

Measuring the Happiness, Health, and Stories of Populations

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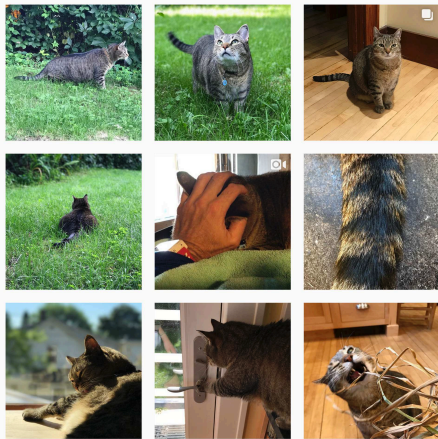
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Key papers:



"Measuring the happiness of large-scale written expression: Songs, blogs, and presidents." ↗, Dodds and Danforth, *Journal of Happiness Studies*, **11**, 441–456, 2009. ^[9]



"Temporal patterns of happiness and information in a global social network: Hedonometrics and Twitter" ↗
Dodds et al.,
PLoS ONE, **6**, e26752, 2011. ^[11]



"Positivity of the English language" ↗, Kloumann et al., *PLoS ONE*, **7**, e29484, 2012. ^[23]



"Sentiment analysis methods for understanding large-scale texts: A case for using continuum-scored words and word shift graphs" ↗, Reagan et al., *EPJ Data Science*, **6**, , 2017. ^[31]



Alan Greenspan (September 18, 2007):

"I've been dealing with these big mathematical models of forecasting the economy ...

If I could figure out a way to determine whether or not people are more fearful or changing to more euphoric,

I don't need any of this other stuff.

I could forecast the economy better than any way I know."



<http://wikipedia.org>



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Greenspan continues:

“The trouble is that we can’t figure that out. I’ve been in the forecasting business for 50 years. **I’m no better than I ever was, and nobody else is.** Forecasting 50 years ago was as good or as bad as it is today. **And the reason is that human nature hasn’t changed.** We can’t improve ourselves.”

Jon Stewart:

“You just bummed the @*!# out of me.”



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From [the Daily Show](#)  (September 18, 2007; @5:13)



The full interview is [here](#) .



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Robert Kennedy on the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 1968:

“It measures everything except that which makes life worthwhile. And it can tell us everything about America except why we are proud that we are Americans.” [21, 20]





Lord Kelvin (possibly):



"To measure is to know."



"If you cannot measure it, you cannot improve it."

But also:



"There is nothing new to be discovered in physics now. All that remains is more and more precise measurement."



"X-rays will prove to be a hoax."

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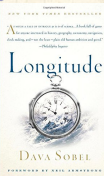
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
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A brief history of measuring time:

-  Megaliths for Big Time
-  Sundials, 1500 BC, Egypt (solid for over 2000 years)
-  Escapements (200s), Hourglasses (1300s?),
Pendulum clocks (Galileo, 1500s)
-  Chronometers, 1700s:



“Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius
Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem
of His Time”, publisher=Bloomsbury
Publishing, US”  
by Dava Sobel (2007). ^[33]

-  Billionths of a second accuracy: Atomic clocks
(Lord Kelvin, 1879)

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Measuring temperature was thought impossible:

The properties measured by our instruments usually begin as subjective judgments. Temperature is a good example. People were aware of variations in temperature long before there were any objective measurements of temperature. Judgments of temperature are imperfectly correlated among different persons, or even the same person at different times, depending on the humidity, the person's activity level and age, surrounding air currents, and so on. The idea that anything as subtle and complex as all the manifestations of changes in temperature could be measured and quantified on a single numerical scale was scoffed at as impossible, even by the leading philosophers of the sixteenth century.

The first thermometer invented by Galileo in 1592 did not go far in dispelling the notion that temperature was inherently unmeasurable, because the earliest thermometers, for about their first hundred years, were so imperfect as to make it possible for those who wished to do so to argue that no one could ever succeed in measuring temperature. Temperature was then confounded with all the subtleties of subjective judgment, which easily seem incompatible with a single numerical scale of measurement. How could the height of a column of mercury in a glass tube possibly reflect the rich varieties of temperature—damp cold, dank cold, frosty cold, crisp cold, humid heat, searing heat, scalding heat, dry heat, feverish heat, prickly heat, and so on?

From "Bias in Mental Testing", Arthur Jensen, 1980^[17]
per [@SilverVVulpes](#) : Also: Inventing Temperature, Hasok Chang, 2004^[3]



Measuring temperature was thought impossible:

The early thermometers were inconsistent, both with themselves and with each other. Because they consisted of open-ended glass tubes, they were sensitive to changes in barometric pressure as well as to temperature. And there were problems of calibration, such as where to locate the zero point and how to divide the column of mercury into units. It was believed, incorrectly, that all caves had the same temperature, so thermometers were calibrated in caves. The freezing and boiling points of water were also used in calibration, but, as these vary with impurities in the water and the barometric pressure, the calibration of different thermometers at different times and places resulted in thermometers that failed to correlate perfectly with one another in any given instance. They lacked reliability, as we now would say.

All the while, no one knew what temperature is in a theoretical or scientific sense. There was no theory of thermodynamics that could explain temperature phenomena and provide a complete scientific rationale for the construction and calibration of thermometers. Yet quite adequate and accurate thermometers, hardly differing from those we use today, were eventually developed by the middle of the eighteenth century. Thus the objective measurement of temperature considerably preceded the development of an adequate theory of temperature and heat, and necessarily so, as the science of thermodynamics could not possibly have developed without first having been able to quantify or measure the temperatures of liquids, gasses, and other substances independently of

From "Bias in Mental Testing", Arthur Jensen, 1980^[17]
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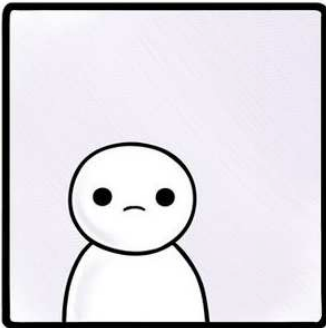
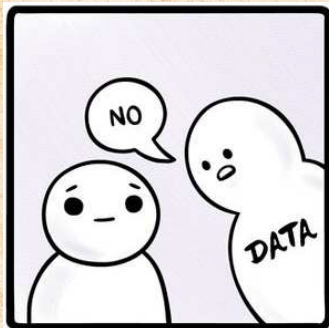
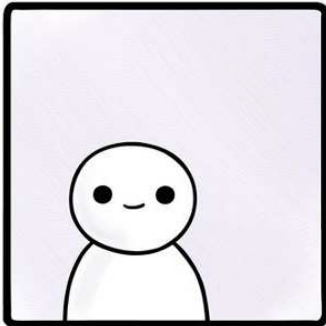
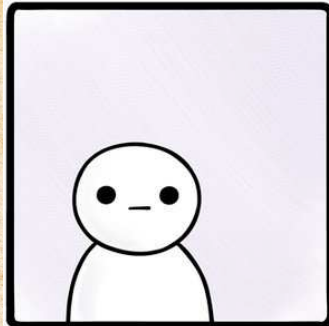
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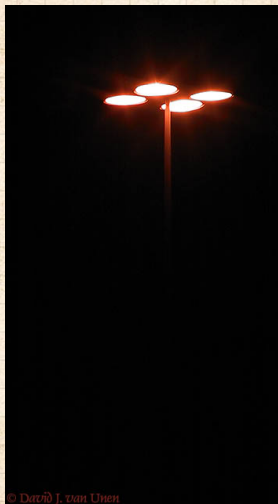
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Panometer—Three kinds of lexical meters:



1. Principled lexical meters:

- 📦 The Hedonometer.
- 📦 The Lexicocalorimeter.

2. Ground truth lexical meters:

- 📦 Insomniometer.
- 📦 Hangoverometer.

3. Bootstrap lexical meters:

- 📦 Boredometer.
- 📦 Hashtagometers.

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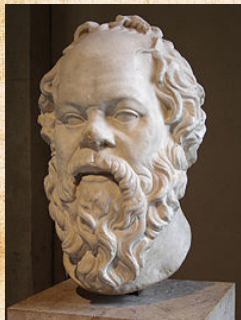
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Socrates et al.:
eudaimonia ^[18]



Bentham:
hedonistic
calculus



Jefferson:
...the pursuit of
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Early drafts:

that among these are:

Life, ✓

Liberty, ✓ and ?? ~~Money?~~

~~Libations~~

~~Alcohol~~

~~Property~~

~~Foot-the-ball~~

~~Beer~~

Happiness ✓✓

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Even the odd modern economist is happy:

“Happiness” by Richard Layard^[24]






[amazon] 



What makes us happy?—Layard's summary:

Dominant factors:

-  Family relationships
-  Financial situation
-  Work
-  Community and Friends

-  Health
-  Personal Values
-  Personal Freedom

Unimportant factors:

-  Age
-  Gender
-  Education
-  Inherent intelligence
-  Looks

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Desiring happiness—not just for boffins:

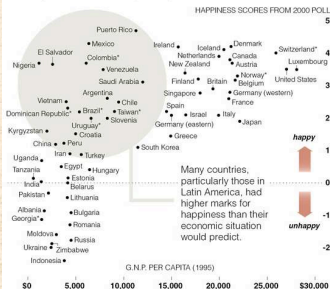
Average people routinely report being happy is what they want most in life [24, 25, 8]

And it matters: “Happy people live longer:...”
Survey by Diener and Chan. [8]

A Plateau of Happiness

A country's wealth may not always dictate the happiness of its people.

As part of the World Values Survey project, inhabitants of different countries and territories were asked how happy or satisfied they were. Below is a sampling of happiness rankings, along with economic status.



*Poll results for these countries were from 1995.

Source: Ronald Inglehart, "Human Beliefs and Values: A Cross-Cultural Sourcebook Based on the 1989-2002 Values Surveys"

National indices of well-being:

- Bhutan
- UK
- France
- Australia



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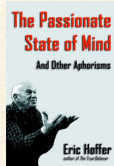
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“The Passionate State of Mind: And Other Aphorisms” [a](#) [↗](#)
by Eric Hoffer (1954). ^[16]

“The search for happiness is one of the chief sources of unhappiness.”



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Colbert: "Happiness is totally overrated ..."

"Happiness is for the weak."



Full interview with Jennifer Senior [here](#) (2014/02/03)

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30 Rock, S7E8:

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30 Rock, S7E8:



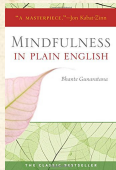
JD: "Before she died, Colleen told me—she just wants me to be happy. 'I just want you to be happy.' You know who you say that to? A loser. Someone who can't hope for anything more in life than just being happy. You say that to someone who has disappointed you."

LL: "Jack."

JD: "No. It's perfect. She's a genius. One last twist of the knife. Well, thank you for coming, Lemon, but I better get going. The funeral is tomorrow. Colleen wanted to be buried before the rest of the family found out and sold her body to a haunted house. And, of course, I get to eulogize Colleen at the service. One more chance to disappoint her as she looks up at me from her throne in hell."



Meaning rather than happiness:



“Mindfulness in Plain English” [a](#) [↗](#)
by Henepola Gunaratana (1992). [15]



“Flow” [a](#) [↗](#)
by Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi (1990). [6]



Can we measure Flow in a big data way?



Maybe drops in social media usage indicate people are doing okay?

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Emotional content




So how does one measure

1. happiness?
2. levels of other emotional states?

Just ask people how happy they are.

-  Experience sampling^[5, 7, 6] (Csikszentmihalyi et al.)
-  Day reconstruction^[19] (Kahneman et al.)

But self-reporting has some drawbacks:

-  relies on memory and self-perception
-  induces misreporting^[26]
-  costly

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Happiness, attention, and doing:

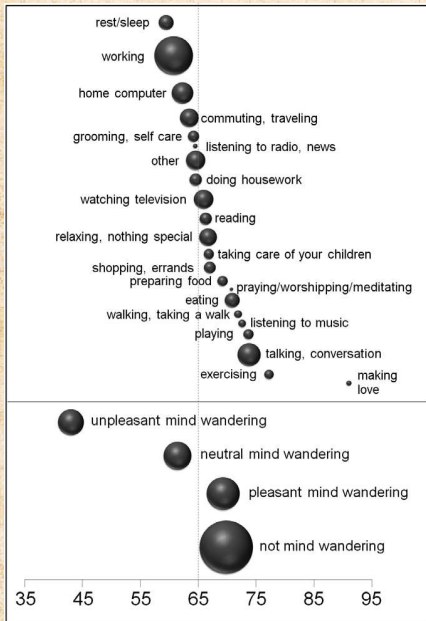


Fig. 1. Mean happiness reported during each activity (**top**) and while mind wandering to unpleasant topics, neutral topics, pleasant topics or not mind wandering (**bottom**). Dashed line indicates mean of happiness across all samples. Bubble area indicates the frequency of occurrence. The largest bubble ("not mind wandering") corresponds to 53.1% of the samples, and the smallest bubble ("praying/worshipping/meditating") corresponds to 0.1% of the samples.

Killingsworth and Gilbert, Science, 2010 [22]



We'd like to build an 'hedonometer':



An instrument to 'remotely-sense' emotional states and levels, in real time or post hoc.

