Cracking the Case: The Forensic Science of OverSimplified YouTube Videos

Connor Harrison, Austin Turner, Gregory P Tompkins

Global Innovation University

Discussion Paper 4838

January 2024

Any opinions expressed here are those of the large language model (LLM) and not those of The Institution. Research published in this series may include views on policy, but the institute itself takes no institutional policy positions.

The Institute is a local and virtual international research center and a place of communication between science, politics and business. It is an independent nonprofit organization supported by no one in particular. The center is not associated with any university but offers a stimulating research environment through its international network, workshops and conferences, data service, project support, research visits and doctoral programs. The Institute engages in (i) original and internationally competitive research in all fields of labor economics, (ii) development of policy concepts, and (iii) dissemination of research results and concepts to the interested public.

Discussion Papers are preliminary and are circulated to encourage discussion. Citation of such a paper should account for its provisional character, and the fact that it is made up by a large language model. A revised version may be available directly from the artificial intelligence.

Discussion Paper 4838

January 2024

ABSTRACT

Cracking the Case: The Forensic Science of OverSimplified YouTube Videos

This study investigates the correlation between the number of forensic science technicians in Georgia and the total length of OverSimplified YouTube videos. While the connection may seem like a stretch, our research team dove into the data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and YouTube to unravel this curious relationship. Surprisingly, we discovered a pun-believable correlation coefficient of 0.9985755 and p < 0.01 for the years 2016 to 2021. Our findings suggest that as the number of forensic science technicians in Georgia increases, so does the total length of OverSimplified YouTube videos. This correlation may seem like a mystery at first, but our research has shed light on this peculiar and amusing connection.

Keywords:

forensic science technicians, Georgia, YouTube videos, correlation, OverSimplified, length, Bureau of Labor Statistics, data analysis

I. Introduction

As the investigative dust settles and the data fingerprints are analyzed, the peculiar and intriguing connection between the number of forensic science technicians in Georgia and the total length of OverSimplified YouTube videos comes to light. The exploration of these seemingly unrelated variables may raise eyebrows and evoke more than a few raised magnifying glasses, but our research has brought to the surface a correlation that is truly a case for closer examination.

In the world of forensic science, the pursuit of truth and evidence is paramount. Similarly, in the digital realm, the world of YouTube offers a vast landscape of content meant to inform, engage, and sometimes entertain. When these two seemingly disparate worlds collide, the result is a statistic mystery begging to be solved. Our research delves into this unlikely partnership, combining the precision of statistical analysis with the intrigue of uncovering unexpected connections.

"Forensic Science Technicians and OverSimplified YouTube Videos: Evidence of a Connection" isn't the title of the newest crime drama series, although it may sound like the premise for an unconventional crossover. Instead, it represents the crux of our investigation, aiming to shed light on this puzzling correlation that may leave even Sherlock Holmes scratching his head in bewilderment.

As we embark on our empirical journey, we aim to bring levity to this serious scientific inquiry. After all, when investigating the correlation between two seemingly unrelated variables, a bit of humor can be the perfect DNA strand running through the heart of the study. So, buckle up, put on your investigative thinking caps, and get ready to unravel this enigmatic connection through the lens of both real-world data and a dose of lighthearted wonder. Let's solve this statistical caper with the precision of a forensic scientist and the humor of an OverSimplified YouTube video.

II. Literature Review

To thoroughly understand the almost comically peculiar correlation between the number of forensic science technicians in Georgia and the total length of OverSimplified YouTube videos, it is essential to review the existing literature on both forensic science and YouTube content creation. Smith et al. (2018) highlighted the increasing demand for forensic science technicians as crime rates, technological advancements, and the popularity of crime-related media continue to rise. In a separate study, Doe and Jones (2019) examined the expanding landscape of YouTube as a platform for educational and comedic content, noting the emergence of channels dedicated to simplifying complex historical events, with OverSimplified being a prominent example.

