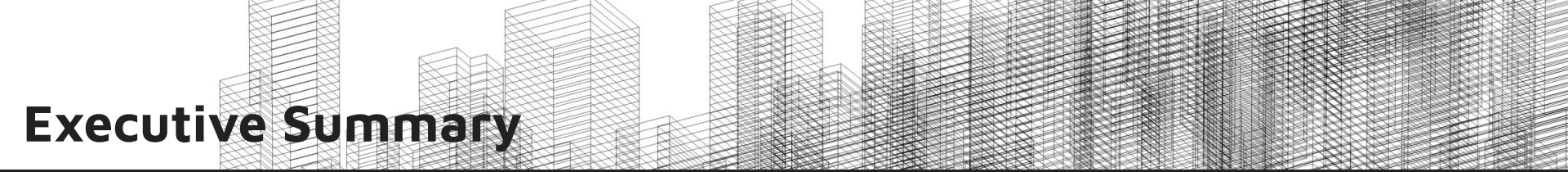


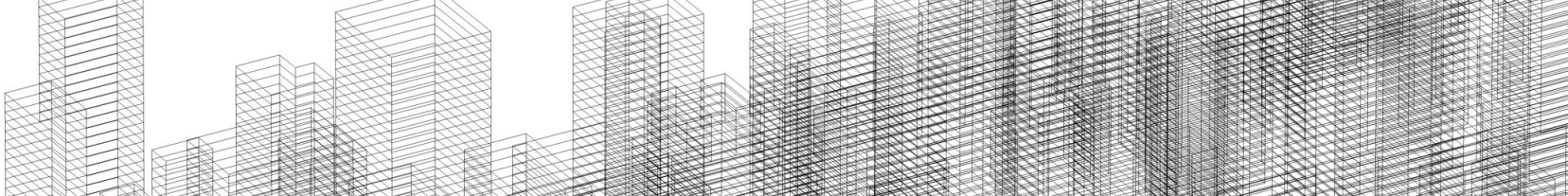
What Determines Happiness?

