



# Global Music Trends

# Spotify Data

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# Our Project



# Research Question

What are the **characteristics** of top songs across the world and how do **external factors**, such as global economic differences, influence diverse music tastes?



# Our Data Sources



## Spotify Data

Two data sets containing top songs from May 2020 and June 2019 by Country, and also contain characteristic levels for each song.



## World Geo Data

Contains ISO tags and geometric qualities for mapping. Will be joined with the Spotify and GDP data to create maps.



## 2019 GDP Data

Contains GDP values per various countries in 2019. Will utilize to analyze the correlation between economic standing and music taste.

# Our Process

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## Preliminary Exploration

Getting a deeper understanding of the data sets.  
Subsetting and renaming columns.

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## Joining Data

Joining the world data set with the Spotify and GDP data.

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## Analysis & Visualizations

Creating charts and visualizations to analyze music and economic trends.

# Preliminary Exploration

- For each data set:
  - `.shape`
  - `.info()`
  - `.head()`
- Subsetting
- Renaming Columns



# Subsetted Spotify Data

May 2020

	Country	Continent	Rank	Title	danceability	energy	key	loudness	mode	speechiness	acousticness	instrumentalness	liveness	valence	genre
81	Argentina	South America	9	Tattoo	0.566	0.766	2	-5.036	1	0.0399	0.43100	0.000000	0.1010	0.547	RnB
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83	Argentina	South America	11	Tusa	0.803	0.715	2	-3.280	1	0.2980	0.29500	0.000134	0.0574	0.574	Pop
84	Argentina	South America	19	Blinding Lights	0.518	0.727	1	-5.947	1	0.0557	0.00153	0.000152	0.0882	0.342	RnB
85	Argentina	South America	19	Blinding Lights	0.513	0.796	1	-4.075	1	0.0629	0.00147	0.000209	0.0938	0.345	Pop
86	Argentina	South America	21	Dance Monkey	0.825	0.593	6	-6.401	0	0.0988	0.68800	0.000161	0.1700	0.540	Pop

June 2019

	Date	Position	Country	Title	danceability	energy	key	loudness	mode	speechiness	acousticness	instrumentalness	liveness	valence	tempo	genre
0	2019-06-07	1	Sweden	Heaven	0.748	0.258	7	-7.667	1	0.0664	0.188	0.00	0.0905	0.138	138.193	Underground Rap
1	2019-06-07	1	Sweden	Heaven	0.519	0.955	1	-5.746	1	0.4360	0.249	0.00	0.1300	0.625	164.480	RnB
2	2019-06-08	1	Australia	bad guy	0.701	0.425	7	-10.965	1	0.3750	0.328	0.13	0.1000	0.562	135.128	Pop
3	2019-06-02	1	Latvia	bad guy	0.701	0.425	7	-10.965	1	0.3750	0.328	0.13	0.1000	0.562	135.128	Pop
4	2019-06-04	1	Estonia	bad guy	0.701	0.425	7	-10.965	1	0.3750	0.328	0.13	0.1000	0.562	135.128	Pop
5	2019-06-18	1	Iceland	bad guy	0.701	0.425	7	-10.965	1	0.3750	0.328	0.13	0.1000	0.562	135.128	Pop

# Subsetted + Renamed Data

World Data

FID		Country	ISO	COUNTRYAFF	AFF_ISO	geometry
0	1	American Samoa	AS	United States	US	POLYGON ((-170.74390 -14.37555, -170.74942 -14...
1	2	United States Minor Outlying Islands	UM	United States	US	MULTIPOLYGON (((-160.02114 -0.39805, -160.0281...
2	3	Cook Islands	CK	New Zealand	NZ	MULTIPOLYGON (((-159.74698 -21.25667, -159.793...
3	4	French Polynesia	PF	France	FR	MULTIPOLYGON (((-149.17920 -17.87084, -149.258...
4	5	Niue	NU	New Zealand	NZ	POLYGON ((-169.89389 -19.14556, -169.93088 -19...
5	6	Pitcairn	PN	United Kingdom	GB	MULTIPOLYGON (((-128.33222 -24.32726, -128.326...

