LLMs for political speech analysis the use case of the Greek National Elections 2023

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Project goals / questions

- What **issues** do political leaders raise in the public discourse?
- What **sentiments** do they convey?
- To what extent can **polarization and populism** be detected in their rhetoric?



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What we analyzed:

- **6 politicians**
- 171 speeches
- 4,920 paragraphs
- 675,582 words



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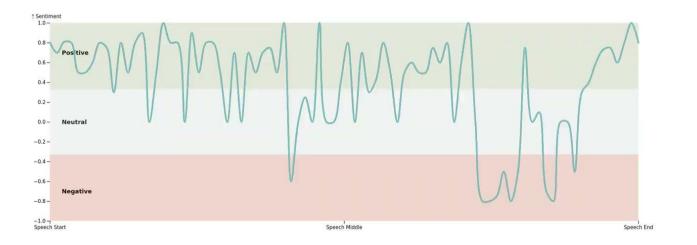




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SENTIMENT EVOLUTION DURING TALK

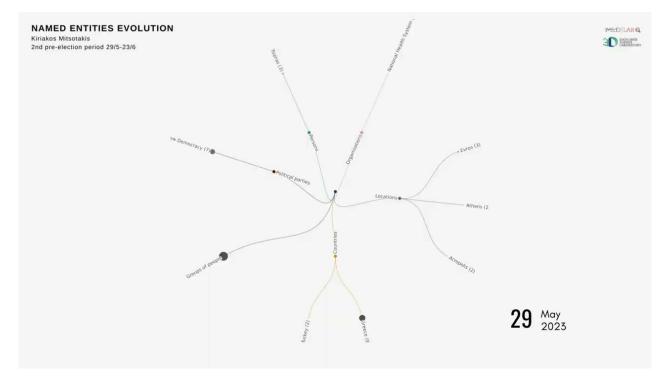
Kiriakos Mitsotakis 1st pre-election period 22/4-19/5



22 April CHANIA



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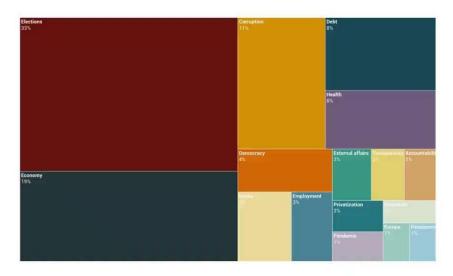




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TOPICS DISCUSSED DURING TALK

Alexis Tsipras 1st pre-election period 22/4-19/5



24 April 2023 KOS



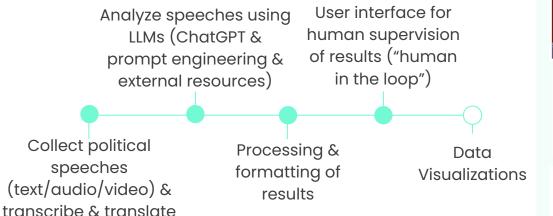
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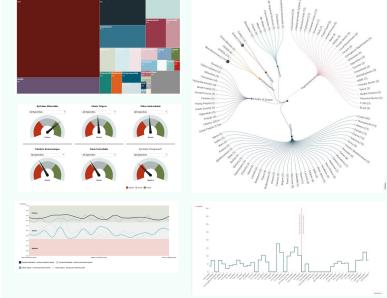




Political Discourse How it works?

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Why ChatGPT? (vs. open pre-trained NLP models)

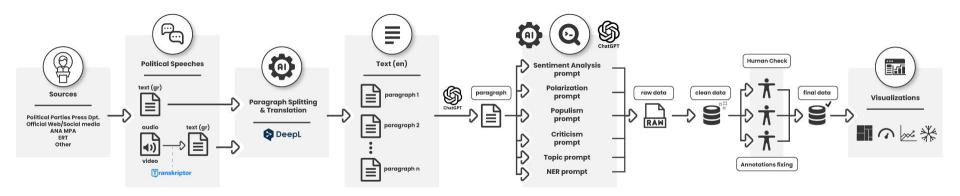
Task

Did NLP models work?

