Comprehensive Analysis of #TrumpCamps Data

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Introduction:

Twitter users love tweeting about different topics whether they be about simple things such as dinner to social issues. A new topic that has emerged from the Trump Administration is the new hashtag #TrumpCamps. This topic is related to the detention camps that are being used by organizations such as ICE to detain illegal immigrants for a time period. This has led to widespread discussion on twitter about the camps and the twitter users own opinions about the issue. This topic is very interesting as it reveals the users thoughts about the issue and can be used to breakdown their views.
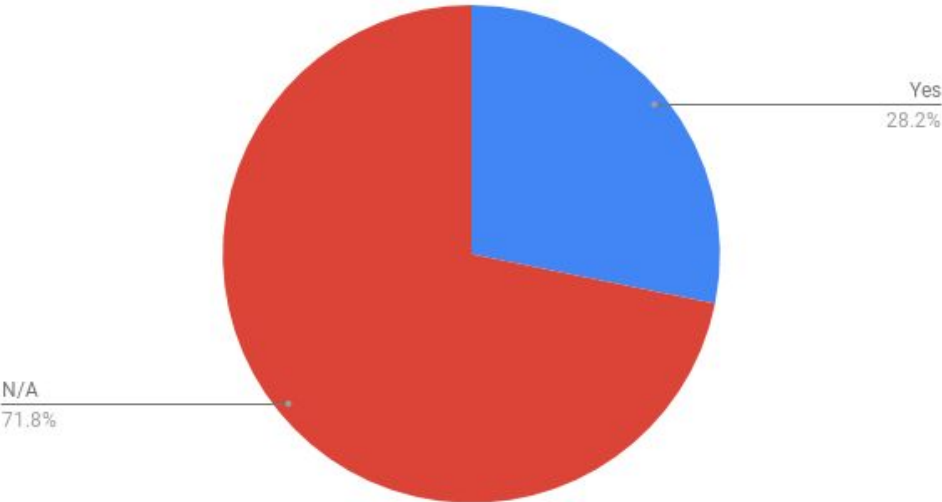
Methods:

The original data set was around 2,132 tweets related with #TrumpCamps using the Tags program in spreadsheet. Using a filter to get rid of "RT" meaning retweets that provide no original comments about the topic that are not useful to the researcher. The next was filtering the language as it was important that the data only contained english to help the rate of the process. The last filtering process was to get the data from a 24 hour time period as the #TrumpCamps is a new topic and relevancy is a key factor in analyzing the data. The tweets were simplified to around 700 tweets however using a random process to keep that data around 150 tweets to make the data easier to analyze. The next few steps was creating categories in the spreadsheet to tag the tweets into their own spheres. The categories chosen were Position, Impeachment, Rhetoric Appeal, Types of Evidence, Focus, Condition of the camps, Rape Allegations, Corruption, and

the use of Children, Use of Links. These categories fit in very well with the tweets as a majority

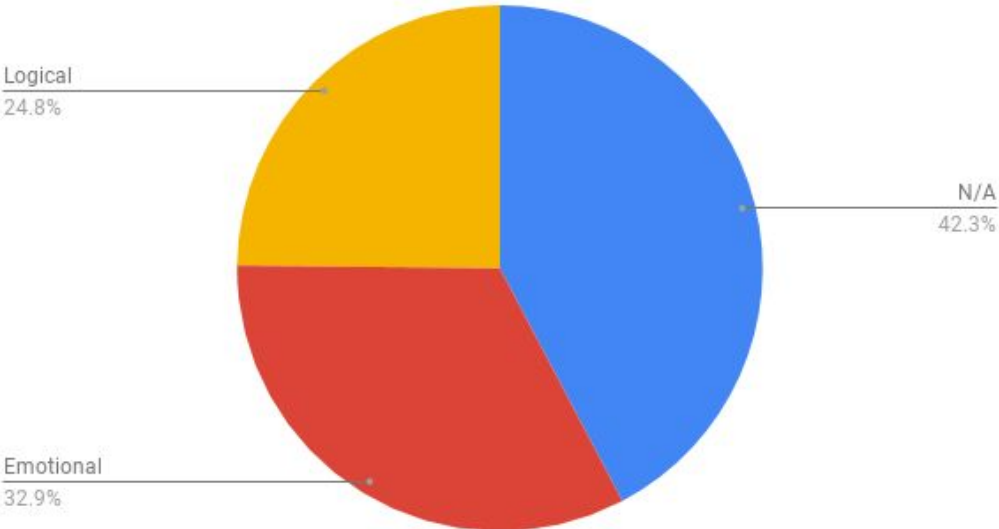of them fell into multiple categories at once. Not all t
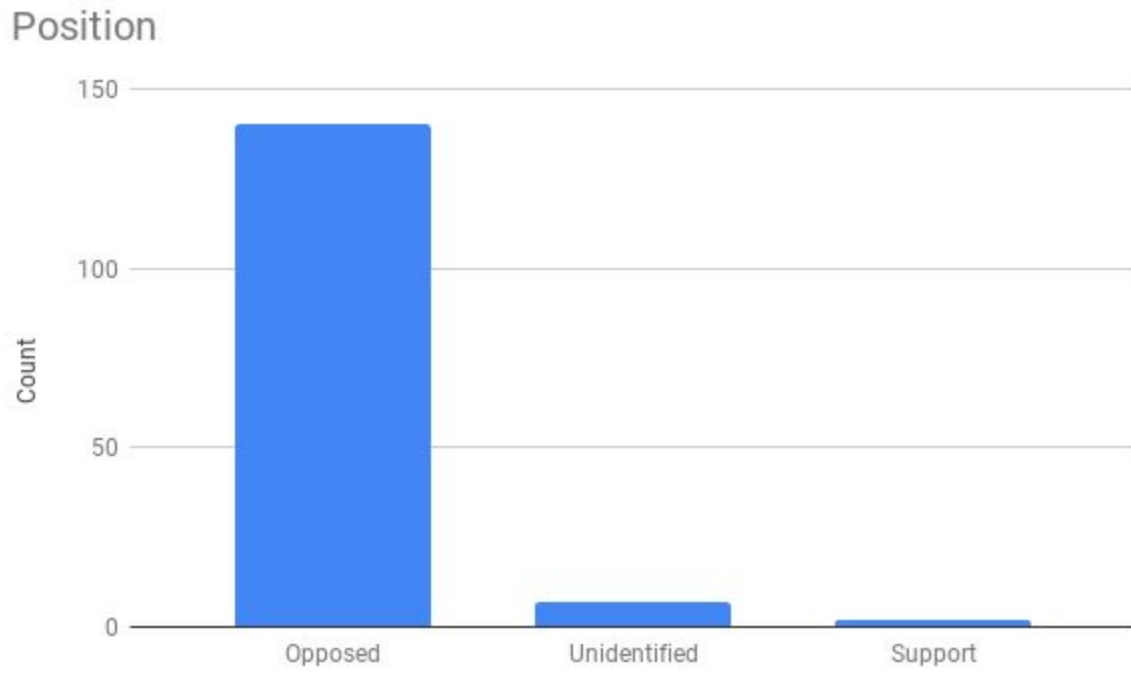
Conclusion:

The results of the data was interesting as some of the tweets showed a correlation

between the categories chosen. The children category showed that 28.2% of the tweets brought

up the children in the camp and this was shown a correlation between conditions, emotional

appeal, and opposition of the camps. The next category was the rhetorical appeal used by the

twitter users. This was shocking data as the topic was a mix between emotional and logical

appeal and most of them used links in their tweets. The majority of the links were about media

coverage of the camps and their conditions. The neutral tweets brought up new points about the

#TrumpCamps and just wanted more answers about the topic. The support tweets used hashtags

such as #MAGA and brought up arguments that detention centers have always been active in

every administration. The final conclusion is that most of the tweets were overwhelmingly

against the use of detention camps with a 141 count of the opposition.

Children

Yes
28.2%

N/A
71.8%

Rhetorical Appeal

Logical
24.8%

N/A
42.3%

Emotional
32.9%

Position

References

Trafecante, K., & Meyersohn, N. (2019, Jun 25). Wayfair workers plan walkout in protest of

company's bed sales to migrant camps. CNN Wire Service Retrieved from

http://libproxy.lib.unc.edu/login?url=https://search.proquest.com/docview/2246423632?accounti

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This periodical details the planned protest of Wayfair workers over the sale of

merchandise to migrant camps. The issue was brought over the fact that the company receives

orders around $200,000 for bedroom furniture from agencies that oversee these camps. This was

met with backlash as more than 500 employees dispatched a letter to management asking for this

practice to be shut down. This aligns with the report as it shows a correlation between

corporations selling products to migrant camps and those that use the #TrumpCamps in their

tweet. This brings up the economical issue on #TrumpCamps and how they affect the views of

twitter users on the social issue.

Halper, E. (2019). Democratic candidates vow to ban private prisons and detention centers.

This article discusses the promises of Democratic candidates to disband private prisons and detention centers that are active across the United States. Candidates such as Sen. Elizabeth Warren (MA) that criticized their facilities and outlined a plan to abolish them. The private prisons have been called unethical as it profits off the imprisonment of others. This is related with the report as these private prisons and detention centers are used to hold immigrants. The unsatisfactory conditions has been brought up in a bit of the tweets related to the #TrumpCamps.

Meyer, T. (2019). Who lobbies for private prisons. Retrieved from U.S. edition

This periodical introduces the topic of who exactly is lobbying for private prisons in the government. It brings up companies that own private prisons such as CoreCivic and their $370,000 spent on lobbying in only the beginning of 2019. This is related to the report as many of the tweets brought up Wayfair and other corporations that profited off of private prisons. It brought outrage and started a movement in the tweets to end private prisons once and for all.

Brown, J., & Curtis, T. (2019, Jun 02). Wells fargo and private prisons. The Santa Fe New

Mexican Retrieved from

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This article brings to light the funding and investment of private prisons by banks like

Wells Fargo. It details their response to the backlash from the public about profiting off of

private prisons. This is related to the report as the tweets analyzed showed a negative view of

private prisons and called for them to be shut down. It highlights the reactions of politicians and

corporations to this recent movement and what their next move is.

MacLean, S. A., MacLean, S. A., Agyeman, P. O., Walther, J., & Singer, E. K. (06/01/2019).

Mental health of children held at a united states immigration detention center Pergamon.

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This study reveals the mental implications of children residing in detention centers in the

United States. It brings up the risk of emotional problems of children in these camps and their

negative impacts. This is related to the report as it shows the mental problems that are associated

with the conditions of the camps and family separation. This is aligned with the tweets studied as

many of them were concerned with the overall well being of the children affected by the camps.

Villarreal, A. (2019). The detention center where sick children receive 'the bare minimum'.

This article highlights the bare treatment of children with illnesses in detention centers. It brings up personal stories of children not being treated despite having conditions such as fevers and rashes. This is related to the report as conditions of detention camps have been brought up in tweets using the #TrumpCamps. It is interesting to see what the effects the conditions of these camps have on the children staying there.