2019 GDP

	Country	Country Code	GDP
0	Aruba	ABW	NaN
1	Afghanistan	AFG	1.929110e+10
2	Angola	AGO	8.881570e+10
3	Albania	ALB	1.527918e+10
4	Andorra	AND	3.154058e+09
5	Arab World	ARB	2.817410e+12



# Joining Data

- Spotify + World
- GDP + World

# Joined Spotify Data Sets

May + World Data

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Country																			
Argentina	15	AR	Argentina	AR	MULTIPOLYGON (((−71.85916 −41.01128, −71.83806...	South America	9.0	Tattoo	0.566	0.766	2.0	−5.036	1.0	0.0399	0.43100	0.000000	0.1010	0.547	RnB
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June + World Data

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Argentina	15	AR	Argentina	AR	MULTIPOLYGON ((( -71.85916 -41.01128, -71.83806...	2019- 06-17	100.0	Bohemian Rhapsody - Remastered 2011	0.414	0.404	0.0	-9.928	0.0	0.049	0.2710	0.000000	0.300	0.224	142.210	Emo
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# Joined GDP Data Set

## GDP + World Data

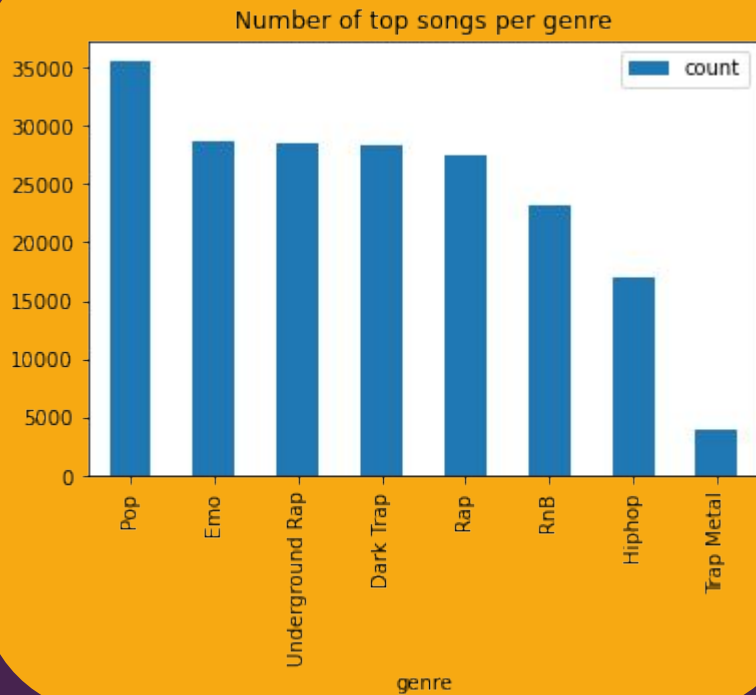
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El Salvador	11	SV	El Salvador	SV	POLYGON ((-87.69467 13.81901, -87.72501 13.733...	SLV	2.702264e+10
Guatemala	12	GT	Guatemala	GT	POLYGON ((-89.34831 14.43198, -89.43556 14.414...	GTM	7.671036e+10
Mexico	13	MX	Mexico	MX	MULTIPOLYGON (((-111.56001 24.42945, -111.5761...	MEX	1.268870e+12