Final Project





Executive Summary

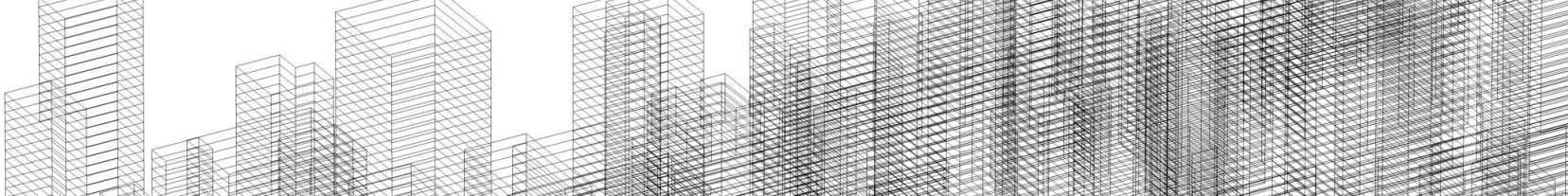


Team Members / Roles

Marc Corti - Data Engineer

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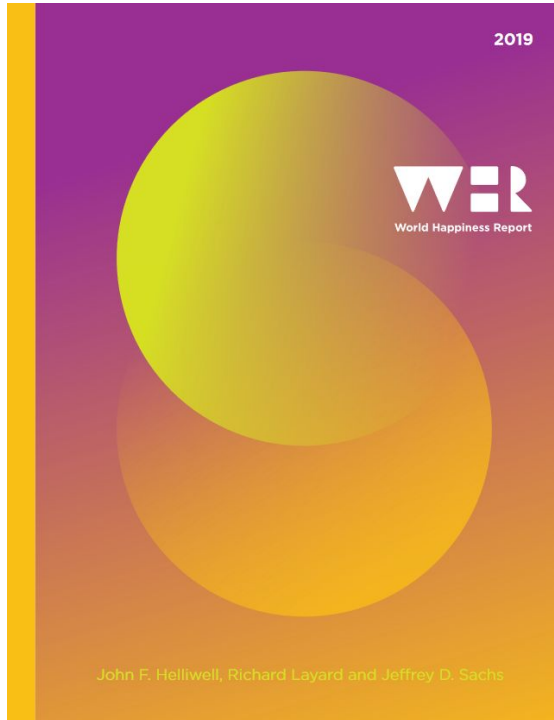
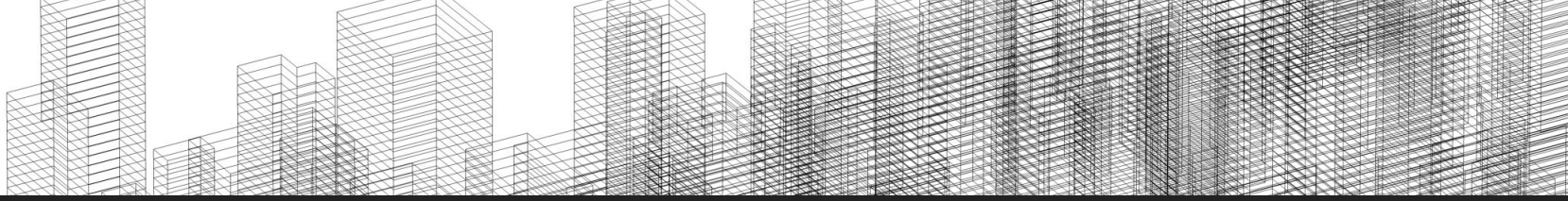
Nancy Condon - Dashboard



Happiness



“Happiness is an emotional state characterized by feelings of joy, satisfaction, contentment, and fulfillment. While happiness has many different definitions, it is often described as involving positive emotions and life satisfaction.” - [verywellmind.com](https://www.verywellmind.com)



World Happiness Report 2019

The World Happiness Report is a publication of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

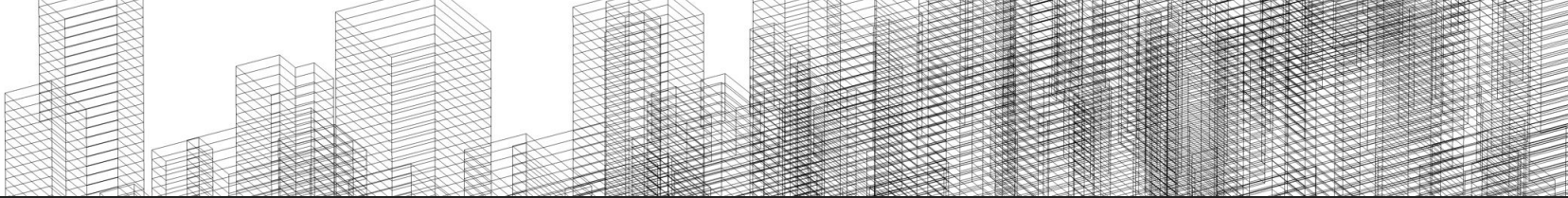
The 2019 report uses data from the Gallup World Poll surveys.

World rankings are based on answers to the main life evaluation question asked in the poll. Based on the Cantril Self-Anchoring Striving Scale (Cantril, 1965), respondents are asked to think of a ladder, with the best possible life for them being a 10, and the worst possible life being a 0. They are then asked to rate their own current lives on that 0 to 10 scale. (This is known as the Life Ladder)



2019 World Happiness Rankings

1. Finland (7.78)
2. Switzerland (7.694)
3. Denmark (7.693)
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138. India (3.249)
139. Zimbabwe (2.694)
140. Afghanistan (2.375)

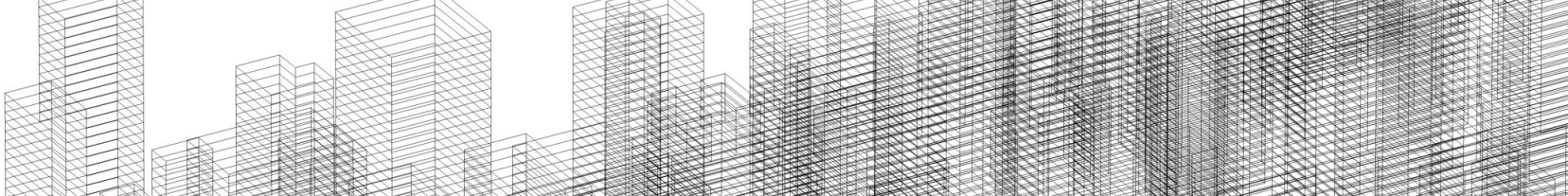


Purpose of Analysis

Each country's happiness score is an average of each respondents **subjective** evaluation to the Life Ladder question in the Gallup World Survey.

