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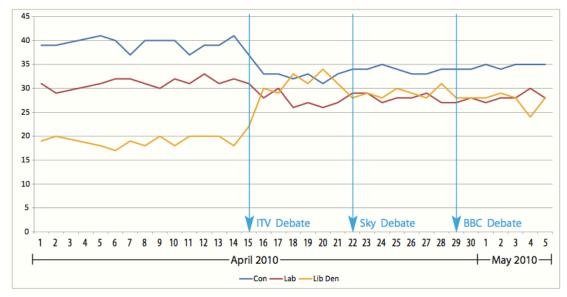
The Prime Ministerial Debates of 2010: Evidence, Evaluation and Some Recommendations

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Univ. Leeds prior research into public response to the televised 2010 Election Debates

Impact of the 3 debates on voter intentions





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Figure A1 Party voting intentions over the campaign (Source: YouGov polls)

Key findings...

- the British public appreciated the debates
- 2/3 said they'd learnt something new
- they seemed to energise first-time voters
- people would talk about them afterwards (esp. younger voters)
- media coverage shifted from focusing on the 'game' to the substance



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Mapping the UK election TV debates at the OU

Real-time Dialogue Mapping over video UK Election 2010: Leadership Debate 1

> http://people.kmi.open.ac.uk/sbs/2010/04/ debate-replay-with-map

The EDV Project 2013-2016



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Main project objectives

- 1. Political Communication Research: understand how election debates connect with and may enable democratic citizenship
- 2. Computing/Informatics/Design Research: develop an election debate replay web platform that will provide new ways for citizens to experience and evaluate election debates



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Qualitative research: citizens' perceptions of election debates

12 focus groups conducted at Leeds:

- Disengaged Voters
- Committed Party Supporters
- Undecided Voters
- First-time Voters
- Active Users of the Internet
- (Performers)

Male/Female; 8~10 people per group



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New Modes of Engagement with Televised Political Debate through Audience Feedback

Setting the Problem

The way people engage with televised political debates today is progressively shifting **form "passive" viewing** of a television programme, to **"active" participation** to a multiple media event

The past....



The present...

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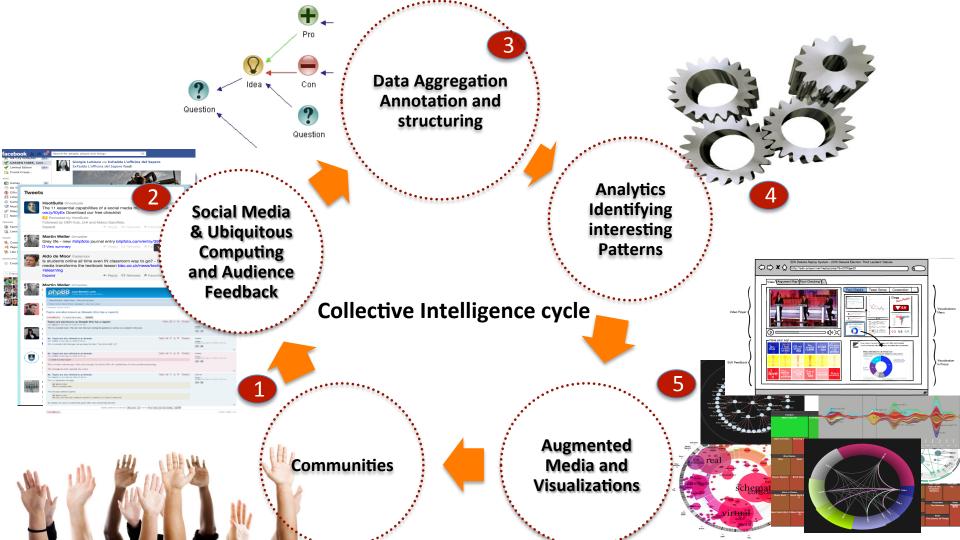


?The Future?



Research Questions:

- Is this new "participation experience" really informative? And to what extent does it improve citizens' confidence about the issues discussed?
- Do social media voices truly capture the richness of citizens' reactions to political debates?
- What could we learn about the audience of political election debate, and about the debate as media event, if we had better analytical tools to scrutinize audience's understanding and reactions?



Harnessing Audience Reactions



'Soft' Feedback:

- Controlled and nuanced
- Voluntary and non-intrusive
- Enabling analytics and visualisations

