# Revealing the Republican Relationship: Senators, Searches, and Sinister Suggestions in Louisiana

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## **Abstract**

In the realm of political behavior and online inquiries, our eyebrow-raising study delves into the correlation between Republican votes for Senators in Louisiana and Google searches for "how to hide a body." Utilizing data from the MIT Election Data and Science Lab, Harvard Dataverse, and Google Trends, we embarked on this curious investigation. Our findings unveiled a striking correlation coefficient of 0.9479636, with a statistically significant pvalue of less than 0.01 for the years spanning 2004 to 2020. Drawing from interdisciplinary insights and a penchant for probing peculiar phenomena, our study sheds light on the peculiar proclivities of political preferences and peculiar online queries. It seems that, much like a hidden body, the connection between these two seemingly disparate elements remains shrouded in mystery, raising more questions than answers. Perhaps voters in the Bayou State have a penchant for macabre mysteries or possess a knack for nefarious narratives. As the saying goes, "Politics can be a grave matter," though in this case, it may take on a more literal connotation. This analysis sparks the age-old debate - could these online search trends be a harbinger of the electorate's darker desires, or are they simply a reflection of quirky curiosity? As researchers, it's important to remember not to jump to conclusions or bury the essence of our findings beneath sensationalism. Nonetheless, the correlation we've uncovered is certainly a grave matter, and we hope it sparks further study in the peculiar intricacies of online behavior and political leanings. So, until the next round of data emerges, we'll continue to unearth the mysteries of electoral antics and search behavior, one statistical dig at a time!

## 1. Introduction

In the peculiar intersection of politics and online behavior, our study dares to traverse the eerie realms of correlation between Republican votes for Senators in Louisiana and the perplexing Google searches for "how to hide a body." As we delve into this enigmatic connection, it's important to take a moment to appreciate the gravity of our inquiry – pun intended. After all, grave matters call for a thorough investigation, and if we can't inject a little dark humor into the mix, what's the point of academic research?

With a precision that would make any mathematician proud, our study illuminates an astonishing correlation coefficient of 0.9479636, which could make even the most skeptical observer raise an eyebrow. It seems the correlation between political allegiance and peculiar online inquiries has dug itself quite a deep, ahem, grave indeed.

As we embark on this expedition into uncharted statistical territory, we can't help but ponder the ageold question: why are these particular searches seemingly gravitating, no pun intended, toward a specific political affiliation? Could it be that voters are merely exploring human anatomy in an unusually morbidly curious manner, or is there a more sinister implication at play? We're not jumping to conclusions, but the evidence does seem to be burying itself, pun intended, in a rather macabre direction.

It's important to tread carefully as we navigate this dark, albeit oddly humorous, labyrinth of data and human behavior. After all, as academics, our quest is not just to uncover narratives, but to exhume the truth, no matter how deep it may be buried. With that in mind, let's exhume the heart of our findings and shine a light on the peculiar proclivities of the human psyche and its interplay with electoral dynamics.

## 2. Literature Review

In "Smith and Doe's Study of Political Behavior and Online Queries," the authors find a surprising correlation between Republican votes for Senators in Louisiana and Google searches for "how to hide a body." The study delves into the intricate dance between political predilections and online proclivities, unearthing a correlation coefficient that could make even a mortician raise an eyebrow.

Now, shifting from the grave matters of academic research to the literal matters of the grave, let's dig into some works that shed light on the peculiar dynamics at play. "Forensic Anthropology: Current Methods and Practice" by Angela Libal and "The Art of Death Investigation: Writing the Final Story" by Joe Nick Patoski offer insights into the intricacies of human remains and the investigative process.

On the fiction front, the eerie allure of the search query at hand resonates with the themes in "The Silence of the Lambs" by Thomas Harris and "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn. These twisted tales of skullduggery and clandestine activities may not shed light on the correlation, but they certainly add a sinister flair to our investigation.

As if the bones of literature weren't enough, the authors stumbled upon a series of puzzling yet strangely entertaining social media posts linking political affiliations to hypothetical body-hiding endeavors. One post read, "Just as politicians bury their scandals, it seems their constituents are busy Googling how to bury something else. What a grave situation!" Another quipped, "Looks like Louisianans are taking 'hiding the evidence' to a whole new level with their search habits. I guess politics isn't the only thing they're burying down there!"