Ideally:



Transparent



Fast



Based on written expression



Uses human evaluation



Non-reactive



Complementary to self-reported measures



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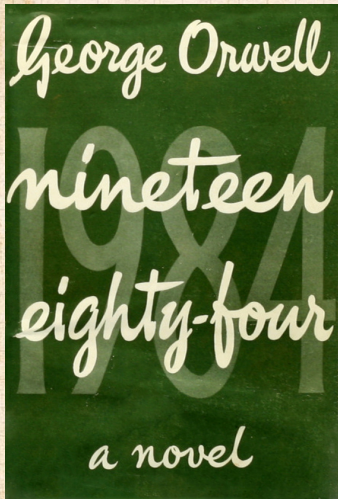
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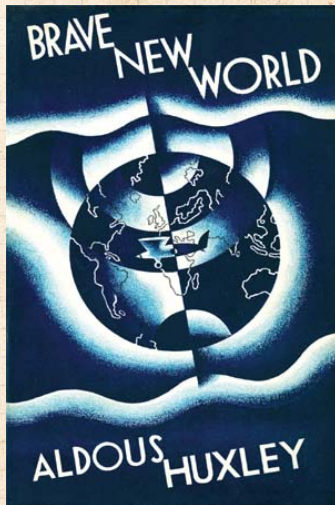
We don't want to end up here:

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Or here: Facebook Lexicon Sentiment Analysis (2008)

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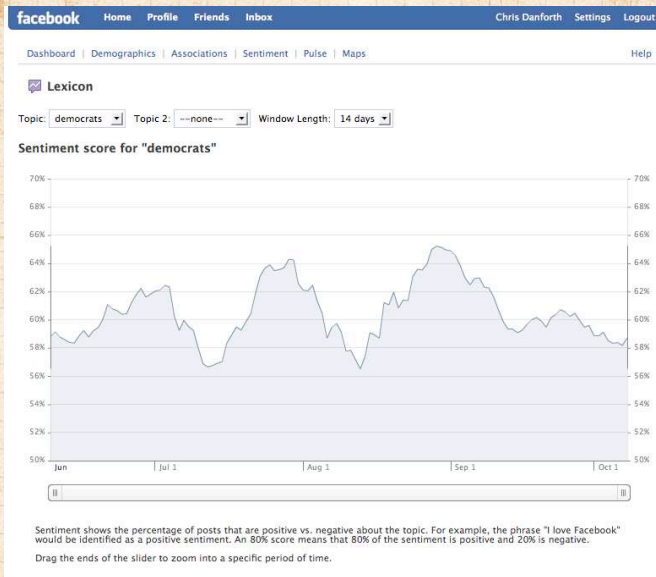
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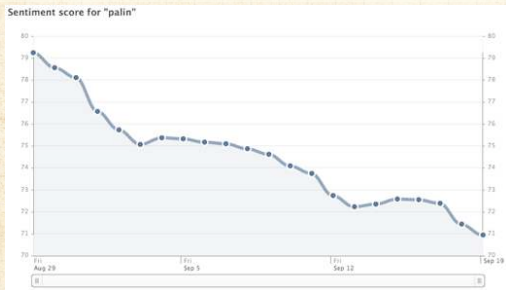


Facebook Lexicon Sentiment Analysis

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Binary decision on emotional content



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Limitation: Sentiments are classified as either **positive** or **negative**.





'I like Sarah Palin' **given same score** as 'Sarah Palin's voice fills me with unbridled joy!'





Measuring Emotional Content


 **Idea:** Build on measures of the emotional content of individual words.

 Osgood et al. (1957)^[30] identified a basis of three psychological variables as semantic differentials:

 **Valence:** bad ↔ good

 **Arousal:** passive ↔ active

 **Dominance:** weak ↔ strong

 Also often: Evaluation, Activity, and Potency.

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 ANEW = “Affective Norms for English Words”


 Study: participants shown lists of isolated words

 Asked to grade each word’s valence, arousal, and dominance level

 Integer scale of 1–9

 $N = 1034$ words—previously identified as bearing emotional weight

 Participants = College students (*cough*)

 Results published by Bradley and Lang (1999) [2]

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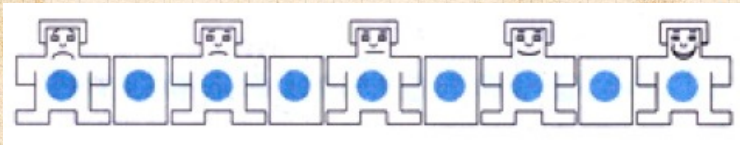
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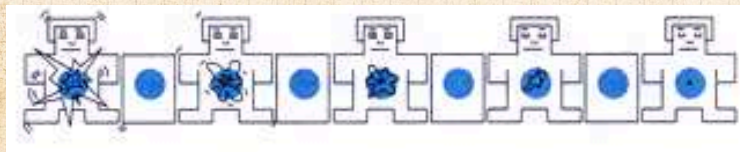


1999 ANEW study—three 1–9 scales: [2]

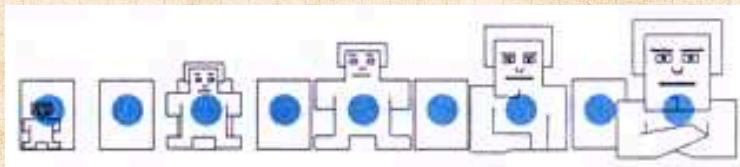
valence:



arousal:



dominance:



Valence = Happiness:

☰ Valence scale presented to participants as a 'happy-unhappy scale.'

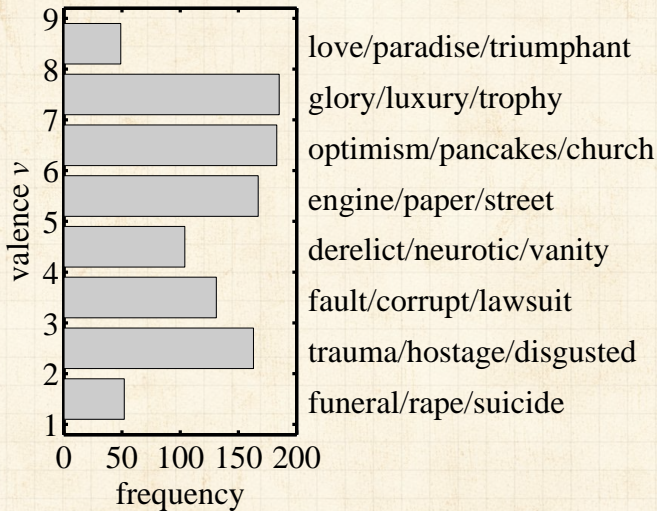
☰ Participants were further told:

"At one extreme of this scale, you are happy, pleased, satisfied, contented, hopeful. ...

The other end of the scale is when you feel completely unhappy, annoyed, unsatisfied, melancholic, despaired, or bored."



ANEW study words—examples



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Analysing text:

 Simplest measure for a text:

$$\theta_{\text{avg}} = \sum_{i=1}^N p_i \theta_i$$

where p_i is fractional abundance of word i and θ is average valence, arousal, or dominance for word i .

 Focus on happiness (valence), $\theta = h$.

 Average happiness typically falls between 5 and 7.

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Measuring the perceived happiness of a text:



Lyrics for
Michael Jackson's Billie Jean

"She was more like a beauty queen
from a movie scene.

⋮

And mother always told me,
be careful who you love.

And be careful of what you do
'cause the lie becomes the truth.

Billie Jean is not my lover,
She's just a girl who claims
that I am the one.

⋮

ANEW
words

k	v_k	f_k
1. love	8.72	1
2. mother	8.39	1
3. baby	8.22	3
4. beauty	7.82	1
5. truth	7.80	1
6. people	7.33	2
7. strong	7.11	1
8. young	6.89	2
9. girl	6.87	4
10. movie	6.86	1
11. perfume	6.76	1
12. queen	6.44	1
13. name	5.55	1
14. lie	2.79	1

$$v_{\text{text}} = \frac{\sum_k v_k f_k}{\sum_k f_k}$$

$$\rightarrow v_{\text{Billie Jean}} = 7.1$$

$$v_{\text{Thriller}} = 6.3$$

$$v_{\text{Michael Jackson}} = 6.4$$

Temperature-like measure—large numbers only.

Not meant to be used at level of sentence, paragraph, song, tweet, ...

Important: Social measure of sentiment.

Later: see instrument is tunable.

Song Lyrics—average happiness

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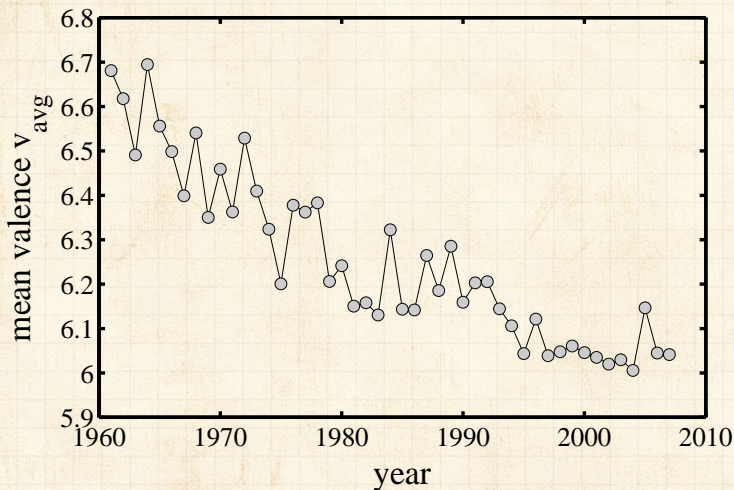
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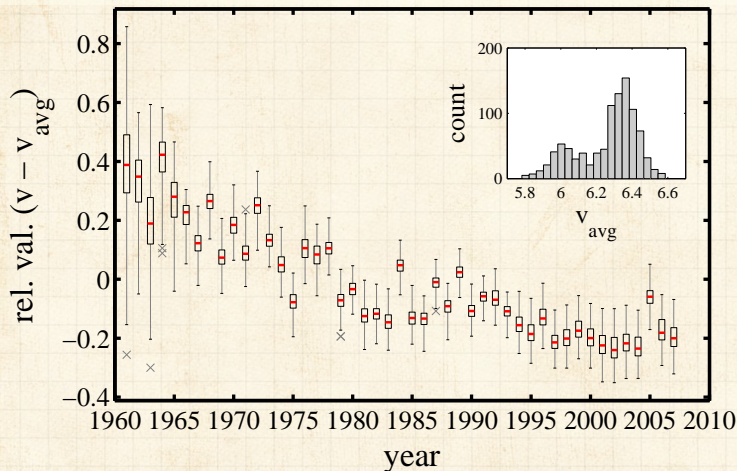
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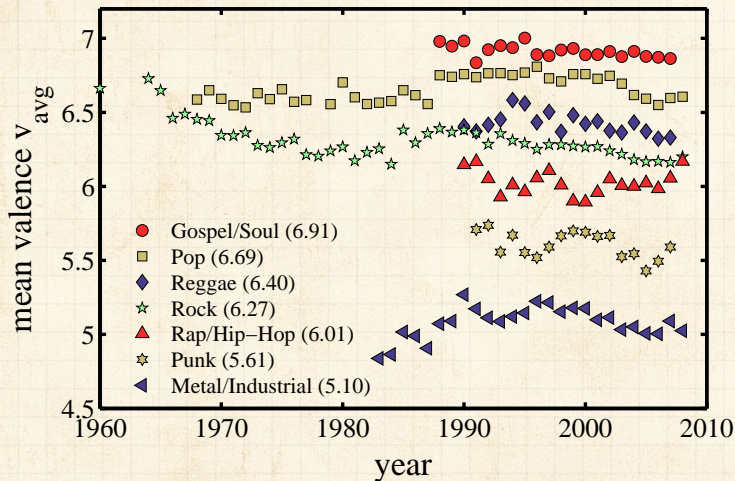


100 random subsets of 750 ANEW words



Song Lyrics—average happiness of genres:

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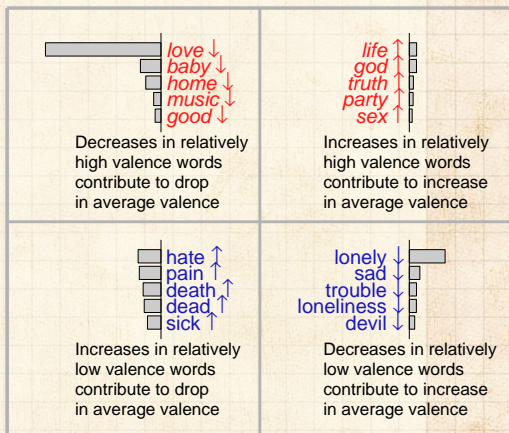


Happiness Word Shift Graph (early version):

Per word drop in valence of lyrics from 1980–2007 relative to valence of lyrics from 1960




Key:





Word data shift details:

Given two texts T_{ref} and T_{comp} :


 Measure difference in average happiness:


$$h_{\text{avg}}^{(\text{comp})} - h_{\text{avg}}^{(\text{ref})}$$

 Evident question: Which words contribute the most to this change?