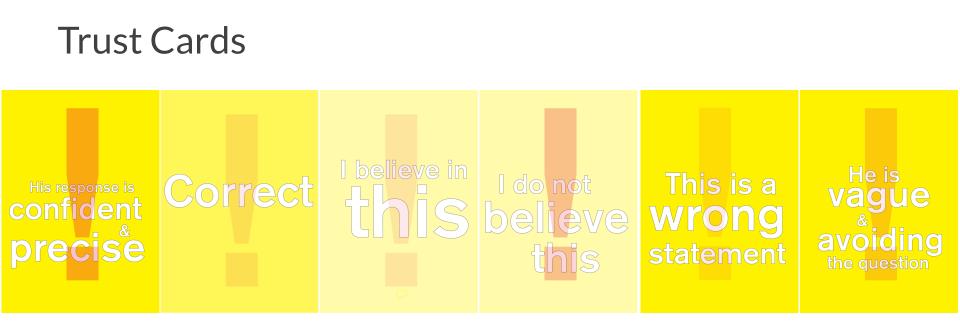
Audience Feedback Objectives

- promoting active engagement by enabling the audience to react to the televised debates in new non-intrusive, yet expressive, and timely manner;
- harnessing and analysing viewers' reactions to better understand the audience and their debate experience;
- providing new metrics to assess the debate as media event in terms of its capability to engage the audience aesthetically, emotionally, intellectually and critically.

A paper prototype: the flashcard experiment

- 18 flashcards in 3 categories
 - Emotion
 - Trust
 - Information need
- 15 participants watched the second Clegg-Farage debate live
- Video annotations in Compendium (and YouTube!)





designed to provide insights on the main motivations for audience's trust/distrust.

....with the goal in mind to distinguish between trust on the speaker, the debate content, and pre-existing beliefs.

Emotion Cards



Designed to provide insights on audience's emotional reactions to the debate and can be used as proxy to assess people engagement with the speakers and the debated topics.

Questions Cards



Designed to provide insights on audience's information needs. ..to inform the type of information analysis and visualizations to be implemented in the EDV replay platform, in order to make the audience viewing experience more informative.

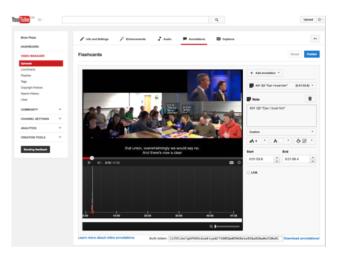
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Coding and Annotation of the Video



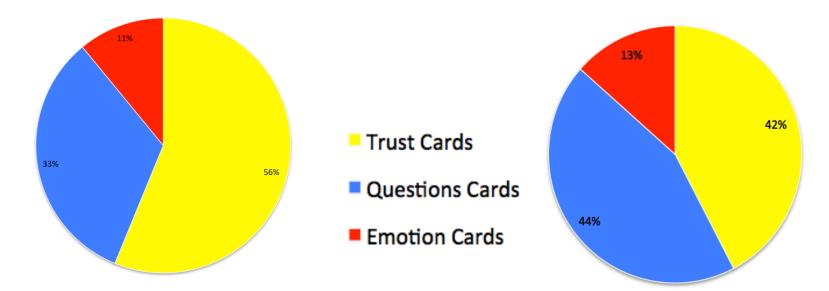
- Quantitative analysis
- Frequently used/unused cards
- Most used categories
- Do the dimensions make sense?