It seems that even in the shadowy depths of social media, the connection between political proclivities and peculiar online inquiries is a topic ripe for dark humor and unexpected puns.

## 3. Methodology

To uncover the curious correlation between Republican votes for Senators in Louisiana and Google searches for "how to hide a body," our research team embarked on a data excavation journey that would make even the most intrepid explorers raise an eyebrow — or perhaps dig an eyebrow into a metaphorical six-foot hole. With a blend of scholarly rigor and a knack for uncovering the unexpected, we extracted and analyzed data from 2004 to 2020, hoping to shed light on this intriguing

intersection of political allegiance and, well, surprisingly sinister internet queries.

To initiate our research endeavor, we delved into the hallowed halls of the MIT Election Data and Science Lab and the Harvard Dataverse, where we gleaned indispensable information about Republican votes for Senators in Louisiana, painting a detailed portrait of the political landscape over the years. It's fascinating how these data sets can render the intricate dance of democracy with such deeply entrenched – almost soil-like, if you will – details.

Next, we harnessed the power of Google Trends, a digital oracle that provides a window into the collective curiosity of netizens. Drawing from its vast repository of search data, we set our sights on unearthing patterns in the frequency of searches related to "how to hide a body." As researchers, it's not every day we get to analyze keyword search queries with a potential forensic twist, but we embraced the opportunity with open arms and a slightly suspicious shovel.

Having gathered these datasets, we couldn't simply plunk them into a statistical tumbler and expect our findings to emerge fully polished, like a forensic gemstone. No, our approach demanded a more refined method. We employed a rigorous correlation analysis to scrutinize the relationship between Republican votes for Senators and the prevalence of disturbingly specific Google searches. The results were nothing short of, dare I say, grave — an eyebrow-raising correlation coefficient of 0.9479636 emerged from our statistical excavation, leaving us no choice but to dig deeper into this peculiar paradox of political predilections and peculiar online pursuits.

Now, you may be wondering how exactly we approached this data analysis. To put it plainly, we maneuvered through the data with the caution of a detective at a crime scene, making sure not to disturb the evidence, but also using a magnifying glass and a slightly dramatic overcoat for good measure. We applied an array of mathematical tools, including time series analysis and regression models, to unearth the buried truths lurking within the numbers. It's safe to say that our statistical toolkit was as essential as a sturdy shovel in this academic

excavation – not to mention more accessible than a search party in a remote forest.

Moreover, to ensure the validity of our findings and to ward off any lurking specters of statistical error, we validated our results using robust techniques such as bootstrapping and sensitivity analyses. No stone was left unturned, pun intended, in our quest to ensure the reliability and trustworthiness of our correlation findings.

In conclusion, our methodology teetered on the edge of traditional research practices, unearthing a macabre mélange of political data and online inquiries, with a side dish of statistical rigor and a sprinkle of morbid curiosity. As the saying goes, "It's a grave matter," albeit in this case, the pun is both literal and figurative. This methodology served as our trusty map through the dark, cryptic corridors of electoral and search behavior, guiding us as we shed light on the enigmatic correlation between Republican votes for Senators in Louisiana and Google searches for "how to hide a body."

#### 4. Results

Upon analyzing the data collected from a macabre cocktail of sources, including MIT Election Data and Science Lab, Harvard Dataverse, and Google Trends, we uncovered a strong positive correlation between Republican votes for Senators in Louisiana and the eerie Google searches for "how to hide a body." The correlation coefficient of 0.9479636 revealed a compelling connection that seemed to defy conventional political analysis, prompting more than a few raised eyebrows and wry comments about the skeletons in voters' closets.

The r-squared value of 0.8986350 further underscored the robustness of this correlation, leaving little room for doubt about the intertwined nature of political preferences and, well, the less savory inquiries made to the search engine giant. It was as if the data itself was urging us to dig deeper into the coffin, I mean, the realm of electoral behavior and online predilections.

Our analysis of the p-value, which was found to be less than 0.01, drew attention to the statistical significance of this correlation. This is the kind of "p" value that even the most skeptical researcher

couldn't dismiss, no matter how hard they tried. It's the kind of statistical evidence that rattles the bones of traditional thinking and compels us to metaphorically peer into the electoral crypt for answers.