Can country specific socio economic and political factors help explain the scores for each country? And can these results help draft policies that could lead to increased happiness for each country's population?





Questions to be Considered

Which features within the dataset will have a significant effect on happiness?

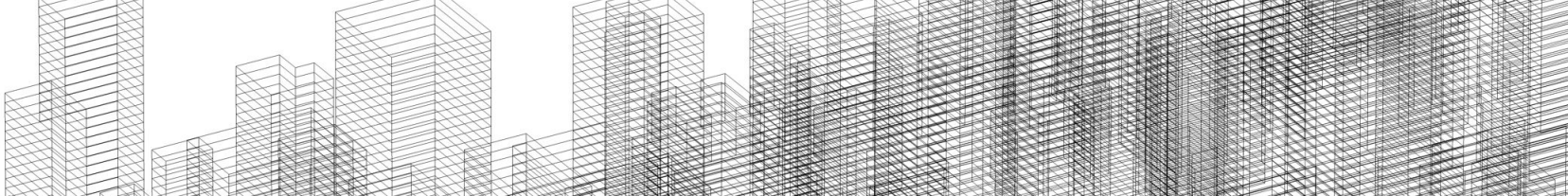


Is happiness related to increase in a nation's wealth?



Is there an opportunity to use public policy to improve happiness?





Methodology

Due to the onset of COVID-19 in 2020 and the inconsistency of available 2020 & 2021 datasets from the United Nations (UN), the data used in the following analysis comes from 2019 datasets.

Using modern data analysis techniques (our “Tool Box”), the team analyzed a multitude of available countrywide datasets.

Data Sources:

- World Happiness Report
- The Economist Intelligence Unit - Democracy Index
- United Nations Data

Tool Box

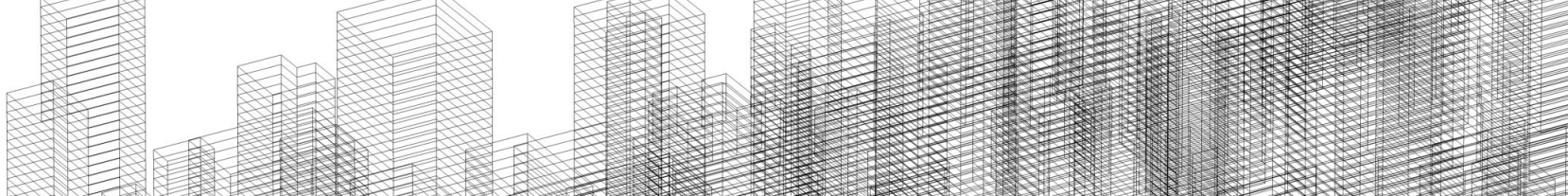


Algorithms

Linear Regression
Random Forest Regressor
Gradient Boosting



Data



Name	Description
Clean Water	Safely managed drinking water sources, total (Proportion of population with access).
Consumer Price Index	Indexed cost of a basket of similar goods by country.
Democracy Index	The Economist Intelligence Unit's Democracy Index
GDP Per Capita	A country's GDP divided by population.
Gender Ratio	Sex ratio (males per 100 females)
Happiness ("Life Ladder") Country Scores	2019 Life Ladder scores for all available countries.
Infant Mortality	Infant mortality for both sexes (per 1,000 live births).
Life Expectancy	Life expectancy at birth for both sexes (years).
Parliament Seats held by Women	Seats held by women (as a % of total) in parliament.
Population Density	Population per square kilometer.
Unemployment Rate	% of total population that is unemployed.

Data Pipeline



All original source data placed in an S3 bucket for all team members to access.



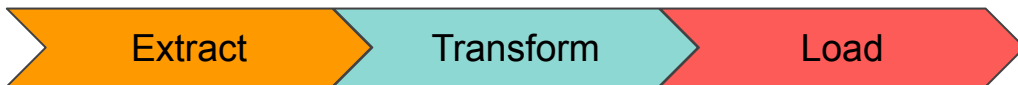
Using Google Collaboratory and the PySpark library, data went through an ETL process in accordance with project ERD.



