GENERAL DEFINITIONS

Class 1 (threat of political violence): The author expresses an intention of violence (threat of / support of / condonation of / a call for violence) targeting an individual or a group in political context.

Class 2 (violent political metaphor): The author's opinion / prediction / argument about essentially non-violent politics is expressed using a violent phrase but still lacks a threat of (support for / condonation of / call for) violence.

Class 3 (neither): Tweets belonging to neither Class 1 or Class 3. So, there is no violent political metaphor nor is there a violent political threat (this is like a garbage can class)

Class 7 (quote): See below

Class 8 (irony): See below

Class 9: (unclear/ uninterpretable): See below

GENERAL CODING GUIDELINES

Q1. Does the author express an intention (threat, support, condonation, call) of a violent act that can be interpreted <u>literally</u>?
- Yes: **Class 1** -> An intention of violence is expressed directly (e.g., I will kill you)
- No: go to Q2

Q2. Does the author use a <u>violent phrase</u> <u>AND</u> you think that the phrase is used to <u>metaphorically express an intention of violence</u>?
- Yes: **Class 1** -> An intention of violence is expressed metaphorically
- No: go to Q3

Q3. Is there a <u>violent phrase</u> <u>AND</u> you think that the phrase is used to <u>refer to essentially non-violent political events / phenomena</u>?
- Yes: **Class 2** -> It is a 'violent metaphor' (a violent metaphor is when a violent phrase is used to refer to essentially non-violent political events / phenomena: e.g., 'Trump will get his ass kicked in November 2020'). It still lacks a threat of violence.
- No: **Class 3** -> There is a violent phrase but the phrase does <u>not</u> express any intention (threat, support, condonation, call) of violence <u>nor</u> is it used to metaphorically refer to essentially non-violent political events / phenomena

SPECIFIC CODING GUIDELINES

1. The phrase used to express an intention of physical violence is <u>metaphorical</u>.

   a) Violent phrases can be used to metaphorically (indirectly) express an intention of violence. It means that <u>metaphorical use of a violent phrase should not automatically lead to coding a Tweet as Class 2</u>. For a Tweet to belong to Class 2, a violent phrase should be used to metaphorically refer to non-violent political events / phenomena. In contrast, for a Tweet with a violent phrase to be coded as Class 1, <u>there should be an intention of violence</u> directed at a political target revealed by the author (or the Tweet).

   b) It might be controversial whether a given phrase can be seen as a violent act or not. <u>Above all, consider the context</u>. The Tweet 449 is referencing Trump's defeat in the 2020 Presidential Election, using <u>a violent phrase</u> (ass being kicked). Here, Trump is <u>not threatened</u> with an act of kicking. Thus, this Tweet <u>makes sense as Class 2</u>. That is, 'kick' is used to describe electoral defeat which is essentially non-violent. In the Tweet 1006, 'murder' is used to metaphorically accuse Trump of his responses to the pandemic. Here, it is obvious that no one is getting a death threat. Also, in the Tweet 256, 'kick ass' is used in context of legislative politics. <u>The rule of thumb here is whether the violent phrase has an identifiable referent that is essentially non-violent</u>. For instance, 'kick' the Tweet 449 is used to mean 'electoral defeat', 'murdered' in the Tweet 1006 means 'his pandemic policies led to deaths of citizens', and 'kick' can mean some form of 'loss of status or power.'
      - *Trump you are desperate Clown because you are going to get your ass fucking kicked in November 2020 (tweet_number 449)*
      - *@YoungJyoung6350 @Joe_Burrow10 Trump has murdered 103,669 Americans the same as if he shot them on 5th Avenue. Bothered by that loss of life? (tweet_number 1006)*
      - *I will do whatever is necessary to have a true conservative kick your ass out of the Senate (tweet_number 256)*