# Charts

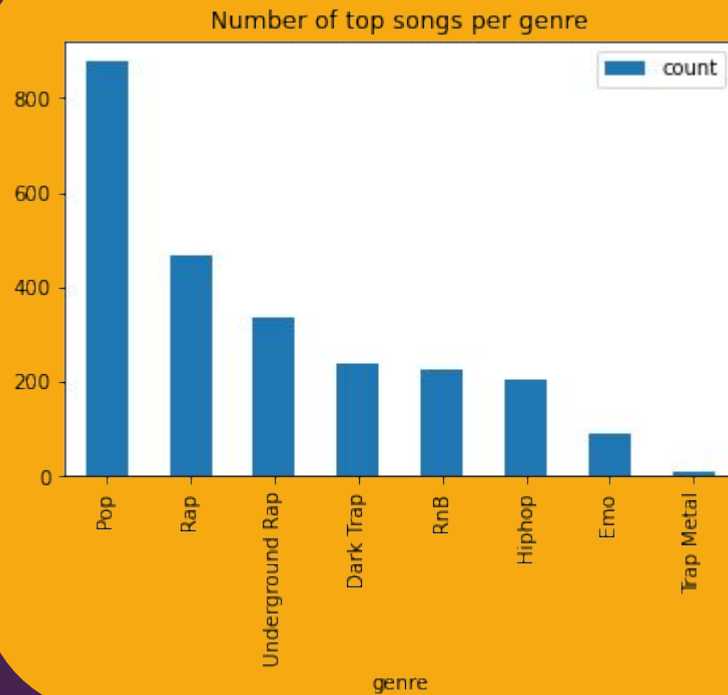
- Genre Exploration
- Song Characteristics: Acousticness

# Global Genres

June 2019



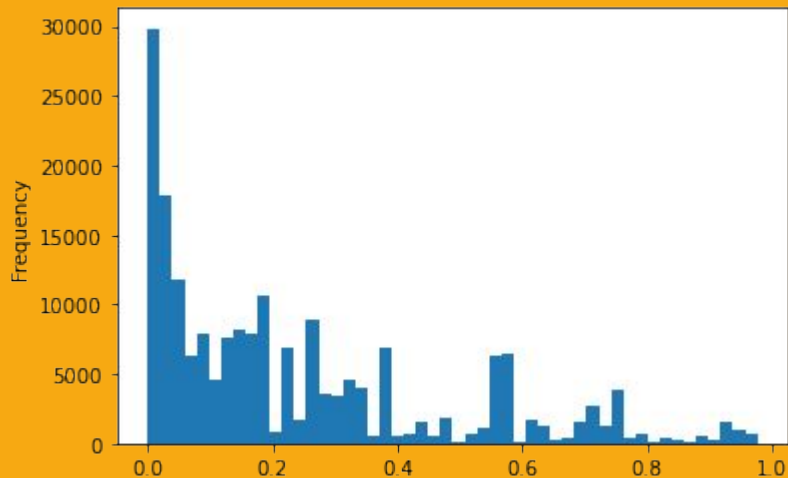
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# Looking at Accousticness (Globally)

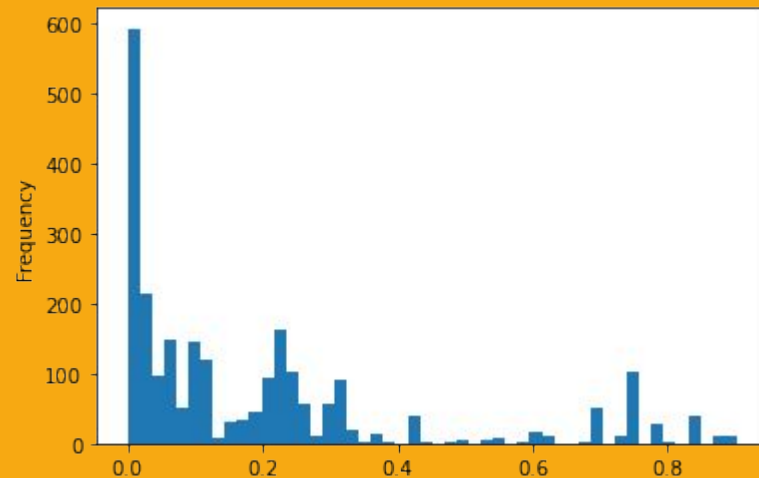
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Song Frequency for Different  
Accousticness Levels