Clegg's VS Farage's Reactions triggers

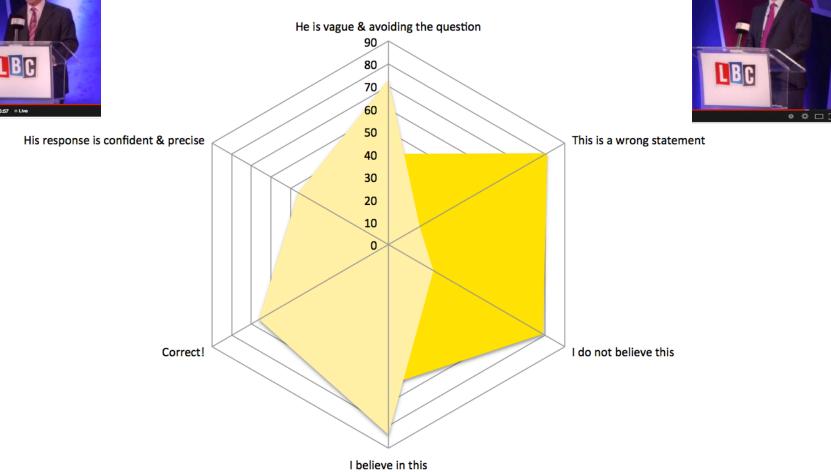






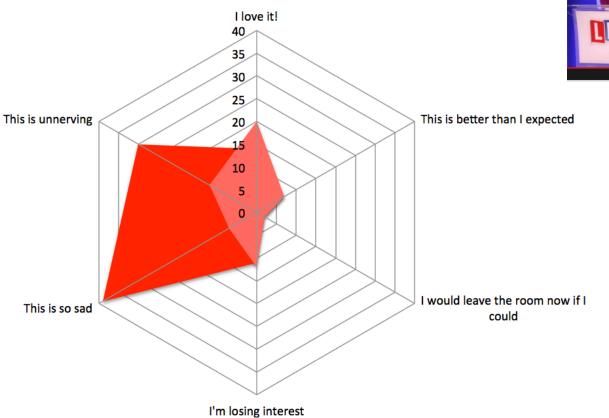
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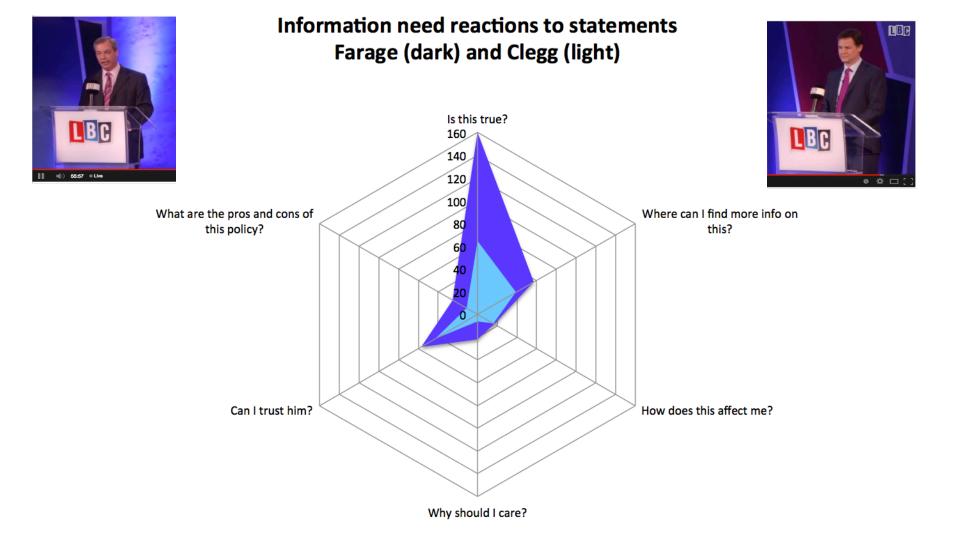




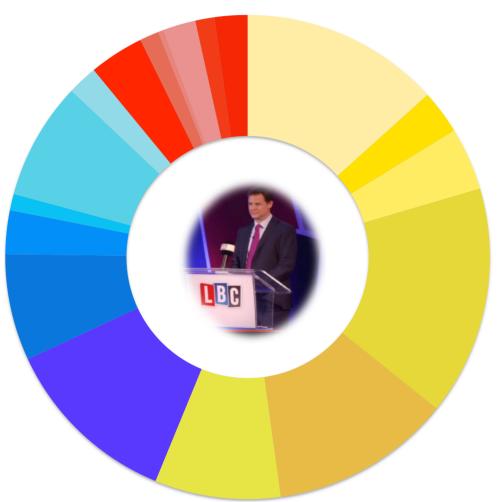
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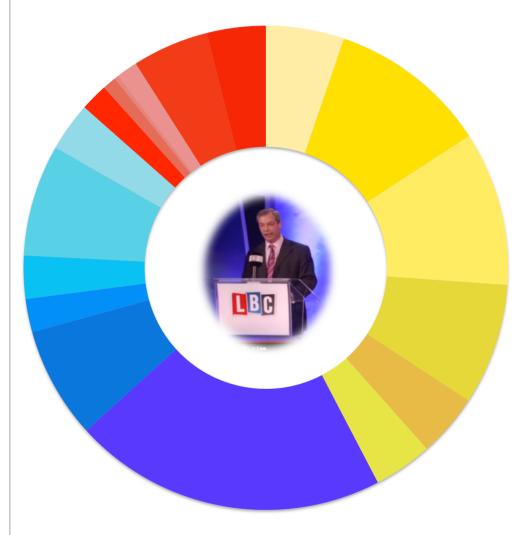


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- I believe in this
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- His response is confident & precise
- Is this true?
- Where can I find more info on this?
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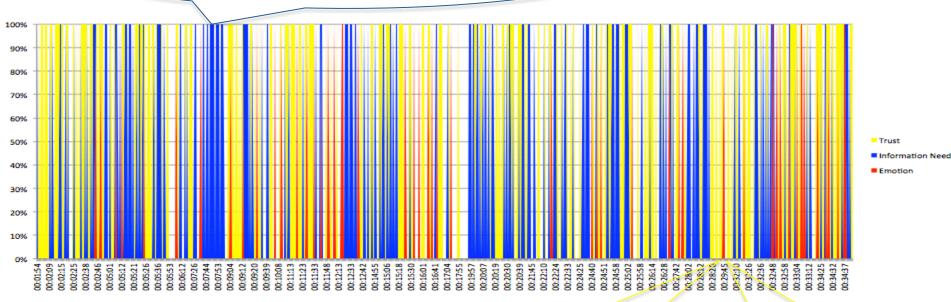


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Farage: "...actually sixty-two percent of the people that were surveyed in that British car manufacture interview they want serious reform within the European Union if they're gonna stay as members. So, far from the top line being true, two-thirds of them are saying **Unless we get**

reform then the time has come to leave the EU."

Is this TRUE? Where can I find more info on this?

