
Political Language, Restriction Compliance, and COVID-19

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Project abstract:

Social norms and our expectations of others' behaviour are important forces in determining whether we choose to comply with rules and guidelines or not. The wealth of political language available through social media platforms and official record keeping provides an opportunity to analyse how these social forces are manufactured and reinforced through language. This paper will aim to assess the role of political language in establishing and reinforcing compliance social norms by answering the following questions. How do different kinds of political language about COVID-19 support or detract from efforts to encourage compliance with restrictions? Can we develop a model for different kinds of language on this topic and link it to levels of restriction compliance through analysis of data like mobility data? This paper aims to assess the hypothesis that the social norms that can encourage or detract from a population's likelihood of compliance are influenced not just by the rules themselves, but by the language used to justify and explain them.

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Cyber Security Awareness

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- Yes

Overview

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Please summarise your research question in no more than three sentences:

How does political language in the UK vary when it comes to addressing COVID-19 restrictions? Can we use quantitative text analysis to model these differences and predict attitudes to COVID-19 restrictions based on text data? Are different views on COVID-19 restrictions in political speech correlated with restrictions compliance among the population?

Data Collection

Will you be using any secondary data for this project? Please outline what kind of secondary data you will be using below:

I will be collecting, processing, and analysing UK Parliamentary speech data. I will be downloading the data directly from the UK Parliament Hansard archives. Secondly I will be using aggregated and anonymised Google mobility data as a measure of COVID-19 restriction compliance.

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- No

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- No

Will you be collecting primary data from research participants?

- No

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assessment?

- No

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- I am the lone researcher

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