Person Stance Classification from Category Name

In this task you are given a debatable topic such as ***Feminism***, as well as names of categories and lists from Wikipedia, for instance:

1. *Category:Atheist\_feminists*
2. *Category:Feminist\_bloggers*
3. *Category:Multicultural\_feminism*
4. *Category:Critics\_of\_feminism*
5. Category:Swedish\_women's\_rights\_activists
6. Category:Dutch\_suffragists
7. *List\_of\_feminist\_comic\_books*
8. *List\_of\_Jewish\_feminists*

You are also given the parent categories of each category. For example, the parent categories of ***Dutch\_suffragists*** are ***Dutch\_democracy\_activists****,* ***Dutch\_feminists****,* ***Dutch\_women's\_rights\_activists****,* ***Suffragists\_by\_nationality*.**  In other words, ***Dutch\_suffragists*** is a subcategory of these categories.

Finally, you are given a link to the category/list’s page in Wikipedia. The Wikipedia pages of these categories and lists contain lists of persons, linked to their own page in Wikipedia. For convenience, we will refer in the following to both category names and list names as “category names”.

For each category name, you should do the following:

## Step 1: Determine whether it is a person group category

A person group category is a category that explicitly defines membership in a group of persons. All the above examples 1-8, except for *Multicultural\_feminism* and *List\_of\_feminist\_comic\_books ,* areperson group categories. Another example is ***HIV/AIDS denialism*** vs ***HIV/AIDS denialists –*** only the latter is a person group category.

If the category is not a person group category, it should be labeled as “-“. Otherwise, proceed to Step 2.

## Step 2: Stance Classification

This step should be applied only to person group categories. Your goal is to determine the stance of the persons in the given category towards the given concept, based on the category name. You should choose one of the following options:

1. “P” – *Pro* stance (supporting the concept)
2. “C” – *Con* stance (opposing the concept)
3. “?” – The stance cannot be determined based on the category name, or the category is not relevant.

In the above example, ***Atheist\_feminists, Feminist\_bloggers****,* ***Swedish\_women's\_rights\_activists****,* ***Dutch\_suffragists***, and ***List\_of\_Jewish\_feminists*** are “P”, and ***Critics\_of\_feminism*** *is* “C”*.*

Guidelines

1. Before you start annotating a concept, make sure you understand the concept and the context in which it is debatable. The page <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List_of_controversial_issues> lists most of these concepts and provides links to their Wikipedia pages as well as some context.
2. Parent categories may help with the classification. For example, knowing that ***Dutch\_suffragists*** is a subcategory of ***Dutch\_feminists*** and ***Dutch\_women's\_rights\_activists*** can help classifying it correctly as “P” for ***Feminism***.
3. If you want to verify you classification, you can also follow the link and visit the category/list page, read the definitions and explanations, and check some of the person pages listed on that page.
4. Categories that contain fictional persons (*List\_of\_fictional\_atheists\_and\_agnostics*) should be classified as “?”. We are only interested in real persons.

Examples

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| Concept | Category | Parent categories | Stance | Notes |
| Feminism | Category:Critics\_of\_feminism | [Category:Criticism\_of\_feminism, Category:Critics] | C |  |
| Abortion | Category:American\_abortion\_providers | [Category:Abortion\_in\_the\_United\_States, Category:Abortion\_providers] | P |  |
| Abortion | List\_of\_songs\_about\_abortion |  | - |  |
| Antisemitism | Category:Holocaust\_denial\_in\_the\_United\_Kingdom | [Category:Antisemitism\_in\_the\_United\_Kingdom, Category:British\_society, Category:Holocaust\_denial\_by\_country, Category:Holocaust\_denial\_in\_the\_European\_Union] | - |  |
| Capital punishment | Category:Prisoners\_sentenced\_to\_death\_by\_France | [Category:Capital\_punishment\_in\_France, Category:Prisoners\_and\_detainees\_of\_France, Category:Prisoners\_sentenced\_to\_death\_by\_country] | ? |  |
| Anarchism | Category:Historians\_of\_anarchism | [Category:Historians\_by\_field\_of\_study, Category:Historians\_of\_ideologies, Category:History\_of\_anarchism] | ? |  |
| Anarchism | Category:Magonists | [Category:Anarchists\_by\_form, Category:Magonism] | P | Parent categories help here |
| Anarchism | List\_of\_fictional\_anarchists |  | ? |  |
| Communism | Category:Russian\_Revolution\_in\_Ukraine | [Category:Anarchism\_in\_Ukraine, Category:Communism\_in\_Ukraine, Category:History\_of\_Ukraine, Category:History\_of\_the\_Soviet\_Union\_and\_Soviet\_Russia, Category:Revolutions\_in\_Ukraine, Category:Russian\_Revolution, Category:Ukrainian\_rebellions] | - |  |
| Commuinism | Category:South\_African\_Trotskyists | [Category:African\_Trotskyists, Category:South\_African\_communists, Category:South\_African\_people\_by\_political\_orientation, Category:Trotskyism\_in\_South\_Africa, Category:Trotskyists\_by\_nationality] | P | Parent categories help here |
| Communism | Category:Hungarian\_anti-communists | [Category:Anti-communism\_in\_Hungary, Category:Anti-communists, Category:European\_anti-communists, Category:Hungarian\_people\_by\_political\_orientation] | C |  |
| Vaccination | Category:Smallpox\_vaccines | [Category:Eradicated\_diseases, Category:Smallpox, Category:Vaccination, Category:Vaccines] | - |  |
| Tax | Category:Tax\_resisters | [Category:Activists\_by\_issue, Category:Tax\_resistance] | C |  |