      Similar Tweets are listed below:
      - *@WhiteHouse @realDonaldTrump That's not how free speech works, in fact, you are now repressing their free speech, which IS a violation of the first amendment. The GOVERNMENT can't limit speech, companies can have terms of use. They will beat your baby-ass in court and we will all cheer (tweet_number 2523)*
      - *@manish_salunke @DudeWithATude1 @realDonaldTrump He better not resign. He is the only thing standing between law abiding citizens and the leftist coup government that wants to take our guns then kill us (tweet_number 2332)*
      - *@realDonaldTrump You don't give a shit! You only think of yourself and your money. I will be so happy in November when we kick your ass out of the White House (tweet_number 1274)*
      - *@NYGovCuomo How tf his he racially dividing? You murdered thousands by send them to their death and let your city burn #SCUMBAG (tweet_number 2425)*
      - *@realDonaldTrump Trying the same lie two days in a row. Desperate a bit are you? How many generals need to slap you up side the head before you STFU? (tweet_number 296)*
      - *@realDonaldTrump You sound totally stable. @JoeBiden is going to kick your ass. #Biden2020 #ObamaWasBetterAtEverything #25thAmendmentNow (tweet_number 1403).*

      In contrast, the violent phrase in the Tweets can be interpreted as implying an actual act of violence. Again, the same rule as above applies: see if the violent phrase can be interpreted as referring to

- *@TwitterSafety @realDonaldTrump Kick the SOB off! He gets away with 💩 no one else does (tweet_number 905)*
- *@realDonaldTrump REMOVE EVERY DEMOCRAT!!!! https://t.co/rS4ZgmnWlC (tweet_number 1294)*
- *@Neuralspaztici1 @keatrbl 1 out of 10 on how close they were to getting into the Whitehouse. 10 being Trump's head on a pike, 1.001 (tweet_number 24)*
- *white journalism in this country needs to burn (tweet_number 1522)*
- *@PhillyMayor @RepDwightEvans @StreetForPA @SenatorHughes @Darrell_Clarke @DrAlynEWaller @PPDCommish @bgabernathy You're asking them to call for peace aren't we beyond that grow some balls Jim and destroy these rioters (tweet_number 1468)*
- *@MarshaBlackburn We Americans will destroy them*
- *Crush em.. enough..(tweet_number 1344)*
- *It's Up To Us To Take This Son Of A Bitch Down, Prosecuted, & Sentenced For Mass Killing Of Americans, Crimes Against Humanity & Traitor To Our Country ‼️ (tweet_number 1305)*
- *Let them burn the cesspools down. No intervention (tweet_number 131)*

2. To distinguish between Class 2 and Class 3, think about whether the violent phrase is used to refer to non-violent political events / phenomenon. When the violent phrase is not quite literal but used to refer to **violent** political events / phenomenon, the Tweet belongs to Class 3. Also, the violent phrase being just non-literal is only a necessary condition (that does not automatically lead to Class 2).

   a) Sometimes, it is hard to tell whether what is metaphorically referred to by the violent phrase in a given Tweet is non-violent or not. Here, my recommendation is to think about whether the referent is unambiguously non-violent in nature (e.g., national economy, election). The referents in the following Tweets are somewhat actually violent. Although they are not literal (e.g., Trump himself did not gas and shoot in tweet_number 335), it does not necessarily mean they belong to Class 2.
      - *@GOP @realDonaldTrump @LaraLeaTrump We will never forget seeing Trump gas and shoot his own people for a photo op. NEVER. #VoteBlueToEndThisNightmare2020 https://t.co/WnK5fN2x75 (tweet_number 335)*
      - *WHY TF IS TRUMP SENDING OUT NATIONAL GUARDS TO KILL THESE PROTESTORS??? STOP TAKING LIVES YOU FAT CUNT (tweet_number 227)*
      - *OH GREAT!!! NOW...... @GavinNewsom has imposed a stupid curfew for LA residents!!! #laprotest .....btw this is really #socialdistancing? I'M FUCKIN OVER IT!!! Why burn our OWN city! Lame-ass Morons!!! (tweet_number 2525)*
      - *@ErrolWebber @realDonaldTrump White liberals will use people of color for their own political gain, point taken. But white fascists will kill us and maim us-and call it "patriotic." (tweet_number 1198)*
      - *@dougmillsnyt @realDonaldTrump So people burned the church across from the White House. The next day Trump stands in front of it. Guess who the pastor charged with sacrilege? https://t.co/tGCylZPhuu (tweet_number 1809)*

   b) Some phrases are part of normalized non-violent expression although <u>they might be violent in origin</u>. In such cases. We code them as Class 3 as long as it does not contain an intention of violence.
      - *@Veteran4Trump @realDonaldTrump The mayor's are allowing this to go because it is the only way they can beat @TherealDonaldTrump (tweet_number 2042)*