topic detection (per paragraph)	does not work	-
semantic similarity (per paragraph or speech)	so and so (not very reliably)	•
text similarity	does not work	•
named entity recognition	so and so (not very reliably)	•
hate speech detection	so and so (not very reliably)	•
populism detection	does not work	•
toxicity detection	works (more or less)	-
sentiment analysis	works (more or less)	-
polarization detection	does not work	-

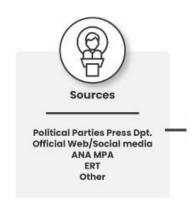


The methodology... in a nutshell



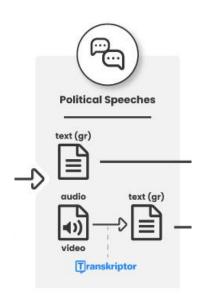


The methodology: sources



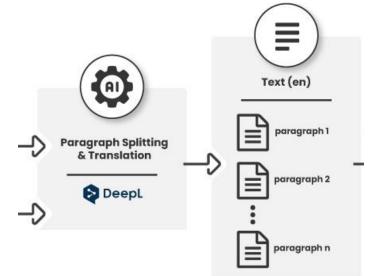


The methodology: ... to text



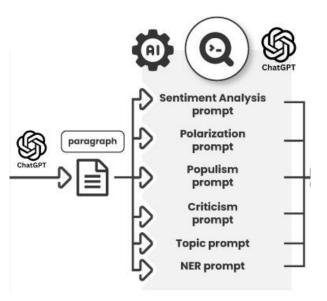


The methodology: paragraph splitting & translation



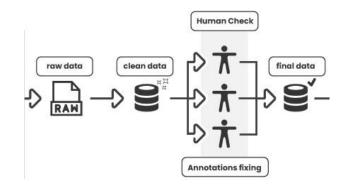


The methodology: analysis with ChatGPT



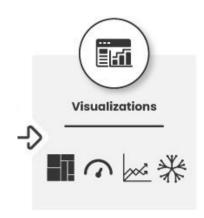


The methodology: from ChatGPT to validated data



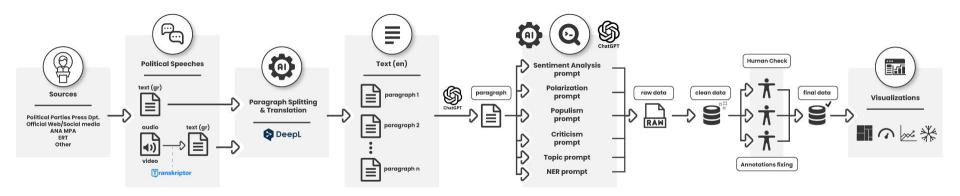


The methodology: visualizations





The methodology... in a nutshell





ChatGPT accuracy (vs. manual annotation of humans)

Task	Most prevalent category (%)	Accuracy	
sentiment	Positive (40%)	94.2%	
topics	Election (26%)	61.7%	
polarization	Zero/Low (86%)	87.4%	
populism	Zero/Low (96%)	89.8%	
criticism or agenda	Political agenda (61%)	89.3%	



Results with other models: open LLMs

Model Name	Num of Parameters	Model Size (GB)
gemma	2b	1.4
gemma	7b	4.8
llama 2	7b	3.8
llama 2	13b	7.3



Results with other models: open LLMs

	Accuracy	Balanced Accuracy	Precision	Recall	FI
ChatGPT (fine-tuned)	0.69	0.62	0.71	0.69	0.7
ChatGPT	0.59	0.57	0.8	0.59	0.65
gemma:2b	0.32	0.26	0.54	0.32	0.35
gemma:7b	0.29	0.27	0.55	0.29	0.33
llama2:7b	0.09	0.08	0.40	0.09	0.10
llama2:13b	0.44	0.39	0.62	0.45	



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