

Textual Categorization Assignment (Prepared Feb. 2022, for Soph. Reading Courses at NENU)

INSTRUCTIONS: How well can you identify different types of texts in English? Each of the following is a sample (excerpt) of a larger text relevant to your major in politics. Before looking at their sources (listed at the end), read them and try to identify the category of text they are from. If you can't decide, take a look at the source, but try to challenge yourself first by just reading the texts themselves. After you've categorized each sample, decide what kind of publication or other media source each is from. We will discuss your answers in the second week of this course. Don't worry if you can't (fully) understand the content right now! All you need to do for this assignment is categorize. Your answers will not affect your grade; the purpose of this assignment is to gauge both your overall reading comprehension and critical thinking skills before we begin the course. Try to do this

yourself, individually first, but you may work with classmates also. Note that a [...] indicates some text has been omitted from the original.

SPACE FOR YOUR ANSWERS (WRITE SOMETHING EVEN IF YOU'RE JUST GUESSING!):

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TEXTUAL CATEGORIES (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, "NEWS ARTICLE" & "EDITORIAL" WILL BE USED TWICE. NO OTHERS WILL BE USED MORE THAN ONCE): ·Academic Article ·Fiction"/Tell-all "Insider Account"/Memoir ·Constitution ·Editorial

·Intelligence Report ·Manifesto/Mission Statement ·Meme ·Memorandum ·News Article ·Policy Briefing"/"White Paper" ·Satirical Article ·Tweet

EXAMPLE: Yes. How could we ever have doubted it? All this freezing weather we've been having is, of course, yet another sign that global warming is real. And anyway, we shouldn't take any notice of all this white stuff that is shutting down schools, making journeys impossible, and generally freezing our asses off. Rather, we should be focusing our attention on what's happening way to the north where no one actually lives. Apparently.

Source = <http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2018/02/28/delingpole-big-freeze-means-global-warming-is-worse-than-ever-alarmlists-warn/>

TEXTUAL CATEGORY = Editorial SOURCE CATEGORY = Partisan News Website (www.breitbart.com)

SAMPLE 1: Development is the top priority of all countries. When carrying out development cooperation, China emphasizes coordination of plans and strategies with partner countries, and responds to the priority needs of developing countries for social and economic progress. Aiming to improve people's wellbeing and provide them with tangible gains, it increases investment in poverty alleviation, disaster relief, education, health care, agriculture, employment, environmental protection, and climate change response, and actively participates in emergency humanitarian relief operations.

SAMPLE 2: A group of Freedom Convoy protesters interrupted an MSNBC live report chanting "Freedom!" at the top of their lungs in Canada's capital, Ottawa, Saturday. MSNBC reporter Glen McGregor reported live on the ground in Ottawa, Ontario, where protests against the country's vaccine mandate on truckers have persisted. Before McGregor could begin to speak, an anonymous voice began loudly yelling about law enforcement and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. "You say everyone here is violent. No, it's the cops," the voice said. "Tell the truth about Justin Trudeau, who's his daddy, huh?" Protesters immediately began interrupting McGregor when he began his live report. "Freedom! Freedom! Freedom!" The protesters repeatedly shouted behind him.

SAMPLE 3: China already occupies a position of centrality in the international system. It is the world's largest trading power and greatest source of global lending, it boasts the world's largest population and military, and it has become a global center of innovation. Most analysts predict that China's real GDP will surpass that of the United States by 2030 to make it the largest economy in the world. Moreover, as the evolution of the pandemic has illustrated, China's response to global challenges has profound implications for the rest of the world.

Yet even as Xi's ambition and China's global prominence have become indisputable, many observers continue to question whether Beijing wants to shape a new international order or merely force some adjustments to the current one, advancing discrete interests and preferences without fundamentally transforming the global system. They argue that Beijing's orientation is overwhelmingly defensive and designed only to protect itself from criticism of its political system and to realize a limited set of sovereignty claims. That view misses the scope of Xi's vision. His understanding of the centrality of China signifies something more than ensuring that the relative weight of the country's voice or influence within the existing international system is adequately represented. It connotes a radically transformed international order.