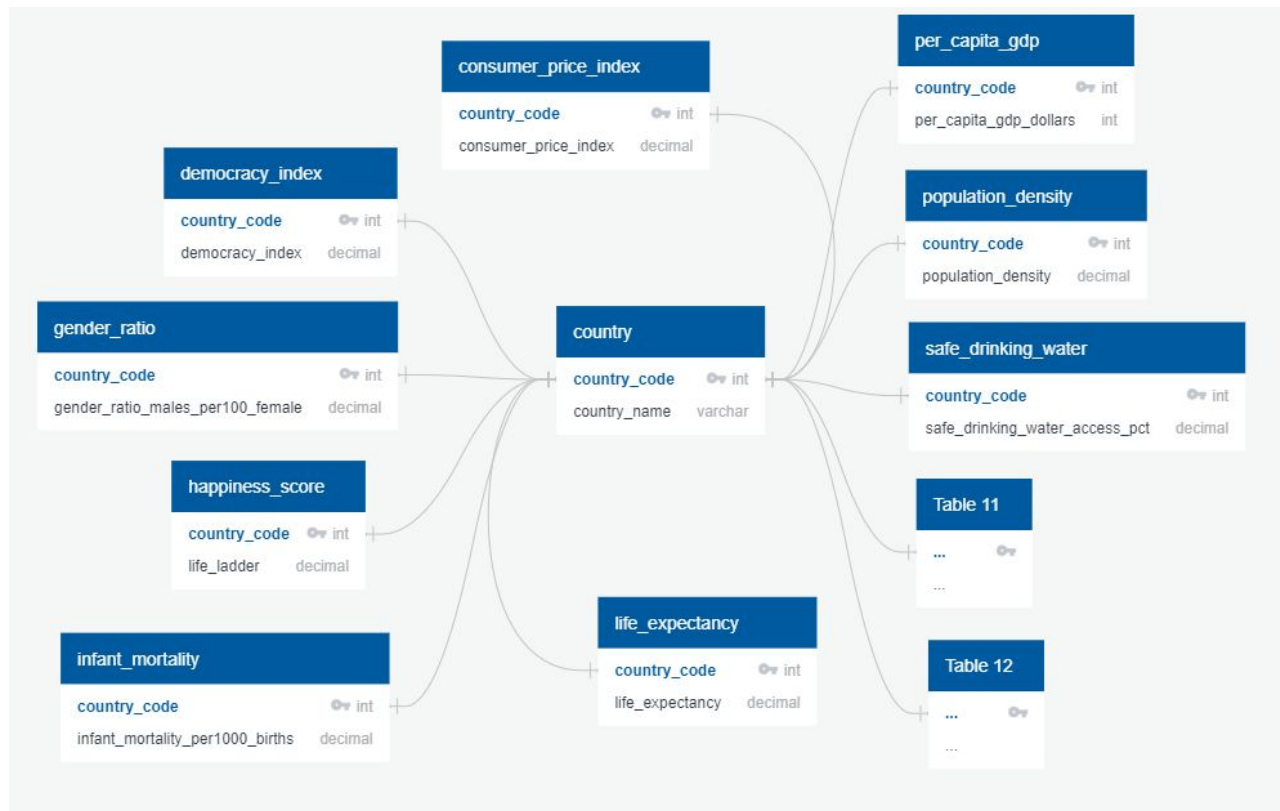
RDS PostgreSQL instance housed each cleaned dataset in their own respective tables.



PostgreSQL used to query data, to create final dataset, to be used in the analysis.

