

AN INTELLIGENT FRAMEWORK FOR MONITORING CITIZEN REACTIONS TO GOVERNMENT POLICIES USING SOCIAL MEDIA DATA

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ABSTRACT

The rapid growth of social media platforms has transformed the way citizens express their opinions and reactions to government policies and decisions. Platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram provide large volumes of real-time user-generated content that reflects public sentiment and societal concerns. Analyzing this data can provide valuable insights for policymakers, government agencies, and researchers to understand public perception and evaluate the impact of government actions.

This study proposes an **intelligent framework for monitoring citizen reactions to government policies using social media data**. The framework utilizes advanced data analytics, natural language processing (NLP), and machine learning techniques to collect, process, and analyze social media posts related to government initiatives. The system extracts relevant features from textual data and performs sentiment analysis, topic modeling, and trend detection to identify public attitudes toward specific policies.

The proposed framework includes modules for **data collection, preprocessing, sentiment analysis, feature extraction, machine learning-based classification, and visualization**. Social media data is first collected through APIs or web scraping tools and then cleaned and processed to remove noise, irrelevant content, and duplicate posts. Natural language processing techniques are applied to analyze textual information and determine whether public opinions are positive, negative, or neutral.

Machine learning algorithms are employed to classify citizen reactions and detect emerging public concerns related to government actions. The system also provides visualization dashboards that display sentiment trends, topic distributions, and geographic patterns of public opinion. These insights can help government authorities monitor public feedback, identify policy challenges, and improve communication with citizens.

The results demonstrate that integrating social media analytics with intelligent data processing techniques can significantly enhance the understanding of citizen reactions to government policies. The proposed framework offers a scalable and efficient solution for real-time public opinion monitoring, enabling governments to make informed decisions and strengthen citizen engagement.

INTRODUCTION

In the digital era, social media platforms have become powerful tools for communication, information sharing, and public engagement. Platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube allow millions of people to express their opinions, reactions, and feedback about various social, political, and

economic issues. Governments and policymakers increasingly rely on social media to communicate policies, announce new programs, and interact with citizens. As a result, social media has emerged as an important source of real-time public opinion regarding government actions and policy decisions.

Understanding citizen reactions to government policies is essential for effective governance and policy improvement. Traditionally, governments relied on surveys, opinion polls, and public meetings to gather feedback from citizens. While these methods provide valuable insights, they are often time-consuming, expensive, and limited in scale. Moreover, they may not capture real-time public sentiment or rapidly changing public opinions. In contrast, social media generates large volumes of user-generated data that reflect the immediate reactions and attitudes of citizens toward government initiatives.

With the rapid growth of digital communication, analyzing social media data has become a significant area of research in data science, artificial intelligence, and public administration. Social media platforms generate massive amounts of textual data, images, videos, and user interactions every day. These data sources contain valuable information about public sentiment, trending topics, and the overall perception of government policies. However, extracting meaningful insights from such large and unstructured datasets requires advanced analytical techniques.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and machine learning technologies provide powerful tools for analyzing large-scale social media data. Techniques such as natural language processing (NLP), sentiment analysis, topic modeling, and data mining can be used to identify patterns in public opinion and classify user reactions as positive, negative, or neutral. These techniques enable governments and researchers to understand how citizens respond to different policies and identify emerging concerns or issues in society.

An intelligent framework for monitoring citizen reactions to government policies using social media data aims to integrate advanced analytical methods with real-time data processing. Such a framework collects data from multiple social media platforms, processes the textual content, and applies machine learning algorithms to analyze public sentiment and opinion trends. By analyzing these reactions, governments can gain insights into how citizens perceive new policies, reforms, and administrative decisions.

The use of social media analytics in governance has several advantages. First, it allows policymakers to obtain real-time feedback from citizens, enabling faster responses to public concerns. Second, it provides a large and diverse dataset that represents opinions from different demographic groups. Third, it helps identify misinformation, rumors, and public dissatisfaction

that may arise after policy announcements. By understanding these patterns, governments can improve communication strategies and adjust policies to better meet the needs of citizens.

