

# Characterizing Interconnections and Linguistic Patterns in Twitter

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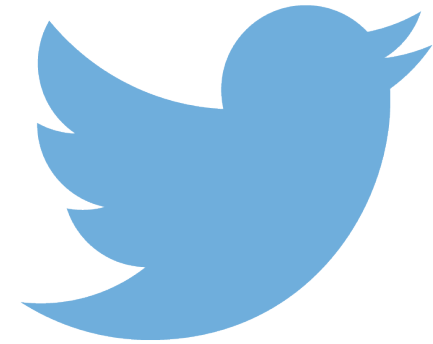
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# Introduction

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- ✓ Social networking sites are powerful
- ✓ Facebook: 1.7 bi monthly active users in 2016
- ✓ Twitter: 317 mi monthly active users in 2016
- ✓ People post everything
- ✓ Promote debates
- ✓ Demographic information is challenge to obtain
- ✓ Why is important to study demographic aspects?



# Motivation

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- ✓ Perspective of Systems
  - ✓ Sociological point of view
  - ✓ Linguistic Differences
  - ✓ Gender and Race Disparities
  - ✓ Gender and Race Inequalities
- ✓ Glass Ceiling
  - ✓ Not available in Twitter API
  - ✓ Challenge
  - ✓ Design Transparent Systems





# Goals

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- ✓ Investigate Inequities in Terms of Visibility
- ✓ Investigate Linguistic Aspects and Topics of Interests
- ✓ Characterize Interconnections
- ✓ Design a System that Provides Data Transparency



# Contributions

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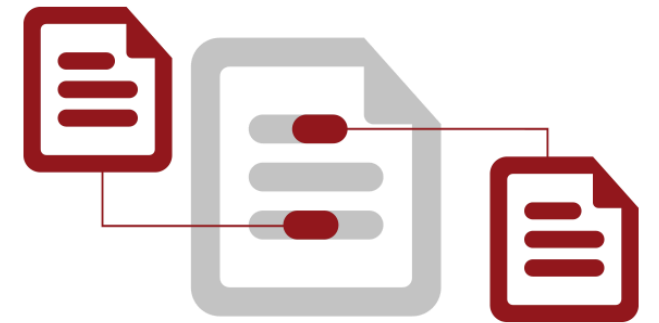
- ✓ Clear Insight into How Groups of Users Connect in Twitter
- ✓ Linguistic Style of Writing and Topic of Interests of Demographic Groups
- ✓ Interconnections and Interactions
- ✓ Who Makes Trends? Web-base system
- ✓ Published Work



# Related Work

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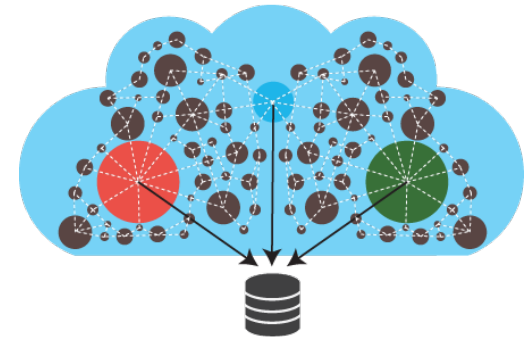
- ✓ Demographics in Social Media
- ✓ Inequality in Twitter Visibility
- ✓ Demographics and Linguistic Analysis
- ✓ Algorithmic and Data Transparency
- ✓ Recommendation Diversity
- ✓ Fairness



# Demographic Information Dataset

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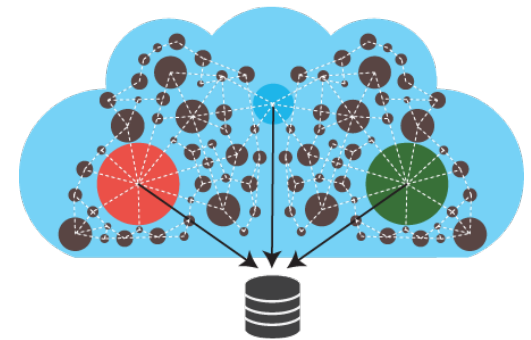
- ✓ Twitter Dataset
- ✓ Crawling Demographic Information
- ✓ Baseline Dataset
- ✓ Gathering Tweets
- ✓ Extraction of Topics
- ✓ Linguistic Measures
- ✓ Gathering Social Connections and Interactions
- ✓ Potential Limitations



# Twitter Dataset

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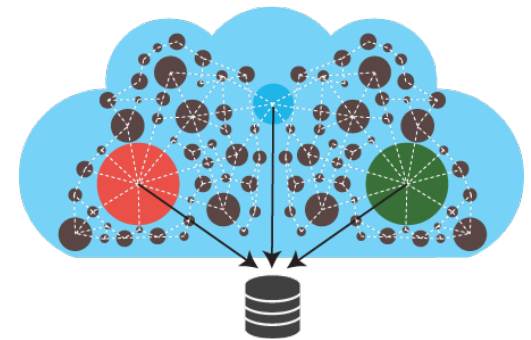
- ✓ Twitter Stream API
- ✓ 1% Random Sample
- ✓ July – September 2016
- ✓ 341,457,982 tweets
- ✓ 50,270,310 users
- ✓ 6,286,477 users from U.S. and English tweet
- ✓ Time zone filtering



# Crawling Demographic Information

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- ✓ Profile Pictures URL
- ✓ Face++ API: Gender, Race, Age, and other attributes
- ✓ 4.6 mi users discarded (73.42%)
  - Users changed their profile picture
  - Pictures. do not have a face
  - Pictures have more than one face
- ✓ 1,670,862 U.S. users with one face

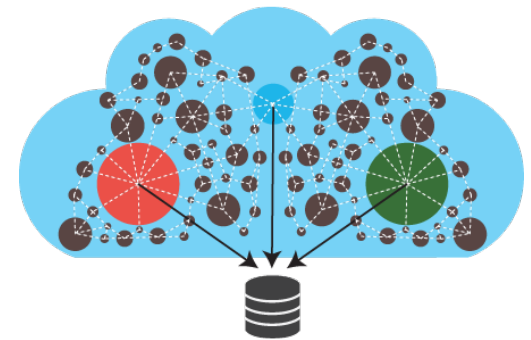


# Baseline Dataset

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Race	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
Asian	120,950 (7.24%)	177,205 (10.61%)	298,155 (17.85%)
Black	130,954 (7.84%)	107,827 (6.45%)	238,781 (14.29%)
White	538,625 (32.23%)	595,302 (35.63%)	1,133,927 (67.86%)
<b>Total</b>	790,529 (47.31%)	880,334 (52.69%)	1,670,863 (100%)

- ✓ 1.6 mi users
- ✓ U.S.
- ✓ 1 recognized face

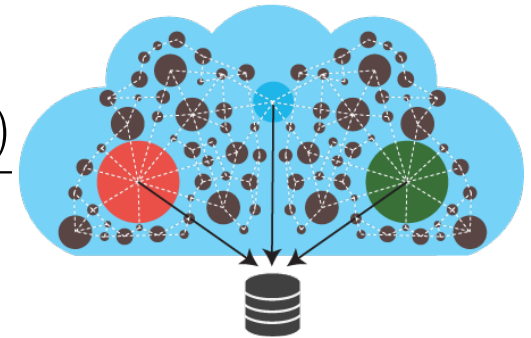


# Baseline Dataset

Race (%)	Gender (%)		Total (%)
	Male	Female	
Asian	7.07 (−3.85)	10.05 (−11.28)	17.12 (−10.90)
Black	8.17 (8.53)	6.74 (7.68)	14.91 (11.69)
White	32.88 (8.49)	35.09 (−7.69)	67.97 (1.20)
<b>Total</b>	48.12 (10.91)	51.88 (−10.91)	100.00

- ✓ Limitations
- ✓ 304,477 random users
- ✓ Null model
- ✓ 100 random samples

$$Z_{White} = \frac{|U_{White}| - \text{mean}(|S_{White}|)}{\text{std}(|S_{White}|)}$$

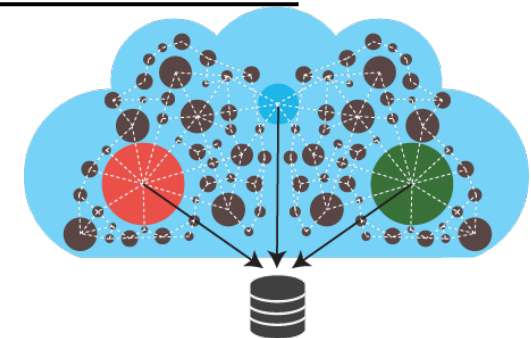




# Baseline Dataset

Demographic	Mean	Z-value	S.D.	Min	25-perc	Median	75-perc	Max
Male	144,035.1 $\pm$ 44.86	10.91	228.88	143,544	143,883.00	144,054.5	144,156.50	144,680
Female	160,441.9 $\pm$ 44.86	-10.91	228.88	159,797	160,320.50	160,422.5	160,594.00	160,933
Asian	54,311.5 $\pm$ 39.17	-10.90	199.87	53,907	54,177.25	54,296.5	54,444.00	54,803
Black	43,514.01 $\pm$ 31.72	11.69	161.85	43,196	43,380.75	43,503.5	43,633.50	43,887
White	206,651.49 $\pm$ 46.82	1.20	238.91	205,921	206,490.25	206,666.5	206,789.25	207,110
Asian Male	22,043.64 $\pm$ 26.24	-3.85	133.88	21,674	21,958.75	22,040.5	22,115.50	22,429
Asian Female	32,267.86 $\pm$ 28.92	-11.28	147.56	31,900	32,153.50	32,262.0	32,371.75	32,667
Black Male	23,857.98 $\pm$ 23.81	8.53	121.48	23,634	23,777.75	23,858.0	23,930.00	24,197
Black Female	19,656.03 $\pm$ 21.82	7.68	111.34	19,342	19,585.25	19,660.5	19,737.75	19,944
White Male	98,133.48 $\pm$ 45.61	8.49	232.73	97,538	97,995.25	98,130.5	98,297.50	98,623
White Female	108,518.01 $\pm$ 43.04	-7.69	219.62	108,025	108,348.25	108,501.5	108,688.00	109,015

✓ 95% confidence level

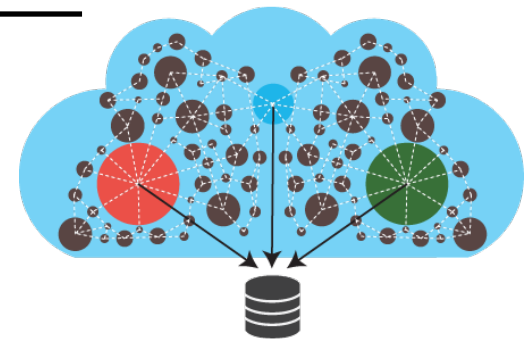


# Gathering Tweets

Demographic	Mean	Median	Max
Male	11,624.76 $\pm$ 109.40	3,874	1,683,948
Female	12,933.40 $\pm$ 105.89	4,885	1,132,964
Asian	14,020.92 $\pm$ 183.73	5,544	1,108,525
Black	18,949.91 $\pm$ 248.46	8,245	973,225
White	10,432.49 $\pm$ 85.28	3,637	1,683,948

- ✓ Twitter Rest API
- ✓ 3,200 more recently tweets
- ✓ 304,477 users
- ✓ Twitter Limitation