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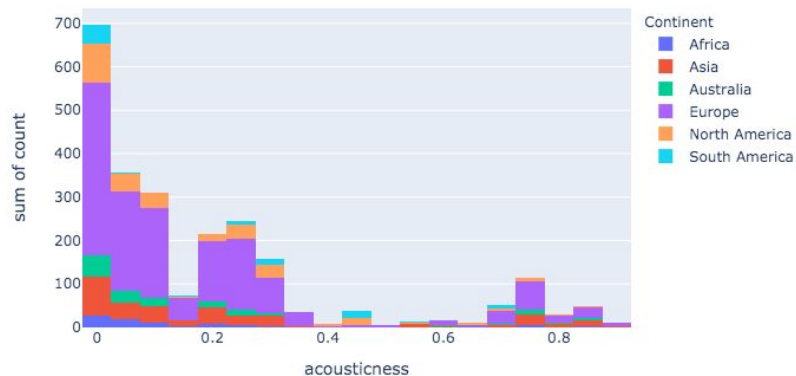
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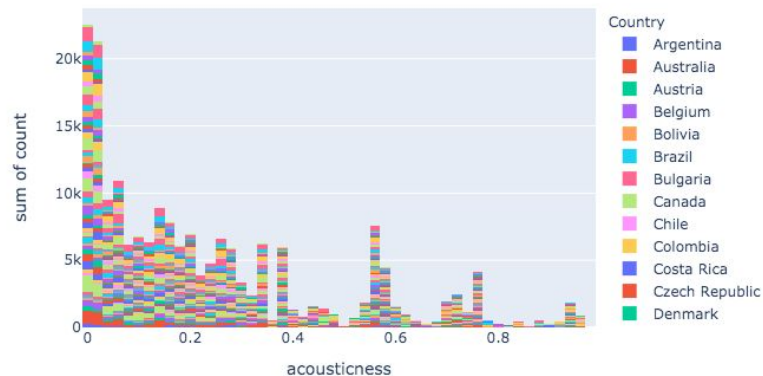
## Looking at Acousticness (May 2020 - By Continent)