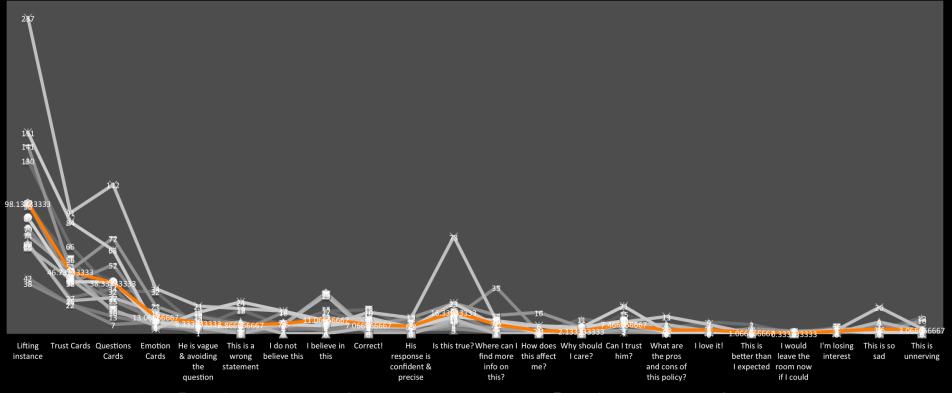


Farage: "You can't do that. You haven't got this power. You haven't got this control." Clegg: "Yes, you do. Yes, you do." Farage: "We do not have that power as members of the European Union and that's the truth of it." Clegg: "Yes, you do. Yes."

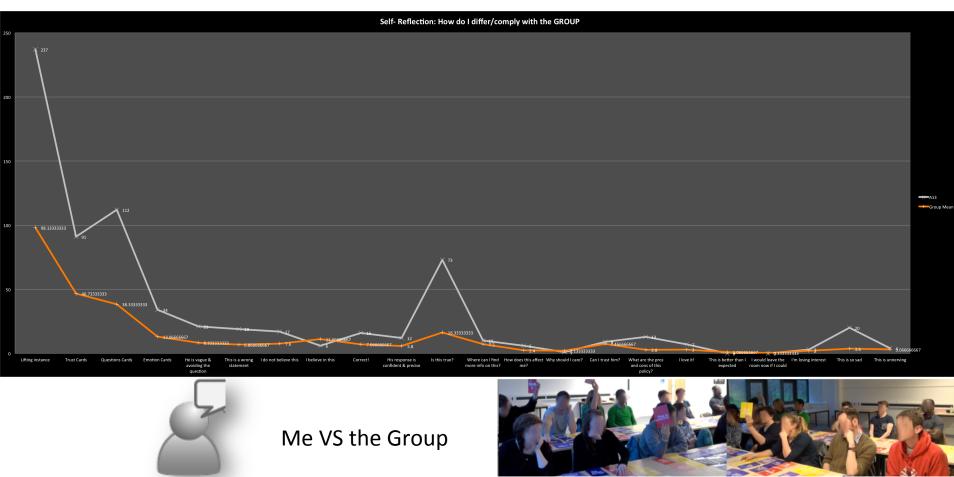
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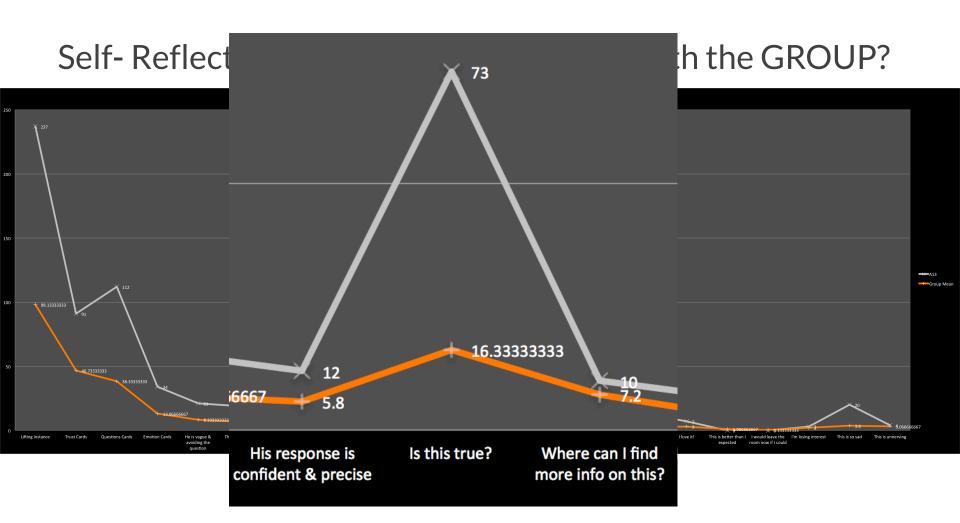
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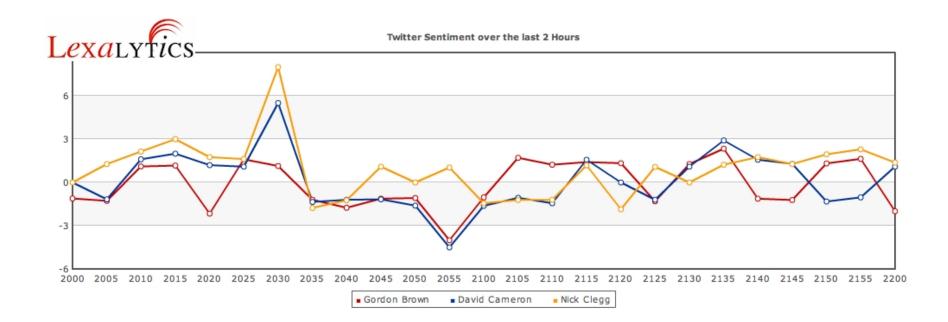


Self- Reflection: How do I differ/comply with the GROUP?