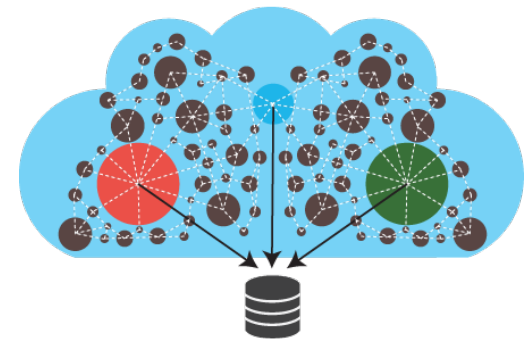
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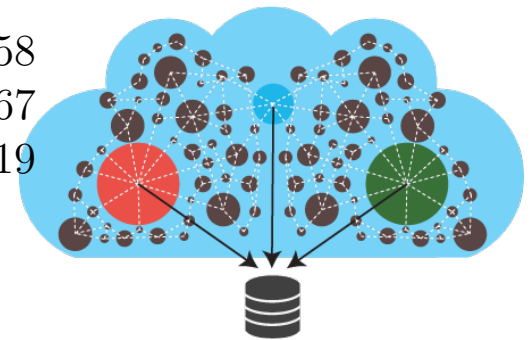
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- ✓ Who Likes What Web-base Service
- ✓ List of the friends
- ✓ Manually cleaned sub-topics into:
  - *celebrities* == *famous*
  - *actors* == *actor*
  - *business* == *biz*
  - Removed: best, br, bro, new
- ✓ Top 20: by frequency



# Extraction of Topics

Topic	Sub-Topics	Total
World	world, earth, hollywood, usa, canada, texas, international, nyc, country, city, boston, san francisco, france, america, los angeles, brasil, london, india	290,030
Celebrities	celebrities, famous, stars, celebs, celebrity, star, celeb	245,125
Entertainment	entertainment	244,956
Music	music, pop, hip hop, rap, gospel, hiphop	227,986
TV	tv, television	225,682
Life	life, lifestyle, health, healthcare, fitness, food, style, smile, drink	157,032
Fun	fun, funny, humor, lol, laugh	154,058
Info	info, information	147,567
Artists	musicians, singers, artist, singer, musician, rappers, bands	141,519

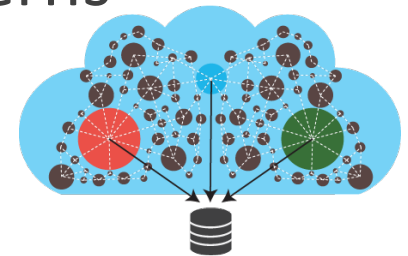


Actors	actors, actresses, actress, actor	140,647
Media	sports news, tech news, newspapers, music news, breaking news, world news, news media, radio, internet, social media, youtube, sports media, magazines, magazine	135,849
Writers	writers	126,051
Bloggers	bloggers, blogs, blog	110,699
Business	business, biz, businesses	107,361
Sports	sports, football, basketball, baseball, soccer, futbol, basket, martial arts, sport, mma, golf, cricket, boxing, motorsports, f1, racing	93,611
Movie	movie, movies, film, films	88,863
Organizations	organizations, nfl, nba, mlb, nhl, ufc, lfc, lgbt	82,568
Technology	technology, tech, iphone, digital, geek, software, computer, electronic, android, xbox, mac, gadgets, programming, geeks	72,137
Politics	politics, government, political, politicians, politician	64,735
Companies	companies, apple, company, microsoft, google	53,128

# Linguistic Measures

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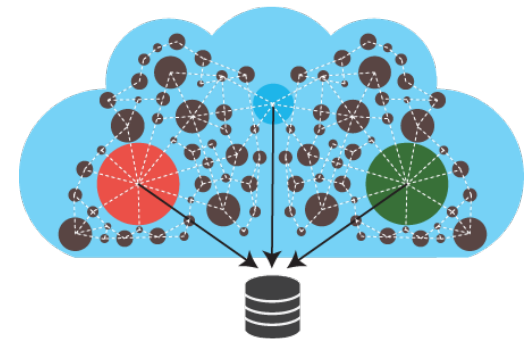
- ✓ Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count (LIWC)
  - ✓ Super text of tweets
  - ✓ 3 categories:
    - Affective
    - Cognitive
    - Linguistic Style
  - ✓ 36 features
- ✓ 6 groups:
    - Affective Attributes
    - Cognitive Attributes
    - Lexical Density and Awareness
    - Temporal References
    - Social/Personal Concerns
    - Interpersonal Focus



# Gathering Social Connections and Interactions

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- ✓ Followers and Friends
  - ✓ Unfeasible due to Face++
  - ✓ Randomly Select 6,000 users
  - ✓ Gather their friends (max of 5,000)
    - Most recent
    - All friends: 98.51%
  - ✓ Gather demographic information
    - At least 5% of users
    - Avg. 10.15% and median: 9.40%
- ✓ Interactions based on RT and mentions
  - ✓ Crawled all tweets (max of 3,200) for each user
  - ✓ Identified users mentioned or retweeted
  - ✓ Gather Demographic Information
    - 5% of retweeters and who mentioned



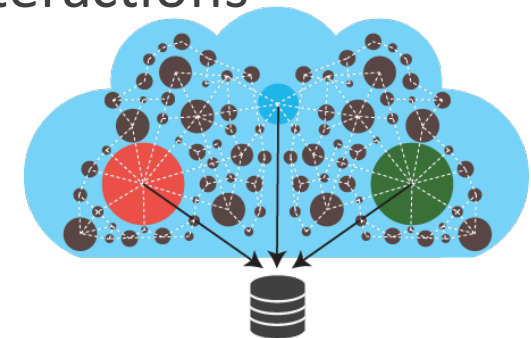
# Gathering Social Connections and Interactions

	White	Black	Asian	Total
Male	151,840	52,437	24,299	228,576
Female	137,010	31,011	32,100	200,121
Total	288,850	83,448	56,399	428,697

➤ Number of Friends

	White	Black	Asian	Total
Male	246,879	109,744	51,370	407,993
Female	202,338	60,108	71,137	333,583
Total	449,217	169,852	122,507	741,576

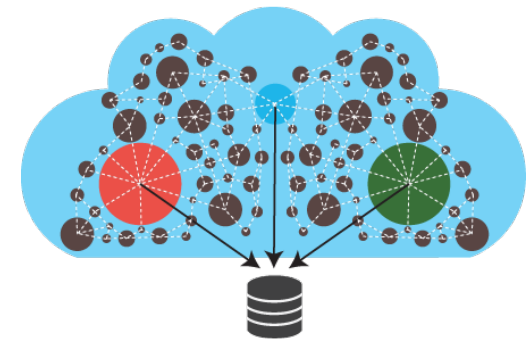
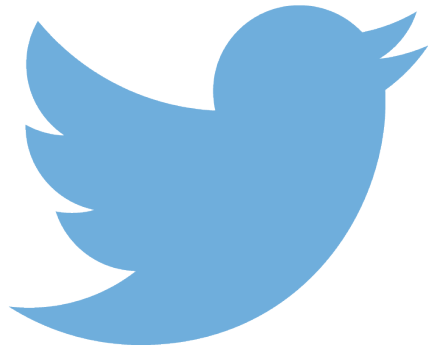
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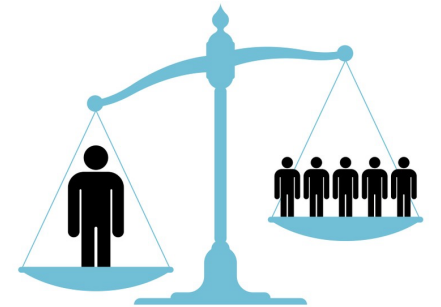
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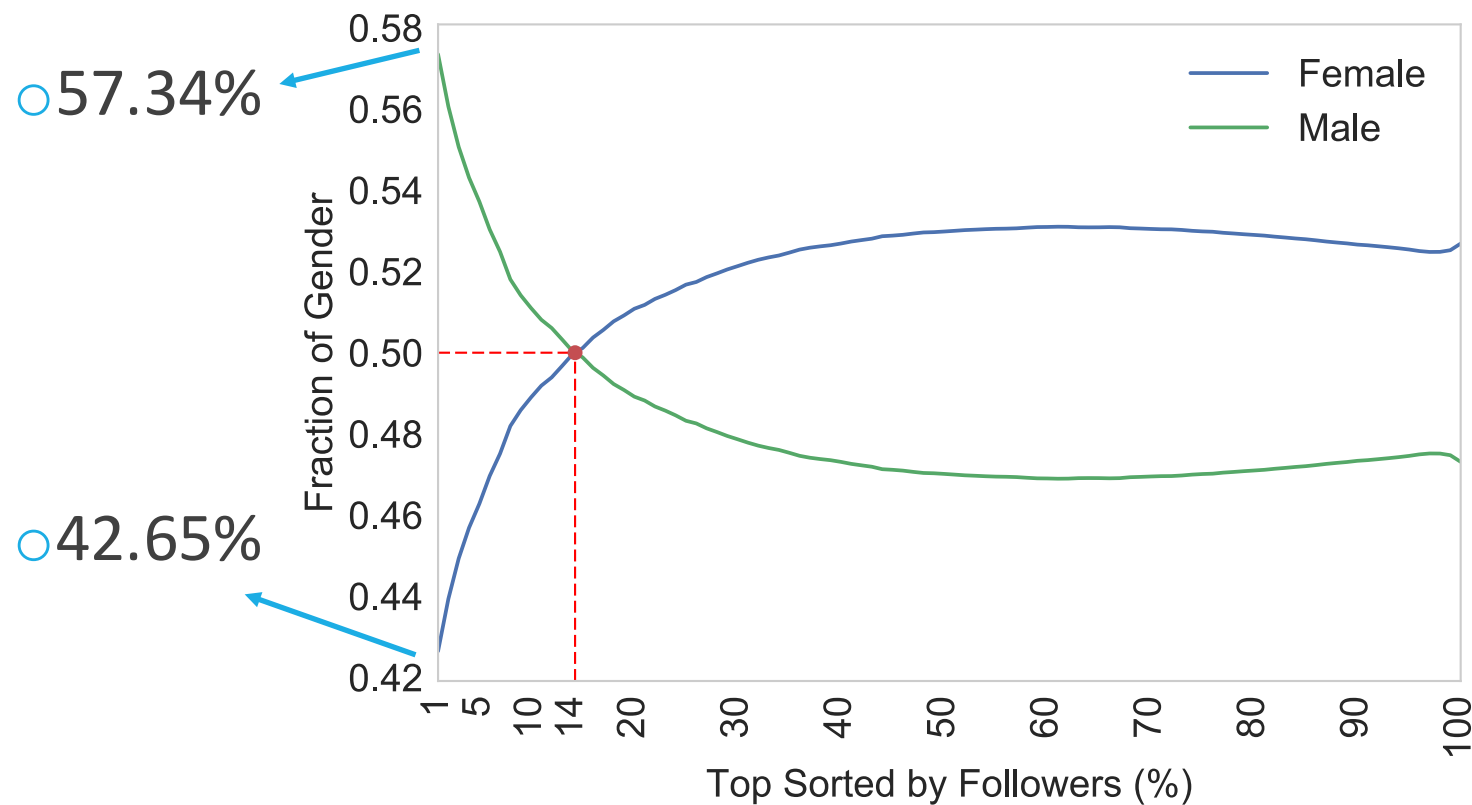
# Inequality in Visibility

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- ✓ Analyze the Association of Demographic Aspects with Visibility
- ✓ Discover Possible Inequalities
- ✓ Audience Size: Followers and Lists
- ✓ Gender Inequality
- ✓ Race Inequality
- ✓ Taking Together Gender and Race Inequality