Frequency of Acousticness levels in Top Songs by Continent



## Looking at Acousticness (June 2019 - By Country)

Frequency of Acousticness levels in Top Songs by Country

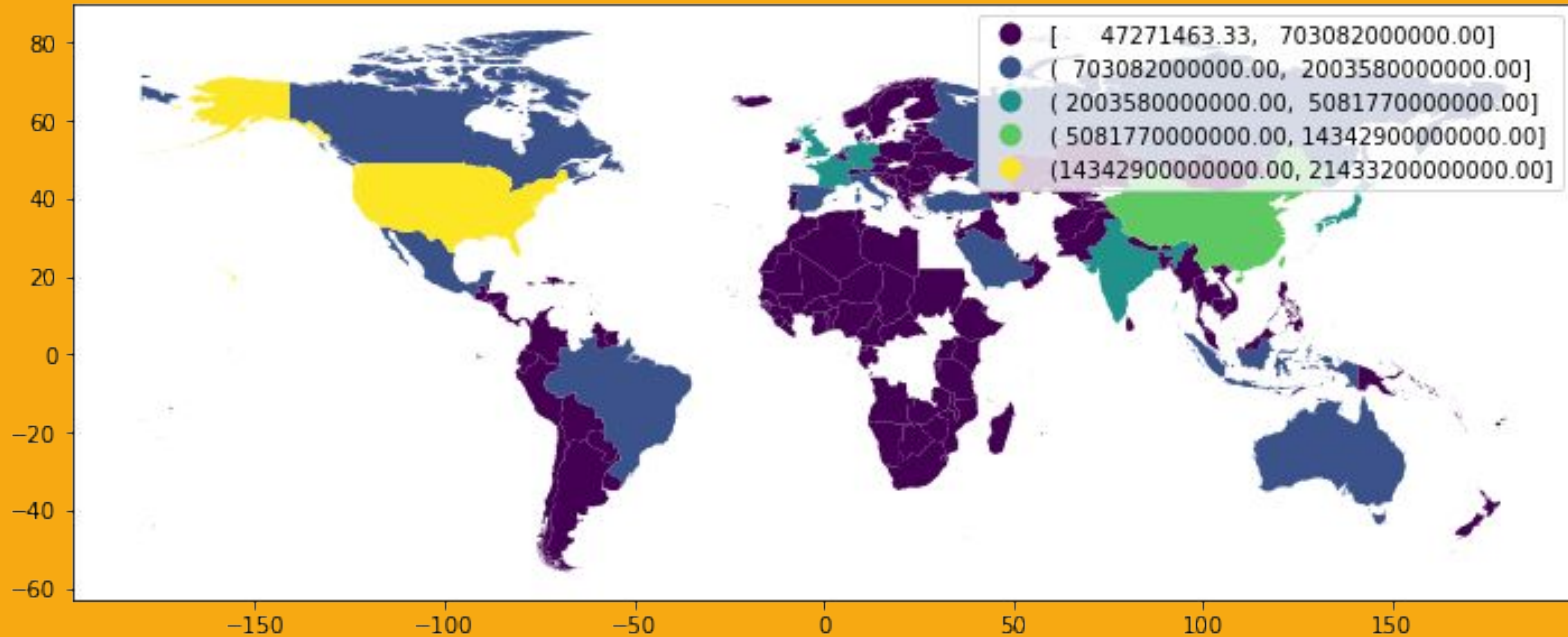


# Maps

- GDP
- Song Characteristics

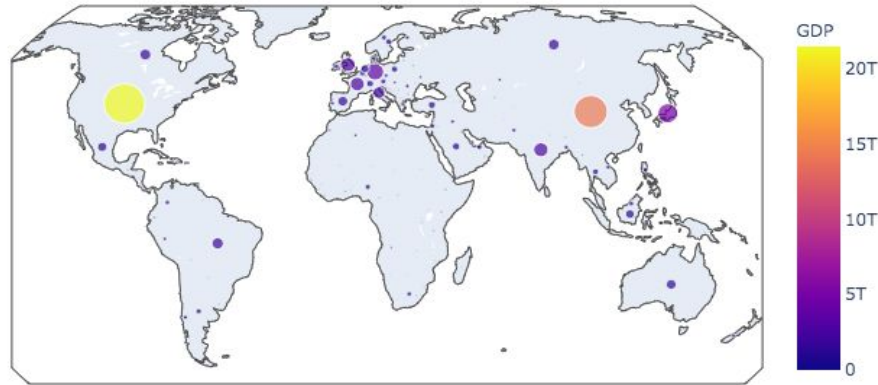


# Mapping out GDP



# Interactive GDP Bubble Map

GDP per Country



# Joining Data

- Spotify + World
- GDP + World