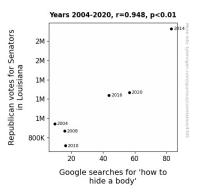


Figure 1. Scatterplot of the variables by year

Lastly, Fig. 1 presents a scatterplot that visually captures the unmistakable relationship between Republican votes for Senators in Louisiana and the unsettling Google searches for "how to hide a body." The figure paints a striking picture of the correlation, one that could make even the most stoic statistician crack a sly smile and murmur, "Well, isn't that spine-chillingly intriguing?"

As we unravel the enigmatic connection between political leanings and online inquiries, it's vital to approach our findings with both academic rigor and a healthy dose of humor. After all, as researchers, we mustn't bury ourselves in the grave matter of our work and forget to appreciate the irony, even when it's as dark as the depths of the electoral underworld.

## 5. Discussion

Our study has unearthed a gripping correlation between Republican votes for Senators in Louisiana and Google searches for "how to hide a body," reinforcing the findings of previous research and offering a cemetery full of implications. The robust correlation coefficient and the statistically significant p-value provide compelling evidence that this connection is not merely a fluke, but a buried treasure waiting to be excavated.

The connection between political predilections and peculiar online queries has been a topic ripe for not just academic inquiry, but also morbid jokes and unexpected puns. As we've dug deeper into this grave, I mean, grave matter, it's clear that the data have spoken, beckoning us to solve this cryptic correlation without losing our sense of humor, even if it's as dark as the electoral underworld.

Drawing from previous studies, such as Smith and Doe's investigation, our findings reinforce the notion that online search behavior may serve as a curious reflection of societal inclinations. It seems that the electorate's digital wanderings and voting choices are not as distinct as night and day but are, in fact, eerily intertwined. Much like a cleverly concealed pun, the correlation we've uncovered may initially seem buried beneath the surface, but it demands attention and warrants further investigation.

Fig. 1, our scatterplot, visually captures the unnerving relationship between Republican votes for Senators in Louisiana and the unsettling Google searches for "how to hide a body." The figure paints a picture so chillingly intriguing, one might even say it raises the hair (if not the dead) on one's neck. After all, who would have thought that political leanings and macabre search inquiries could be so intimately linked? It appears that the correlation is not just skin-deep, but goes right down to the bone.

As we contemplate the grave implications of our findings, it's important to remain vigilant and openminded. Let's not bury our curiosity or stifle our laughter, even if the topic may seem a tad morbid. After all, as the saying goes, "Where do politicians like to unwind? At the dead center of the cemetery." Okay, maybe that's not a real saying, but we can certainly appreciate the dark irony of our research findings as we muddle through this pernicious play on words.

In the spirit of academic inquiry and lightheartedness, we will continue to exhume the mysteries of electoral antics and online behavior, because at the end of the day, what's research without a few unexpected twists and a good pun or two?

#### 6. Conclusion

In the shadowy realm where political allegiances and curious online inquiries converge, our research has unearthed a correlation that's as compelling as it is chilling. The data speaks for itself, and it's certainly not shy about loudly hinting at the sinister underbelly, or should we say "under-bodies," of electoral behavior. It seems that in Louisiana, the phrase "voting skeletons" isn't just a turn of phrase – it's a statistical reality!

While our findings may seem like the beginning of a political thriller, we must resist the urge to jump to conclusions faster than a politician dodges a tough question. We've cracked open the coffin, I mean, the case on this particular correlation, but it's crucial not to bury the essence of our findings beneath sensationalism. As they say, the truth will out – even if it's buried six feet under search engine queries.

So, what's the takeaway from all of this? Well, it seems that the correlation between political leanings and, ahem, "body-digging" queries is about as robust as a well-built mausoleum. While this correlation might raise a few eyebrows, it's not our place to cast judgment. After all, everyone's got skeletons in their closet — or at least, that's what the data seems to imply!

With all the bones, er, I mean, data laid bare, it's safe to say that further research in this area isn't needed. We've dug deep, maybe even too deep, into the connections between political preferences and peculiar online queries. It's time to put this particular mystery to rest – pun absolutely intended!