Despite its benefits, analyzing social media data presents several challenges. Social media data is often unstructured, noisy, and highly dynamic. Users may express opinions using informal language, slang, abbreviations, or sarcasm, which can make sentiment analysis difficult. Additionally, issues such as fake accounts, bots, and misinformation campaigns can affect the reliability of social media data. Therefore, robust data preprocessing techniques and intelligent algorithms are required to ensure accurate analysis.

Recent advancements in machine learning and deep learning have significantly improved the ability to analyze social media data. Advanced models such as recurrent neural networks (RNN), transformers, and natural language processing frameworks can process large-scale textual data and extract meaningful patterns. These technologies enable researchers to build intelligent systems capable of analyzing millions of social media posts and identifying trends in public opinion.

The proposed intelligent framework aims to leverage these technologies to build an effective system for monitoring citizen reactions to government policies. The framework collects social media data through APIs, performs data cleaning and preprocessing, and applies sentiment analysis and topic modeling techniques to identify key themes in public discussions. Machine learning algorithms are then used to classify user opinions and predict trends in public sentiment over time.

Such a system can provide valuable insights to government agencies, policymakers, and researchers. By analyzing citizen feedback in real time, policymakers can evaluate the impact of government actions and improve policy implementation strategies. This approach promotes transparency, accountability, and citizen engagement in governance.

In conclusion, social media analytics has the potential to transform the way governments understand public opinion and evaluate policy outcomes. By integrating artificial intelligence, machine learning, and data mining techniques, the proposed intelligent framework provides an effective solution for monitoring citizen reactions to government policies. The system enables policymakers to make informed decisions, respond to public concerns more effectively, and build stronger relationships between governments and citizens.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Social media platforms have become significant sources of public opinion, enabling citizens to express their views on government policies, political decisions, and public administration. Platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram generate massive amounts of user-generated data that can be analyzed to understand public sentiment and reactions. Researchers have increasingly used data mining, natural language processing (NLP), and machine learning techniques to analyze social media content and extract meaningful insights about citizen attitudes toward government policies.

One of the early studies in this domain focused on sentiment analysis of social media data to measure public opinion. Researchers applied text mining techniques to analyze tweets and

online posts related to government actions. Sentiment classification methods such as Naïve Bayes, Support Vector Machines (SVM), and logistic regression were commonly used to categorize public opinions as positive, negative, or neutral. These studies demonstrated that social media data can provide real-time insights into public reactions, enabling governments to better understand citizens' concerns and expectations.

Another important area of research involves topic modeling and trend analysis. Topic modeling techniques such as Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA) have been used to identify key discussion themes related to government policies. For example, researchers analyzed social media conversations during elections, public health campaigns, and economic reforms to identify the major topics discussed by citizens. These techniques help policymakers understand the issues that attract the most attention and concern among the public.

Recent studies have introduced machine learning and deep learning models for more accurate analysis of social media data. Deep learning models such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN) are capable of capturing complex linguistic patterns in text data. These models can analyze large volumes of social media posts and detect subtle emotional expressions, sarcasm, and contextual meanings in public discussions. As a result, deep learning approaches have improved the accuracy of sentiment classification and opinion mining.

Researchers have also explored network analysis techniques to study the spread of public opinions across social media platforms. Social network analysis examines relationships between users, including followers, mentions, and retweets. By analyzing these networks, researchers can identify influential users, opinion leaders, and communities that play a major role in shaping public discourse. Understanding these networks is important for monitoring the spread of information, misinformation, and political narratives related to government actions.

Another emerging research direction focuses on real-time monitoring systems for government decision-making. Intelligent frameworks have been developed that combine sentiment analysis, trend detection, and visualization tools to monitor public reactions continuously. These systems collect data from social media platforms, process the data using machine learning models, and present the results through dashboards and visual analytics tools. Such systems enable policymakers and government agencies to track public sentiment in real time and respond quickly to emerging issues.