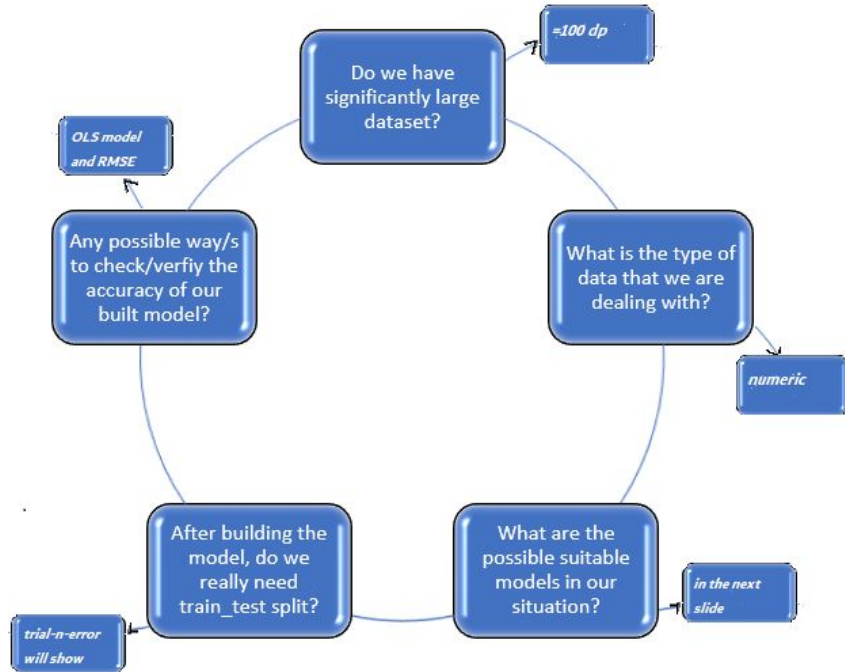


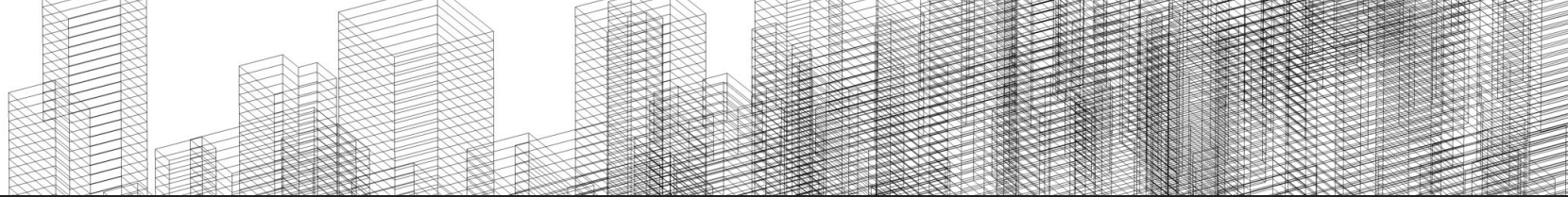
ERD



Machine Learning:

A never-ending cycle of non-directional questions





What are the possible suitable Models for our ML?



Linear Regression

is used when we want to predict the value of a variable based on the value of another variable

Bayesian linear regression:

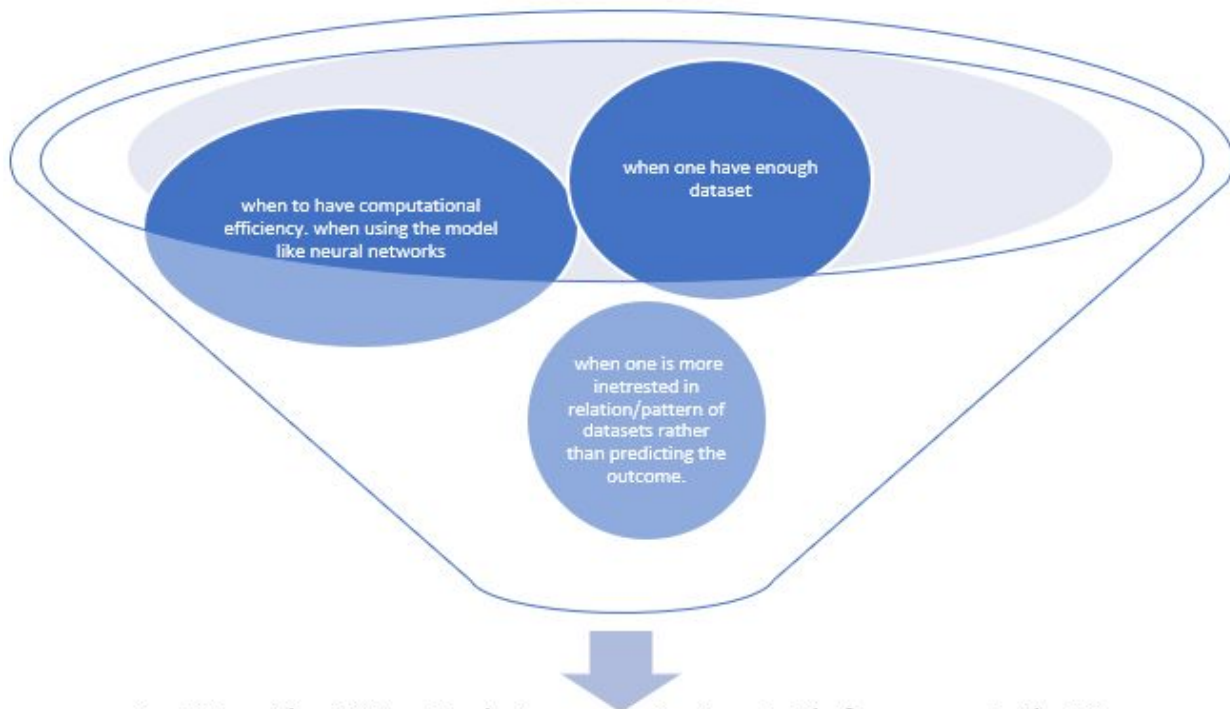
a useful mechanism to deal with insufficient data, or poor distributed data; it is to perform regression on a vector of basis functions