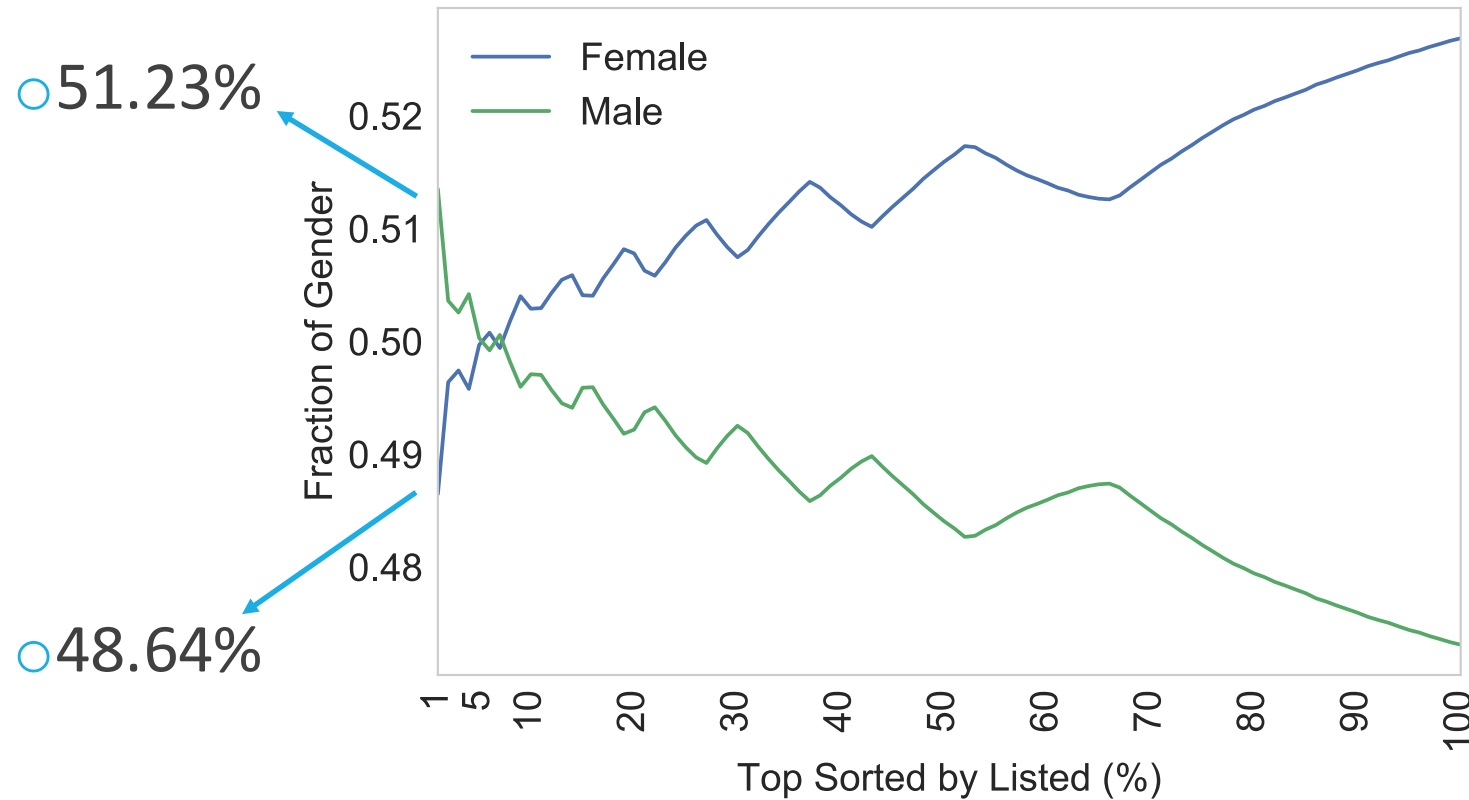
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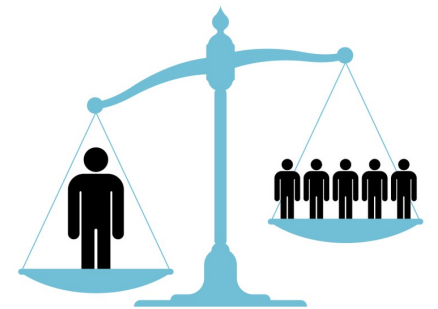
- ✓ Males tend to be more followed
- ✓ Glass Ceiling
- ✓ Gender Disparity



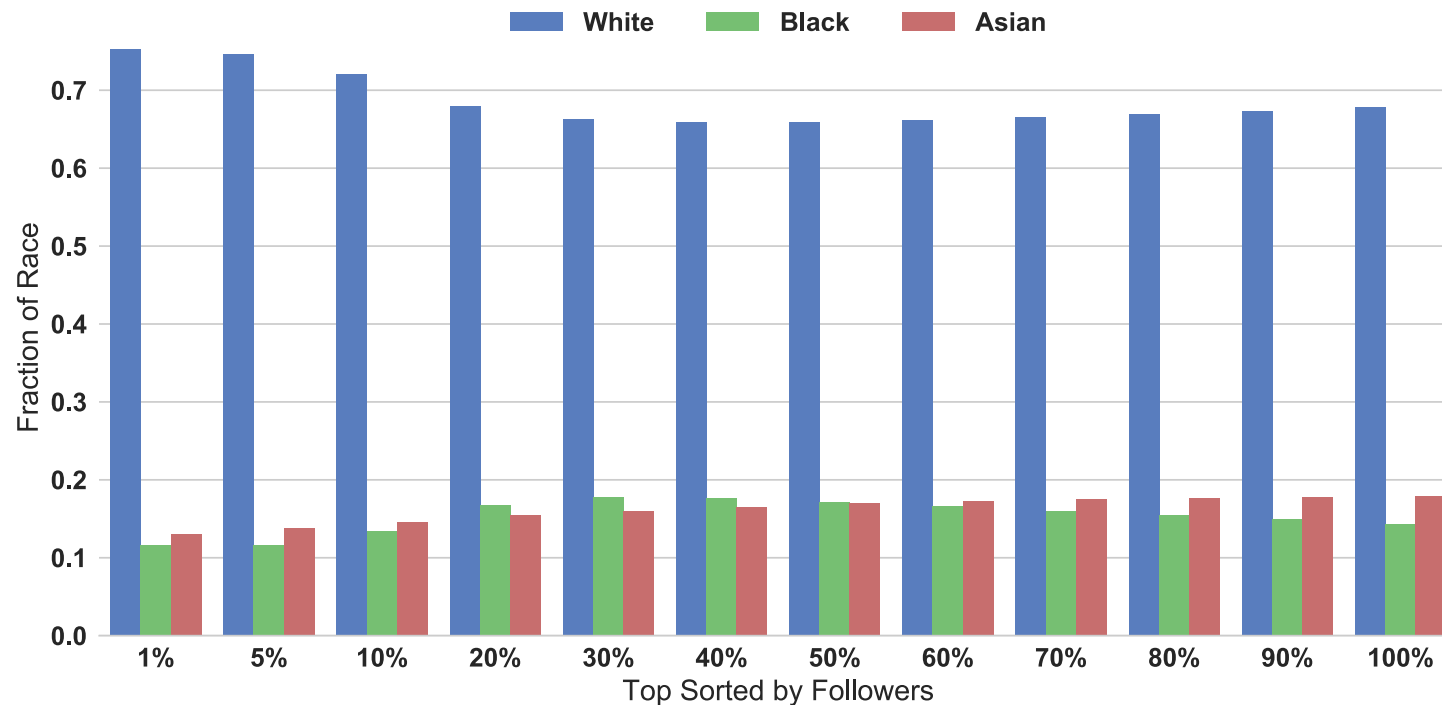
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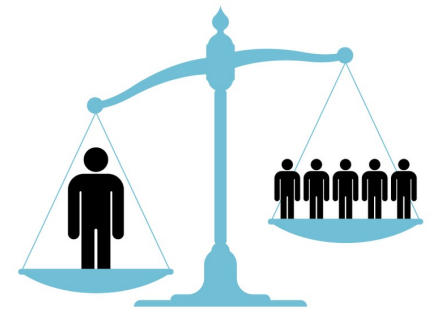
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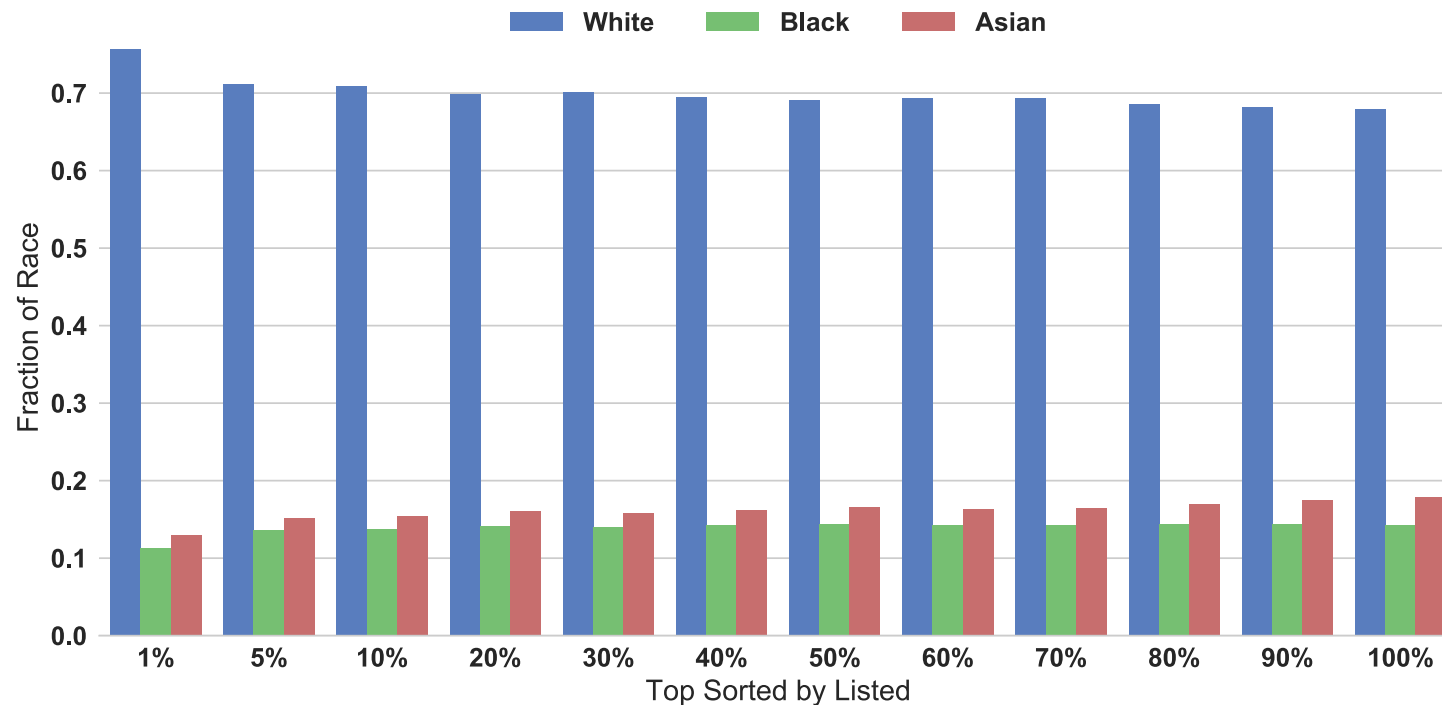
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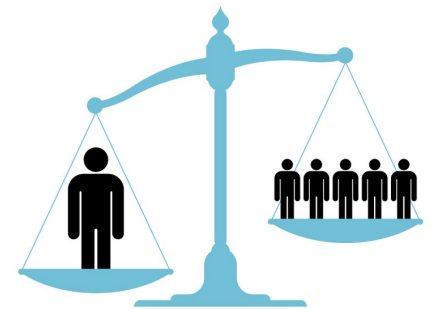
- ✓ White tend to be more followed
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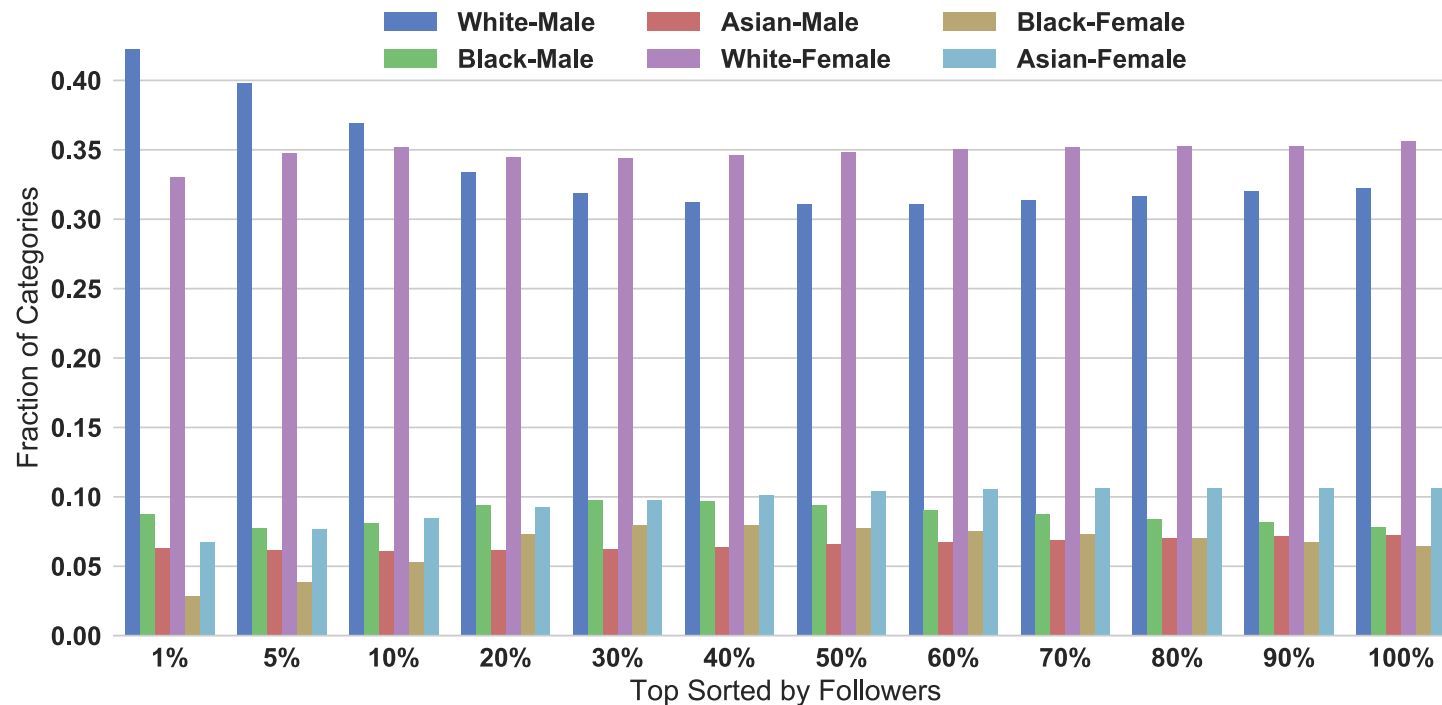
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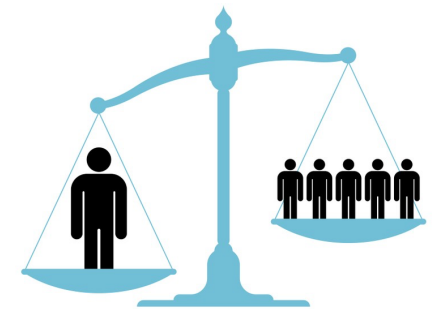
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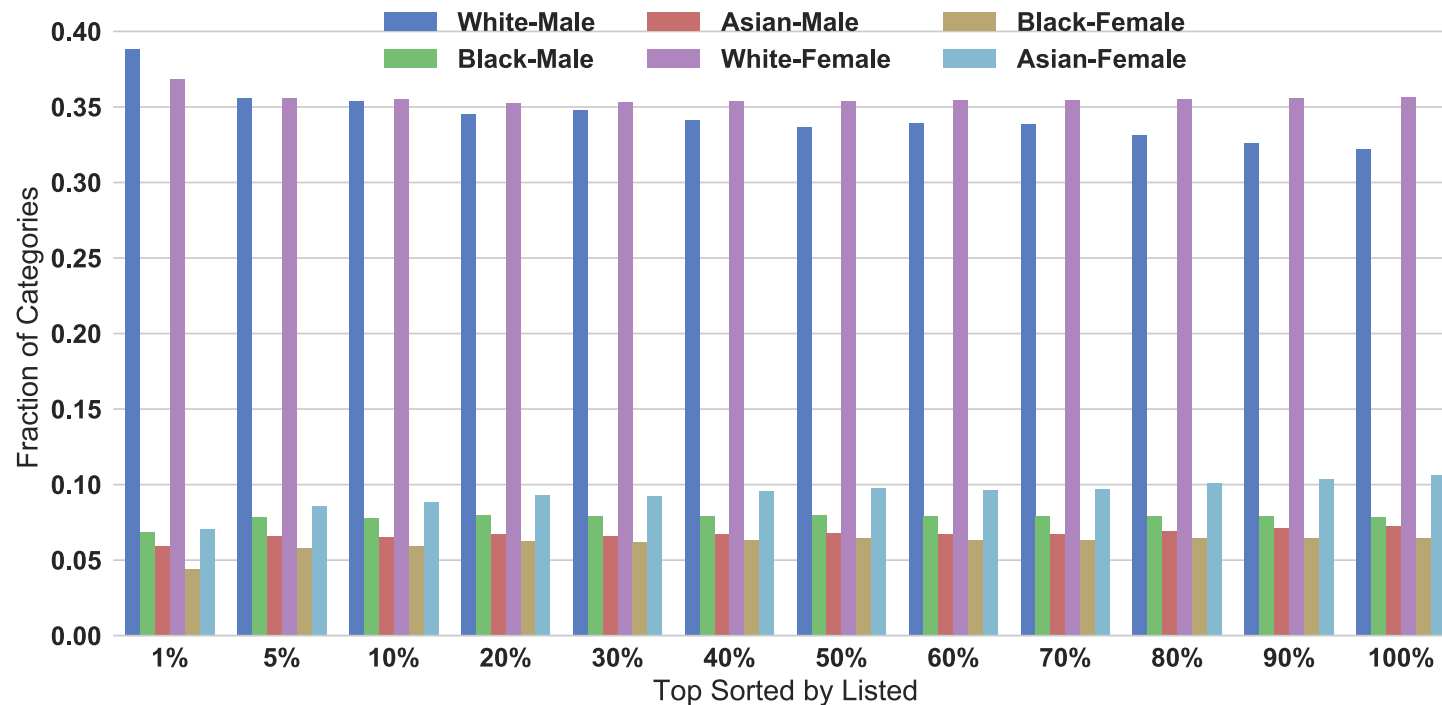
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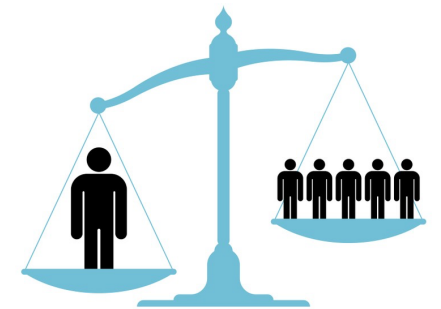
- ✓ White male tend to be more followed
- ✓ Also Glass Ceiling for males
- ✓ Group Disparity