 Break difference down by contributions from individual words:

$$\delta h_{\text{avg},i} = \frac{100}{|h_{\text{avg}}^{(\text{comp})} - h_{\text{avg}}^{(\text{ref})}|} \underbrace{[h_{\text{avg}}(w_i) - h_{\text{avg}}^{(\text{ref})}]}_{+/-} \underbrace{[p_i^{(\text{comp})} - p_i^{(\text{ref})}]}_{\uparrow/\downarrow}$$

 Must have: $\sum_i \delta h_{\text{avg},i} = \pm 100$

 Rank words by $|\delta h_{\text{avg},i}|$

Word data shift details:

$$\begin{aligned}h_{\text{avg}}^{(\text{comp})} - h_{\text{avg}}^{(\text{ref})} &= \sum_{i=1}^N h_{\text{avg}}(w_i) p_i^{(\text{comp})} - \sum_{i=1}^N h_{\text{avg}}(w_i) p_i^{(\text{ref})} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N h_{\text{avg}}(w_i) [p_i^{(\text{comp})} - p_i^{(\text{ref})}] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N [h_{\text{avg}}(w_i) - h_{\text{avg}}^{(\text{ref})}] [p_i^{(\text{comp})} - p_i^{(\text{ref})}]\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^N h_{\text{avg}}^{(\text{ref})} [p_i^{(\text{comp})} - p_i^{(\text{ref})}] &= h_{\text{avg}}^{(\text{ref})} \sum_{i=1}^N [p_i^{(\text{comp})} - p_i^{(\text{ref})}] \\ &= h_{\text{avg}}^{(\text{ref})} (1 - 1) = 0.\end{aligned}$$

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- +↑: Increased usage of relatively positive words—If a word is happier than text T_{ref} (+) and appears relatively more often in text T_{comp} (↑), then the contribution to the difference $h_{\text{avg}}^{(\text{comp})} - h_{\text{avg}}^{(\text{ref})}$ is positive;
- −↓: Decreased usage of relatively negative words—If a word is less happy than text T_{ref} (−) and appears relatively less often in text T_{comp} (↓), then the contribution to the difference $h_{\text{avg}}^{(\text{comp})} - h_{\text{avg}}^{(\text{ref})}$ is also positive;
- +↓: Decreased usage of relatively positive words—If a word is happier than text T_{ref} (+) and appears relatively less often in text T_{comp} (↓), then the contribution to the difference $h_{\text{avg}}^{(\text{comp})} - h_{\text{avg}}^{(\text{ref})}$ is negative; and
- −↑: Increased usage of relatively negative words—If a word is less happy than text T_{ref} (−) and appears relatively more often in text T_{comp} (↑), then the contribution to the difference $h_{\text{avg}}^{(\text{comp})} - h_{\text{avg}}^{(\text{ref})}$ is also negative.



Top 50 of $\approx 20,000$ artists:

Rank	Artist	h_{avg}	Rank	Artist	h_{avg}
1	All-4-One	7.15	26	Sarah Connor	6.86
2	Luther Vandross	7.12	27	Darlene Zschech	6.86
3	S Club 7	7.05	28	Mary J Blige	6.86
4	K Ci & JoJo	7.04	29	Steve Miller Band	6.86
5	Perry Como	7.04	30	New Edition	6.86
6	Diana Ross & The Supremes	7.03	31	Mandy Moore	6.86
7	Buddy Holly	7.02	32	Alicia Keys	6.85
8	Faith Evans	7.01	33	Cher	6.85
9	The Beach Boys	7.01	34	Modern Talking	6.85
10	Jon B	6.98	35	Mario	6.84
11	Dru Hill	6.96	36	Aretha Franklin	6.84
12	Earth Wind & Fire	6.95	37	Jessica Simpson	6.84
13	Ashanti	6.95	38	112	6.84
14	Otis Redding	6.93	39	Backstreet Boys	6.83
15	Faith Hill	6.93	40	Billy Gilman	6.83
16	NSync	6.93	41	B2K	6.82
17	The Supremes	6.91	42	Stevie Wonder	6.82
18	The Partridge Family	6.91	43	John Legend	6.81
19	Kelly Price	6.89	44	Ricky Nelson	6.79
20	Tamia	6.89	45	Lionel Richie	6.79
21	Avant	6.88	46	98 Degrees	6.79
22	Jennifer Lopez	6.88	47	Boyzone	6.79
23	Vanessa Williams	6.87	48	Gerald Levert	6.79
24	Babyface	6.87	49	Nat King Cole	6.78
25	E Rotic	6.87	50	Marques Houston	6.78

(criteria: ≥ 50 songs and ≥ 1000 ANEW words)



Bottom 50 of $\approx 20,000$ artists:

Rank	Artist	h_{avg}	Rank	Artist	h_{avg}
1	Slayer	4.80	26	Nine Inch Nails	5.34
2	Misfits	4.88	27	Sevendust	5.34
3	Staind	4.93	28	Annihilator	5.35
4	Slipknot	4.98	29	Biohazard	5.36
5	Darkthrone	4.98	30	Insane Clown Posse	5.36
6	Death	5.02	31	Megadeth	5.36
7	Black Label Society	5.05	32	Manowar	5.37
8	Pig	5.08	33	Zebrahead	5.38
9	Voivod	5.14	34	Danzig	5.39
10	Fear Factory	5.15	35	Acid Drinkers	5.40
11	Iced Earth	5.16	36	Dag Nasty	5.40
12	Simple Plan	5.16	37	Iron Maiden	5.40
13	Machine Head	5.17	38	Flotsam And Jetsam	5.41
14	Metallica	5.19	39	Powerman 5000	5.42
15	Dimmu Borgir	5.20	40	Anthrax	5.43
16	Mudvayne	5.21	41	Rhapsody	5.43
17	Linkin Park	5.22	42	Korn	5.43
18	Papa Roach	5.22	43	Rage	5.44
19	Audioslave	5.24	44	Accept	5.45
20	Rage Against The Machine	5.24	45	Esham	5.46
21	Cradle Of Filth	5.25	46	Blind Guardian	5.46
22	Dark Tranquility	5.26	47	White Zombie	5.47
23	Jack Off Jill	5.28	48	Helloween	5.50
24	Evanescence	5.30	49	W A S P	5.50
25	Twiztid	5.33	50	Green Day	5.50

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Text:	h_{avg}	Words with a similar score:
Soul/Gospel lyrics ^[10]	6.9	chocolate (6.88), leisurely (6.88), penthouse (6.81)
Pop lyrics ^[10]	6.7	dream (6.73), honey (6.73), sugar (6.74)
Dante's Paradise ^[?]	6.5	muffin (6.57), rabbit (6.57), smooth (6.58)
Tweets, 9/9/2008 to 12/31/2010	6.4	thought (6.39), face (6.39), blond (6.42)
Rock lyrics ^[10]	6.3	church (6.28), tree (6.32), air (6.34)
Enron Emails ^[?]	6.2	clouds (6.18), alert (6.20), computer (6.24)
State of the Union Messages ^[10]	6.1	grass (6.12), idol (6.12), bottle (6.15)
New York Times (1987-2007) ^[32]	6.0	hotel (6.00), tennis (6.02), wonder (6.03)
Blogs ^[10]	5.8	owl (5.80), whistle (5.81), humble (5.86)
Dante's Inferno ^[?]	5.5	glacier (5.50), repentant (5.53), mischief (5.57)
Heavy Metal lyrics ^[10]	5.4	lamp (5.41), elevator (5.44), truck (5.47)

Lexicon Valley, Episode #62, June 17, 2015

 Mike Vuolo and Bob Garfield.



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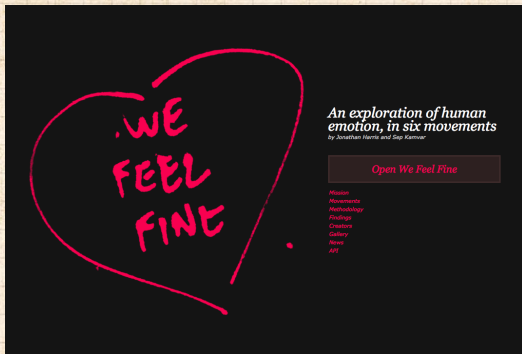


Language has a Positivity Bias. How did we measure that?



Data sets:

- Blog phrases containing "I feel...", "I am feeling", etc., taken from wefeelfine.org (API, 2005–2010)



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2007 TED Talk: The Web's secret stories 



So I really consider myself a storyteller. But I don't really tell stories in the usual way, in the sense that I don't usually tell my own stories. Instead, I'm really interested in building tools that allow large numbers of other people to tell their stories, people all around the world. I do this because I think that people actually have a lot in common. I think people are very similar, but I also think that we have trouble seeing that.



Feeling lonely Gender Both Age All Weather All Location All Date All

- **i feel very lonely and unnoticed and that i am poised in a point of my life when i am able to do great things but just cant quite get them started**

March 30, 2006 / from a 31 year old in fairfax virginia united states when it was cloudy

- **i feel lonely recently**

March 30, 2006 / from someone in georgia united states

- **i feel lonely things are all good but i miss the way things used to be**

March 31, 2006 / from an 18 year old female in arizona united states

- **i feel really lonely every night because i dont have any good friends irl that i can just talk about anything with**

March 31, 2006 / from a 17 year old male in lawrenceville georgia united states

- **i feel really lonely and like any sensible loser i have to write about it in a blog**

March 31, 2006 / from an 18 year old male in missouri united states

- **i feel so lonely inside**

March 31, 2006 / from a 24 year old male in san diego california united states when it was cloudy

- **i feel soooooo lonely sometimes**

March 31, 2006 / from a 19 year old female in ellensburg washington united states

- **i feel lonely**

March 31, 2006 / from someone

- **i feel lonely i feel scared**

March 31, 2006 / from a 29 year old in mount vernon ohio united states

- **i feel lonely when im with her**

March 31, 2006 / from someone in tetha united states

i feel so much less lonely knowing that there are people out there again



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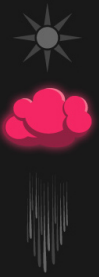
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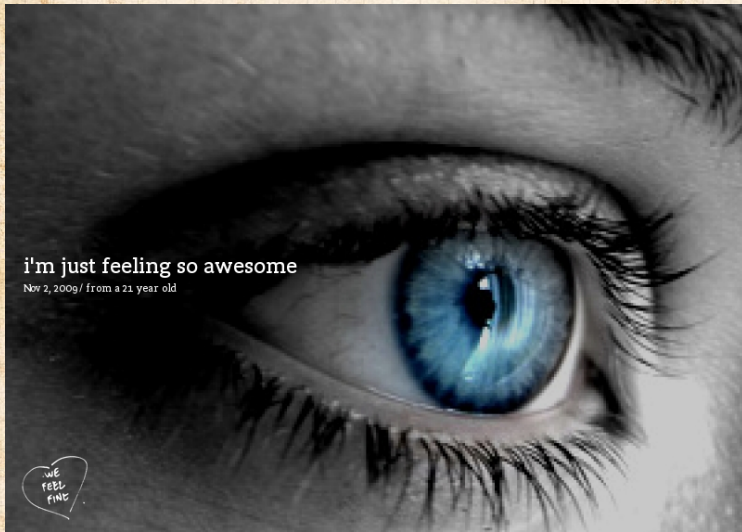
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i'm just feeling so awesome

Nov 2, 2009 / from a 21 year old

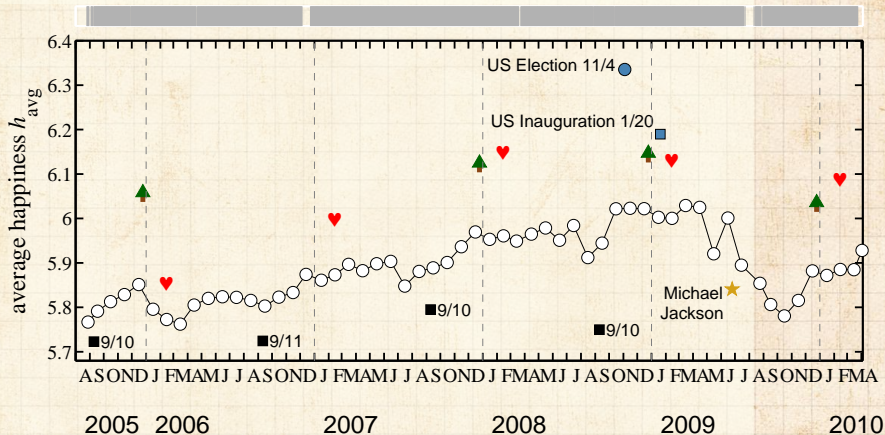


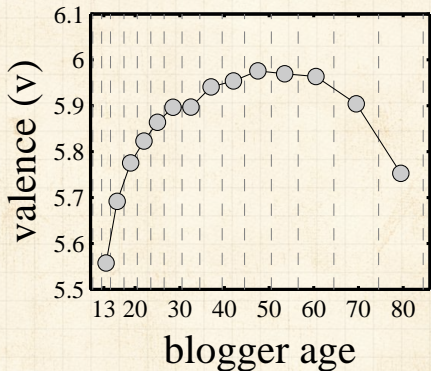
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Blogs—Overall trend





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Average happiness as a function of the age bloggers report they will turn in the year of their posting.



Self-report studies find **little variation** in happiness with age^[12, 13]

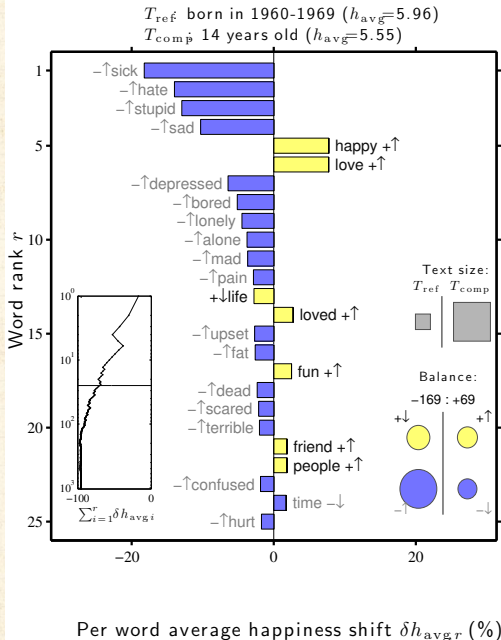
Surprising: Expect a rise and fall.

A 'challenge' for theory...

Related to the **Easterlin Paradox**:
Money doesn't buy happiness

But maybe it does a little bit—Veenhoven & Hagerty (2003) and Wolfers & Stevenson (2008).





