Coding documents for quantitative content analysis (4)

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Renovation	**308**
Government	155
Facebook	153
Waste management	**256**
Government	37
Bloggers, opposition polititians NGOs, experts	219
Transport	**249**
Government	90
Bloggers, opposition polititians NGOs	159
Overall total	**813**

Until 1 hour ago, we have coded 475 texts!

Facebook posts

- Don't code re-posts of articles, pictures, videos (without comments), mark them red ✔

- I will replace them with new posts

Several narratives in a text

- **Q:** Facebook posts (and blogs) often contain a comment to a posted text. Which one of the two texts should be coded?
- **A:** Code the comment in the present post (and not the original text that was reposted)

- In these cases, you can code the present post, you don't need to mark yellow.

Several narratives in a text

- Do you have other questions concerning several or no narratives in one text (marked yellow or red)?

Causes and plots

- **Texts Navalny:** Are lack of transparency and corruption intentional causes or not?

Consequences

Actions	Intended	Unintended

Unguided	**MECHANICAL CAUSE**
	
	inter002vening agent
	machines
	trained animals
	brainwashed
	   people
		ACCIDENTAL CAUSE
		
		nature
		weather
		earthquakes
		machines that
		   run amok

Purposeful	**INTENTIONAL CAUSE**
	
	assault
	oppression
	conspiracies
	   that work
	programs that
	   work
		INADVERTENT CAUSE
		
		intervening
		   conditions
		unforeseen side
		   effects
		neglect
		carelessness
		omission

Stone, 1999

Causes and plots

- 304 (https://navalny.com/p/3747/) (plot and cause)

- 305 (https://navalny.com/p/3680/) (plot and cause)

- 307 (https://navalny.com/p/3624/(are there any victims?)

New characters

- I will add the following actors to the code book
  - Мусорная мафия ✔
  - Experts ✔

New characters

- I will separate (now still in one code)

    - **NGO / NGO representatives**
    - **Activist**: activists are active citizens rather than NGO representatives.
    - Do we need a specific code or can we code "citizen"?

    - «Наши товарищи в Коми» ТК, 150

Characters

- **Q:** Can we consider experts as heroes if they just provide expertise and recommendations? Do heroes need to do something specific?

- **A:** Hero = a character who takes action with the purpose to solve a problem, to achieve a policy solution, to protect a victim, or to fight a villain.

- I suggest that providing expertise can also be an action to solve a problem and achieve a policy solution

- Texts 99, 101

Characters

- **Texts Gudkov:**
- **Q:** Sometimes narrators use the pronoun «we» to describe heroes/victims. How should we interpret «we», if the author does not imply him/herself as this particular character?
- Line 115, 116
- **A:** Politician? Citizens?

Characters

- **Q:** How should we code other states and their policies if the narrator regards them as heroes?

- **A:** type in the text (e.g., foreign government / Germany / Estonian policies)

Characters

- Means of transport as characters.
  - The <u>hero</u> takes an action to achieve the policy solution ≠ the solution
- 2 examples where мцд is the hero: 57 and 62

Coalitions

Coded neutral:

- Varlamov: "Varlamov always changes his position about Sobyanin's office, that is why I consider him as a neutral actor in that case"

➡ to code coalition, always look at the present narrative. Is the author in this narrative for or against governmental policy? An actor can take different positions in different texts.

Coalitions

Coded neutral:

- 399: "решения должны приниматься скоординированно и не мэрией, а только на государственном уровне"

 (vs. Moscow, pro RU government)

Various questions

- VL 97: Протестуют. is there a hero?
- TK 148: not sure in problem and solution type and hero
- TK 161-164: not sure about plot
- MS 48: who is hero and beneficiaries?
- AS 365: plot

Next steps

Our objective:

- to finalize coding until 1st May
- To code as much as possible ➡ I can add more texts to the excel file
- If you are done with "your" texts, help others

- Next seminar: Friday 24 April?