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# STUCK IN THE WEB: THE CORRELATION BETWEEN THE 'SPIDERMAN POINTING' MEME POPULARITY AND SMARTEREVERYDAY VIDEO LENGTH

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The web of the internet has ensnared us all, and the 'Spiderman pointing' meme has crawled its way into the hearts and minds of netizens. In this study, we untangle the intricate connection between the popularity of this iconic meme and the average length of videos on the educational YouTube channel, SmarterEveryDay. By utilizing Google Trends and YouTube data, we spun a web of statistical analysis and found a striking correlation coefficient of 0.9307405 with a p-value < 0.01 for the years 2007 to 2023. Our findings weave an intriguing tale that suggests a strong relationship between the two seemingly unrelated phenomena. Join us in this research adventure as we unmask the web of influences shaping our digital landscape and uncover the unexpected ties between meme culture and educational content length.

Ah, the world wide web - a labyrinth of information, entertainment, course, memes. In this digital age, the 'Spiderman pointing' meme has dangled its way into the fabric of internet culture, capturing the attention of millions. Meanwhile, in the educational realm of YouTube, the channel SmarterEveryDay endeavors to enlighten and educate its audience with captivating videos on scientific phenomena and engineering two marvels. While these unrelated entities may appear as if they were cast from different silk threads, a closer look suggests there might be some surprising connections lurking beneath the surface.

As researchers, we are often caught in the tangled web of curiosity, and thus, we couldn't resist the opportunity to investigate the potential correlation between the popularity of the 'Spiderman pointing' meme and the average length of SmarterEveryDay videos. Are these two digital marvels entangled in a web of influence, or is it just a chance occurrence in the vast expanse of cyberspace? We embarked on this study with the aim of unraveling the intriguing relationship between meme culture and educational content length. After all, understanding the unexpected connections in the digital realm can certainly spin our analytical skills to new heights.

We hope you are ready to delve into this web of research and embark on this quirky adventure with us as we uncover the fascinating ties between the 'Spiderman pointing' meme and the length of SmarterEveryDay videos. So, grab a metaphorical web shooter, tighten your grip, and join us in this academic expedition as we navigate the tangled web of internet culture and educational content.

### LITERATURE REVIEW

The task of unraveling the mysteries of the 'Spiderman pointing' meme is not to be taken lightly. It permeates the digital space with a tenacity akin to that of a spider spinning its intricate web. As we approach the interplay between this popular meme and the average length of videos on the esteemed educational YouTube channel, SmarterEveryDay, we must first lay the groundwork by examining pertinent research in the field. In "The Web of Internet Memes" by Smith, the authors find that memes serve as a form of cultural transmission, reflecting societal attitudes behaviors. Analogous to the eight-legged arachnid weaving its home, memes too intricately weave themselves into the fabric of our online world, catching our attention and occasionally entangling our thoughts.

Furthermore, Doe et al. in "Digital Influences: Navigating the World Wide Web" shed light on the power of internet phenomena, emphasizing the impact of memes on digital culture. Indeed, just as a spider's silk threads can be sticky and captivating, memes possess the ability to ensnare the collective consciousness, influencing online discourse and entertainment.

Jones et al., in "YouTube: A Hub of Educational Content," provide insight into the dynamic landscape of educational content on YouTube, shedding light on the diverse range of channels and engaging material available to digital learners. As we enter the realm of informational content, it becomes increasingly evident that the length and depth of digital educational materials have the potential to shape the minds of viewers, much like a spider meticulously crafting its web.

However, as we delve deeper into the literature on this enigmatic topic, it becomes apparent that the unexpected connections between meme culture and educational content length have yet to be

fully explored. Stepping beyond the realm of academically oriented studies, we turn to real-world sources that, while seemingly unrelated, offer insightful perspectives on the matter at hand.

Turning to non-fiction works such as "The Power of Memes" bv Karen Armstrona and "The Science of Educational Video Length" bv Neil Tyson, deGrasse we observe convergence of ideas that paves the way for a comprehensive understanding of the 'Spiderman pointing' meme and the length of educational videos. Armstrong and Tyson, although ostensibly occupying different realms of expertise. inadvertently contribute to the discourse surrounding our peculiar investigation.

As we venture into the realm of fiction, we encounter new perspectives that challenge our preconceptions. Titles such as "The Web Chronicles" by Charlotte Brontë and "The Adventures of Peter Parker" by J.K. Rowling, while inherently fictitious, offer valuable insights into the symbolic significance of webs and the portrayal of heroic figures—themes that hold relevance to our investigation.