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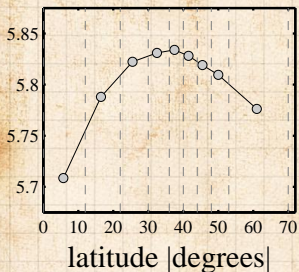
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Near equator—social factors

☰ Increase in 'sad', 'bored',
'lonely', 'stupid', 'guilty'

☰ Decrease in 'good' and
'people'

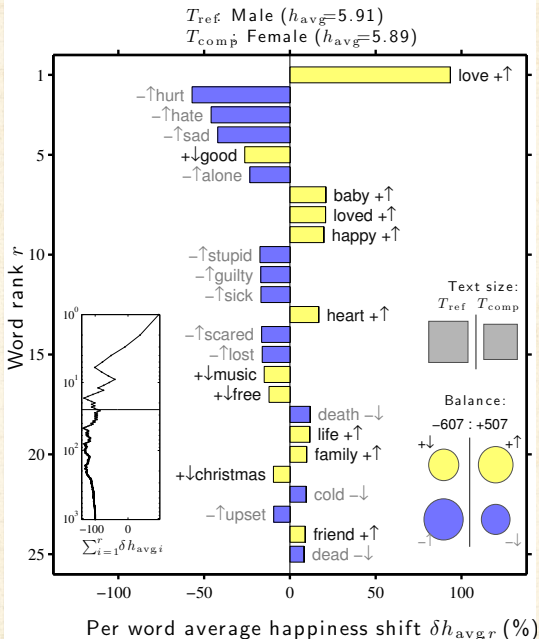
Near poles— social/psychological/climate

☰ Increase in 'sick', 'guilty',
'cold', 'depressed', and
'headache' and decrease of
'love' and 'life.'

☰ Offset by decrease in 'hurt'
and 'pain.'

☰ More 'bed' and 'sleep.'





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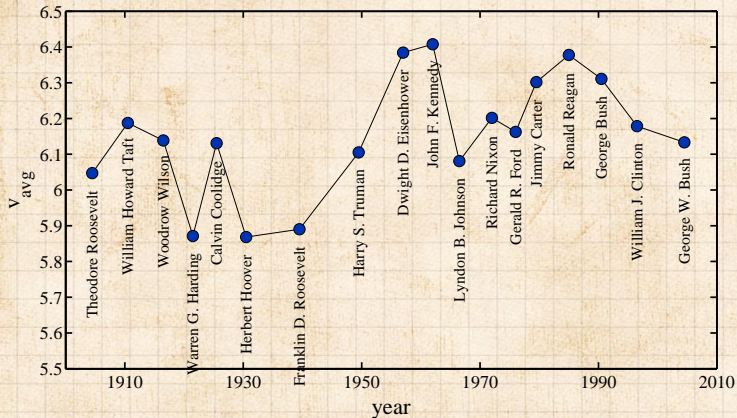
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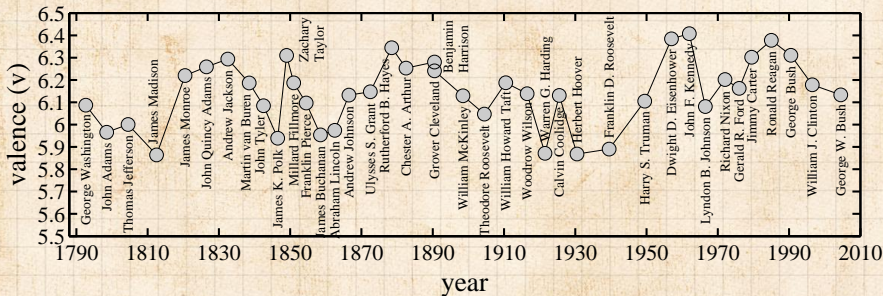
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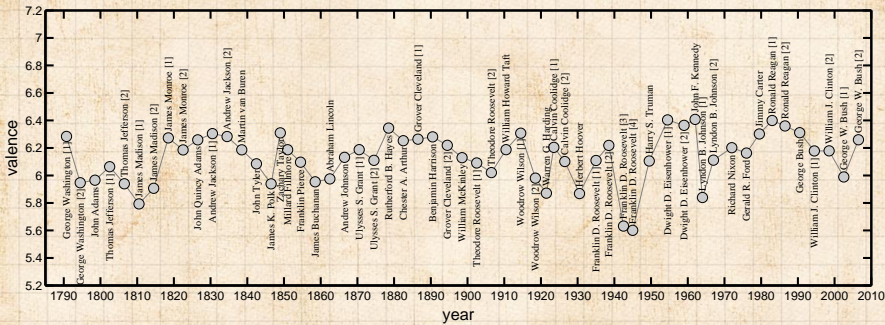
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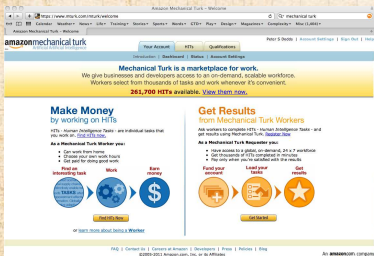
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Four corpora:

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-  Music Lyrics
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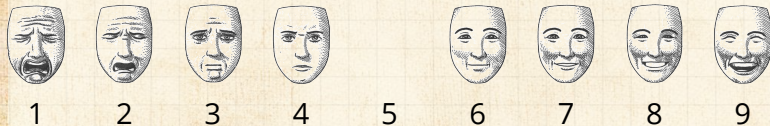
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 5000 **most frequently used** words for each corpus.

 10,222 words, 50 evaluations each, 1-9 scale:^[27]



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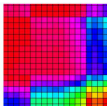
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valence rank	word	valence	std dev	twitter rank	g-books rank	nyt rank	lyrics rank
1	laughter	8.50	0.93	3600	-	-	1728
2	happiness	8.44	0.97	1853	2458	-	1230
3	love	8.42	1.11	25	317	328	23
4	happy	8.30	0.99	65	1372	1313	375
5	laughed	8.26	1.16	3334	3542	-	2332
6	laugh	8.22	1.37	1002	3998	4488	647
7	laughing	8.20	1.11	1579	-	-	1122
8	excellent	8.18	1.10	1496	1756	3155	-
9	laughs	8.18	1.16	3554	-	-	2856
10	joy	8.16	1.06	988	2336	2723	809
11	successful	8.16	1.08	2176	1198	1565	-
12	win	8.12	1.08	154	3031	776	694
13	rainbow	8.10	0.99	2726	-	-	1723
14	smile	8.10	1.02	925	2666	2898	349
15	won	8.10	1.22	810	1167	439	1493
16	pleasure	8.08	0.97	1497	1526	4253	1398
17	smiled	8.08	1.07	-	3537	-	2248
18	rainbows	8.06	1.36	-	-	-	4216
19	winning	8.04	1.05	1876	-	1426	3646
20	celebration	8.02	1.53	3306	-	2762	4070
21	enjoyed	8.02	1.53	1530	2908	3502	-
22	healthy	8.02	1.06	1393	3200	3292	4619
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24	celebrating	8.00	1.14	2550	-	-	-
25	congratulations	8.00	1.63	2246	-	-	-
26	weekend	8.00	1.29	317	-	833	2256
27	celebrate	7.98	1.15	1606	-	3574	2108
28	comedy	7.98	1.15	1444	-	2566	-
29	jokes	7.98	0.98	2812	-	-	3808
30	rich	7.98	1.32	1625	1221	1469	890
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10194	cruel	1.84	1.15	2963	-	-	1447
10195	cry	1.84	1.28	1028	3075	-	226
10196	failed	1.84	1.00	2645	1618	1276	2920
10197	sickness	1.84	1.18	4735	-	-	3782
10198	abused	1.83	1.31	-	-	-	4589
10199	tortured	1.82	1.42	-	-	-	4693
10200	fatal	1.80	1.53	-	4089	-	3724
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10204	kills	1.78	1.23	2459	-	-	2857
10205	jail	1.76	1.02	1642	-	2573	1619
10206	terror	1.76	1.00	4625	4117	4048	2370
10207	die	1.74	1.19	418	730	2605	143
10208	killing	1.70	1.36	1507	4428	1672	998
10209	arrested	1.64	1.01	2435	4474	1435	-
10210	deaths	1.64	1.14	-	-	2974	-
10211	raped	1.64	1.43	-	-	-	4528
10212	torture	1.58	1.05	3175	-	-	3126
10213	died	1.56	1.20	1223	866	208	826
10214	kill	1.56	1.05	798	2727	2572	430
10215	killed	1.56	1.23	1137	1603	814	1273
10216	cancer	1.54	1.07	946	1884	796	3802
10217	death	1.54	1.28	509	307	373	433
10218	murder	1.48	1.01	2762	3110	1541	1059
10219	terrorism	1.48	0.91	-	-	3192	-
10220	rape	1.44	0.79	3133	-	4115	2977
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10222	terrorist	1.30	0.91	3576	-	3026	-

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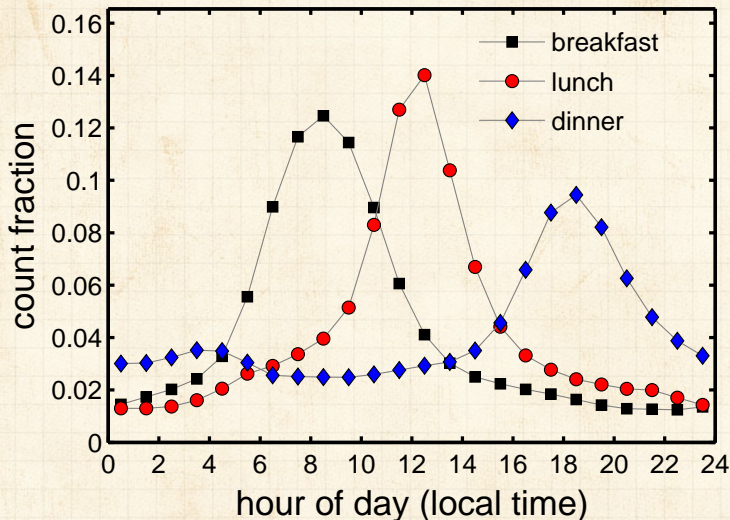
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3	fking	3.56	2.71	1840	-	-	904
4	pussy	4.80	2.66	2019	-	-	949
5	whiskey	5.72	2.64	-	-	-	2208
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7	cigarettes	3.31	2.60	-	-	-	3279
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14	capitalism	5.16	2.45	-	4648	-	-
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16	summer	6.40	2.39	896	1226	721	590
17	beer	5.92	2.39	839	4924	3960	1413
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26	islam	4.68	2.33	-	4514	-	-
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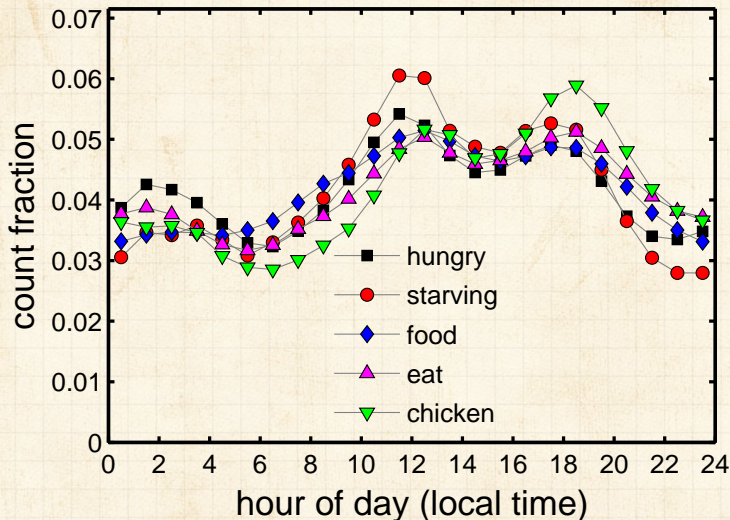
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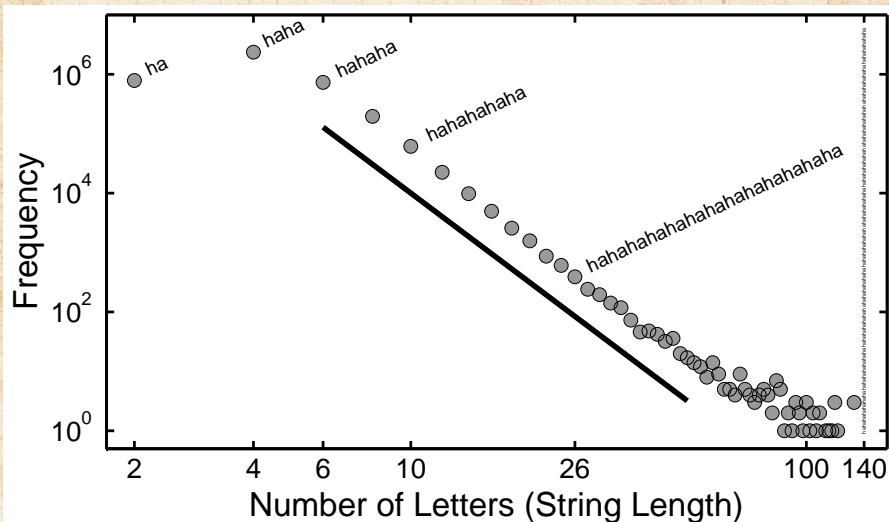
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Makes the unexpected believable...



The happiest distribution:



Work by Tyler Gray et al., unpublished.