Deep forest Regresor

is used when we have Heterogeneous data -- any data with high variability of data types and formats. The data are possibly ambiguous and low quality due to missing values. There is also high data redundancy, and untruthfulness.

Random Forest Regression

is more good for a very large datasets. There is high dimensional data when this model is used. However, they pose a major challenge that is that they can't extrapolate outside unseen data.



Our Dataset has 100 points, but we are trying to get rid of any errors in the ML model by verifying its accuracy. Also, We are more interested in finding the linear pattern/relationship on the x-variables and the Happiness.

For Our Model, is it necessary to put “Train_Test_Splits”?

Decision was narrowed down into:

to use the train-test splits as on trial_N_error basis


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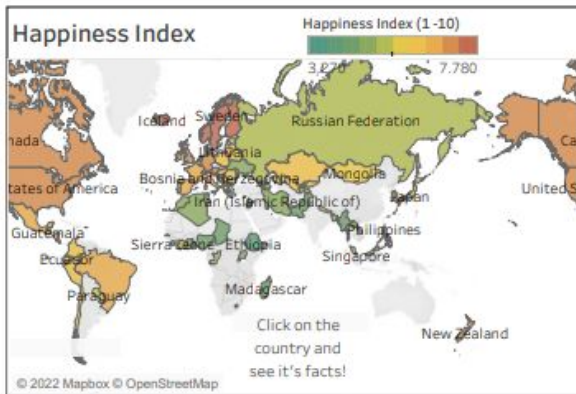
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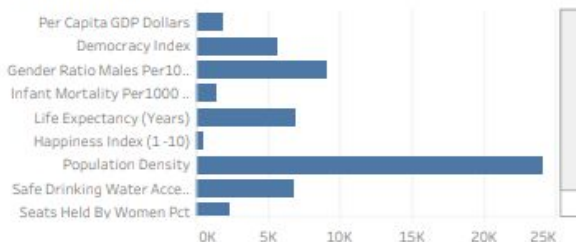
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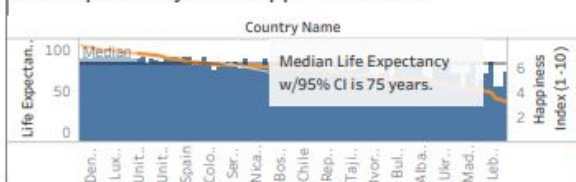
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Country Facts



