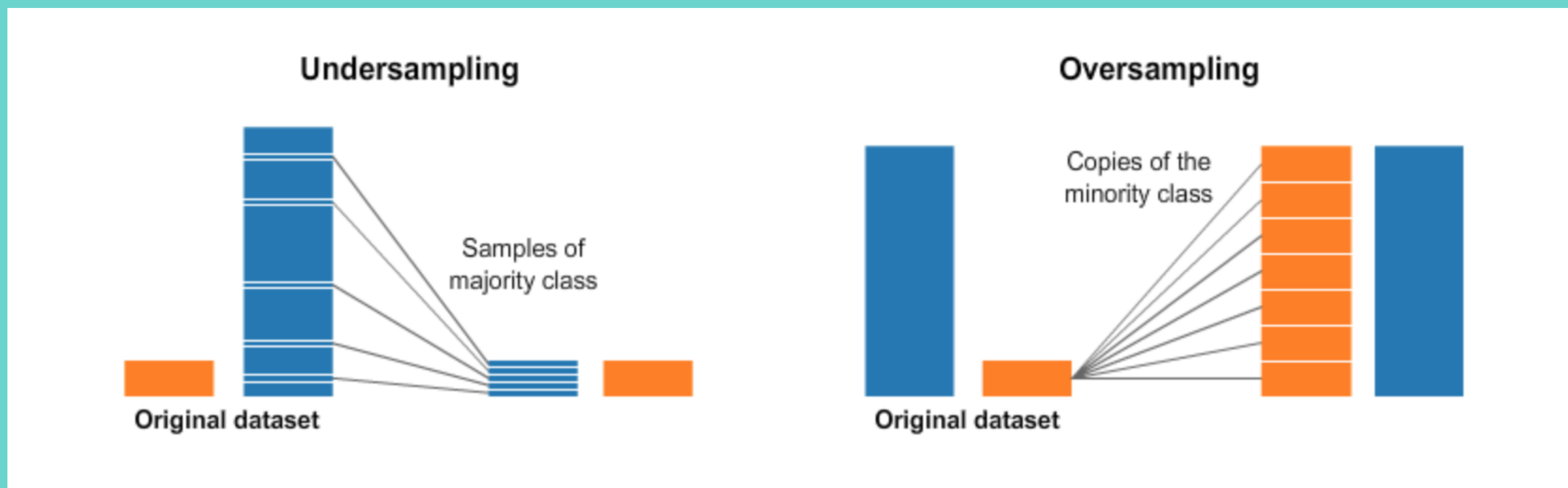
# CLEAN TEXT

```
from nltk.tokenize import word_tokenize
from nltk.corpus import stopwords
nltk.download(['punkt', 'stopwords'])
ss = nltk.SnowballStemmer("english")
STOPWORDS = set(stopwords.words('english'))
def clean_text(text):
    clean_text = re.sub(r'^.+@[^\.]*\.([a-z]{2,})$', ' ', text)
    #remove some webaddress
    clean_text = re.sub(r'^http\://[a-zA-Z0-9\-\.\.]+\.[a-zA-Z]{2,3}(/s*)?$', ' ', clean_text)
    #some moneysymbols
    clean_text = re.sub(r'£|\$', ' ', clean_text)
    #phone numbers
    clean_text = re.sub(r'^\([?\d]{3}\)?[s-]?[d]{3}[s-]?[d]{4}$', ' ', clean_text)
    #removed any number
    clean_text = re.sub(r'\d+(\.\d+)?', ' ', clean_text)
    #remove punctuation
    clean_text = re.sub(r'^\w\d[s]', ' ', clean_text)
    # remove special characters
    clean_text = re.sub(r'^0-9a-zA-Z]', ' ', clean_text)
    # remove extra spaces
    clean_text = re.sub(r'\s+', ' ', clean_text)
    # convert to lowercase
    clean_text = clean_text.lower()
    # remove stopwords
    clean_text = ' '.join( word.lower() for word in word_tokenize(clean_text) if word.isalpha() and word not in STOPWORDS)
    clean_text = ' '.join([ss.stem(term) for term in clean_text.split()])
    return clean_text
```

# OVERSAMPLING

Randomly duplicate examples in the minority class

This technique is effective we are experiencing a skewed distribution as shown in the pie chart



```
#Resampling the dataset
from sklearn.utils import resample
zero_data = train_df[train_df["target"] == 0]
one_data = train_df[train_df["target"] == 1]
train_df = pd.concat([resample(zero_data, replace = True, n_samples = len(one_data)*6), one_data])
```

While doing oversampling, we had the opportunity to decide how many samples we have to add in the training dataset.

Out of all the possibilities, we came up with this particular no. of samples.

i.e  $n\_samples = len(one\_data) * 6$ ;

i.e 6 times the count of label 1 data.

# VECTORIZER

It's a process to map words or phrases from vocabulary to a corresponding vector of real numbers which used to find word predictions, similarities. The process of converting words into numbers are called Vectorization

The Count Vectorizer provides a simple way to both tokenize a collection of text documents and build a vocabulary of known words, but also to encode new documents using that vocabulary

```
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer, CountVectorizer  
vectorizer = CountVectorizer(preprocessor=clean_text, ngram_range=(1, 3) , strip_accents = 'ascii')
```



# MODELS



NAIVE BAYES

LOGISTIC REGRESSION

XGBOOST

ADABOOST

RANDOMFOREST



# NAIVE BAYES

```
from sklearn.naive_bayes import MultinomialNB  
naive_bayes = MultinomialNB()  
naive_bayes.fit(X_train, y_train)  
  
MultinomialNB()
```

NAIVE BAYES CLASSIFIERS ARE A COLLECTION OF CLASSIFICATION ALGORITHMS BASED ON BAYES' THEOREM.



# LOGISTIC REGRESSION

```
from sklearn import model_selection, metrics, linear_model
logistic = linear_model.LogisticRegression(solver='sag', max_iter = 1000)
logistic.fit(X_train, y_train)

LogisticRegression(max_iter=1000, solver='sag')
```

WE CHOSE SOLVER TO BE "SAG"  
CONSIDERING IT GAVE HIGHER  
ACCURACY

# XGBOOST

```
from xgboost import XGBClassifier
# declare parameters
params = {
    'objective': 'binary:logistic',
    'max_depth': 4,
    'alpha': 10,
    'learning_rate': 1.0,
    'n_estimators': 100
}
# instantiate the classifier
xgb_clf = XGBClassifier(**params, use_label_encoder=False)
xgb_clf.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

# ADABOOST

```
from sklearn.ensemble import AdaBoostClassifier  
ada_boost = AdaBoostClassifier(random_state = 96)  
ada_boost.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

# RANDOM FOREST

```
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor  
random_forest = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators = 1000, random_state = 42)  
random_forest.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

# ACCURACY



# KAGGLE SCORE

**0.62130**

PUBLIC LEADERBOARD

**0.63328**

PRIVATE LEADERBOARD

# CONCLUSION

- This project helped us gently get the idea of the domain of NLP.
- Out of all the models used, Logistic Regression model gave us the best accuracy.
- Hence, we used Logistic Regression model to predict which of the questions are the troll questions.
- We also faced some challenges; eventually, those problems only helped us learn new things and apply them

## SHIVYANSH

Worked upon the base code to improve accuracy until 0.70

Helped in EDA of the code and formation of wordcloud

## CONTRIBUTION

We did the whole project as a team. We discussed everything and implemented everything together.

## SAURABH

Provided the base code to work upon with accuracy 0.68.

Helped in preprocessing of the data.

Worked together to tune the model to receive the best accuracy





THANKS

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AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR