Content Analysis of Political Texts Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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1. Master **quantitative text analysis** for large-scale political data.
2. Apply **natural language processing (NLP)** to political documents.
3. Conduct **sentiment analysis** on political rhetoric and public opinion.
4. Utilize **machine learning** for automated content classification.
5. Perform **discourse analysis** to reveal power dynamics and ideologies.
6. Analyze **social media campaigns** and their political impact.
7. Identify and track **political narratives** and **misinformation**.
8. Employ **topic modeling** to uncover latent themes in political texts.
9. Develop robust **coding schemes** for qualitative content analysis.
10. Evaluate the credibility and bias of **news media** content.
11. Interpret and visualize complex **textual data** with modern tools.
12. Formulate **data-driven insights** for public policy and advocacy.
13. Build a portfolio of **case studies** demonstrating analytical expertise.

Target Audiences

1. Political Science and Public Policy students.
2. Journalists and media analysts tracking political trends.
3. Campaign managers and political strategists.
4. Government relations professionals and lobbyists.
5. Data scientists seeking to specialize in political texts.
6. Academics and researchers focused on political communication.
7. NGO staff and advocacy group members.
8. Corporate communication specialists and public relations professionals.

Course Outline

Module 1: Foundations of Political Content Analysis

- Introduction to content analysis as a research method.

- Defining units of analysis: words, themes, and documents.
- The evolution from manual to automated analysis.
- Crafting a research question and developing a coding framework.
- Case Study: Analyzing shifts in political party platforms over time.

Module 2: Qualitative Methods and Manual Coding

- Principles of **discourse analysis** and its application.
- Techniques for qualitative coding: thematic and narrative analysis.
- Ensuring reliability and validity in human-coded data.
- Introduction to qualitative data analysis software like NVivo or ATLAS.ti.
- Case Study: A qualitative analysis of a political debate transcript.

Module 3: Quantitative Text Analysis and Metrics

- Converting text into data: tokenization, stemming, and n-grams.
- Using frequency and co-occurrence to find key terms.
- Measuring political leaning with dictionary-based approaches.
- Introduction to sentiment analysis tools and their limitations.
- Case Study: Quantifying the sentiment of public speeches from different world leaders.

Module 4: Social Media and Digital Texts

- Analyzing political communication on X (Twitter), Facebook, and other platforms.
- Identifying bots and automated accounts in political discourse.
- Tracking hashtag trends and their impact on public narrative.
- Ethical considerations and data privacy in social media analysis.
- Case Study: An analysis of a protest movement's digital footprint.

Module 5: Computational Methods and Machine Learning

- An introduction to **Natural Language Processing (NLP)** for political texts.
- Topic modeling using algorithms like Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA).
- Using **supervised learning** to classify documents by ideology.
- Implementing word embeddings and deep learning for text analysis.
- Case Study: Training a classifier to predict political party affiliation based on a politician's speeches.

Module 6: Misinformation, Propaganda, and Bias

- Identifying and debunking **fake news** and misinformation campaigns.
- Techniques for analyzing propaganda and persuasive communication.
- Measuring media bias and evaluating news sources.
- The role of social media algorithms in amplifying political content.
- Case Study: Unpacking the narrative structure of a high-profile conspiracy theory.

Module 7: Policy and Political Strategy Analysis

- Using content analysis to evaluate the implementation of public policy.
- Analyzing political manifestos and legislative texts.
- Forecasting political trends from media and public discourse.
- Analyzing stakeholder communication and lobbying efforts.
- Case Study: Tracking policy priorities across multiple government administrations.

Module 8: The Capstone Project and Professional Application

- Developing a complete research proposal for a new project.
- Cleaning, processing, and analyzing a chosen political dataset.
- Writing a professional report with data-driven conclusions.
- Presenting findings and visualizations to an audience.
- Case Study: A complete, end-to-end research project on a topic chosen by the participant.

Training Methodology

Our training methodology is a dynamic blend of theoretical instruction, hands-on practice, and collaborative learning. It is designed to be highly interactive and practical, ensuring participants not only understand the concepts but can also apply them effectively.

- **Instructor-Led Sessions:** Expert-led lectures with interactive Q&A.
- **Hands-On Workshops:** Practical sessions using specialized software and coding environments (e.g., Python, R) to process and analyze data.
- **Case Study Analysis:** In-depth examination of real-world political events and documents to apply learned methodologies.
- **Collaborative Group Projects:** Team-based assignments that simulate real-world research environments.
- **Peer-to-Peer Feedback:** Participants will critique and provide feedback on each other's work, fostering a supportive learning community.
- **Capstone Project:** A final, independent project that demonstrates mastery of all course material.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
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