SAMPLE 4: 6. Language 1. All indigenous languages of South Sudan are national languages and shall be respected, developed and promoted. 2. English shall be the official working language in the Republic of South Sudan, as well as the language of instruction at all levels of education. 3. The State shall promote the development of a sign language for the benefit of people with special needs. 7. National Symbols The flag, emblem, national anthem, coat of arms, public seal, medals, festivals and commemorations of the State shall be prescribed by law. 8. Religion 1. Religion and State shall be separate. 2. All religions shall be treated equally and religion or religious beliefs shall not be used for divisive purposes.

SAMPLE 5: Key Judgments: Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction Programs. Iraq has continued its weapons of mass destruction (WMD) programs in defiance of UN resolutions and restrictions. Baghdad has chemical and biological weapons as well as missiles with ranges in excess of UN restrictions; if left unchecked, it probably will have a nuclear weapon during this decade. Baghdad hides large portions of Iraq's WMD efforts. Revelations after the Gulf war starkly demonstrate the extensive efforts undertaken by Iraq to deny information. Since inspections ended in 1998, Iraq has maintained its chemical weapons effort, energized its missile program, and invested more heavily in biological weapons; most analysts assess Iraq is reconstituting its nuclear weapons program.

SAMPLE 6: In 21st-century America, war and the endless preparations for it simply go on and on. Consider it beyond irony that, as this country's corporate, political, and military champions claim they wage war to spread democracy, it withers at home. And here's what worries me most of all: America's very long war of destruction against relatively weak countries and peoples may be over, or at least reduced to the odd moment of hostilities, but America's leaders, no matter the party, now seem to favor a new cold war against China and now Russia. Incredibly, the old Cold War produced a win that was so sweet, yet so fleeting, that it seems to require a massive do-over. Promoting war may have worked well for the military-industrial complex when the enemy was thousands of miles away with no capacity for hitting "the homeland," but China and Russia do have that capacity. If a war with China or Russia (or both) comes to pass, it won't be a long one. And count on one thing: America's leaders, corporate, military, and political, won't be able to shrug off the losses by looking at positive balance sheets and profit margins at weapons factories.

SAMPLE 7: Armed Educators (and trusted people who work within a school) love our students and will protect them. Very smart people. Must be firearms adept & have annual training. Should get yearly bonus. Shootings will not happen again - a big & very inexpensive deterrent. Up to States.

SAMPLE 8: (at right) ----->

SAMPLE 9: What's the difference between an epidemic, pandemic and endemic? An epidemic, a disease in the midst of sudden, rapid spread, becomes a pandemic when it sweeps across continents, or the entire world as COVID-19 did in the few months between the end of 2019 and March 2020. But a pandemic shifts into an endemic disease when it lingers, becoming a fixed, generally predictable part of our medical landscape, such as HIV and influenza. Although others agreed with Mokdad, not all experts believe the SARS-CoV-2 virus has quite reached the point of becoming endemic. "It's too early to say we're in an endemic phase," said Ben Weston, medical director of the Milwaukee County COVID-19 Emergency Operations Center. "The take-home point really is caution. Every trend is going down and going down quickly, but our disease burden is still high."

SAMPLE 10: Our Sustainable Development Goal: Eradicate FGM! Goal 1: Bring FGM community together Goal 2: Enhance mutual support and solidarity Goal 3: Deepen critical thinking and creativity through dialogue and exchange Goal 4: Minimise isolation and strengthen local action Goal

5: Link local organising, structures and action with international counterparts Goal 6: Facilitate access to international fora (WHO and UN) Goal 7: Address global challenge of FGM through global action Goal 8: Raise awareness through cultural events with music and arts Goal 9: Eradicate traditional violence against women

SAMPLE 11: Championing the decision as a way to cut costs and still meet federally mandated nutrition requirements, President Trump announced a plan Tuesday to replace food stamps with a new low-income foraging program. "We have developed a new foraging-based plan that provides qualifying Americans with a small, reusable bag they can fill with whatever they are able to scavenge from alleys, empty lots, or nearby wooded areas," said Trump, explaining that underprivileged participants in the program would search for food scraps anywhere they can find them, including the dumpsters behind restaurants. "We will also be providing these low-income Americans with charts that explain which rotting foods are still safe to eat, which seeds and berries can be consumed without getting sick, and how to spot insects that are high in protein. Many disadvantaged citizens don't have access to healthy meals at home, but this program will teach them the self-reliance they need to ensure their basic requirements for sustenance continue to be met." Trump also proposed a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in which Americans would receive a weekly meal service kit containing pictures of food.