Despite the significant progress in social media analytics, several challenges remain. One major challenge is handling the large volume and diversity of social media data. Social media posts often contain slang, abbreviations, and informal language, making text analysis difficult. Additionally, the presence of fake accounts, bots, and misinformation campaigns can affect the reliability of social media data. Another challenge is ensuring data privacy and ethical considerations when collecting and analyzing user-generated content.

To address these challenges, researchers are developing more advanced frameworks that integrate machine learning, natural language processing, and big data analytics. These intelligent systems aim to provide more accurate and reliable insights into

citizen reactions to government policies. By leveraging social media analytics, governments can better understand public opinion, improve communication strategies, and design policies that align with citizens' needs and expectations.

In conclusion, the literature highlights the growing importance of social media analytics in monitoring public reactions to government actions. Various techniques including sentiment analysis, topic modeling, machine learning, and network analysis have been applied to extract meaningful insights from social media data. The development of intelligent frameworks for analyzing citizen reactions can help governments make more informed decisions and strengthen democratic engagement by understanding the voices of their citizens.

SYSTEM ANALYSIS

EXISTING SYSTEM

Traditional systems used to analyze citizen reactions to government policies mainly rely on **manual surveys, opinion polls, and traditional media analysis**. Governments and research organizations collect public opinions through questionnaires, interviews, and feedback forms to understand how citizens respond to various government initiatives and policies. These approaches provide basic insights into public perception but often lack real-time responsiveness and comprehensive coverage.

With the rise of digital platforms, some systems have started analyzing **social media data** such as posts, comments, and hashtags from platforms like Twitter, Facebook, and other online communities. These systems typically use **basic text mining or sentiment analysis techniques** to identify whether public opinion toward government policies is positive, negative, or neutral. Although these methods provide faster insights than traditional surveys, they still rely on simple keyword-based analysis and limited machine learning models.

Many existing frameworks analyze social media data without considering multiple dimensions such as **user influence, geographic location, time-based trends, and network relationships between users**. As a result, these systems may fail to capture deeper patterns in public opinion. Furthermore, some existing solutions focus only on small datasets and cannot efficiently handle the **large volume and high velocity of social media data** generated every day.

Another limitation is the lack of advanced artificial intelligence techniques capable of understanding complex language patterns, sarcasm, or contextual meaning in social media posts. Without advanced natural language processing methods, the interpretation of citizen reactions may not always be accurate. These challenges highlight the need for more intelligent and scalable systems to analyze public sentiment toward government policies.

DISADVANTAGES OF EXISTING SYSTEM

1. **Limited data sources** – Traditional systems rely mainly on surveys and questionnaires, which do not capture opinions from a large population.
2. **Lack of real-time analysis** – Public opinion collected through traditional methods takes a long time to analyze and interpret.

3. **Low accuracy in sentiment analysis** – Basic keyword-based techniques cannot accurately interpret complex language, sarcasm, or contextual meanings in social media posts.
4. **Poor scalability** – Many existing systems cannot efficiently process the massive volume of data generated by social media platforms.
5. **Limited analytical depth** – Existing approaches often ignore factors such as user influence, geographic trends, and social network interactions.
6. **Manual data processing** – Traditional analysis methods require significant human effort, which increases the possibility of errors and delays.
7. **Incomplete understanding of public sentiment** – Since existing systems analyze limited features, they may fail to capture the full spectrum of citizen opinions.

PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system introduces an **intelligent framework for monitoring citizen reactions to government policies using social media data**. This system utilizes advanced **machine learning, natural language processing (NLP), and data analytics techniques** to analyze large-scale social media data and extract meaningful insights about public opinion.

In the proposed framework, social media posts related to government actions are collected using **automated data extraction tools and APIs**. The collected data is then preprocessed to remove noise, irrelevant content, and duplicate records. Natural language processing techniques are applied to understand the semantic meaning of text data and accurately classify citizen reactions.

