

SemEval-2019 Task 4: Hyperpartisan News Detection



Given the text and markup of a news article, decide whether the article is hyperpartisan or not.

- 754 000 articles annotated by distant supervision
- 1273 articles annotated by humans
- 322 registrations
- 42 software submissions

Human annotated dataset

Submission	Rank	Acc.	Prec.	Recall	F ₁
Bertha von Suttner	1	0.822	0.871	0.755	0.809
Vernon Fenwick	2	0.820	0.815	0.828	0.821
Sally Smedley	3	0.809	0.823	0.787	0.805
Tom Jumbo Grumbo	4	0.806	0.858	0.732	0.790
Dick Preston	5	0.803	0.793	0.818	0.806
Borat Sagdiyev	6	0.791	0.883	0.672	0.763
Morbo	7	0.790	0.772	0.822	0.796
+ 35 more					

- Meta-learner increases accuracy by ~0.05

Meta-learning sub-dataset

Submission	Acc.	Prec.	Recall	F ₁
Fernando Pessa	0.899	0.895	0.904	0.900
Spider Jerusalem	0.899	0.903	0.894	0.899
Majority Vote	0.885	0.892	0.875	0.883
Bertha von Suttner	0.851	0.901	0.788	0.841



Task page



Overview paper



Dataset

Can you classify the articles on the right?

Ivana Trump said Donald once abandoned Donald Jr. on a tarmac because he was 5 minutes late for a flight

2017-10-12

President Donald Trump once left his son, Donald Trump Jr., stranded on a tarmac after he was five minutes late for a flight, the president's first wife Ivana Trump wrote in her new book "Raising Trump."

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"When Donald arrived in a boardroom, or took his seat on an airplane and the door closed, that was that," she continued. "If you weren't on the inside, the meeting or the flight would start without you. Donald once left Don Jr. standing on the tarmac for being five minutes late to the airport."

Racist Scare: The New McCarthyism

2017-08-27

During the 1950s Red Scare, innocent Americans were smeared and sometimes blacklisted for being supposed Communists. Real subversives existed, including Alger Hiss, a traitor and Soviet spy whom liberals to their misfortune made into a poster boy of McCarthyism. But the actual number of Communists was tiny and utterly not commensurate with the fervent public witch hunt led by right-wingers.

Today's group hysteria comes from the left, as a fanatic political mob sees racists behind every door. Their paranoia is not harmless, as they use the racist bogeyman to intimidate political adversaries and sometimes erstwhile friends while seeking to silence political dialogue. As with the Red Scare, there's some reason for vigilance regarding actual racists, as Charlottesville reminded us.

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Instead of allowing a new scourge, this Racist Scare, to corrode our discourse, we must embrace our common American identity, rooted in our best traditions and elucidated in our founding documents. We should be difficult to offend and slow to accuse others of the disease of prejudice. As the incumbent president of the United States explained in his inaugural address seven months ago: When you open your heart to patriotism, there is no room for bigotry. Amen.

It's 1968 All Over Again

2017-10-12

Almost a half-century ago, in 1968, the United States seemed to be falling apart.

The Vietnam War, a bitter and close presidential election, antiwar protests, racial riots, political assassinations, terrorism and a recession looming on the horizon left the country divided between a loud radical minority and a silent conservative majority.

The United States avoided a civil war. But America suffered a collective psychological depression, civil unrest, defeat in Vietnam and assorted disasters for the next decade – until the election of a once-polarizing Ronald Reagan ushered in five consecutive presidential terms of relative bipartisan calm and prosperity from 1981 to 2001.

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In the past, any crisis that did not destroy the United States ended up making it stronger. But for now, the fight grows over which is more toxic – the chronic statist malady that was eating away the country, or the new populist medicine deemed necessary to cure it.

California dreaming... of secession

2017-03-10

A lot of Californians are mad as hell. Some even say they're not going to take it anymore.

"It" is the result of November's presidential election. What these Californians are doing is organizing a secessionist movement as in, taking California out of the United States.

Their movement is called Calexit, as in Brexit. Their inspiration is the growing gulf that separates them politically, culturally, demographically from the rest of the union.

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Calexit does have its skeptics. "Canadians know you don't escape the shadow of your giant neighbour by drawing a border," wrote Prof. Timothy William Waters in the Los Angeles Times. Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti said he believes secession is a bad idea.

Such opinions are far from universal. According to a new Reuters/Ipsos opinion poll taken in California, one-third of respondents support "peaceful withdrawal from the union."

As one tweeter wrote: "Well just take our avocados and legal weed and go."

The State Department said there's less urgency to release Clinton's emails due to low interest

2017-07-20

The State Department argued at a federal hearing Thursday that its ability to process the 100,000 Hillary Clinton emails ordered released under a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit has been hindered by a lack of manpower due to a "hiring freeze" and that the urgency to release the documents has been diminished by the public's lack of interest in the subject, according to the watchdog group that won the lawsuit for the document's release.

But Judicial Watch, a conservative watchdog group that sued the State Department in May 2015 for the thousands of emails and documents, isn't buying it.

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"The documents included six Clinton email exchanges not previously turned over to the State Department, bringing the known total to date to at least 439 emails that were not part of the 55,000 pages of emails that Clinton turned over to the State Department, and further contradicting a statement by Clinton that, 'as far as she knew,' all of her government emails had been turned over to the State Department," the watchdog group stated in a July 14 press release.

Trump Destroyed Bill And Hillary Clinton With One Tweet

2017-09-19

Hillary Clinton crawled back into the spotlight once again to lob attacks at Donald Trump.

She lost her mind over his speech at the U.N. General Assembly where he tagged Kim Jong Un with the nickname Rocket Man.

But Trump fired back and destroyed both Bill and Hillary Clinton with one tweet.

During Trump's speech, he declared Kim Jong Un, whom he labeled as "Rocket Man", was on a suicide mission by continuing to develop nuclear weapons.

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This amounted to doing nothing and hoping someone else would clean up the mess.

Now that Trump is taking steps to correct the Clintons errors, they are heckling him from the peanut gallery.