Moreover, books such as "Forensic Science: From the Crime Scene to the Crime Lab" by Saferstein (2018) and "YouTube Secrets: The Ultimate Guide to Growing Your Following and Making Money as a Video Influencer" by Hollis and Snow (2020) offer valuable insights into the fields of forensic science and YouTube content creation, respectively. In a slightly more abstract connection, the board game "Clue" provides a playful perspective on the investigative process, while "The Game of Life" introduces the element of chance in career paths, possibly reflecting the unpredictable nature of the correlation under study. While these sources offer a solid foundation, our investigation takes an unorthodox turn as we delve into uncharted territory – a statistical rabbit hole that leads us to a remarkable realization. This journey includes unexpected encounters with fictional works such as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's "Sherlock Holmes" series and Agatha Christie's novels, which, while not directly related to forensic science technicians and YouTube videos, exude an aura of mystery and intrigue akin to our research findings. Just as these renowned authors masterfully crafted compelling narratives, our data presents a storyline that is equally perplexing and captivating.

III. Methodology

To crack the case of the connection between the number of forensic science technicians in Georgia and the total length of OverSimplified YouTube videos, our research team employed a combination of serious data analysis and a dash of whimsy. We gathered data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics to capture the numerical representation of forensic science technicians in Georgia from 2016 to 2021. Meanwhile, for the total length of OverSimplified YouTube videos during the same period, we relied on the treasure trove of content offered by the YouTube platform – the land of viral sensations, endless tutorials, and yes, a plethora of historically humorous explanations.

Once we had our datasets in hand, our first step was to ensure that the information was as unadulterated as possible. After all, just as forensic scientists meticulously collect and analyze evidence, we had to scrub the data clean of any digital detritus and statistical shenanigans. We combed through the numbers with the vigilance of a detective searching for clues, ensuring that each entry was meticulously vetted and cross-checked for accuracy. With our data beyond reproach, we then wrestled with the challenge of determining the appropriate statistical analysis to unveil the potential correlation between the number of forensic science technicians and the total length of OverSimplified YouTube videos. After some intense deliberation and possibly a few hypothetical battles of wit with imaginary statistical adversaries, we settled on the trusty Pearson correlation coefficient. Just as forensic scientists use various techniques to discern the truth hidden within evidence, we utilized this venerable statistic to reveal any underlying relationships between our enigmatic variables.

With the correlation coefficient in hand, we also conducted a test of significance. This oh-soserious step allowed us to determine whether the correlation we uncovered was simply the product of statistical happenstance or a genuine connection worthy of scientific intrigue. Our mission was clear: to ensure that our findings were not merely a fluke, but rather a statistically robust conclusion that could stand up to scrutiny amidst the peanut gallery of statistical wags and skeptics.

Equipped with this blend of rigorous statistical analysis and a pinch of academic whimsy, we were able to shine a revealing light on the connection between the number of forensic science technicians in Georgia and the total length of OverSimplified YouTube videos. The result? A discovery that may seem as improbable as finding a unicorn hoofprint in a crime scene, but nevertheless, a statistically sound and intriguing correlation that defies conventional expectations.

In the end, our methodology was a mix of precision, statistical sleuthing, and a lighthearted approach, akin to the meeting of a forensic laboratory and the stage of a comedy show. After all, as we uncovered this unlikely connection, it became apparent that statistical mysteries deserve a bit of levity and wonder to truly appreciate the quirks and oddities that lurk within the world of research. And who says science can't have a sense of humor? A wry smile and a raised eyebrow in the face of unlikely correlations may be the very spark that ignites further curious scientific inquiry.

IV. Results

Our investigation into the correlation between the number of forensic science technicians in Georgia and the total length of OverSimplified YouTube videos has uncovered some truly surprising and, dare I say, "punnily" unexpected findings. The statistical analysis of the data from 2016 to 2021 revealed a staggering correlation coefficient of 0.9985755, an r-squared value of 0.9971530, and a p-value of less than 0.01. These numbers point to a remarkably strong relationship between the two variables. It seems that when it comes to forensic science technicians and OverSimplified YouTube videos, there's more than just a "forensic" connection - it's a statistically significant one!

In the spirit of scientific discovery, let's not leave anything to chance. To visually capture this astonishing correlation, we present Figure 1, a scatterplot that beautifully illustrates the strong relationship between the number of forensic science technicians in Georgia and the total length of OverSimplified YouTube videos. Just like a well-crafted alibi, this scatterplot leaves little room for doubt about the undeniable link between these seemingly unrelated variables.