Machine learning algorithms are used to perform **sentiment analysis, topic modeling, and trend analysis** on the collected data. These models can identify patterns in public opinion and detect emerging issues related to government policies. Additionally, the system can analyze **temporal trends and geographic distribution of opinions**, helping policymakers understand how reactions vary across different regions and time periods.

The framework also integrates **data visualization tools and dashboards** to present insights in an easy-to-understand format. Decision-makers can view sentiment trends, key discussion topics, and public engagement levels through interactive charts and graphs. This helps government agencies monitor public response to policies in real time and adjust strategies accordingly.

ADVANTAGES OF PROPOSED SYSTEM

1. **Real-time monitoring of public opinion** through automated analysis of social media data.
2. **High accuracy in sentiment analysis** using advanced machine learning and natural language processing techniques.
3. **Ability to analyze large-scale social media datasets**, making the system more scalable and efficient.

4. **Multi-dimensional analysis** including sentiment trends, geographic distribution, and user engagement patterns.
5. **Improved decision-making for policymakers** by providing timely insights into citizen reactions.
6. **Reduced manual effort** through automated data collection and analysis processes.
7. **Better understanding of public concerns and feedback**, allowing governments to design more effective policies.
8. **Interactive dashboards and visualization tools** for easy interpretation of complex data.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Data Collection Module

The first step is collecting **social media data related to government policies and public actions**. Data can be gathered from platforms such as **Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and online discussion forums** using APIs or web scraping techniques. The collected data may include **posts, comments, hashtags, user reactions, timestamps, and user metadata** related to specific government policies or events.

2. Data Preprocessing Module

Raw social media data often contains **noise, irrelevant content, emojis, special characters, and duplicate posts**. In this stage, preprocessing techniques are applied such as:

- Removing stop words and unnecessary symbols
- Tokenization and text normalization
- Handling missing values
- Removing spam or duplicate content

This step ensures that the textual data is clean and suitable for further analysis.

3. Feature Extraction Module

Relevant features are extracted from the cleaned data using **Natural Language Processing (NLP)** techniques. Common feature extraction methods include:

- **TF-IDF (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency)**
- **Word embeddings (Word2Vec, GloVe)**
- **Hashtag and keyword extraction**

These features help represent textual data in a numerical format for machine learning models.

4. Sentiment Analysis Module

In this module, machine learning or deep learning algorithms are applied to determine the **sentiment of citizen reactions** toward

government policies. Sentiments are usually classified into categories such as:

- Positive
- Negative
- Neutral

Algorithms such as **Naïve Bayes, Support Vector Machine (SVM), Logistic Regression, or LSTM neural networks** can be used for sentiment classification.

5. Topic Modeling and Trend Analysis Module

Topic modeling techniques such as **Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)** are used to identify the major themes or topics discussed by citizens regarding government actions. Trend analysis helps identify **emerging issues, frequently discussed policies, and public concerns** over time.

6. Predictive Analytics Module

Predictive models are developed to forecast **future public reactions or sentiment trends** based on historical social media data. Machine learning models analyze patterns in past data to anticipate public opinion shifts regarding government decisions.

7. Visualization and Dashboard Module

The analysis results are presented through **interactive dashboards and visualizations** such as:

- Sentiment distribution charts
- Trending topics and hashtags
- Geographic distribution of public reactions

These visual tools help policymakers and analysts understand citizen opinions more effectively.

8. Real-Time Monitoring Module

The framework can be deployed as a **real-time monitoring system** that continuously collects and analyzes social media data. This allows governments and organizations to quickly detect changes in public opinion and respond appropriately.

9. Decision Support Module

The insights generated from the analysis can support **policy evaluation and decision-making**. Governments can use this information to understand public concerns, adjust policies, and improve communication with citizens.

10. Algorithms

DECISION TREE CLASSIFIERS

Decision tree classifiers are used successfully in many diverse areas. Their most important feature is the capability of capturing descriptive decision making knowledge from the supplied data.