# Song Characteristics



## Danceability

How suitable a track is for dancing



## Energy

Perceptual measure of intensity and activity



## Loudness

How loud the songs is



## Speechiness

Detects the presence of spoken words in a track



## Acousticness

Measurement of how natural & acoustic a song is



## Instrumentalness

The amount of vocals in the song



## Liveness

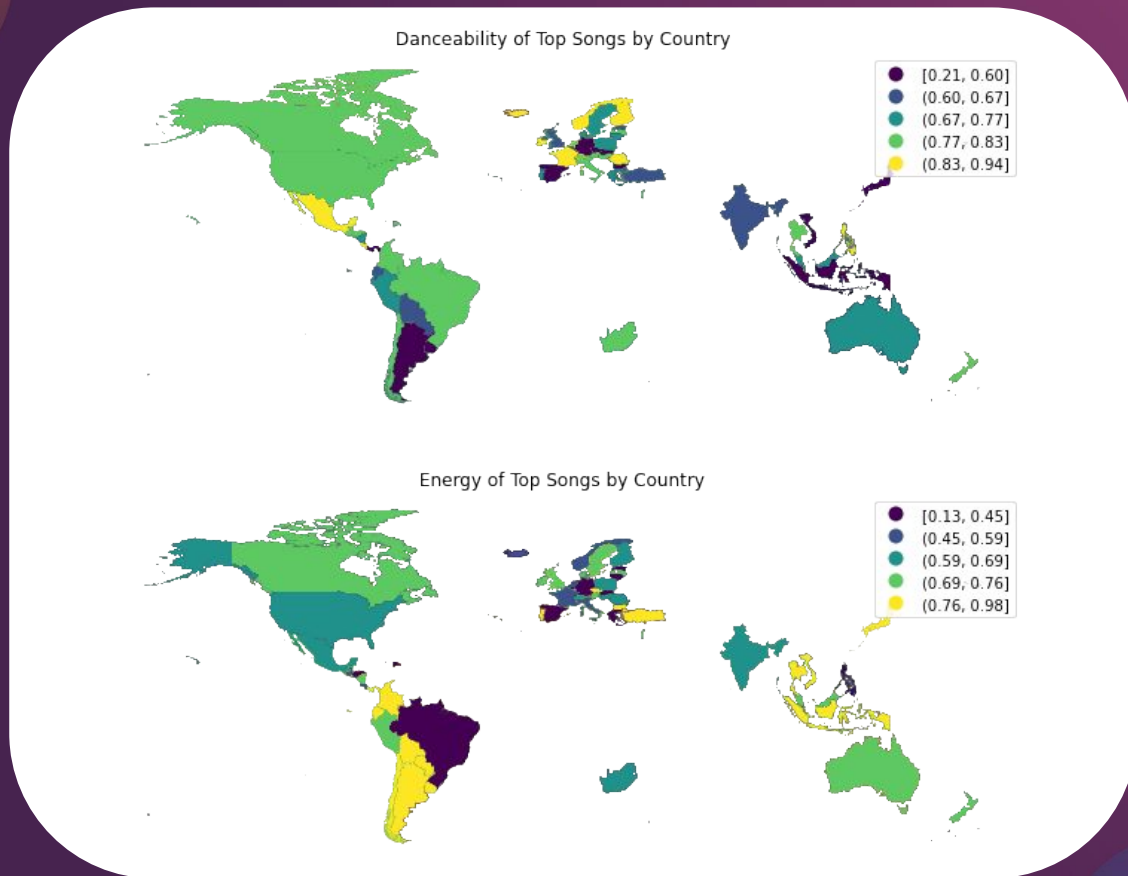
Probability that the song was recorded with a live audience.