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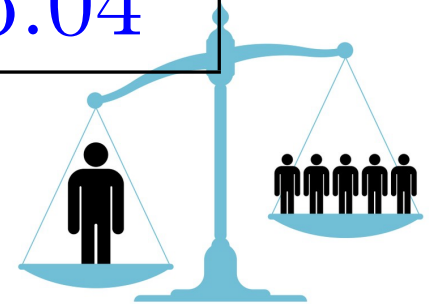




# Taking Together Gender and Race Inequality

Race	Followers		Listed	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Asian	-10.60	-32.70	-16.36	-29.61
Black	+7.17	-57.73	-15.90	-34.20
White	+28.56	-5.84	+18.15	+5.04

✓ Top 1%



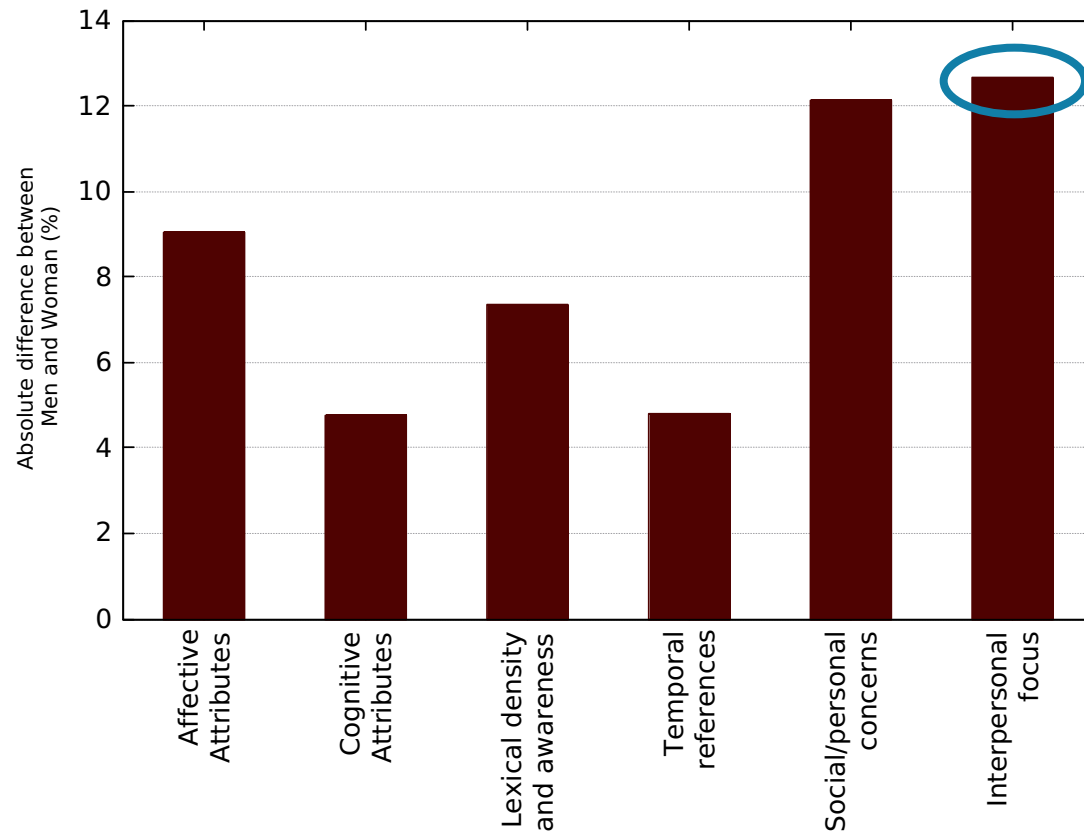
# Linguistic Patterns

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- ✓ Linguistic Differences
  - Mean Absolute Differences
  - Wilcoxon Rank Sum Test
  - Attributes
    - Affective
    - Cognitive
    - Lexical Density and Awareness
    - Temporal References
    - Interpersonal Focus
- ✓ Differences in Topic Interests



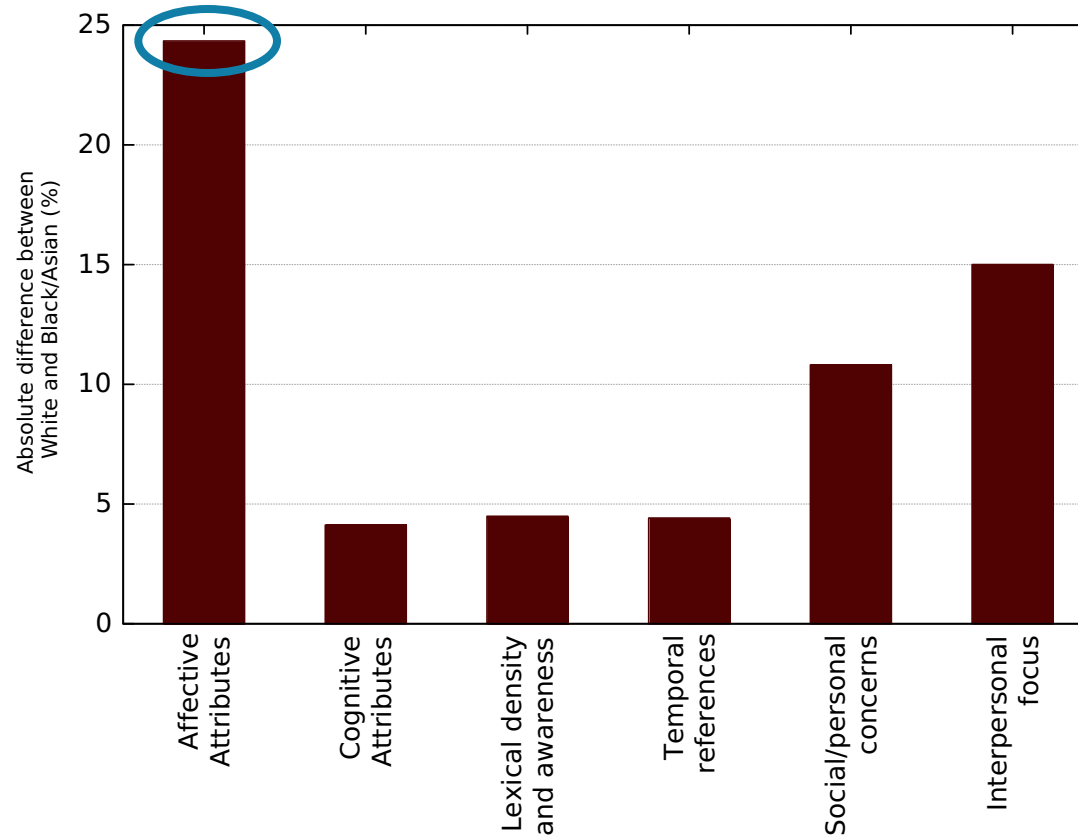
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Mean Absolute Differences Between Male and Female Users