Tom Sherwood @tomsherwood

1 Oct

Mississippi congressman moves gate and lets 92 WW2 vets see their monument. pic.twitter.com/541GvLLITz

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Individual tweets have all kinds of potential impact:

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Breaking: Two Explosions in the White House and Barack Obama is injured

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Mentions of CIA on Twitter, end of 2011:

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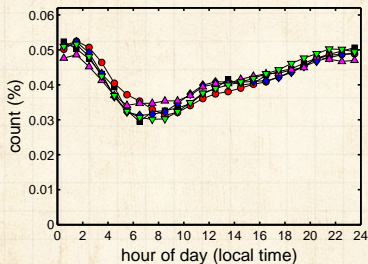
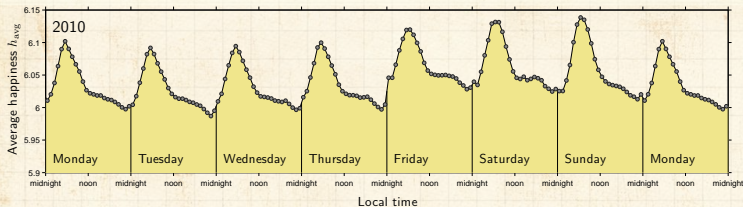
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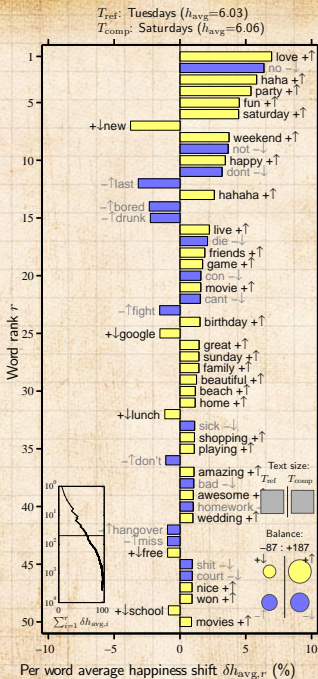
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Text element and context correlate in happiness scores:

- Compare ambient happiness with text element happiness.
- Spearman correlation coefficient:
 $r_s \simeq 0.79, p\text{-value} < 10^{-10}$.
- An on-average result: says nothing about any individual sentence.
- Extra random piece: **stemming is fallible**.

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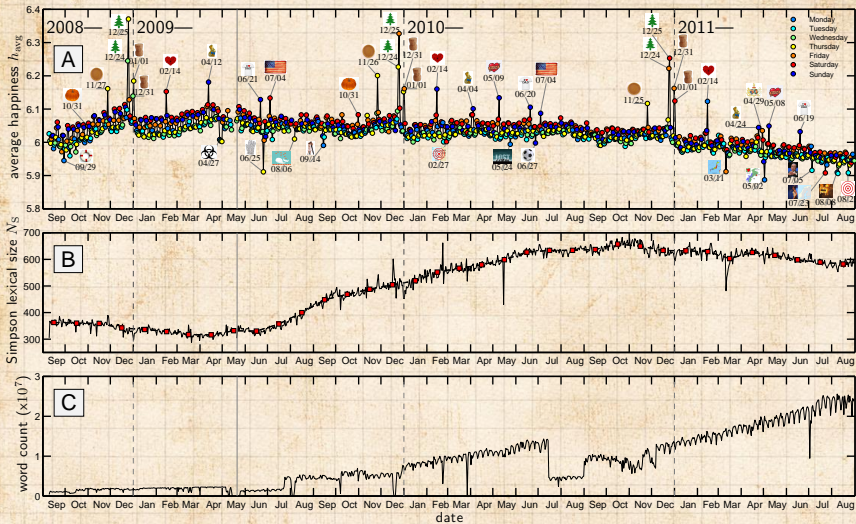
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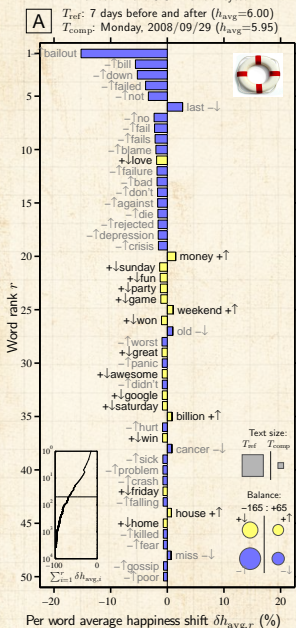
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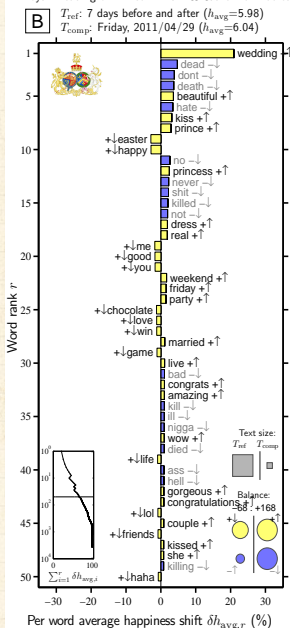




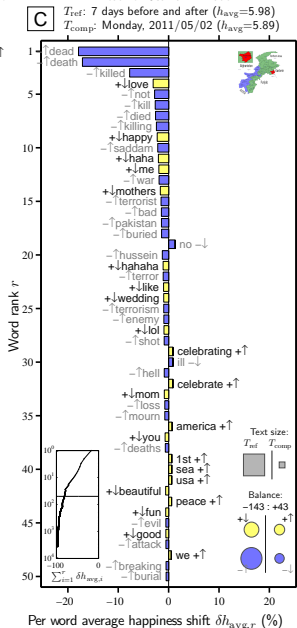
Bailout of the U.S. financial system:



Royal Wedding of Prince William & Catherine Middleton



Death of Osama Bin Laden:



Ambient happiness:

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1. happy	+0.430	1.65e+07 (13)	+1.104 (1)	51. snow	-0.051	2.60e+06 (49)	+0.083 (39)
2. Christmas	+0.404	4.89e+06 (35)	+0.953 (3)	52. Jon Stewart	-0.052	5.21e+04 (97)	+0.024 (48)
3. vegan	+0.315	1.84e+05 (90)	-0.015 (46)	53. school	-0.056	9.26e+06 (24)	+0.050 (42)
4. :)	+0.274	1.04e+07 (20)	+0.630 (12)	54. Lehman Brothers	-0.078	8.50e+03 (100)	-0.721 (79)
5. family	+0.251	5.01e+06 (32)	+0.716 (7)	55. them	-0.090	1.54e+07 (15)	-0.280 (60)
6. -)	+0.228	1.67e+06 (60)	+0.560 (16)	56. right	-0.099	1.92e+07 (10)	+0.126 (35)
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8. win	+0.204	7.98e+06 (26)	+0.924 (4)	58. left	-0.118	4.89e+06 (34)	-0.383 (63)
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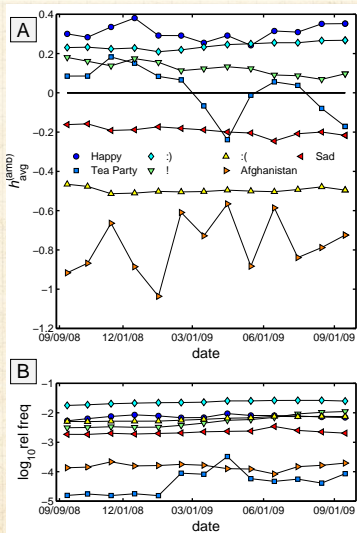
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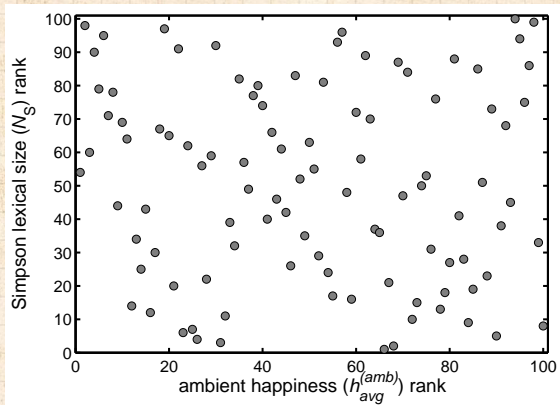
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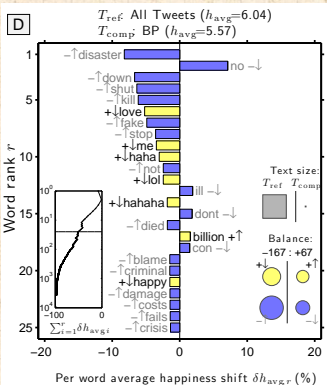
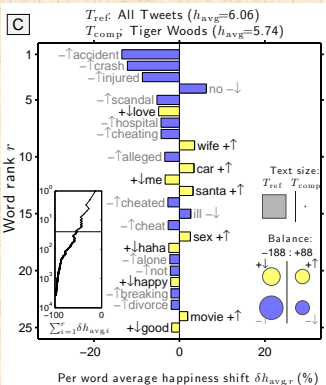
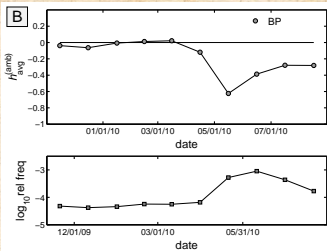
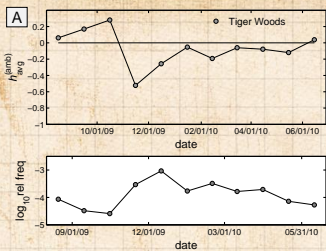
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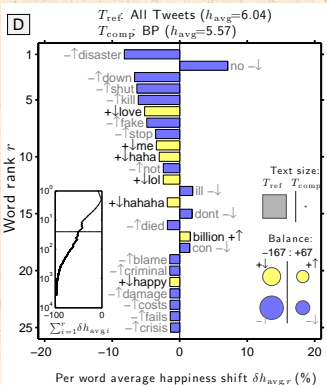
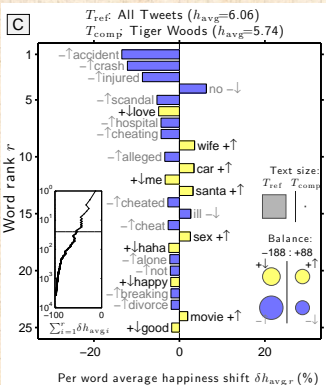
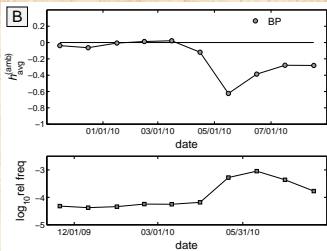
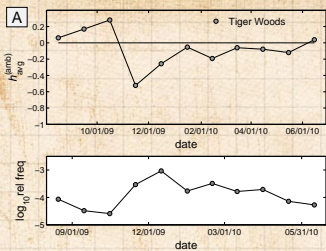
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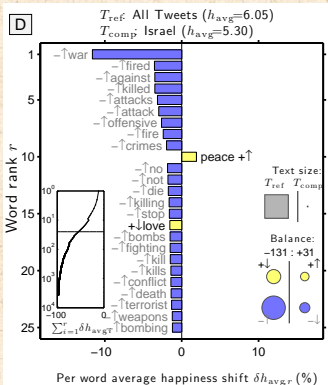
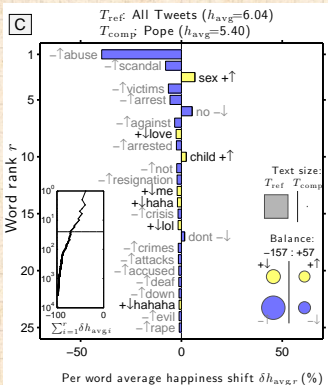
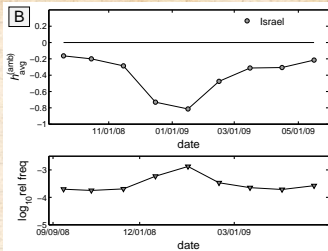
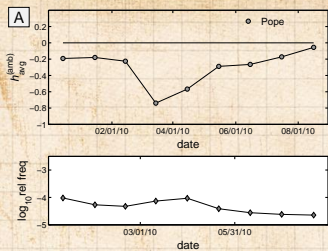
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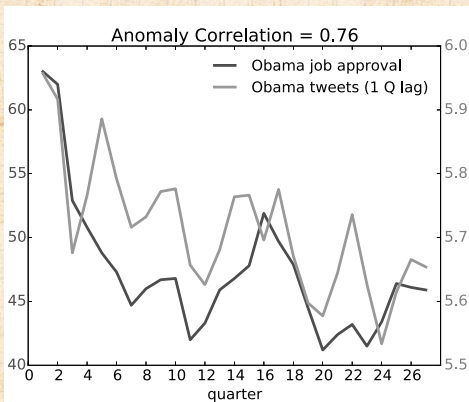
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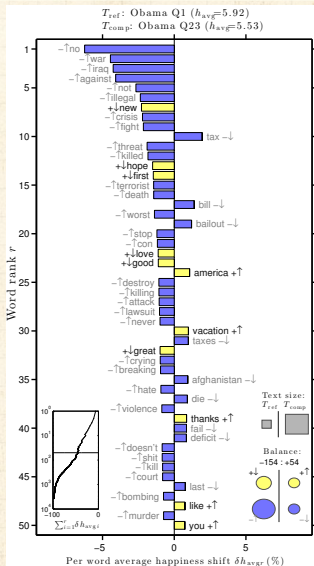
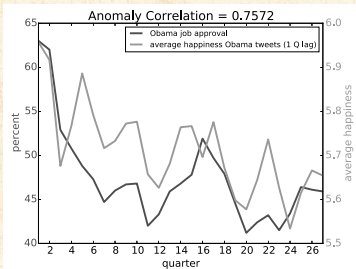
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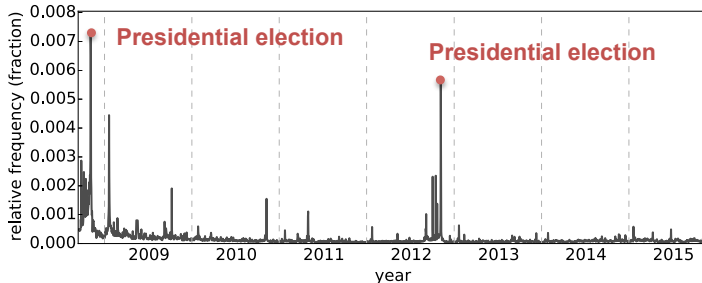
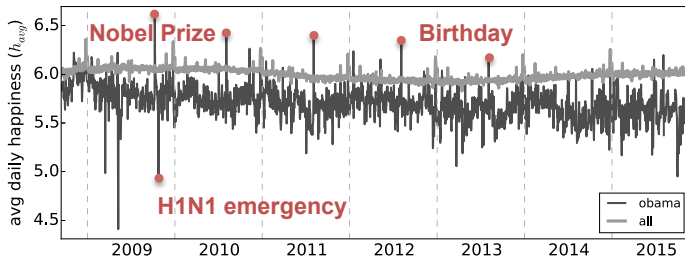
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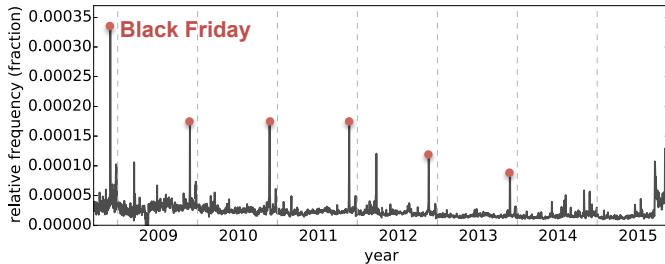
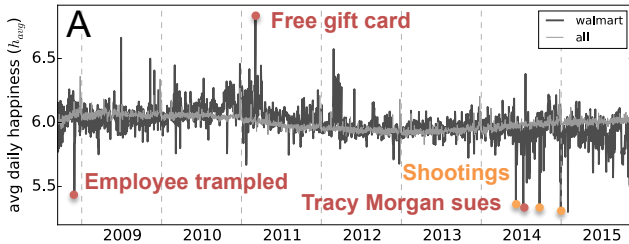
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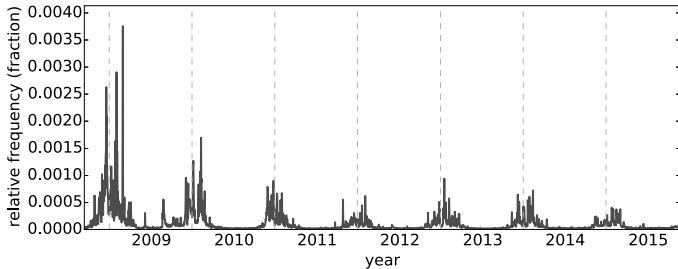
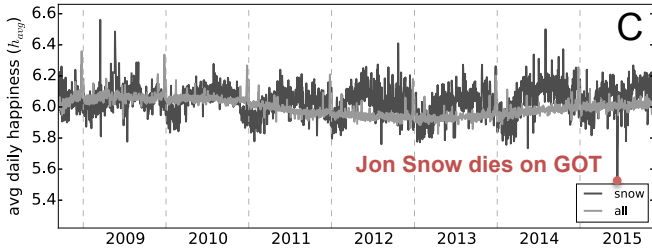
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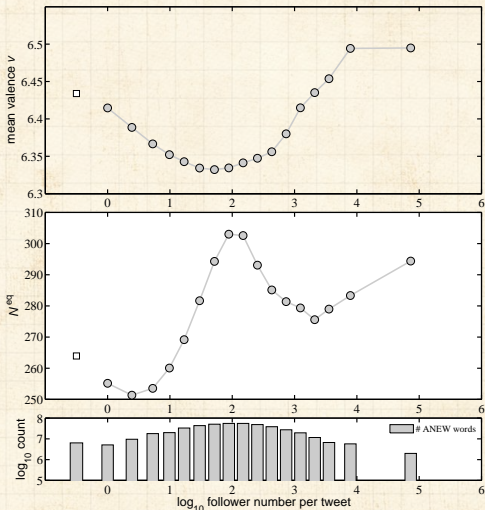
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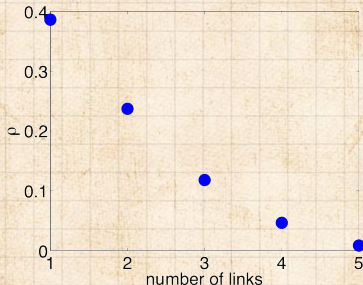