## Valence

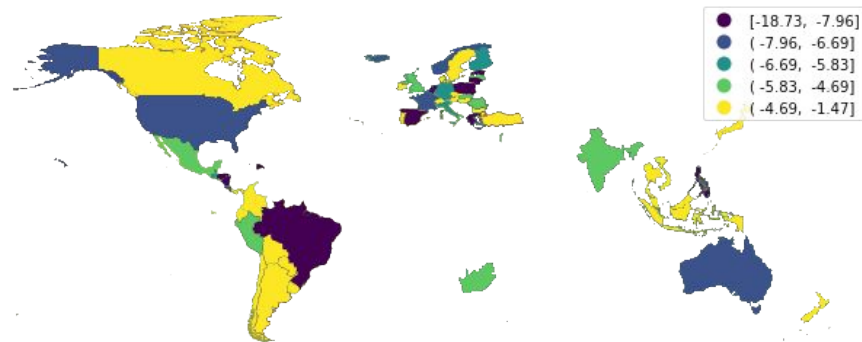
The musical positiveness conveyed

# Song Characteristics (Danceability & Energy)

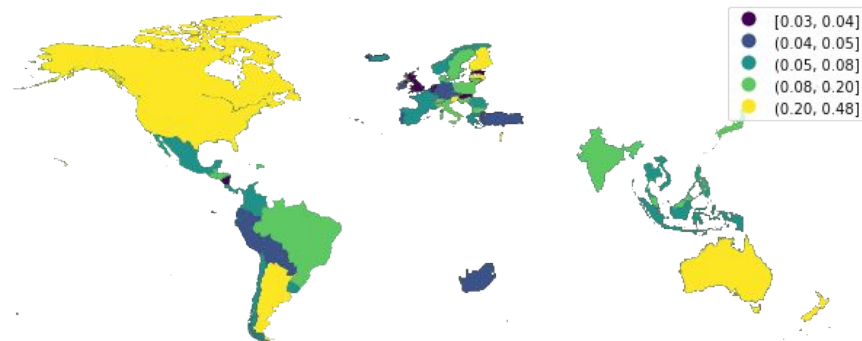


# Song Characteristics (Loudness & Speechiness)

Loudness of Top Songs by Country



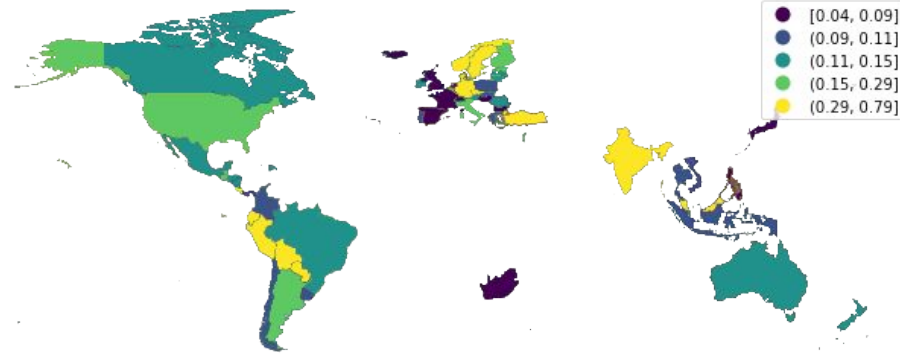
Speechiness of Top Songs by Country



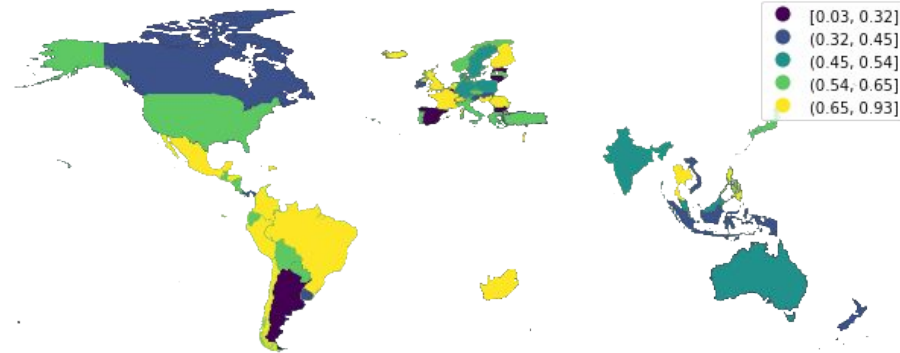


# Song Characteristics (Liveness & Valence)

Liveness of Top Songs by Country



Valence of Top Songs by Country





# Future Research



- Direct connection between Spotify song characteristics and GDP
- Additional global factors
  - Twitter data
  - Political
  - Educational
  - Language
- Helping artists and improve Spotify user experience

# Thank You!