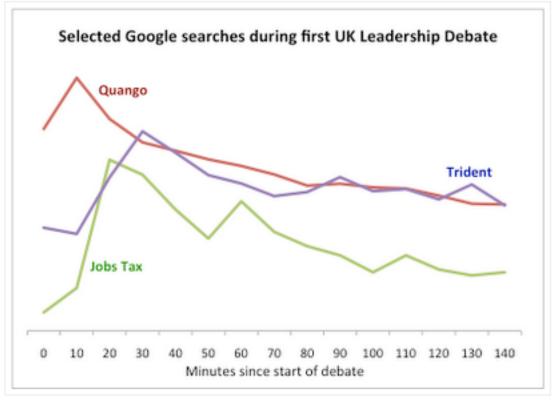




Twitter sentiment analysis



Google searches sparked by the debates





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Definition of **quango** in British and World English in Oxford dictionary. Meaning, pronunciation and example sentences. English to English reference content.

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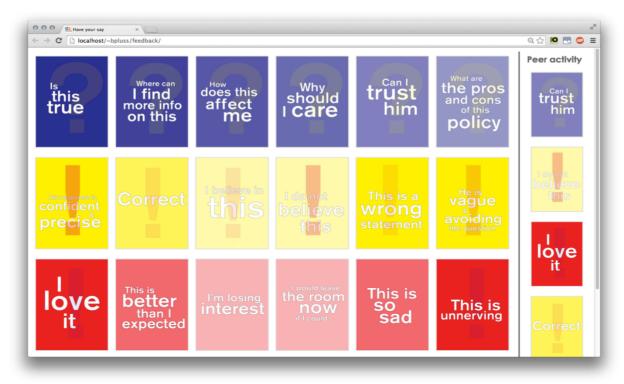
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Soft Feedback Mobile App





Next Steps

- Enabling soft feedback during the live broadcasting of the political debate
- Design flashcards for the democratic entitlements identified
- Replicate the soft feedback gathering experiment with flashcards in a virtual distributed setting by using the mobile and face-to-face



Next Steps

 Guidelines will be provided on how to use soft feedback, flashcard methods and tools, to harness audience reactions to political debates in different contexts, and with different audience's size.



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The debate-viewing experience today



LBC Radio, 26 March

BBC, 2 April



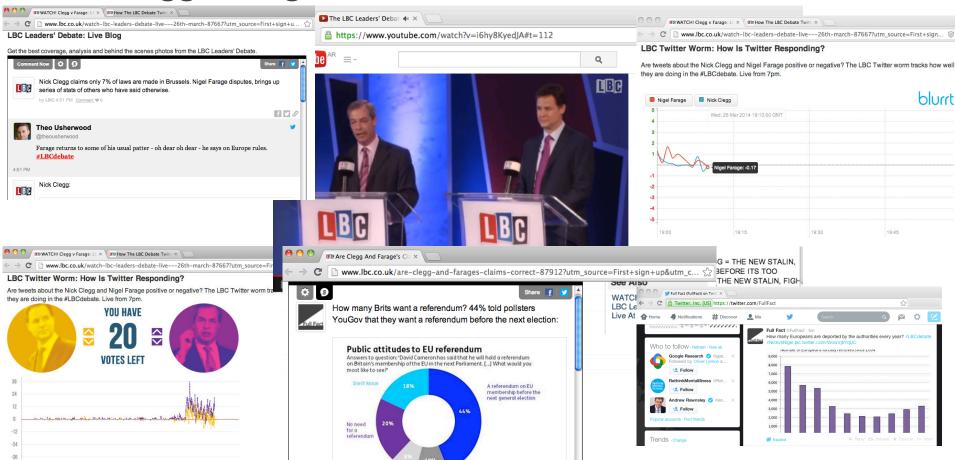








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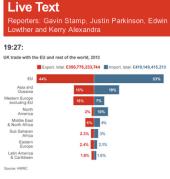
BBC Live site



LIVE Nick Clegg v Nigel Farage TV debate on the UK and the EU

Key Points

- Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg and UKIP leader Nigel Farage are going head-to-head
- They are discussing whether the UK should leave Question Time host David Dimbleby is or remain in the European Union
 - moderating the debate, at the BBC's Broadcasting House



19:26: Mr Farage refers to a report from Migration Watch, which suggested that a city the size of Manchester would need to be built to cope with levels of migration over the next five years.





Join the discussion

BBC Replay site



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Key Points

- Lib Dem leader Nick Clegg and UKIP leader Nigel Farage clashed over the EU's effect on immigration and the economy
- Mr Farage accused Mr Clegg of "wilfully lying" but Mr Clegg said his UKIP counterpart's opinions were out of date
- Instant opinion polls gave Mr Farage a victory over Mr Clegg, one by 69% to 31% and another by 68% to 27%

Report

Reporters: Gavin Stamp, Justin Parkinson, Edwin Lowther and Kerry Alexandra

17:59: Hello and welcome to our live coverage of the BBC TV debate between Nick Clegg and Nigel Farage. The Liberal Democrat and UK Independence Party leaders will face each other for an hour on the question of whether the UK should leave or remain in the European Union.

18:00: BBC Question Time host David Dimbleby will present and moderate the debate, which is taking place at the BBC's Broadcasting House in central London.

18:01:



The final touches have been put to the set for the debate

18:04: We'll have minute-by-minute updates of the



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The Future of Election Debate Replays



Computing & Informatics research objectives

- Debate Analytics and Visualizations
- Feedback Channels
- Debate Replay Platform
- Open Source Tools and Open Data Archive



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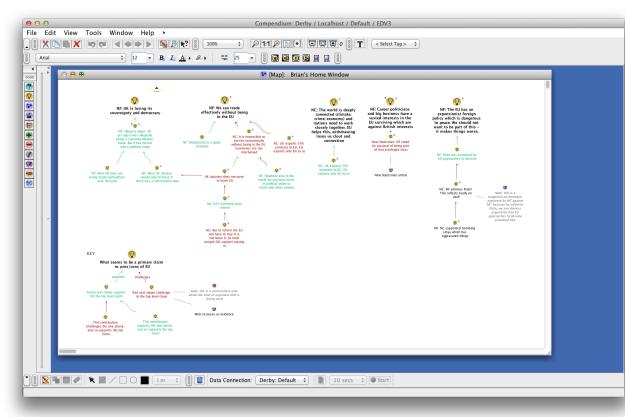
Debate Analytics and Visualisations

- Argument Maps
- Rhetoric and Rules of the Game

Collaborations might make possible:

- Social Media Analytics
- Fact-Checking

Argument Mapping and Visualisation





Compendium

A flexible visual interface for managing the connections between information and ideas

CompendiumInstitute



http://compendiuminstitute.net

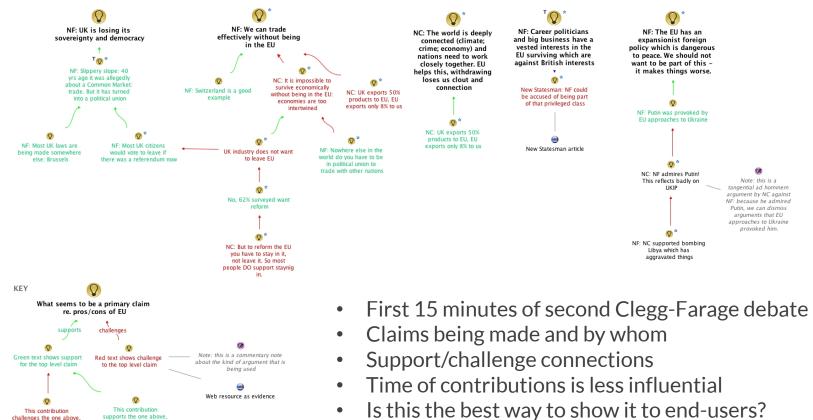
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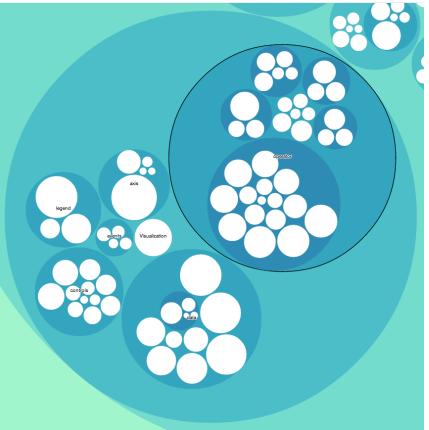
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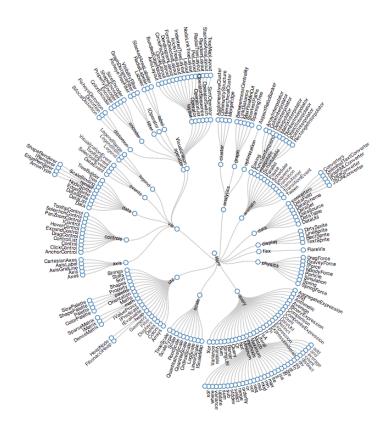
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- Coding scheme for manual annotation of transcripts
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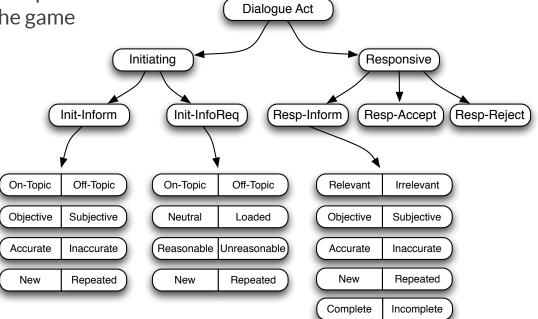
- 1.Respect other children's games.
- 2.No bullying or fighting.
- 3.Be polite to everyone.
- 4.Keep to the playground areas.
- 5.Stop when whistle blows.