Early Twitter data—follower counts are not worth so much.





"Twitter reciprocal reply networks exhibit assortativity with respect to happiness" ↗
Bliss, Kloumann, Harris, Danforth, and Dodds.
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Decay in happiness correlation in social network.



Not a test of contagion ...

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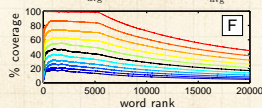
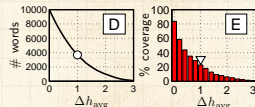
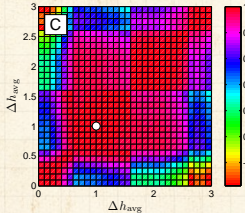
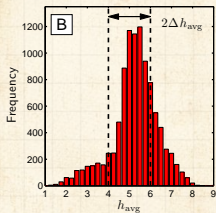
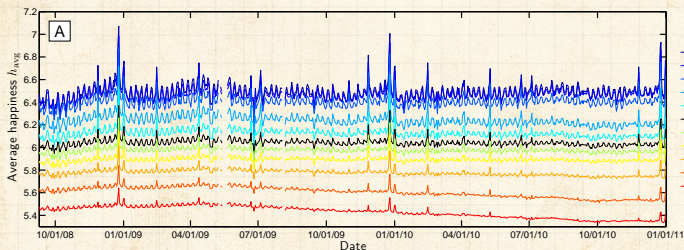
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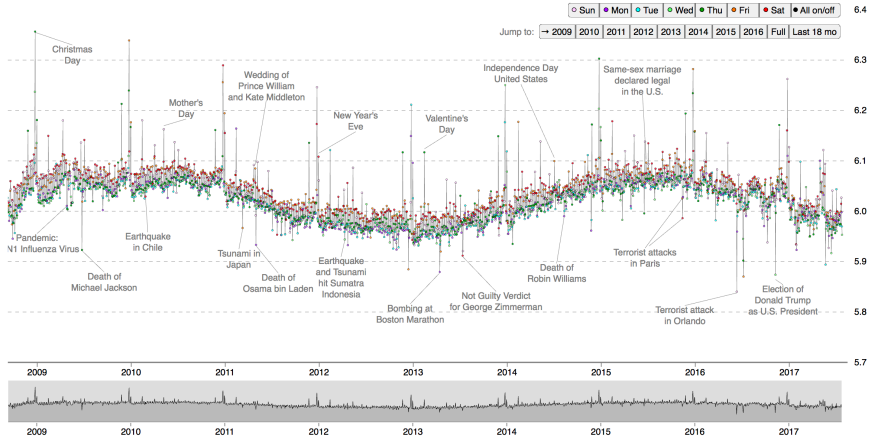
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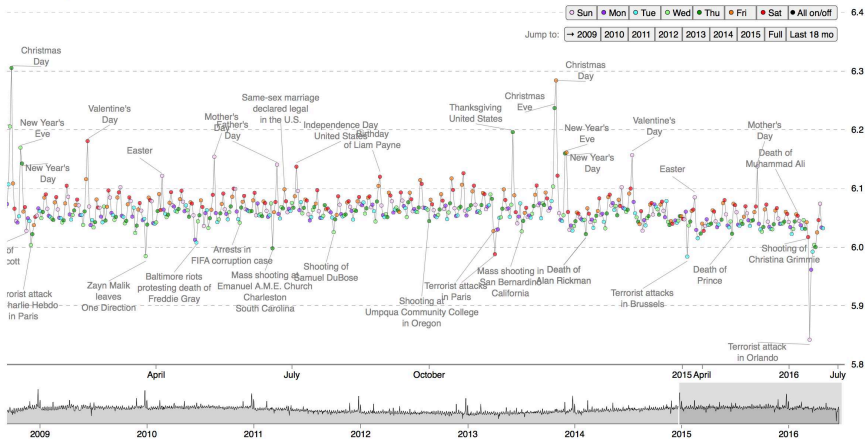
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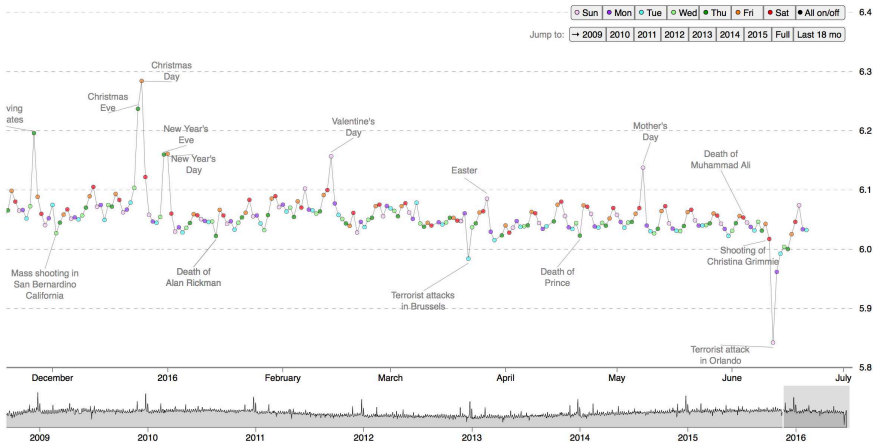
Machine: [@andyreagan](https://twitter.com/andyreagan)

Planned happiness versus tragedies.

Average Happiness for Twitter



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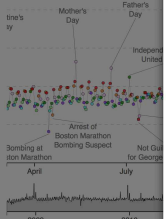




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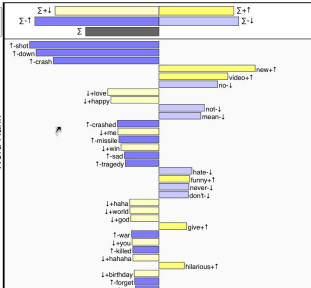
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Interactive Wordshift
Major Event ...
 





Thursday, July 17, 2014
Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 crashes in Eastern Ukraine, apparently shot down by a surface-to-air missile.
Israel's ground forces enter Gaza, part of Operation Protective Edge
 Average happiness: 5.989
 What's making this day sadder than the last seven days:

Word Rank



Word	Change
Σ+1	+
Σ-1	-
Σ	-
Σ+1	+
Σ-1	-
1-shot	-
1-down	-
1-crash	-
new+1	+
video+1	+
inp-1	-
i+love	+
i+happy	+
not-1	-
mean-1	-
1-crashed	-
i+me	+
1-missile	-
i+win!	+
1-sad	-
1-tragedy	-
hate-1	-
hurry+1	+
never-1	-
don't-1	-
i+haha	+
i+words	+
i+god	+
give+1	+
1-war	-
i+you	+
1-asked	-
i+hahaha	+
hilarious+1	+
i+birthday	+
1-forget	-

Per word average happiness shift

   
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Monday, August 11, 2014
Death of actor and comedian Robyn Williams
Average happiness: 5.953
What's making this day sadder than the last seven days:

Word	Shift
Σ+1	Σ+1
Σ+T	Σ+T
Σ-1	Σ-1
Σ	Σ
Σ-1	Σ-1
T-rip	Σ-1
T-sad	Σ-1
T-suicide	Σ-1
T-dead	Σ-1
T-depression	Σ-1
T-died	Σ-1
T-death	Σ-1
T-never	Σ-1
T-lost	Σ-1
T-missed	Σ-1
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↓don't-↓	Σ-1
↑peace+↑	Σ+1
↓+like	Σ-1
↓+love	Σ-1
T-loss	Σ-1
↑hate-↓	Σ-1
↑laugh+↑	Σ+1
↑no-↓	Σ-1
↓+me	Σ-1
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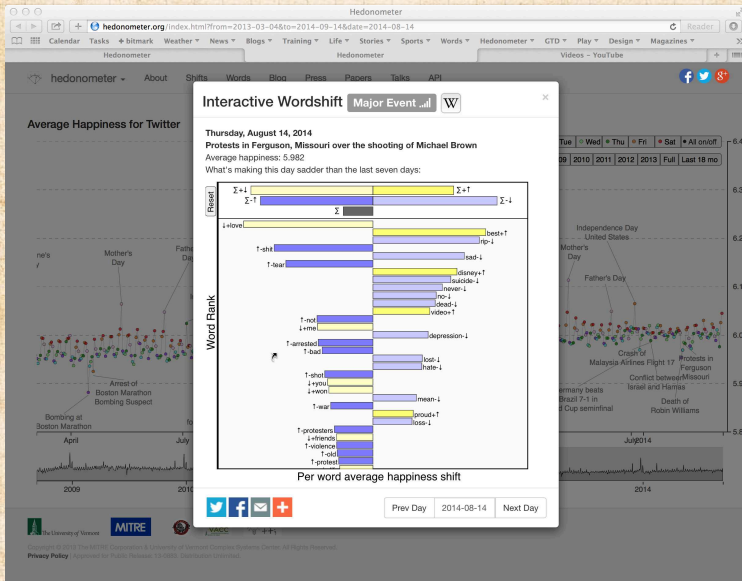
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Major Event 