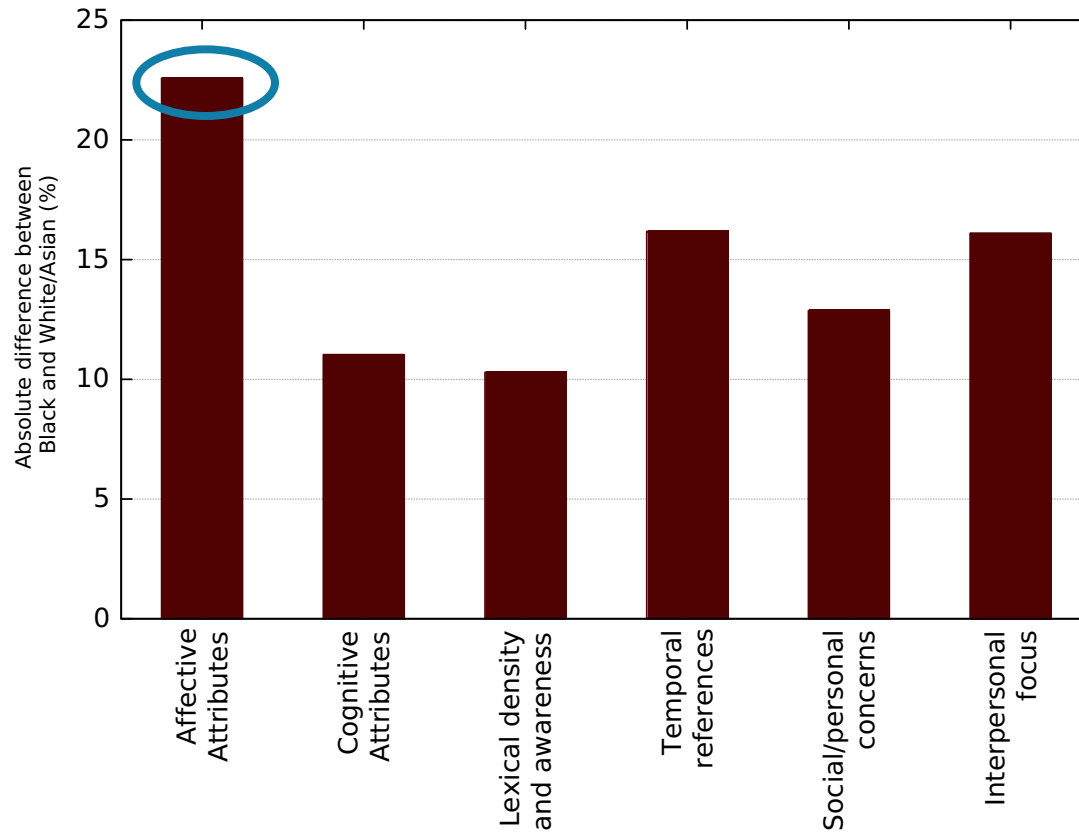
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Mean Absolute Differences Between White and Black/Asian Users

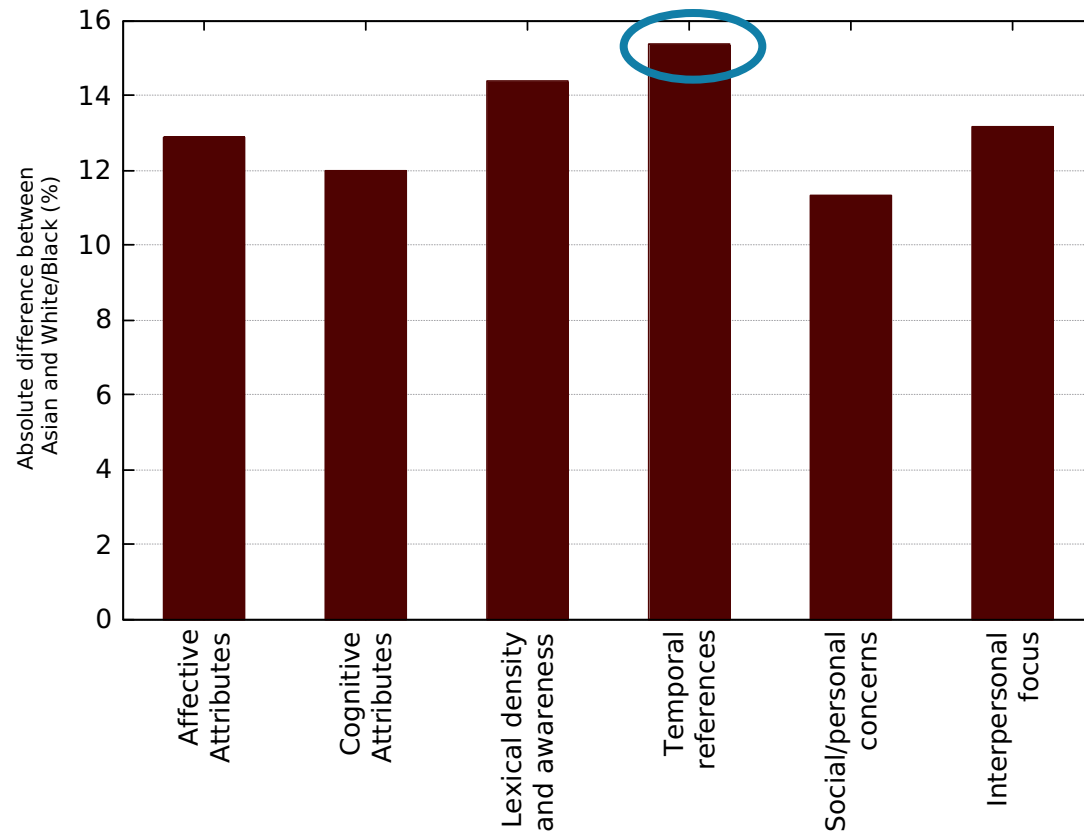


# Linguistic Differences



## Mean Absolute Differences Between Black and White/Asian Users

# Linguistic Differences



Mean Absolute Differences Between Asian and White/Black Users



	$\mu(male)$	$\mu(female)$	z
<b>Affective attributes</b>			
anger	0.0055	0.0056	4.733
anxiety	0.0016	0.0019	-74.534
sadness	0.0029	0.0034	-74.394
swear	0.0023	0.0026	-7.411
<b>Cognitive attributes</b>			
Cognition			
causation	0.0101	0.0104	-18.627
certainly	0.0101	0.0111	-60.593
tentativeness	0.0136	0.0141	-14.641
Perception			
see	0.00957	0.0099	-24.538
hear	0.0055	0.0056	-0.033*
feel	0.0035	0.0041	-70.766
percepts	0.0207	0.0218	-41.373
insight	0.0115	0.0125	-46.806
relative	0.1014	0.0999	18.026
<b>Lexical Density and Awareness</b>			
verbs	0.1103	0.1170	-45.808
auxiliary verbs	0.0539	0.0583	-46.441
articles	0.0370	0.0340	77.303
prepositions	0.0843	0.0817	32.596
conjunctions	0.0279	0.0314	-72.098
adverbs	0.0317	0.0355	-66.915
<b>Temporal references</b>			
present tense	0.0802	0.0871	-62.110
future tense	0.0103	0.0106	-15.118
<b>Social/Personal Concerns</b>			
family	0.0026	0.0034	-93.252
friends	0.0028	0.0033	-66.168
social	0.0938	0.1021	-77.896
health	0.0037	0.0044	-76.446
religion	0.0024	0.0025	-26.485
bio	0.0157	0.0203	-102.681
body	0.0045	0.0056	-58.386
achievement	0.0116	0.0105	65.265
home	0.0022	0.0026	-74.049
sexual	0.0011	0.0012	-18.691
death	0.0014	0.0013	29.463
<b>Interpersonal focus</b>			
1st p. singular	0.0245	0.0340	-97.329
1st p. plural	0.0046	0.0045	4.309
2nd p.	0.0160	0.0198	-88.482
3rd p.	0.0030	0.0031	-3.371***

- females tend to use anxiety and sadness terms and phrases.
- males express with anger in their tweets
- females are more likely to write phrases that express cognition and perception.
- females express more confidence and feelings in their writing.
- females make more use of verbs, auxiliary verbs, conjunctions, and adverbs , while males use more articles and prepositions .
- The temporal references attributes are more present in the females.
- Social/Personal Concerns such as family , bio, friends, social, health, are used more by females
- Concern of achievement is expressed more in male
- Females also have a higher tendency to write in the first person singular and in second person
- Males use the first person plural

	$\mu(White)$	$\mu(Black)$	$\mu(Asian)$	$z_{W/B-A}$	$z_{B/W-A}$	$z_{A/W-B}$
<b>Affective attributes</b>						
anger	0.0051	0.0081	0.0056	-67.261	94.610	-5.236
anxiety	0.0017	0.0019	0.0016	-0.696	33.789	-30.517
sadness	0.0031	0.0034	0.0032	-20.814	28.205	-0.625
swear	0.0021	0.0064	0.0027	-90.375	107.344	11.329
<b>Cognitive attributes</b>						
Cognition						
causation	0.0104	0.0105	0.0096	29.931	19.465	-54.832
certainty	0.0105	0.0116	0.0101	-19.404	62.239	-33.955
tentativeness	0.0138	0.0152	0.0130	-8.958	55.174	-40.226
Perception						
see	0.0098	0.0098	0.0095	18.756	6.970	-29.506
hear	0.0055	0.0062	0.0054	-26.349	62.137	-25.331
feel	0.0037	0.0044	0.0039	-44.180	63.963	-5.128
percepts	0.0212	0.0223	0.0210	-14.067	43.711	-23.308
insight	0.0122	0.0128	0.0112	11.133	40.420	-51.201
relative	0.1020	0.1012	0.0936	50.614	15.841	-76.870
<b>Lexical Density and Awareness</b>						
verbs	0.1125	0.1222	0.1082	-16.435	64.214	-39.436
auxiliary verbs	0.0554	0.0612	0.0529	-12.202	58.285	-39.130
articles	0.0366	0.0339	0.0314	96.532	-26.056	-94.363
prepositions	0.0851	0.0817	0.0743	77.024	1.032	-95.556
conjunctions	0.0291	0.0319	0.0286	-11.852	43.571	-25.898
adverbs	0.0329	0.0363	0.0325	-17.239	48.159	-23.542
<b>Temporal references</b>						
present tense	0.0825	0.0912	0.0798	-21.972	69.126	-37.196
future tense	0.0103	0.0119	0.0099	-28.333	79.181	-38.719
<b>Social/Personal Concerns</b>						
family	0.0029	0.0040	0.0032	-74.318	86.721	10.755
friend	0.0031	0.0033	0.0033	-26.248	25.332	8.717
social	0.0956	0.1101	0.0971	-60.389	90.830	-10.166
health	0.0040	0.0044	0.0039	-9.579	45.973	-30.920
religion	0.0024	0.0031	0.0024	-53.672	85.163	-13.154
bio	0.0176	0.0204	0.0179	-32.215	53.914	-10.492
body	0.0048	0.0067	0.0052	-62.906	86.903	-3.428
achievement	0.0114	0.0109	0.0097	69.227	-1.632	-83.506
home	0.0025	0.0024	0.0022	50.362	-4.554	-57.624
sexual	0.0011	0.0019	0.0012	-51.768	71.799	-3.084
death	0.0014	0.0015	0.0013	4.356	31.454	-34.554
<b>Interpersonal focus</b>						
1st p. singular	0.0268	0.0355	0.0296	-51.874	63.492	4.760
1st p. plural	0.0048	0.0042	0.0039	77.425	-28.107	-68.994
2nd p.	0.0169	0.0227	0.0177	-63.930	95.495	-10.148
3rd p.	0.0030	0.0039	0.0028	-36.070	87.717	-37.143

- Black users tend to express more anger and swear than White/Asian.
- Cognitive attributes, almost all features were more present in Black users texts
- Black users have more presence in features like verbs, auxiliary verbs, conjunctions, and adverbs
- Prepositions are more present among White users.
- Black people tend more to use terms related to family, social, religion , and body.
- There is a predominance in the use of first person plural for White
- first person singular, second person and third person are more prominent in the Black group.