- 36. Members of the audience will ask their questions. The moderator will ask the leaders to respond. The moderator may read email questions.
 37. All questions will be addressed to and answered by all three leaders.
 38. The audience members will be restricted to asking the selected questions.
 46. Each leader will make an opening statement on the theme of the debate lasting for 1 minute. After the three opening statements the moderator will take the first question on the agreed theme. There will be closing statements of 1 minute 30 seconds from all three leaders at the end of the 90 minutes.
 47. Each leader will have 1 minute to answer the question.
 48. Each leader will then have 1 minute to respond to the answers.
- 49. The moderator may then open the discussion to free debate between the leaders for up to 4 minutes on merit.

Role of the moderator

- 58. To moderate the programme
- 59. To keep the leaders to the agreed time limits
- 62. To seek factual clarification where necessary
- 63. It is not the moderator's role to criticise or comment on the leaders' answers
 64. The candidates accept the authority of the moderator to referee the rules on stage and ensure a free flowing, fair debate conducted within the agreed rules.

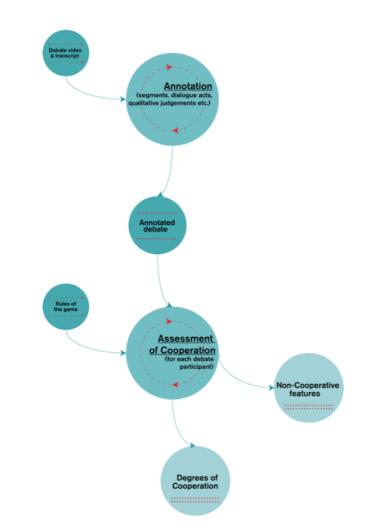
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Annotation Tool

TWIST Dialogue Annotation Tool - Annotator - clegg-farage-2-annot.xml File Annotation Help Context In the context of the 2014 European Election, the leader of the Liberal Democrats and UK Deputy Prime Minister, Nick Clegg, debates with the leader of UKIP, Nigel Farage on the UK relationship with the EU. This is the second of two debates, aired live by the BBC on 2 April 2014. 0.0 Turn Annotator . Speaker **Dialogue Act Function** Turm Referent Segment LIPPETT Hannah, I spent 20 years in business. I'm not a career Resp-Inform 1 :: Init-InfoReg :: On... 4 politician. I got involved in this because I realised with the succession of treaties that we were signing up to Content Features we were giving away our birthright, we were giving away the ability to govern ourselves. And the principle Relevant Irrelevant that drives my entire political career is I believe the DIMBLEBY Subjective Objective best people to govern Britain are the British people CLEGG 6 themselves. And I have to say, democracy matters. Accurate Inaccurate Generations before us fought and died to defend it New Repeated and you cannot be a democratic self-governing nation and a member of this political European Union. I don't Complete Incomplete want to be isolated. Nick. Far from it. I want to trade with Europe and cooperate with Europe. There is Add Segment Segments And I have to say, democracy matters. DIMBLEBY FARAGE 1 ::: Resp-Inform ::: Relevant ::: Subjective ::: Inaccurate :: Complete :: @1 Generations before us fought and died to defend it and you cannot be a democratic self-governing nation and a memb of this political European Union. Done Cancel in doing that, I want the rest of Europe to free themselves from the European Union too. DIMBLEBY Okay. Because he says, he says this is too good to be true. 9 10 FARAGE Well, it's not. Because if you think about it, I mean, the only countries in the European Time Zone. Ukraine and Belarus are the only ones that bound's not free trade. When we inited a common market when you Loaded dialogue from /Volumes/MacOs/MacBookProBackup-25Jun2014/Desktop/Desktop Blanguita/Migration/Code-TWISTAnnotationTool/data-edv-text/

