# THE USES (AND ABUSES) OF COMPUTATION IN SOCIAL SCIENCE

SICSS-NDSU https://slides.com/zoltanpm/sicss-ndsu-day1

#### **OVERVIEW**

The problem of prediction

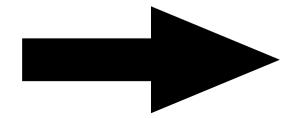
Ethical pitfalls

Case studies

# MUCH OF CSS, IN PARTICULAR APPROACHES LIKE MACHINE LEARNING AND SENTIMENT ANALYSIS, START WITH PREDICTION

WHAT DO PREDICTIVE MODELS RELY ON?

### PROBLEM OF JUSTICE PROBLEM OF "INTERPRETIVE TUNNEL"



#### **ISSUE 1: TRAINING LARGE LANGUAGE MODELS**

GloVe

HuggingFace's *Big Science* LM

How does the design of these two models differ, in relation to the issues we raised before?

## ISSUE 2: RESPONSIBILITIES: LOCUS OF INTERPRETATION

Read the linked report

[ArXiV link for those interested]

What's the issue here?