Friday, June 26, 2015
Same-sex marriage declared legal in the U.S. by Supreme Court's decision in Obergefell v. Hodges
Average happiness: 6.10
What's making this day happier than the last seven days:

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Word Rank

1. love+1	2. court-1	3. marriage+1	4. equality+1	5. happy+1
6. me+1	7. america+1	8. marry+1	9. attack-1	10. beautiful+1
11. don't-1	12. supreme+1	13. rainbow+1	14. sin-1	15. sex+1
16. oh-1	17. proud+1	18. breaking-1	19. amazing+1	20. no-1
21. tears-1	22. love-1			

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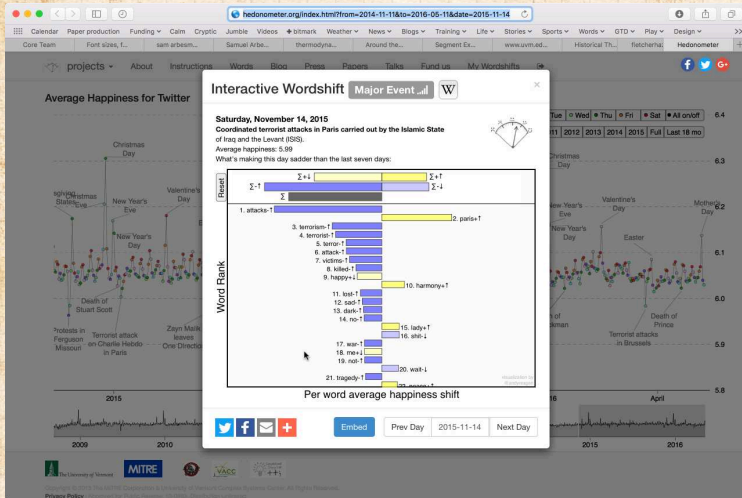
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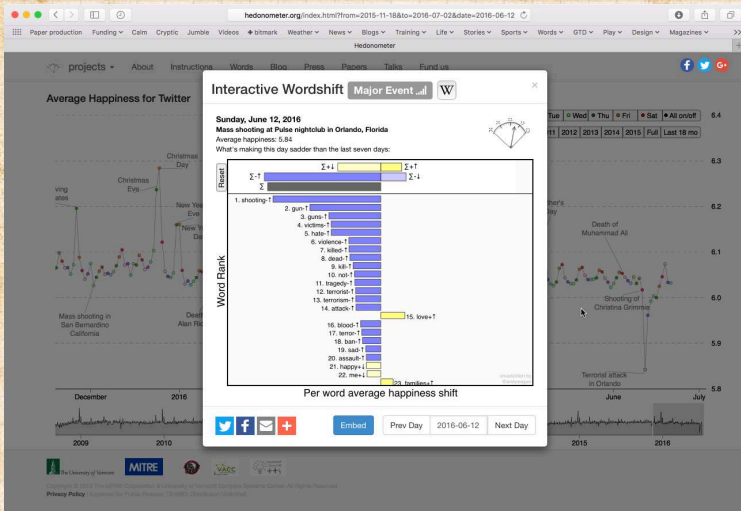
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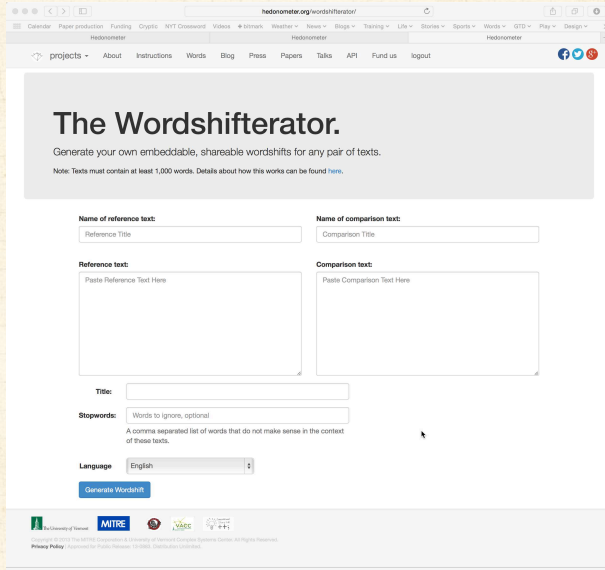


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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `hedonometer.org/wordshifterator/`. The page title is "The Wordshifterator." and the subtitle is "Generate your own embeddable, shareable wordshifts for any pair of texts." A note states: "Note: Texts must contain at least 1,000 words. Details about how this works can be found [here](#)." The form includes fields for "Name of reference text:", "Name of comparison text:", "Reference text:", and "Comparison text:". There are also fields for "Title:", "Stopwords:", and a "Language" dropdown menu set to "English". A blue button labeled "Generate Wordshift" is at the bottom. The footer contains logos for The University of Vermont, MITRE, and VACC, along with copyright information: "Copyright © 2013 The MITRE Corporation & University of Vermont Computer Systems Center. All Rights Reserved. Privacy Policy" (approved for Public Release: 13-0865, Distribution Unlimited).

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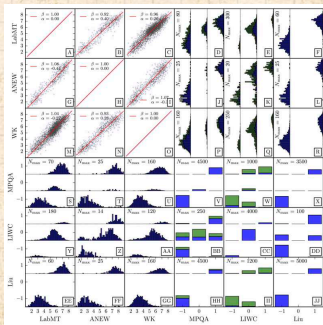


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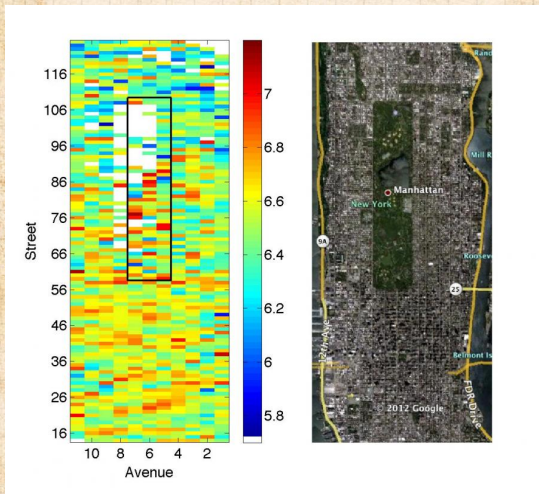
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See [Blog post on compstorylab.org](http://blog.compstorylab.org)



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Advertisement for Jamaica in Times Square. The ad features a large billboard with the following text:

TELL US WHY YOU'RE HAPPY

FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A TRIP FOR 2 TO JAMAICA!

INCLUDE **#HAPPYNYC** IN YOUR TWEET TO ENTER

Clear Channel Outdoor

JAMAICA
Once you go, you know.

TIMES SQUARE IS THE HAPPIEST PLACE IN NEW YORK!

COMPILED BY TRACKING TWEETS THAT INCLUDED SPECIFIC "HAPPY" AND "SAD" WORDS - THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

COMPLETE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AVAILABLE AT FACEBOOK.COM/CCOUTDOOR

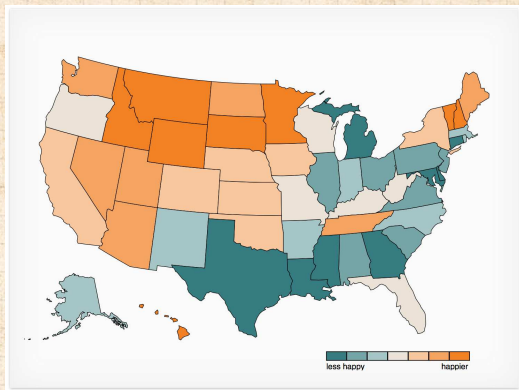
The background of the ad shows a person standing in Times Square at night, with a large green leaf graphic on the right side.



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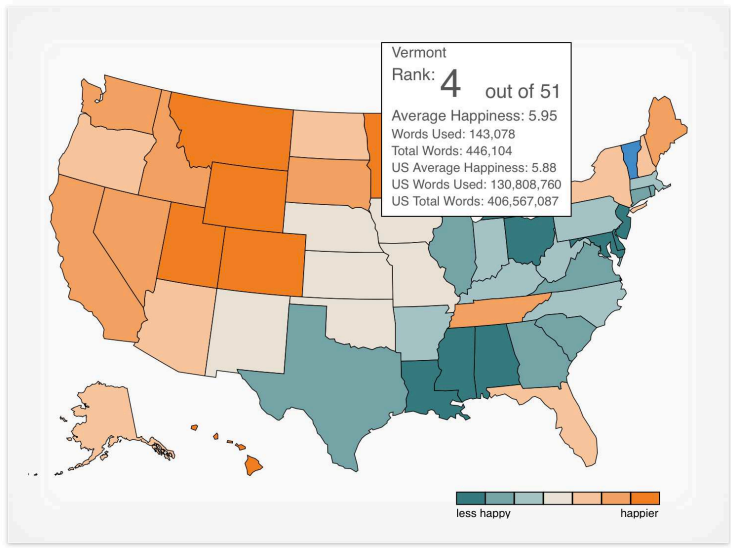
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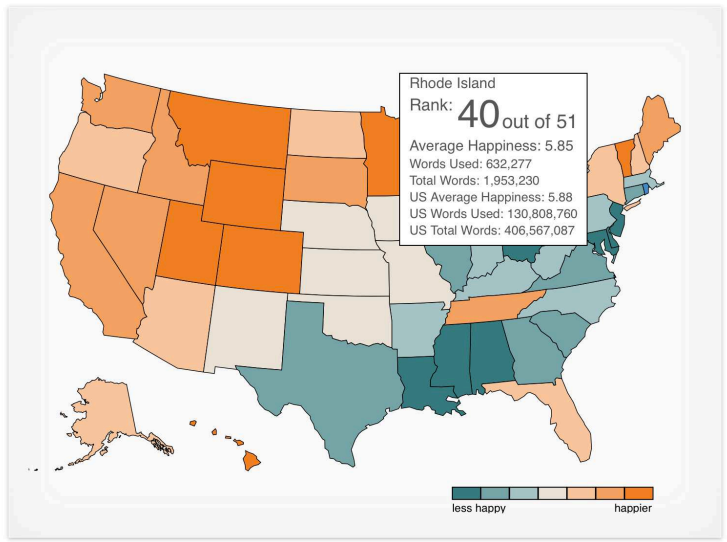
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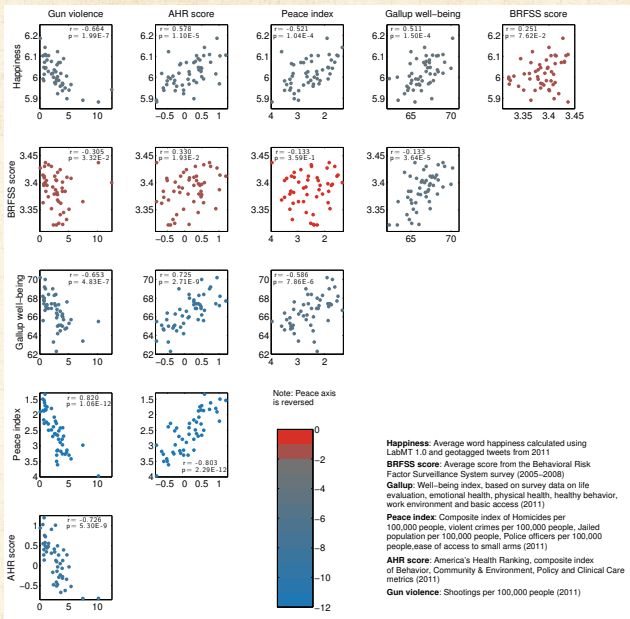
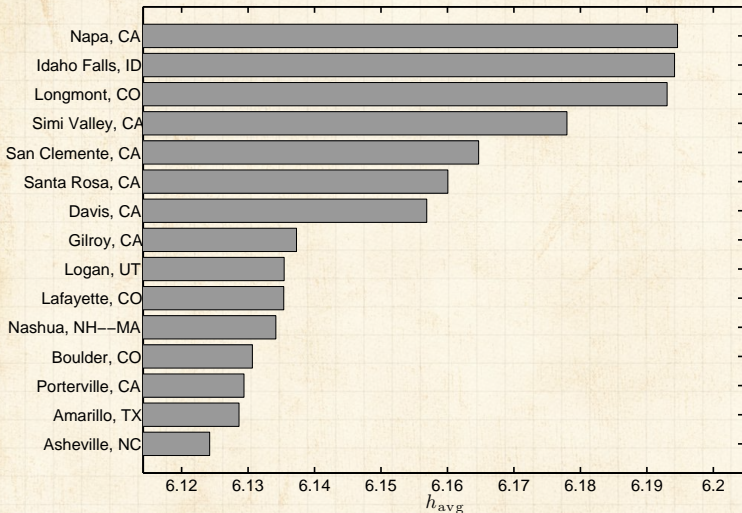


FIG. 2: Scatter plot matrix of correlations between different well-being measures. Points are colored by p -value, statistically insignificant correlations above $p = 0.01$ are shown in red. Spearman's r and p -value are reported in the inset.