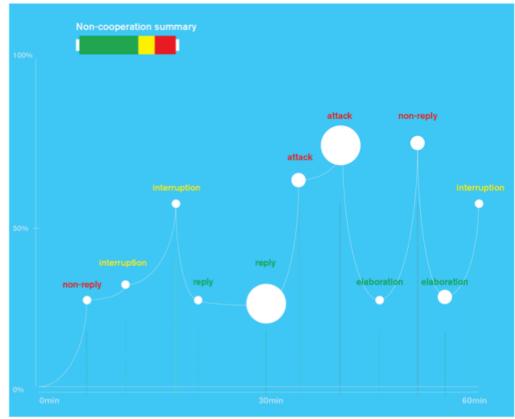
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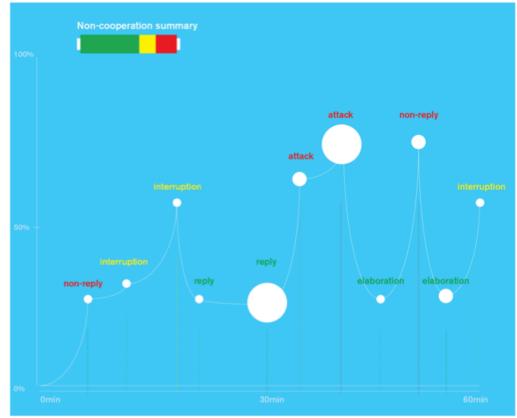


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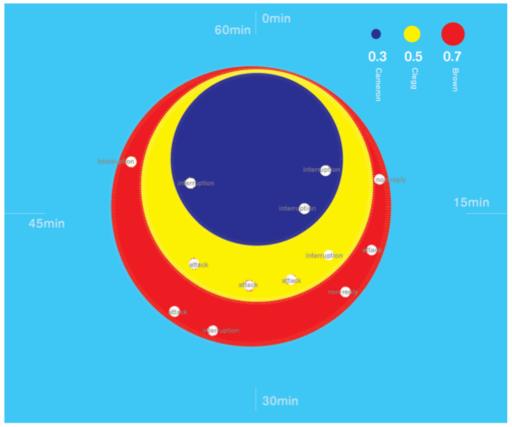
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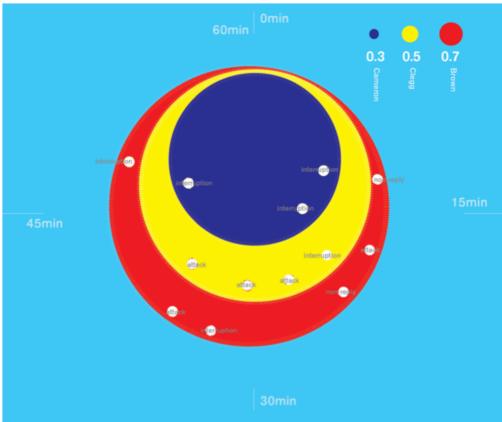
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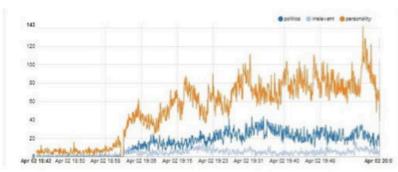
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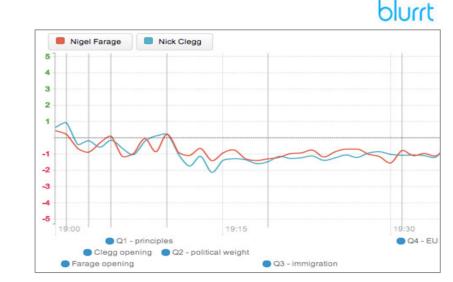


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Question 4

JAMILA LONG: How are we supposed to compete with the likes of China or America if we are not part of a larger trading group?

UK the Eurozone's biggest export market?

Out of individual countries, yes: the UK accounted for 12.3% of all Eurozone exports in 2012, compared to 11.9% to the second-placed US.

EU selling the UK £150 billion in goods?

It's not clear where Nigel Farage's figures are from. The UK's goods imports from the EU were worth £220 billion in 2013.

Eurozone imports overall amounted to £182 billion in 2012, some of which will be on goods and the rest on services.

Manufacturing exports to the EU

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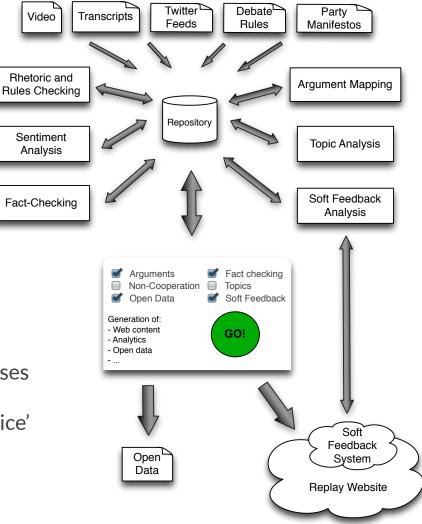
Debate Replay Platform

- Uniformly organise diverse sources of information
- Support user preferences in terms of:
 - Visualisation channels
 - Media navigation and indexing
- Allow for different kinds of audience response

EDV Architecture Sketch

Features and functionalities:

- Gather data from sources
- Analyse data and produce visualisations
- Tailor augmentations to audiences and purposes
- Publish open data and replay interface
- Provide access to citizens and give them a 'voice'





Election Debate Replay Platform







Thanks for your time!





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