

Textual Categorization Assignment (Prepared March 2021, 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)

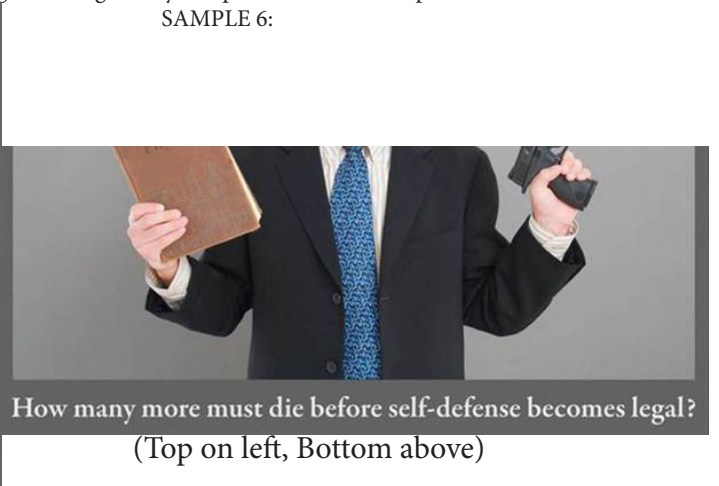
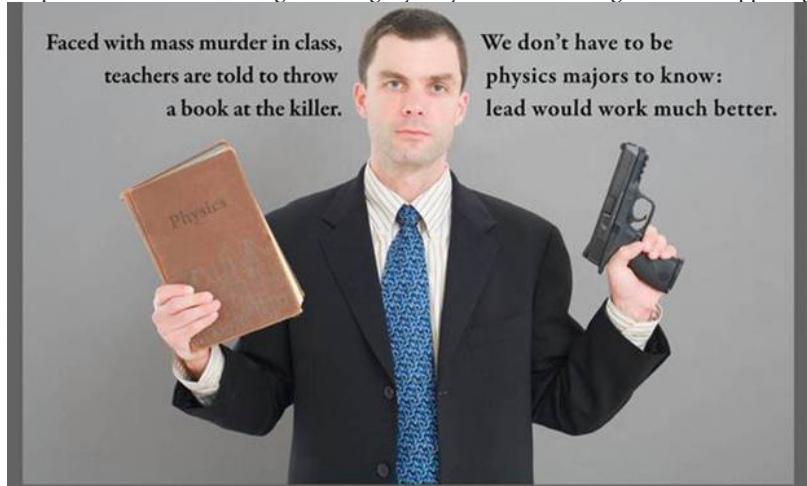
SAMPLE 1: 6. Language 1. All indigenous languages of South Sudan are national languages and shall be respected, developed and promoted. 2. English shall be the official working language in the Republic of South Sudan, as well as the language of instruction at all levels of education. 3. The State shall 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 2: Trump is Trump. I came to understand that he believed he could run the Executive Branch and establish national-security policies on instinct, relying on personal relationships with foreign leaders, and with made-for-television showmanship always top of mind. Now, instinct, personal relations, and showmanship are elements of any President's repertoire. But they are not all of it, by a long stretch. Analysis, planning, intellectual discipline and rigor, evaluation of results, course corrections, and the like are the blocking and tackling of presidential decision-making, the unglamorous side of the job. Appearance takes you only so far.

SAMPLE 3: 'Shameful': Millionaire Senators Vote Against Popular Minimum Wage Raise That Would Lift Millions Out of Poverty
 "It is despicable and unacceptable that there is not unanimous support among Democrats in Congress for a \$15 minimum wage," said Rep. Jamaal Bowman. [...] After eight members of the Democratic caucus joined all 50 Republicans in the U.S. Senate on Friday to kill an amendment reattaching a \$15 minimum wage provision to the Senate's coronavirus relief package, progressives pointed out that nearly every single one of the lawmakers who voted against the raise for low-paid workers nationwide is a millionaire.

SAMPLE 4: Military officials said on Sunday that the U.S. and South Korea will scale back their annual joint drills this month, citing a combination of the coronavirus pandemic and ongoing diplomatic overtures to North Korea.
 Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said in a statement the nine-day exercises will begin Monday and that it has accounted for factors like the pandemic and denuclearization negotiations with Pyongyang, The Associated Press reported. [...] An outbreak led to the cancellation of the spring exercises in 2020 after several years of lower-key exercises amid U.S. diplomatic efforts to engage with North Korea. The North has long denounced the drills as a threat, with Chairman Kim Jong Un saying in January that talks with the U.S. could only restart if the exercises are cancelled. Talks between Washington and Pyongyang have been in stasis since February 2019, when a meeting between then-President Trump and Kim ended without any diplomatic breakthrough.