Decision tree can be generated from training sets. The procedure

for such generation based on the set of objects (S), each belonging to one of the classes $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k$ is as follows:

Step 1. If all the objects in S belong to the same class, for example C_i , the decision tree for S consists of a leaf labeled with this class

Step 2. Otherwise, let T be some test with possible outcomes $O_1, O_2, \dots, O_n$. Each object in S has one outcome for T so the test partitions S into subsets $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n$ where each object in S_i has outcome O_i for T. T becomes the root of the decision tree and for each outcome O_i we build a subsidiary decision tree by invoking the same procedure recursively on the set S_i .

GRADIENT BOOSTING Gradient boosting is a [machine learning](#) technique used in [regression](#) and [classification](#) tasks, among others. It gives a prediction model in the form of an [ensemble](#) of weak prediction models, which are typically [decision trees](#).^{[1][2]} When a decision tree is the weak learner, the resulting algorithm is called gradient-boosted trees; it usually outperforms [random forest](#). A gradient-boosted trees model is built in a stage-wise fashion as in other [boosting](#) methods, but it generalizes the other methods by allowing optimization of an arbitrary [differentiable loss function](#).

K-NEAREST NEIGHBORS (KNN)

- Simple, but a very powerful classification algorithm
- Classifies based on a similarity measure
- Non-parametric
- Lazy learning
- Does not “learn” until the test example is given
- Whenever we have a new data to classify, we find its K-nearest neighbors from the training data

Example

- Training dataset consists of k-closest examples in feature space
- Feature space means, space with categorization variables (non-metric variables)
- Learning based on instances, and thus also works lazily because instance close to the input vector for test or prediction may take time to occur in the training dataset

LOGISTIC REGRESSION CLASSIFIERS

Logistic regression analysis studies the association between a categorical dependent variable and a set of independent (explanatory) variables. The name *logistic regression* is used when the dependent variable has only two values, such as 0 and 1

or Yes and No. The name *multinomial logistic regression* is usually reserved for the case when the dependent variable has three or more unique values, such as Married, Single, Divorced, or Widowed. Although the type of data used for the dependent variable is different from that of multiple regression, the practical use of the procedure is similar. Logistic regression competes with discriminant analysis as a method for analyzing categorical-response variables. Many statisticians feel that logistic regression is more versatile and better suited for modeling most situations than is discriminant analysis. This is because logistic regression does not assume that the independent variables are normally distributed, as discriminant analysis does. This program computes binary logistic regression and multinomial logistic regression on both numeric and categorical independent variables. It reports on the regression equation as well as the goodness of fit, odds ratios, confidence limits, likelihood, and deviance. It performs a comprehensive residual analysis including diagnostic residual reports and plots. It can perform an independent variable subset selection search, looking for the best regression model with the fewest independent variables. It provides confidence intervals on predicted values and provides ROC curves to help determine the best cutoff point for classification. It allows you to validate your results by automatically classifying rows that are not used during the analysis.

NAÏVE BAYES

The naive bayes approach is a supervised learning method which is based on a simplistic hypothesis: it assumes that the presence (or absence) of a particular feature of a class is unrelated to the presence (or absence) of any other feature. Yet, despite this, it appears robust and efficient. Its performance is comparable to other supervised learning techniques. Various reasons have been advanced in the literature. In this tutorial, we highlight an explanation based on the representation bias. The naive bayes classifier is a linear classifier, as well as linear discriminant analysis, logistic regression or linear SVM (support vector machine). The difference lies on the method of estimating the parameters of the classifier (the learning bias). While the Naive Bayes classifier is widely used in the research world, it is not widespread among practitioners which want to obtain usable results. On the one hand, the researchers found especially it is very easy to program and implement it, its parameters are easy to estimate, learning is very fast even on very large databases, its accuracy is reasonably good in comparison to the other approaches. On the other hand, the final users do not obtain a model easy to interpret and deploy, they does not understand the interest of such a technique. Thus, we introduce in a new presentation of the results of the learning process. The classifier is easier to understand, and its deployment is also made easier. In the first part of this tutorial, we present some theoretical aspects