Life Expectancy and Happiness Index

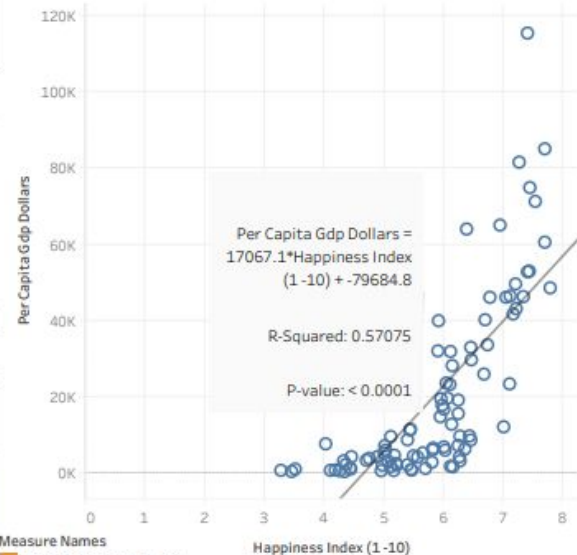


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Happiness Index and GDP

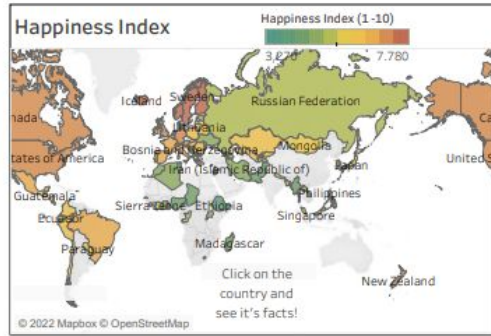


Dashboard

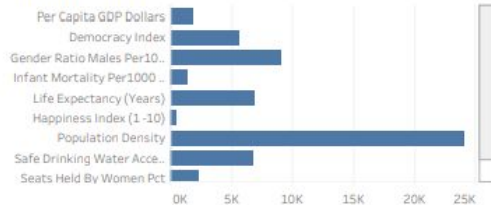
Tableau Public was used to make a dashboard to allow the customer to:

1. Interact with the 12 data tables
2. Understand the ease and capability of Tableau.

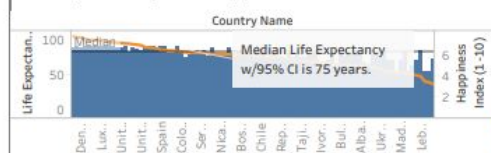
Dashboard Interactive Features



Country Facts

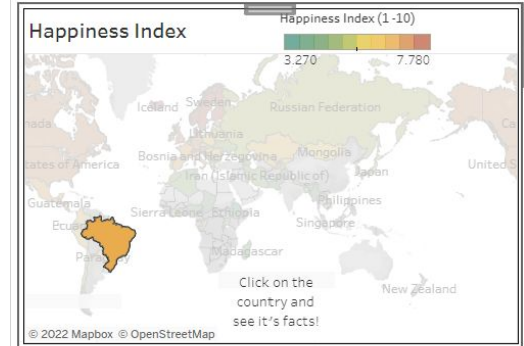
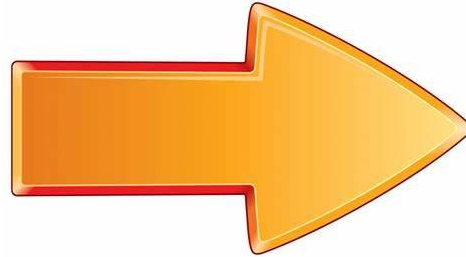


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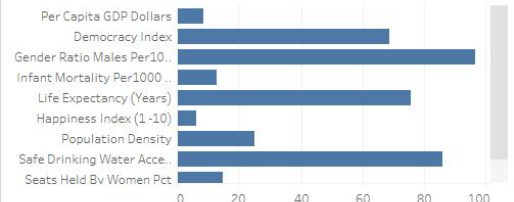


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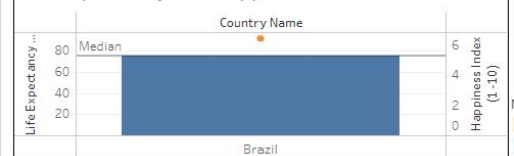
The country facts change and Life Expectancy and Happiness graph update to that country's information.



Country Facts



Life Expectancy and Happiness Index



Other Dashboard Features:

- Hover over the country and it shows the index and country name.
- A URL is listed for the user to click on to read the World Happiness Report 2021.
- Utilizing the analytics in Tableau:
 - The Life expectancy and Happiness Index is a 2 axis graph that calculated the median life expectancy with a 95% confidence interval.
 - A static scatter graph was developed for the Happiness Index and GDP. A trend line was added and a R squared calculated with a p-value.