SAMPLE 5: 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 7: U.S. President Joe Biden is right to make China his first foreign-policy priority. But his proposed first step of talking to U.S. allies before doing anything is very much the wrong way to start. While it's generally better to have help from allies to achieve objectives, that principle only holds if the help is genuine and the objectives are shared. [...]

That China is not interested in becoming a stakeholder in the liberal order should now be clear from experience—and from Beijing's own statements. In 2013, the Chinese Communist Party circulated Document 9, which emphasized the party's fundamental opposition to constitutional democracy, civil society, universal values, and any media not adhering to the party's discipline. And in the 2015 Five Year Plan, Beijing announced the Made in China 2025 program, which aims to use industrial policy to achieve Chinese domination of high-tech sectors like airplanes, semiconductors, and artificial intelligence. This is an excellent explanation of what might be called globalization with Chinese characteristics.

SAMPLE 8: 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 9: 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 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: Developments in the region lead the IDF to deal with a broad range of threats that challenge its operating concept and the processes for building the force derived from this concept. The main change is the development of the sub-state enemy, such as Hezbollah and Hamas, and threats from states that do not share a border with Israel. [...]

The IDF (Israel Defense Force) has always based its power on the quality of its people and the deep understanding that the IDF is the guarantor of Israel's national existence. Therefore, the IDF will take steps to provide defense for the state in all situations, by utilizing the basic qualities of its commanders and fighters, chief among them being: fighting spirit, initiative and quality of action, and carrying out missions fully and in an uncompromising manner.

SAMPLE 12: 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 13: Executive orders are antithetical to our system of government. Essentially, they are proclamations — without any attempt at all at compromise, debate or consensus — and can be reversed by the next administration.

When former President Donald Trump used executive orders he was savaged by liberals and the media for acting like a dictator, a threat to democracy or as an authoritarian. Biden came right out of the gate and issued 28 executive orders in his first 10 days (every wanna-be dictator has a rationale). I cannot recall any member of the media attacking him for acting in such a high-handed and dictatorial manner.

That fascist orange-haired guy whose name dare not be mentioned, President Trump, issued seven, in total, in January of 2017 and was attacked for that. Note to Biden and the liberals: Seven is far fewer than 28.

So much for the return to the norms, compromise and seeking to fight the onset of a dictatorship. I guess liberals are satisfied if the dictator shares their views, and is silent when free speech and dissent are crushed.

SAMPLE 14: A review of the literature shows that there is no consistently positive impact on enterprise performance of female participation in business leadership (gender diversity in leadership). This study conducts direct surveys of more than 500 Small and Mediumsized Enterprises (SMEs) in Hanoi, Vietnam, to assess the relationship between women in top management positions and enterprise performance. Unlike previous studies, which used financial indicators to measure enterprise performance, this study adopts the Balance Scorecard theory (BSC) developed by Kaplan and Norton (1996) that assesses enterprise performance based on four groups of criteria: Financial, customer, internal operating process, and training and development. In addition to the control variables used commonly in previous studies, this study adds two factors: (1) awareness of equal opportunities for men and women to become business leaders (2) appropriateness of men and women in leadership positions. The results of the study have shown no clear relationship between the percentage of female participation in leadership, and the financial results and customer development of the enterprise. However, internal operating process and training and development results are negatively affected by the participation of women on the board of directors. The inconsistency of these research results suggests the need to continue to study this topic in SMEs with larger sample size and geographic scope.

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. https://www.constituteproject.org/constitution/South_Sudan_2011.pdf 2. "The Room Where It Happened" by NSA John Bolton (2020). <https://dpkquotes.com/the-room-where-it-happened-quotes/> 3. <https://www.commondreams.org/news/2021/03/05/shameful-millionaire-senators-vote-against-popular-minimum-wage-raise-would-lift> 4. <https://thehill.com/policy/defense/541987-us-south-korea-scaling-back-military-drills> 5. 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 6. <https://gopthedailydose.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/guns-in-schools.jpg> 7. <https://foreignpolicy.com/2021/03/06/biden-china-allies-technology-dependence-competition-industrial-policy-supply-chains/> 8. <https://politics.theonion.com/trump-announces-plan-to-replace-food-stamps-with-new-lo-1822967010> 9. https://www.thetorturedatabase.org/files/foia_subsite/pdfs/DOJOLC001109.pdf 10. <http://www.global-alliance-fgm.org/en-gb/aboutus/ourgoals.aspx> 11. <https://www.belfercenter.org/israel-defense-forces-strategy-document#!conclusion> 12. https://nsarchive2.gwu.edu/NSAEBB/NSAEBB129/nie_first%20release.pdf 13. <https://www.gainesville.com/story/opinion/2021/02/09/edward-b-harmon-biden-act-ing-like-dictator-executive-orders/4438189001/> 14. [http://www.aessweb.com/pdf-files/AEFR-2020-10\(2\)-132-145.pdf](http://www.aessweb.com/pdf-files/AEFR-2020-10(2)-132-145.pdf)