# Linguistic Differences

	Rank(female)	Rank(male)	Diff(F-M)
i do n't	1	1	0
i ca n't	2	2	0
you do n't	3	3	0
i 'm not	4	4	0
ca n't wait	5	8	3
i 'm so	6	19	13
i love you	7	15	8
do n't know	8	11	3
i want to	9	24	15
more for virgo	10	55	45
more for cancer	11	29	18
i wan na	12	28	16
! i 'm	13	25	12
you ca n't	14	16	2
more for libra	15	39	24
it 's a	16	10	6
and i 'm	17	33	16
more for pisces	18	ne	-
i need to	19	34	15
do n't have	20	27	7

- Phrases expressing negation are in the top positions for both males and females. It is also clear to see that
- Females are more into signs than males since phrases with this kind of content present higher differences in the gender ranking.
- It is common the usage of slangs like "do n't", "ca n't" and "wan na" for both genders.



- 6,000 users

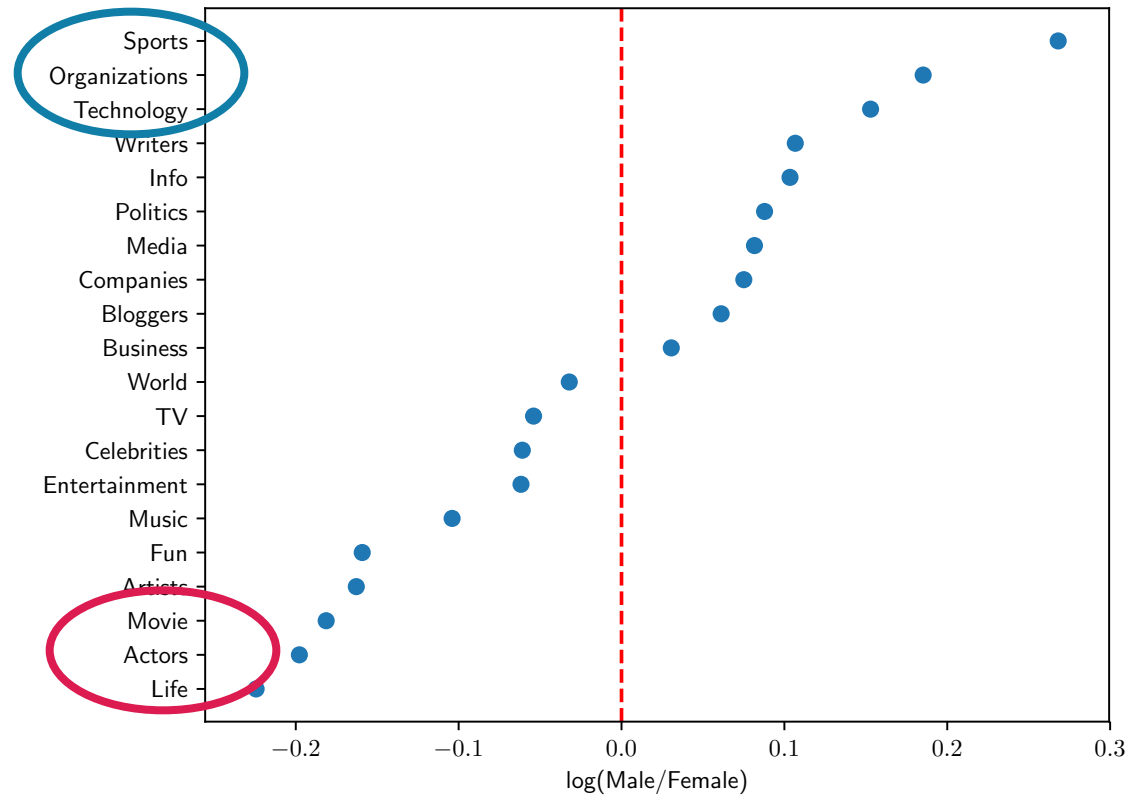
# Linguistic Differences

	Rank(White)	Rank(Black)	Rank(Asian)	Diff(W-B)	Diff(W-A)	Diff(B-A)
i do n't	1	1	1	0	0	0
i ca n't	2	2	2	0	0	0
ca n't wait	3	18	7	15	4	11
you do n't	4	4	3	0	1	1
i 'm not	5	8	6	3	1	2
i love you	6	33	4	27	2	29
i 'm so	7	16	6	9	1	10
do n't know	8	19	11	11	3	8
it 's a	9	26	16	17	7	10
one of the	10	48	20	38	10	28
i want to	11	47	10	36	1	37
! i 'm	12	46	29	34	17	17
if you 're	13	28	19	15	6	9
thank you for	14	126	28	112	14	98
it 's not	15	34	32	19	17	2
and i 'm	16	58	21	42	5	37
you ca n't	17	17	17	0	0	0
i 'm at	18	53	26	35	8	27
n't wait to	19	100	51	81	32	49
i liked a	20	7	ne	13	-	-

- Phrases containing expressions like "i don't", "i can't" and "i'm not" appear in the top positions for all the racial groups.
- Difference in ranking of the expression "i love you"
  - White and Asian users seem to be more likely to tweet contents with this expression than Black users.
- The expression "i want to" appears more often in the writing of White and Asian users than in the Blacks.