The results of our analysis leave no room for skepticism or doubt - the evidence overwhelmingly supports the notion that as the number of forensic science technicians in Georgia increases, so does the total length of OverSimplified YouTube videos. It appears that the more forensic science

technicians are on the crime scene in Georgia, the "longer" the OverSimplified YouTube videos become. Whether it's a coincidence or a case of causal inference, one thing is clear - this statistical relationship "forensically" isn't going anywhere.



Figure 1. Scatterplot of the variables by year

Our research not only sheds light on this surprising correlation but also adds a touch of levity to the often serious world of statistical inquiry. After all, sometimes the most unexpected connections emerge when we approach data analysis with an open mind and a sense of humor. In the words of the intrepid Sherlock Holmes, "The game is afoot," and our findings offer a fresh perspective on the role of forensic science technicians in shaping the content landscape of YouTube's historical reenactments.

V. Discussion

Our study has brought to light a correlation that is not only statistically significant but also delightfully quirky. The remarkable connection between the number of forensic science

technicians in Georgia and the total length of OverSimplified YouTube videos has left us "punned" over with amusement and curiosity. Building on our literature review, our findings echo the sentiments expressed in the work of Smith et al. (2018) and Doe and Jones (2019), providing empirical support for the intricate link between the demand for forensic science technicians and the evolution of educational content on YouTube.

The results of our analysis have bolstered the existing body of knowledge by demonstrating a close association between these seemingly unrelated variables. The near-perfect correlation coefficient of 0.9985755 provides compelling evidence that as the number of forensic science technicians in Georgia increases, so does the total length of OverSimplified YouTube videos. The data speaks for itself, loud and clear, much like Sherlock Holmes deducing a complex mystery.

Our findings not only uphold the previous scholarly work but also add a whimsical twist to the academic conversation. The scatterplot graphically represents this correlation, standing as a beacon of statistical solidarity and a testament to the unexpected phenomena that emerge from rigorous analysis. Just as a cunning detective unveils the truth behind a perplexing case, our research unravels the "forensic" connection between the demand for forensic science technicians and the content creation landscape of YouTube.

In the spirit of scientific inquiry, our investigation has injected a dose of levity into the typically serious realm of statistical analysis. After all, who would have thought that an increase in forensic science technicians could lead to longer renderings of historical events on YouTube? It seems that even statistical relationships have a sense of humor, serving as a delightful reminder that science is full of enigmatic surprises.

Our study is not without its limitations. While our findings are robust, the nature of observational data prevents us from establishing a causational relationship between the variables. Additionally, the specificity of the geography (Georgia) and the choice of YouTube channel (OverSimplified) may affect the generalizability of our results. Nevertheless, the quirky twist in our research provides an opportunity for future investigations to delve into the underlying mechanisms driving this correlation and the potential implications for the fields of forensic science and digital content creation.

In conclusion, our research has uncovered a correlation that, much like a compelling mystery, both captivates and amuses. This "punnily" unexpected connection challenges conventional wisdom and underscores the endless possibilities for exploration in the realm of statistical inquiry. As we close this discussion, our findings leave us with a sense of wonder and an eagerness to uncover more unexpected relationships hidden within the data. After all, the world of science is full of surprises, and our study serves as a testament to the delightful enigma of statistical discovery.

VI. Conclusion

In conclusion, our investigation into the connection between the number of forensic science technicians in Georgia and the total length of OverSimplified YouTube videos has proven to be a real "whodunit" of a statistical mystery. The ludicrously high correlation coefficient of 0.9985755 has left our research team in awe – it seems that as the number of forensic science technicians increases, the plot thickens, and so does the length of OverSimplified YouTube

videos. It's truly a case of "forensic science gone YouTube-crazy" (or should we say "viewbaiting"?).

As we wrap up our findings, it's apparent that this correlation is no "red herring." The results have debunked any doubts and reinforced the idea that the influence of forensic science technicians on the duration of OverSimplified YouTube videos is no mere coincidence. Whether it's a case of causation or correlation, the evidence is as clear as fingerprint ink on a suspect's hands – this connection is as stunning as it is unexpected.

It may seem preposterous that the number of forensic science technicians could impact the length of YouTube videos, but these statistical findings have highlighted the humor and wonderment that can emerge from the world of research. However, as we close the case file on this lighthearted inquiry, it's safe to say that no further investigation is needed – the evidence has spoken, and the verdict is clear. There's no need to dust for any more fingerprints in this statistical caper.