**Activity 2: Investigating language and rhetoric used in Trump insult tweets**

Exercise 1: Using wordlist.

Go to word list 🡪 find **noun** 🡪 **all** 🡪

Answer the following questions considering the top 50 results:

1. Note down any results that are either the name of a person (first name or surname) or country or entity.
2. Note down any results that are related to (US) politics.
3. Note down any results that could be campaign topics (e.g. migration)
4. Note down any results you find particularly surprising or interesting.

**Suggested answers:**

1. hillary, media, joe, trump, biden, clinton, u.s., russia, obama, china, mueller
2. democrats, president, democrat, election, dems, state, poll, vote, republican, campaign, party, left
3. border, crime
4. fake, crooked, hunt, witch, fact, hoax, collusion, rating

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Exercise 2: Using Concordance

From the wordlist, select the word “party” and select Concordance. What are the different concordances you can find for the word party? Consider looking beyond the first page

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**Suggested answers:**

1. The Repub Party
2. The party
3. Republican Party (of Virginia)
4. Party candidate
5. The Green Party
6. Dem party
7. R Party
8. Democrat party
9. Opposing party
10. Opposition party
11. Minority party
12. Radical Left Democrat Party
13. The once great Democrat party
14. The do nothing Party
15. The Fake News Opposition Party
16. The real opposition party
17. The party of the American Worker
18. The party of high taxes, high crime, open borders, late-term abortion, socialism, and blatant corruption
19. Chinese Community Party

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Exercise 3: Using Word Sketch:

Go to Work Sketch and type “Hillary” 🡪 Go

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Looking at the results write down:

1. The most common modifier
2. The top 8 verbs with “Hillary” as object
3. The top 8 verbs with “Hillary” as subject

For each category, investigate whether these words place Hillary in a positive or negative light. When unclear, investigate the concordances for these words.

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Conduct the same experiment for “Joe Biden” and “Bernie”, “Schiff” and write down the answers that are particularly negative and look at their concordances. Other politicians you can look into are: “Schiff”, “Nancy” and “Comey”

**Suggested Answers:**

Hillary (Clinton):

1. crooked
2. beat, help, think, protect, elect, give, say, be
3. say, pay, lie, call, want, have, create, commit, lead, spend, in, go

Joe (Biden):

1. sleepy, slow, corrupt, stiff
2. –
3. betray, admit, ship, attack, refuse, fail

Bernie (Sanders):

1. crazy
2. exhaust, deprive, cost, cheat, disrespect, throw, hate, hurt
3. flame, fight

(Adam) Schiff:

1. shifty, corrupt
2. depose, catch, defend, impeach, make (up)
3. make (up), lie, fabricate, commit, blast, dupe, correct, expose, question

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Exercise 4: N-grams

Go to N-grams, select N-gram length 4-5 and select Go.

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Write down the most occurring phrases in the top 20 results, avoiding repetition:

**Suggested Answers:**

1. The Fake News Media
2. In the history of
3. The Do nothing democrats
4. Don’t have a clue
5. Of the United States
6. Failing New York Times
7. The Great State of
8. Enemy of the People
9. Make America Great again
10. Bad for our country
11. The radical left democrats

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Exercise 5: Word Sketch Difference

Go to Word Sketch Difference and type “@FoxNews” for the first lemma and @CNN for the second lemma and select Go.

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Green words are those used significantly more for @FoxNews and those in red are used significantly more for @CNN.

1. Note down the top 5 verbs with @FoxNews as object
2. Note down the top 5 verbs with @CNN as object
3. Note down the top 6 verbs with @FoxNews as subject
4. Note down the top 6 verbs with @CNN as subject
5. Note down the top 6 adjective predicators of @FoxNews
6. Note down the top 6 adjective predicators of @CNN

**Suggested answers:**

1. Devastate, believe, bias, go, be
2. Play, starve, infect, scam, air, challenge
3. Put, change, become, cancel, owe, hire
4. Misquote, cloud, #FakeNews, bear, report, fire
5. Watchable, different, pathetic, important, long, dead
6. Nasty, disgusting, laughable, embarrassed, negative

Exercise 6: Keywords

Go to Keywords, Select **Advanced** and type “Hillary” in the Reference corpus seach bar, until the Hillary\_Tweets corpus shows up. Keep the other default settings. Select Go.

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Look through the multi-word terms. From the top 100 results, note down the results that relate to the topic of “migration.” Also investigate some concordances.

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Now switch the focus and reference corpus and from the top 50 results, note down the results that relate to migration in the Hillary\_Tweets corpus. Also investigate some concordances.

**Suggested answers:**

1. Illegal Immigration
2. Southern border
3. Border security
4. Open borders
5. Immigration law
6. Illegal immigrant
7. Open Border

**Suggested answers:**

1. Comprehensive immigration reform
2. Million of immigrants