- *@realDonaldTrump They should maybe ask @GovKemp for advice. He beat the Chinese virus and clamped down last night in Atlanta. At the request of a Dem mayor by the way. She's good. (tweet_number 1570)*

3. Tweets with a violent religious curse (e.g. burn in hell) can be aggressive but do not belong to Class 1 because it does not contain an intention of violence in itself but is just aggressive (harsh/hateful). Code them as Class 3. Also, we do <u>not</u> consider this a metaphor (so, do not confuse with Class 2)
   - *We already lose everything, now it's your turn!!! @realDonaldTrump you are a FKG psycho!! You will burn in hell because of the pain that you have made to our people!! #anonymous #anonymusisback https://t.co/r34uB2KgQh (tweet_number 1849)*

4. The Tweet <u>quotes</u> a text containing an intention of violence. <u>Please code quotes as 7.</u>

   a) In general, this should not be coded as Class 1 because the quoted text itself does not tell anything about the author's intention.

   b) <u>If the author reveals an intention of violence using a quote</u>, this <u>may be considered Class 1</u> (e.g., I love it: "the only good Democrat is a dead Democrat").

5. Class 1 includes a call for self-harm as shown in the Tweets below.
   - *@realDonaldTrump, do us a favor and just jump off a cliff (tweet_number 2009)*
   - *@realDonaldTrump @SenatorTimScott WTF?! Are you kidding me? You are a dickhead. You have done nothing but divide the country, create chaos, try and make yourself a "great, very great, person all the while being a major dildo. Please stick your head a little bit farther up your ass, jump, and disappear (tweet_number 535).*

6. The act in the Tweet is a legal punishment (e.g. "should go to jail" or "should be arrested right now"):

   a) <u>The general rule is that we do not code them as Class 1</u> even though they might sound aggressive/harsh/hateful. According to the general guidelines above, the following Tweets do not contain a violent metaphor (jailing and arrested are not a violent metaphor) nor do they express an intention of violence. Thus, Class 3.
   - *Trump go to jail for treason that doesn't make sense ?? How about all you luciferian baby eating Satan worshiping new world order fuck heads ? You will be going to jail (24th)*
   - *@Texasfreespirit He's the leader of antifa so if Trump deems antifa as a terrorist group Soros is the head terrorist so he should be arrested right along with them he's funding it! (29th)*

   b) <u>An exception to the general rule</u> is that the legal punishment involves a call for some direct harm on the target. In this case, a given Tweet can be Class 1.
   - *@Nightmareobses1 @realDonaldTrump Those cops should be tried and executed. All the cops who are standing around while he bleeds should as well. Nothing but pus#:es without their badge and gun (44th)*

7. The Tweet express a threat of political violence but it is actually <u>irony</u> (i.e., the expression of one's meaning by using language that normally signifies <u>the opposite</u>). In the two Tweets below, the author is actually against riots and killing sick people, respectively. Please, label it as 8.

- *Of course not bro. These fckin liberals and demonRATS are and have been ruining our country for centuries! But hey <u>let's fckin burn the cities</u> and maybe that will solve everything🤷‍♂️ #QAnon #WWG1WGA #ObamaGate #Trump2020 (tweet_number 365).*
- *@DonaldJTrumpJr @SenAlexander Just shoot all the sick people. That way we don't have to deal with them. Huh. You white privileged prick (tweet_number 380).*

8. When the meaning of a given Tweet is unclear. We code them as 9.
    - *@ConservaMomUSA @sistronk @POTUS @realDonaldTrump Nice shot! (tweet_numbr 19)*
    - *@greggutfeld Fine people. Shithole countries. Central Park five. "Get the son of a bitch of the field". Etc…. Trump is a white nationalist. Burn it down (tweet_numbr 295).*