SAMPLE 12: In this preliminary account, I place both history and a wider range of psychoactive drugs (legal and illegal) front and center in the analysis to allow for a fuller and richer understanding of the multiple linkages between psychoactive substances and warfare. I suggest that, as a counterbalance to the current alarm about the growing threats posed by violent stateless actors—ranging from so-called narco-insurgents to narco-terrorists to drug cartels—we should recognize the many ways in which the nexus between drugs and war has been a site where states are empowered and have pursued their strategic objectives.

SAMPLE 13: Torture is abhorrent both to American law and values and to international norms. This universal repudiation of torture is reflected in our criminal law, for example, 18 U.S.C. §§2340-, 2340A; international agreements, exemplified by the United Nations Convention Against Torture (the "CAT"); customary international law; centuries of Anglo-American law; and the longstanding policy of the United States, repeatedly and recently reaffirmed by the President. [...]

We have also modified in some important respects our analysis of the legal standards applicable under 18 U.S.C. §§ 2340-2340A. For example, we disagree with statements in the August 2002 Memorandum limiting "severe" pain under the statute to "excruciating and agonizing" pain, id. at 19, or to pain "equivalent in intensity to the pain accompanying serious physical injury, such as organ failure, impairment of bodily function, or even death," id. at 1.

SAMPLE 14: "Tammy, you're making the whole house shake!" My cousin stood in the main room of my aunt's house in Bangkok, arms folded, laughing at me. "You're stomping around like a big farang." I had heard that word throughout my childhood in Thailand, along with other dismissive comments Thai kids would make to mixed-race kids like me. "Farang," derived from "franc" or "francaise," is the catch-all term Thais use to refer to a white person. But coming out of my cousin's mouth, it had a more pointed meaning of big, fat, clumsy...different. Born in 1968, the daughter of a six-foot-tall American dad and a five-foot-tall Thai Chinese mom, I was bigger than Thai girls my age--a fact that my cousins teased me about every chance they got. Just walking through my aunt's wooden house, my footsteps falling more heavily than other girls, was enough to provoke a "joke" about my size.

SOURCE CATEGORIES (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, MAY BE USED MORE THAN ONCE, NOT ALL WILL BE USED): ·Academic Journal ·Book Chapter ·Government Publication/Declassification ·Humor Website ·Magazine ·News Website ·Newspaper ·Newsmagazine ·Organization Website ·Partisan News Website ·Personal Website ·Social Media ·Trade Journal

SOURCES (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE. ALTHOUGH ALL AVAILABLE ONLINE, PLEASE CLASSIFY BY THEM BY THEIR ORIGINAL SOURCE SUCH AS AN EXCERPT FROM A PUBLISHED BOOK): 1. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-01/10/c_139655400.htm 2. <https://dailycaller.com/2022/02/20/freedom-convoy-protesters-msnbc-live-report-chanting-freedom/> 3. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/china/2021-12-09/xi-jinpings-new-world-order> 4. https://www.constituteproject.org/constitution/South_Sudan_2011.pdf 5. https://nsarchive2.gwu.edu/NSAEBB/NSAEBB129/nie_first%20release.pdf 6. <https://www.thenation.com/article/world/america-endless-war/> 7. https://static.lakana.com/npg-global-us-east-1/photo/2018/02/24/trump_teachers_tweet%20copy_1519505805352.jpg.jpg_10489409_ver1.0_640_360.jpg 8. <https://gopthedailydose.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/guns-in-schools.jpg> 9. <https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2022/02/18/omicron-end-pandemic-scientists-see-end-new-covid-phase/6796725001/> 10. <http://www.global-alliance-fgm.org/en-gb/aboutus/ourgoals.aspx> 11. <https://politics.theonion.com/trump-announces-plan-to-replace-food-stamps-with-new-lo-1822967010> 12. <https://www.annualreviews.org/doi/full/10.1146/annurev-polisci-051017-103748> 13. https://www.thetorturedatabase.org/files/foia_subsite/pdfs/DOJOLC001109.pdf 14. "Every Day Is a Gift" (2021) by Tammy Duckworth, U.S. Senator from Illinois.