- 6,000 users

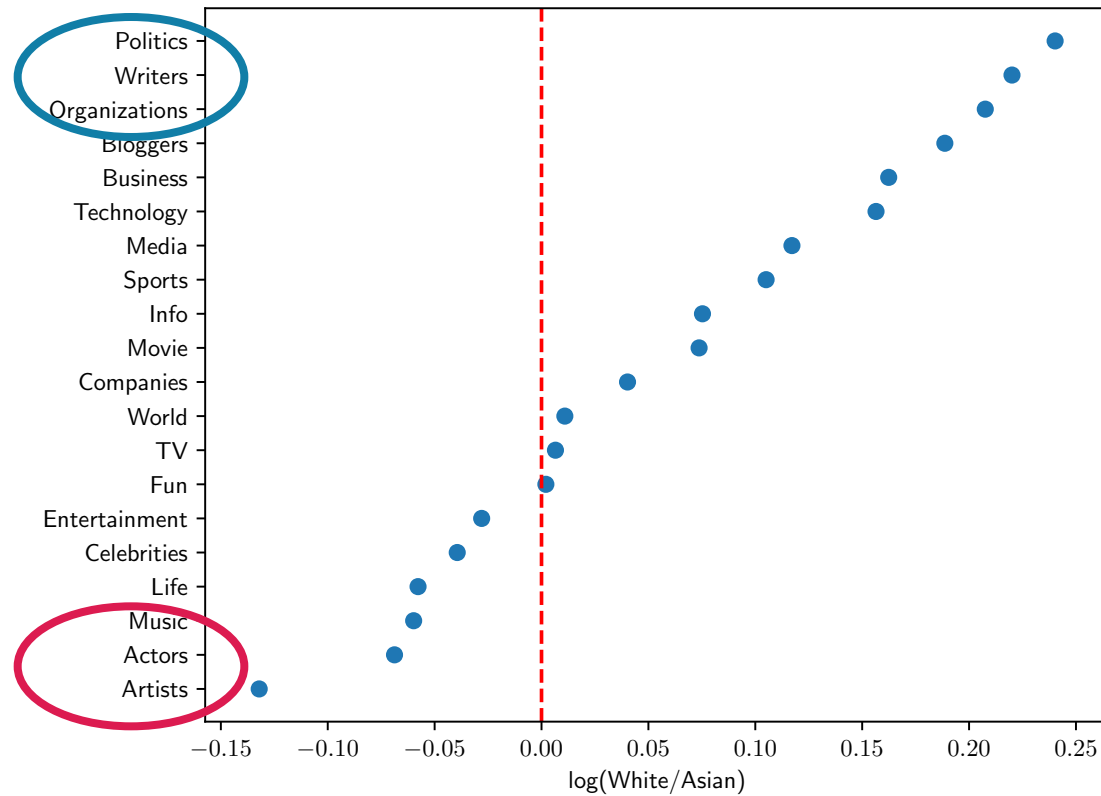
# Differences in Topics



Male vs Female



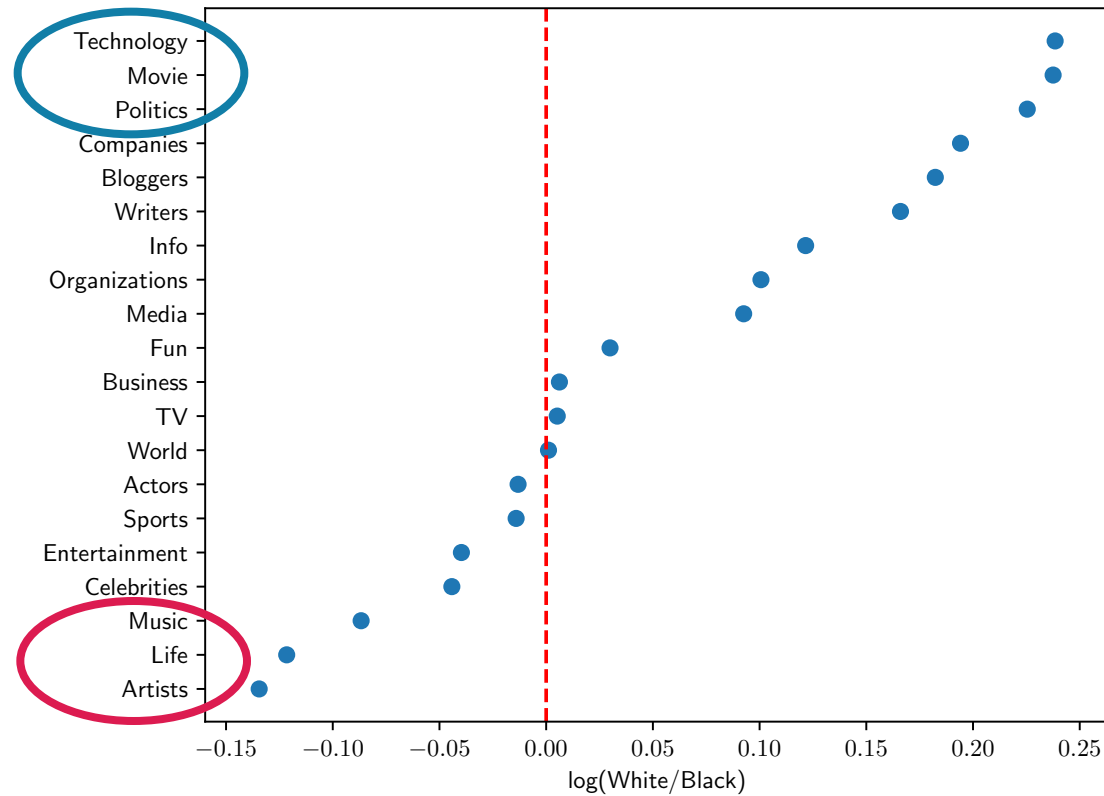
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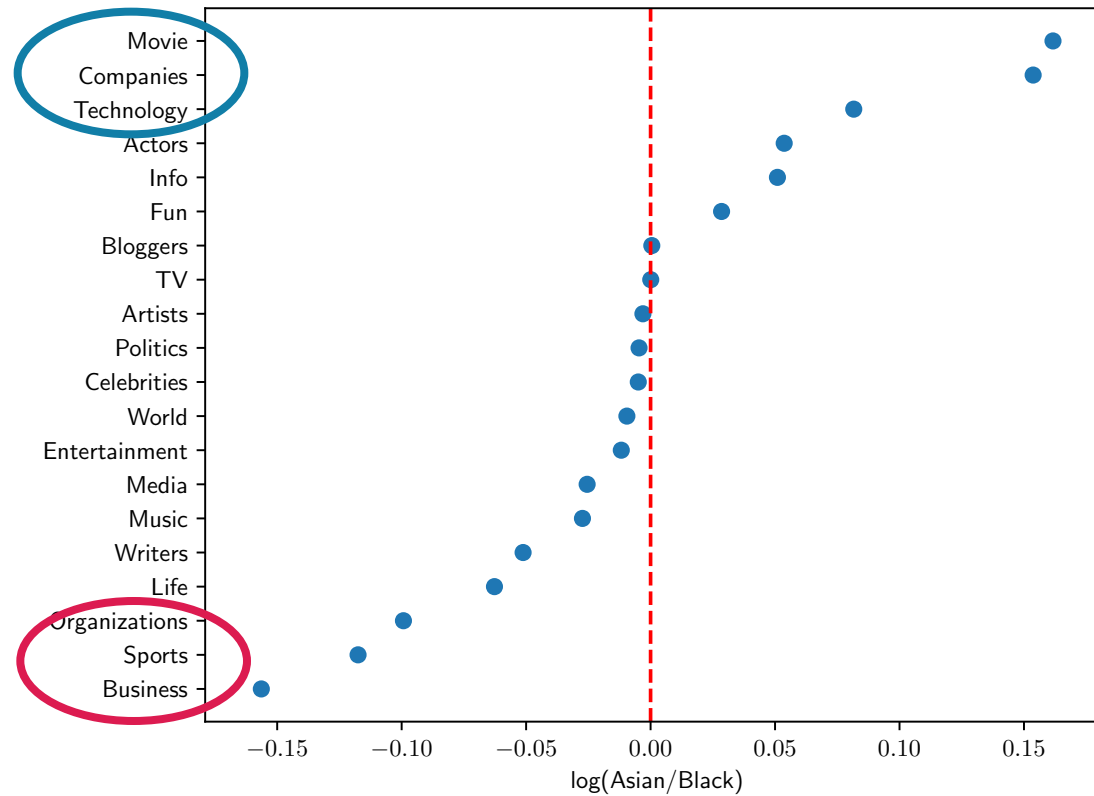
# Differences in Topics



White vs Black



# Differences in Topics



Asian vs Black



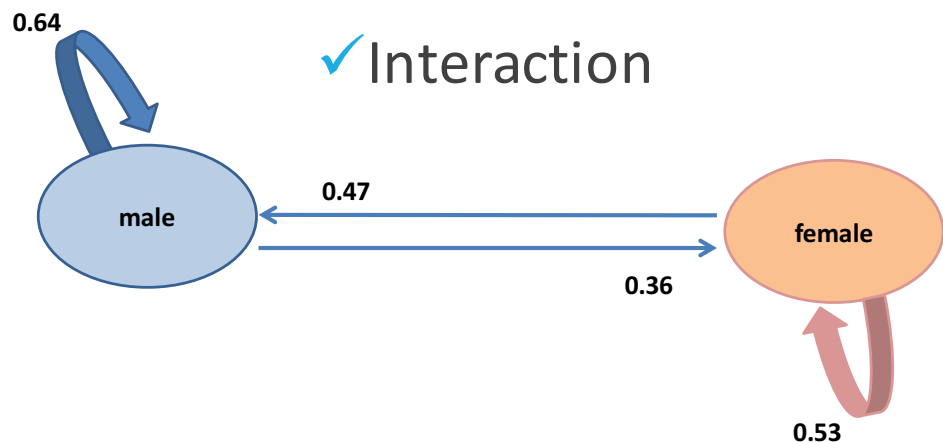
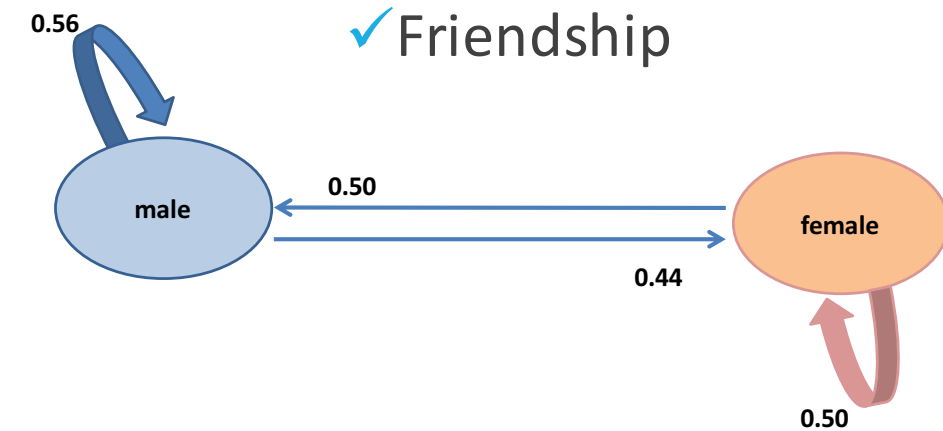
# Demographic Group Interconnections

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- ✓ Analyze the Interconnections and Interactions of Demographic Groups
- ✓ Gender and its Interconnections
  - Probabilistic Graph
- ✓ Race and its Interconnections
  - Probabilistic Graph
- ✓ Demography of Interconnections
  - Relative Increase or Decrease from What We Would Expect
- ✓ Dataset
  - 448,697 users



# Gender and its Interconnections



✓ What we would expect

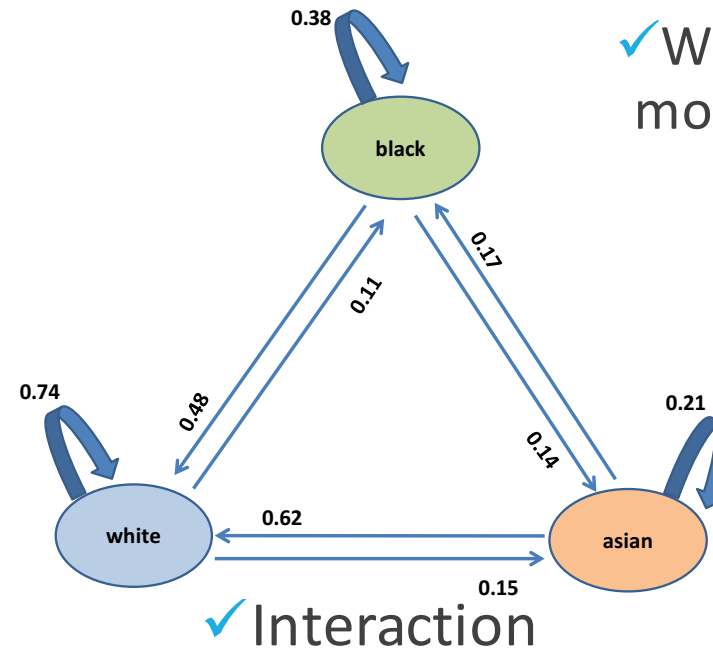
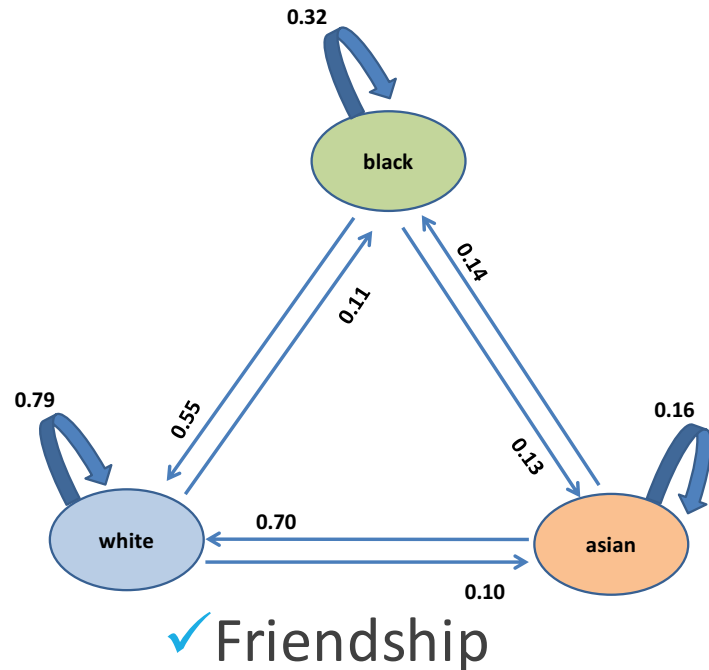
Race (%)	Gender (%)		Total (%)
	Male	Female	
Asian	7.07 (−3.85)	10.05 (−11.28)	17.12 (−10.90)
Black	8.17 (8.53)	6.74 (7.68)	14.91 (11.69)
White	32.88 (8.49)	35.09 (−7.69)	67.97 (1.20)
<b>Total</b>	48.12 (10.91)	51.88 (−10.91)	100.00

✓ Male and female users take responsibility





# Race and its Interconnections



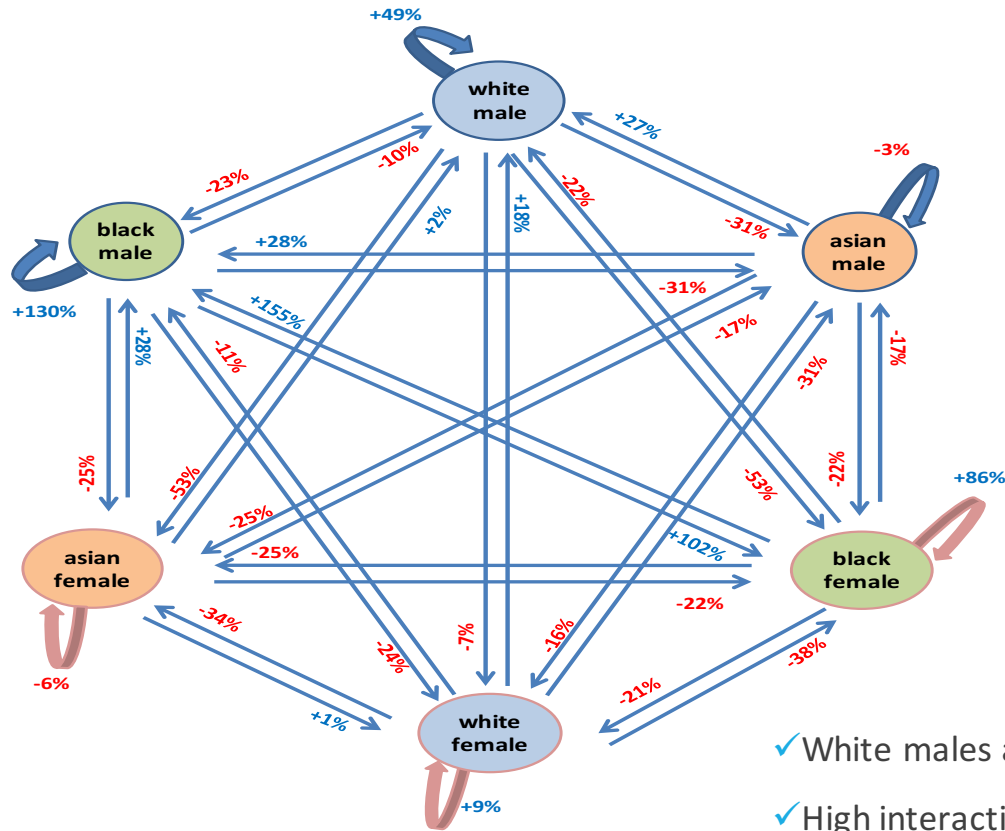
✓ White users tend to be the most followed by users