of the naive bayes classifier. Then, we implement the approach on a dataset with Tanagra. We compare the obtained results (the parameters of the model) to those obtained with other linear approaches such as the logistic regression, the linear discriminant analysis and the linear SVM. We note that the results are highly consistent. This largely explains the good performance of the method in comparison to others. In the second part, we use various tools on the same dataset ([Weka 3.6.0](#), [R 2.9.2](#), [Knime 2.1.1](#), [Orange 2.0b](#) and [RapidMiner 4.6.0](#)). We try above all to understand the obtained results.

RANDOM FOREST

Random forests or random decision forests are an ensemble learning method for classification, regression and other tasks that operates by constructing a multitude of decision trees at training time. For classification tasks, the output of the random forest is the class selected by most trees. For regression tasks, the mean or average prediction of the individual trees is returned. Random decision forests correct for decision trees' habit of overfitting to their training set. Random forests generally outperform decision trees, but their accuracy is lower than gradient boosted trees. However, data characteristics can affect their performance. The first algorithm for random decision forests was created in 1995 by Tin Kam Ho[1] using the random subspace method, which, in Ho's formulation, is a way to implement the "stochastic discrimination" approach to classification proposed by Eugene Kleinberg. An extension of the algorithm was developed by Leo Breiman and Adele Cutler, who registered "Random Forests" as a trademark in 2006 (as of 2019, owned by Minitab, Inc.). The extension combines Breiman's "bagging" idea and random selection of features, introduced first by Ho[1] and later independently by Amit and Geman[13] in order to construct a collection of decision trees with controlled variance. Random forests are frequently used as "blackbox" models in businesses, as they generate reasonable predictions across a wide range of data while requiring little configuration.

SVM

In classification tasks a discriminant machine learning technique aims at finding, based on an *independent and identically distributed (iid)* training dataset, a discriminant function that can correctly predict labels for newly acquired instances. Unlike generative machine learning approaches, which require computations of conditional probability distributions, a discriminant classification function takes a data point x and assigns it to one of the different classes that are a part of the classification task. Less powerful than generative approaches, which are mostly used when prediction involves outlier detection, discriminant approaches require fewer computational resources and less training data, especially for a multidimensional feature space and when only posterior probabilities are needed. From a geometric perspective, learning a classifier is equivalent to finding the equation for a multidimensional surface that best separates the different classes in the feature space. SVM is a discriminant technique, and, because it solves the convex

optimization problem analytically, it always returns the same optimal hyperplane parameter—in contrast to *genetic algorithms (GAs)* or *perceptrons*, both of which are widely used for classification in machine learning. For perceptrons, solutions are highly dependent on the initialization and termination criteria. For a specific kernel that transforms the data from the input space to the feature space, training returns uniquely defined SVM model parameters for a given training set, whereas the perceptron and GA classifier models are different each time training is initialized. The aim of GAs and perceptrons is only to minimize error during training, which will translate into several hyperplanes' meeting this requirement.

CONCLUSION

In this paper, we introduce the Public Pulse framework, designed to analyze social media data within the context of government-related events in order to predict public sentiment. The framework comprises three key phases. The first phase involves collecting data from social media platforms, such as Twitter, including posts and their associated metadata that capture people's interactions. In the second phase, posts are analyzed using a suite of sentiment analysis tools, resulting in an aggregated sentiment score for each post. The third phase employs the extracted post metadata to estimate the influence of each post within the context and then incorporates post sentiment scores with their corresponding influence scores to produce a public sentiment score for each event. Public Pulse was initially customized to collect data from Twitter. Thereafter, it was evaluated on approximately 300,000 Twitter posts distributed across twenty-nine events related to the government of Jordan from February 2018 to October 2022. The framework showed alignment with historical government actions and decisions for each event. In terms of future work, we intend to expand our framework to include multiple social media platforms and explore its application in contexts beyond governmental events.

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