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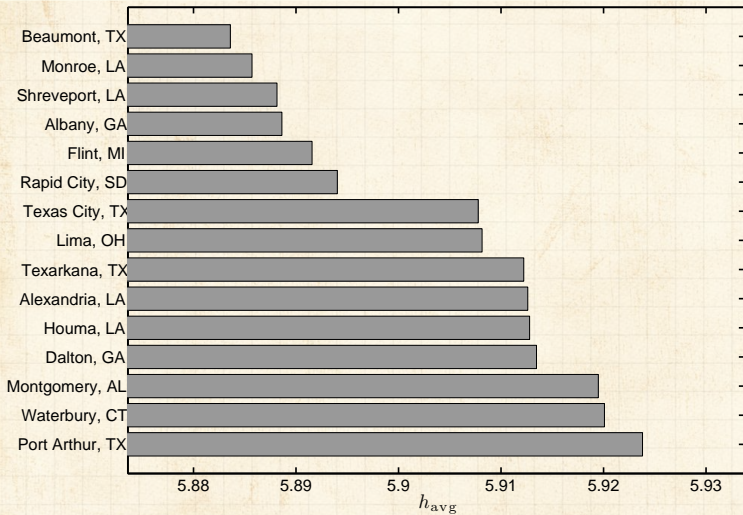
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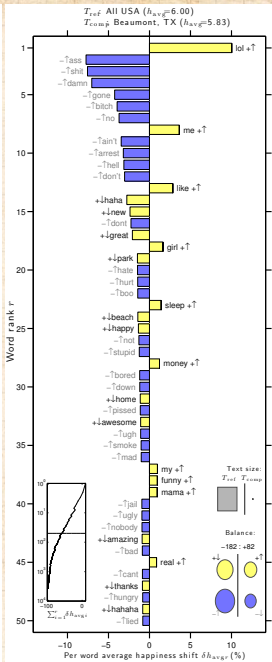
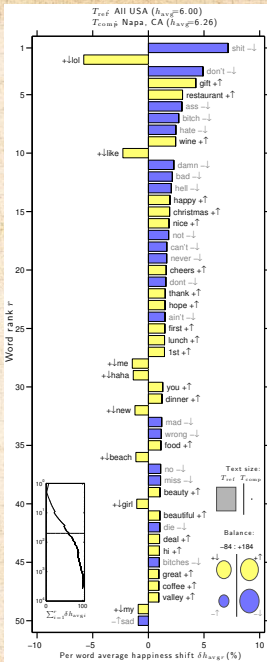
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2013/02/18 at 8:53 pm (Edit)



I've lived in quite a few places. The most recently Beaumont, TX. Its a pure hellhole. Hot, humid, trashy, terrible schools, corrupt government, lots of crime, no public parks or activities, terrible culture (other than crawfish boils), completely lacks diversity. This study confirms my suspicions that cities don't get any more miserable than this.

[Reply](#)

Blog post: [Where is the happiest city in the US?](#)



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Eggheads find Beaumont IS the 'saddest city'
February 19, 2013 at 10:41 am by gator

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That's what some eggheads at the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Vermont have determined.

The method to their madness? **Twitter**. They say they plotted 10 million geotagged Tweets in 2011.

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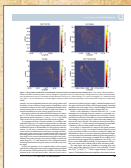
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Newsworthy
Breaking news for Southeast Texas

Whaddya Think?
We want to hear from you

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"Happiness and the Patterns of Life: A Study of Geolocated Tweets"

Frank, Mitchell, Dodds, Danforth, and Dodds.

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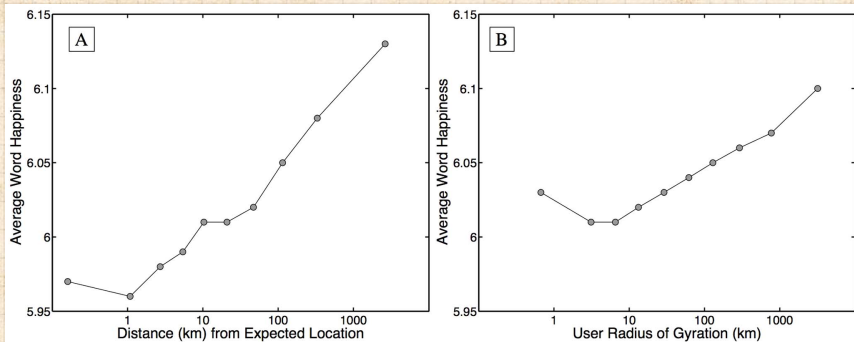


Figure 6 | (A) Average happiness of words written as a function of distance from an author's expected location, with tweets grouped into ten equally populated bins. Expressed happiness grows logarithmically with distance distance from expected location. (B) A similar trend is observed when individuals are grouped into ten equally populated bins according to their gyradius. Both trends persist through variations in binning and different measures of mobility.



We grow fonder as we wander.

Anger:

word	avg	σ
war	4.16	1.01
torture	3.92	1.16
murdered	3.84	1.14
motherf☆☆ker	3.82	1.29
anger	3.80	1.26
killer	3.78	1.38
fury	3.63	1.56
bombing	3.58	1.39
⋮	⋮	⋮
play	1.06	0.31
idea	1.06	0.31
daughter-in-law	1.06	0.24
piano	1.06	0.31
stars	1.06	0.24
tasty	1.04	0.20
thankful	1.02	0.14
happy	1.00	0.00

Disgust:

word	avg	σ
war	4.16	1.01
tortured	3.74	1.28
whore	3.67	1.39
murdered	3.66	1.41
asshole	3.56	1.28
killer	3.55	1.50
motherf☆☆ker	3.54	1.36
died	3.48	1.43
holocaust	3.40	1.64
⋮	⋮	⋮
hawaii	1.06	0.24
arts	1.06	0.42
joy	1.04	0.20
relaxing	1.04	0.28
foundation	1.04	0.20
relax	1.04	0.20
piano	1.04	0.28
presence	1.00	0.00

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Surprise:

word	avg	σ
motherf☆☆ker	3.93	1.35
murdered	3.66	1.37
bombing	3.52	1.49
death	3.50	1.51
fatal	3.50	1.43
lottery	3.46	1.54
torture	3.42	1.54
slap	3.41	1.49
died	3.38	1.47
earthquake	3.32	1.54
:	:	:
flag	1.30	0.67
doors	1.30	0.64
b/c	1.28	0.75
stuart	1.26	0.63
pro	1.24	0.59
beans	1.24	0.59
johnson	1.18	0.65

Fear:

word	avg	σ
war	4.20	1.02
tortured	4.18	1.39
death	4.18	1.21
killer	4.11	1.37
murdered	4.06	1.10
jail	3.90	1.08
:	:	:
banana	1.08	0.34
right	1.08	0.34
properties	1.08	0.27
cute	1.06	0.24
topic	1.06	0.24
active	1.06	0.24
wonderful	1.06	0.31
dear	1.06	0.31
bath	1.02	0.14

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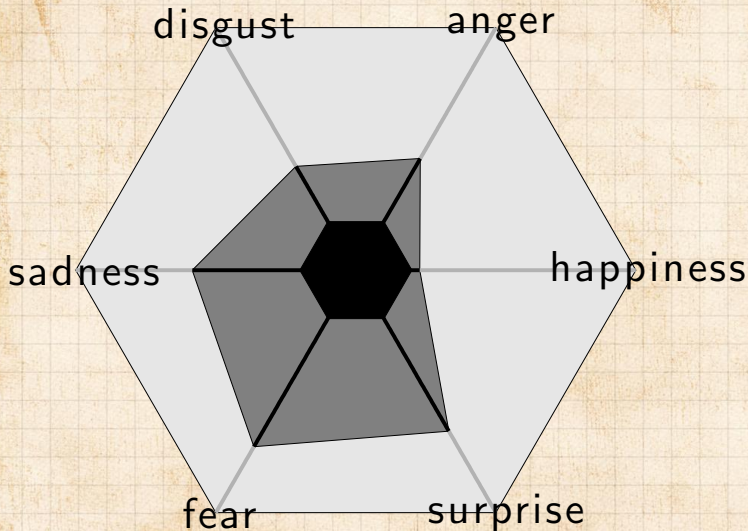
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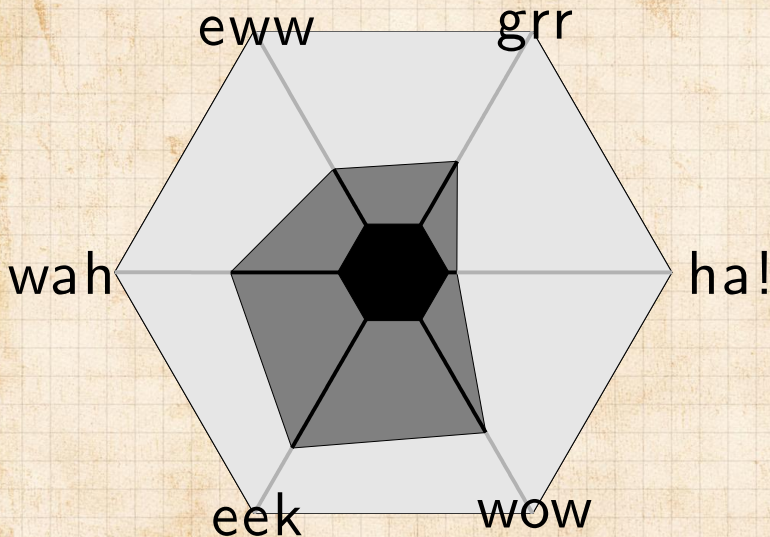
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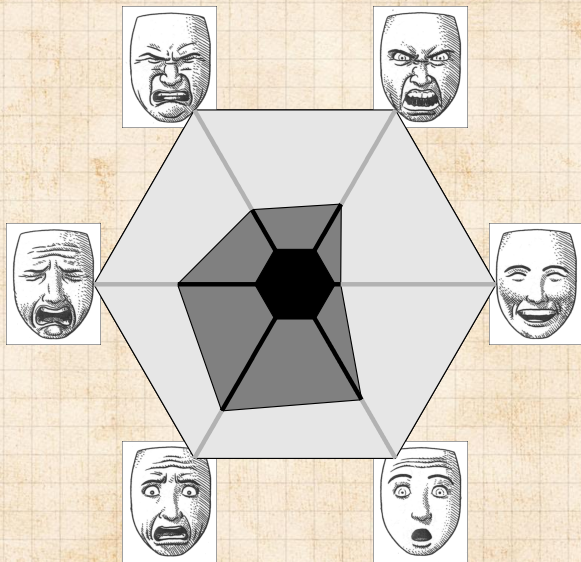
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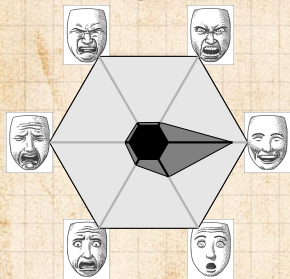
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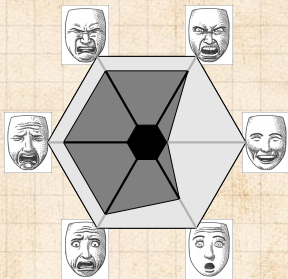
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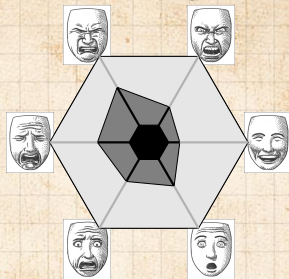
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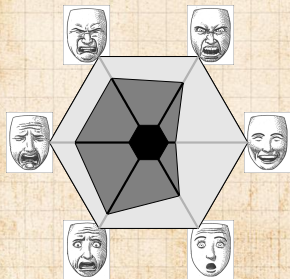
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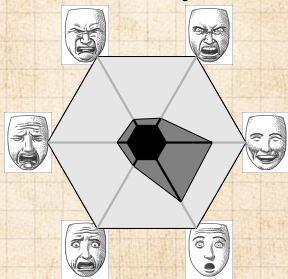
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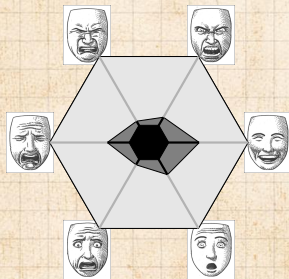
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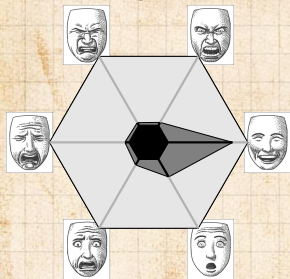
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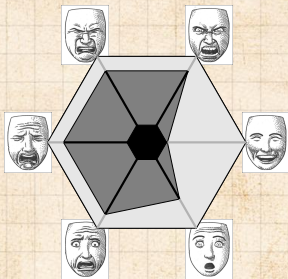
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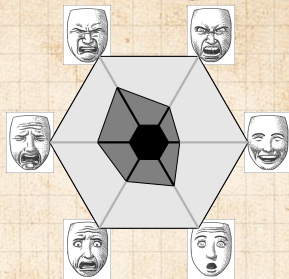
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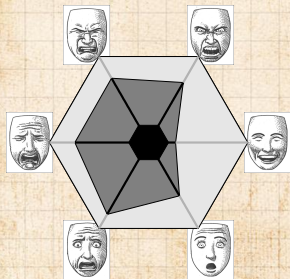
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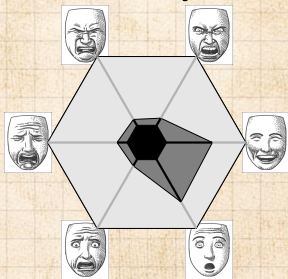
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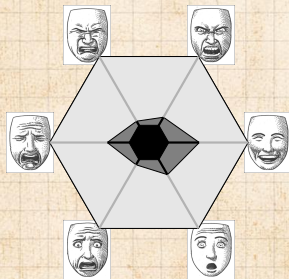
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