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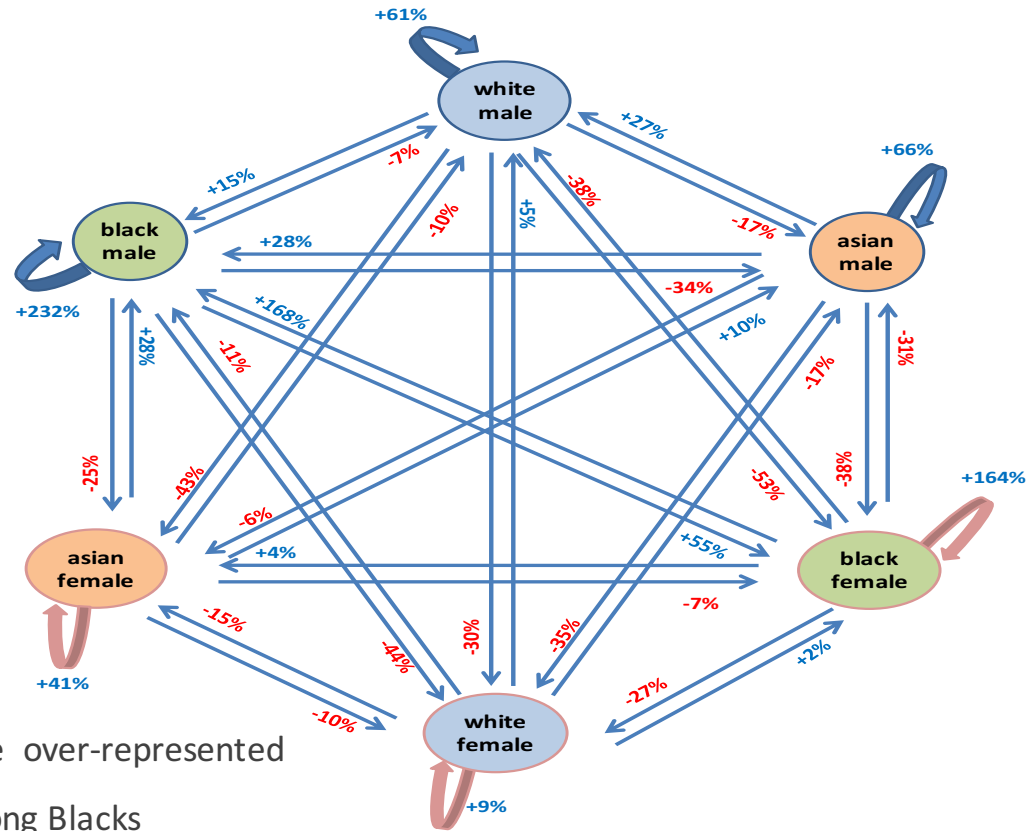


# Demography of Interconnections



✓ Friendship

- ✓ White males are more over-represented
- ✓ High interactions among Blacks
- ✓ Asians are under-represented



✓ Interaction

# Leverage Demographic Aspects to Design Transparent Systems

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- ✓ Demographics aspects are valuable to provide transparency
- ✓ White House Suggests More Transparency in Systems
- ✓ Twitter Trending Topics
  - Who Makes Trends? Web-based System
- ✓ Google Suggestion



# Who Makes Trends?

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- ✓ Real-time Web-based System
- ✓ Trend Promoters
- ✓ Trend Adopters
- ✓ Gender, Race, and Age
- ✓ US-based Twitter Users
- ✓ 1% Random Sample
- ✓ <http://twitter-app.mpi-sws.org/who-makes-trends/>



# Who Makes Trends? *Discover the Demographics of Twitter Trend Promoters*

## Search Trends by Text

Hashtag such as #obamafarewell, #oscars



## Search Trends by Date



Select the date

## Sample Trends with High Demographic Bias

**High Gender Bias:** #wweastlane #footballmovies #ufcphoenix #janethevirgin #thebachelor

**High Racial Bias:** #thankyoutrump #obamacare #neweditionbet #dow20k #scotus

**High Age Bias:** #healthiercelebs #dangerouswomantour #presidentialtvshows #wednesdaywisdom #nationalloveyourpetday

## How it Works

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# Who Makes Trends?

**Search Trends by Text**



- #obamacare
- #obamafarewell
- #thanksobama
- #thankyouobama
- #thankyouobamas

**Search Trends by Date**

 « **May 2017**

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

# Data collection

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- ✓ 1% Random Sample US Tweets in English
  - ✓ 1% Worldwide < 1% US
- ✓ Bounding Box
- ✓ Trending Topics of Twitter (every 5-min)
- ✓ EST Time Zone
- ✓ Twitter Stream API
- ✓ Since January 2017
- ✓ Demographic Information From Face++



# Trending Topic Analysis

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<i>Baseline</i>	Gender (%)		Race (%)			Age Group (%)			
	Male	Female	White	Black	Asian	Adolescent	Young	Mid-aged	Old
<b>U.S. Population</b>	49.20	50.80	72.40	12.60	4.80	13.60	26.70	33.20	13.50
<b>Twitter Population</b>	45.97	54.03	73.05	12.25	14.70	26.37	62.58	10.80	0.25





Hashtag	Date	#Promoters With Demographic Inference	#Promoters Without Demographic Inference	#Adopters With Demographic Inference	#Adopters Without Demographic Inference	#Total With Demographic Inference	#Total Without Demographic Inference
<i>#mayday2017</i>	02-05-2017	609	532	162	165	736	660
<i>#metgala</i>	01-05-2017	1563	616	491	257	1988	830
<i>#wwepayback</i>	30-04-2017	862	660	88	70	912	695
<i>#climatemarch</i>	29-04-2017	637	582	155	142	753	694
<i>#fyrefestival</i>	28-04-2017	32	15	1363	925	1384	936
<i>#nfldraft</i>	27-04-2017	4846	3635	2318	1873	6183	4813
<i>#wednesdaywisdom</i>	26-04-2017	317	341	77	57	383	392
<i>#dwts</i>	25-04-2017	360	188	89	51	435	232
<i>#mondaymotivation</i>	24-04-2017	673	717	141	131	803	840
<i>#sundayfunday</i>	23-04-2017	678	613	153	112	812	712
<i>#earthday</i>	22-04-2017	2636	2719	3105	2618	5531	5123
<i>#ripprince</i>	21-04-2017	453	300	171	104	603	393
<i>#happy420</i>	20-04-2017	805	567	132	121	918	661
<i>#bostonmarathon</i>	19-04-2017	789	598	282	225	1005	778
<i>#unicornfrappuccino</i>	18-04-2017	36	13	1712	996	1737	1005
<i>#cleveland</i>	17-04-2017	709	442	406	355	1049	711
<i>#eastersunday</i>	16-04-2017	64	77	1570	1233	1616	1300
<i>#aprilthegiraffe</i>	15-04-2017	810	421	76	56	872	467
<i>#goodfriday</i>	14-04-2017	1674	1422	862	640	2452	1996
<i>#stanleycup</i>	13-04-2017	369	303	600	493	842	709
<i>#bucciovertimechallenge</i>	12-04-2017	171	244	770	992	867	1137
<i>#nationalpetday</i>	11-04-2017	2637	1887	1455	891	4056	2744
<i>#nationalsiblingsday</i>	10-04-2017	3828	1837	2512	1202	6296	3023
<i>#sundayfunday</i>	09-04-2017	775	585	181	130	939	705
<i>#nationalbeerday</i>	08-04-2017	1188	1581	368	333	1529	1876
<i>#syria</i>	07-04-2017	1263	856	654	472	1771	1217
<i>#themasters</i>	06-04-2017	420	452	3015	2513	3225	2771
<i>#13reasonswhy</i>	05-04-2017	280	87	985	363	1225	439
<i>#nationalchampionship</i>	04-04-2017	3376	2561	238	174	3533	2682
<i>#finalfour</i>	03-04-2017	4146	3448	851	618	4739	3887
<i>#openingday</i>	02-04-2017	1732	1342	4129	3437	5461	4506

# Demo

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# Disparate Demographics

Hashtag	Demographics of Promoters							
	Gender (%)		Race (%)			Age Group (%)		
	Male	Female	White	Black	Asian	Adolescent	Young	Mid-aged
#footballmovies	65.82	34.18	83.55	5.06	11.39	10.13	70.88	18.99
#ufcphoenix	77.03	22.97	73.65	10.81	15.54	16.89	71.62	11.49
#thebachelor	15.61	84.39	84.69	4.94	10.37	29.82	64.94	5.24
#thankyotrump	49.55	50.45	81.98	8.11	9.91	21.62	54.96	22.52
#obamacare	58.11	41.89	83.78	6.76	9.46	13.51	51.26	32.43
#neweditionbet	40.66	59.34	28.27	58	13.73	33.51	59.93	6.49
#dangerouswomantour	36.67	63.33	71.67	8.33	20	43.33	50	6.67
#presidentialtvshows	68.31	31.69	80.33	10.93	8.74	8.20	72.67	18.58
#nationalloveyourpetday	28.49	71.51	80.27	8.04	11.69	26.94	63.29	9.77

• High Gender Bias

• High Race Bias

• High Age Bias

# Conclusion

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- ✓ Demographic Aspects are Valuable
- ✓ Gender and Race Inequality Exists in Twitter
- ✓ Glass Ceiling also Happens for Male Users
- ✓ Demographic Groups have its Own Preferences
  - Linguistic Style
  - For Topic Interests
- ✓ The Connections Among Demographic Groups Help to Explain Inequality
- ✓ Provide Transparent Systems is Important
  - Who Makes Trends?
- ✓ Potential Limitations



# Conclusion

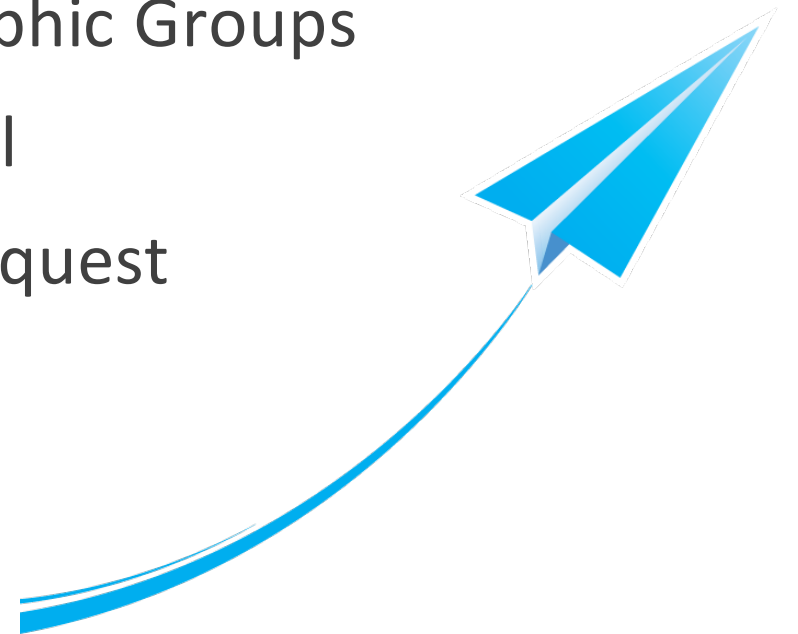
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# Future Work

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- ✓ Explore Age as a Demographic Aspect
- ✓ Linguistic and Social features for Gender and Race Prediction
- ✓ Information Propagation Through Demographic Groups
- ✓ Compile the Results and Submit to a Journal
- ✓ Release our Demographic Dataset under Request



# Publications

13 papers

## ➤ Conferences

- 2 x IEEE/ACM ASONAM 2016
- BraSNAM 2015
- ACM CSCW 2017
- 2 x ACM Hypertext 2017
- AAAI ICWSM 2017
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