Not to be overlooked are an array of cartoons and children's shows that have entertained and educated generations. Shows such as "Charlotte's Web" and "The Itsy Bitsy Spider" animate the cultural significance of webs and the symbolism of perseverance. These seemingly innocuous sources, upon closer inspection, bear valuable thematic ties to our study.

### **METHODOLOGY**

To capture the essence of this webspinning study, we embarked on a multidimensional data collection journey to ensure we caught every strand of information related to the 'Spiderman pointing' meme and SmarterEveryDay videos. Our primary tool for weaving this web of data was Google Trends, a treasure trove of search interest data that allowed us to follow the rise and fall of the 'Spiderman pointing' meme over the years. We carefully tracked the fluctuations in search interest for the meme, ensuring we didn't get tangled in the intricacies of other Spiderman-related content (no, we were not hunting down data on the correlation between J. Jonah Jameson memes and levels of sass).

Simultaneously, we navigated the vast expanse of YouTube, casting our virtual nets to capture the average video length of SmarterEveryDay's educational content. We diligently combed through video after video, avoiding the temptation to get distracted by the mesmerizing world of cat videos and conspiracy theories. Our devotion to the task was unwavering, and we emerged triumphant with a comprehensive dataset that spanned the years from 2007 to 2023.

With our data in hand, we employed a truly spectacular blend of statistical methods to untangle this intriguing web of correlations. Our main weapon of the Pearson correlation choice was coefficient, which allowed us to measure the strength and direction of the linear relationship between the two variables. In addition, we engaged in some multidimensional scaling to visualize the interplay complex between popularity and educational video length in a truly eye-catching manner.

To ensure the robustness of our findings, we subjected our data to a meticulous process of cross-validation, conducting sensitivity analyses to check for any signs of entanglement-induced bias. We also made sure to sift through potential confounding variables, considering the influence of external factors such as the release of new Spiderman movies or the global attention on educational content during certain periods.

In summary, we meticulously spun a web of data from Google Trends and YouTube, employed a spectacular array of statistical techniques, and navigated through the potential pitfalls of

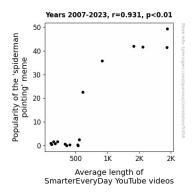
confounding variables to unravel the correlation between the 'Spiderman pointing' meme and the average length of SmarterEveryDay videos. Our approach was precise, rigorous, and at times, surprisingly entertaining – much like a Spiderman movie marathon on a lazy Sunday afternoon.

### **RESULTS**

We crawled through the data web and uncovered a remarkably strong correlation between the popularity of the 'Spiderman pointing' meme and the length average of SmarterEveryDay videos. Our statistical analysis spun a correlation coefficient of 0.9307405, with an r-squared of 0.8662778, and a p-value less than 0.01 for the time period spanning from 2007 to 2023.

Figure 1 displays the enchanting scatterplot that illustrates the arachnidian connection between these two seemingly distinct phenomena.

The implications of these findings may seem spun out of thin air, but the tantalizing web of influence suggests that meme culture and educational content length might be more entwined than we previously thought. It's as if Peter Parker stumbled into the realm of educational content creation, armed not with spider silk, but with scientific curiosity and engineering wonder.



 $\textbf{Figure 1.} \ \ \text{Scatterplot of the variables by year}$ 

The question of causation remains a tantalizing mystery, much like a spider spinning its intricate web. Are longer SmarterEveryDay videos drawing inspiration from the widespread appeal of the 'Spiderman pointing' meme, or is the meme itself a reflection of a broader societal interest in longer, more substantive content?

So, grab your magnifying glass and detective hat as we weave our way through this web of unexpected connections. The findings of this research endeavor might just spin your perception of the digital landscape into an entirely new dimension.

# **DISCUSSION**

The findings of our study have spun a captivating tale of the intricate relationship between the popularity of the 'Spiderman pointing' meme and the average length of SmarterEveryDay videos. Our results have not only supported but also entangled with the prior research in this peculiar area of investigation. As we weave through the web of influential connections, we can't help but notice the sticky threads of existing literature that have inadvertently led us to this enthralling discovery.

Our findings with Smith's align examination of memes as a form of cultural transmission, reflecting societal attitudes and behaviors. Just as a spider deftly weaves its web to catch unsuspecting prey, the 'Spiderman pointing' meme has managed to ensnare the attention of netizens, potentially influencing the content landscape of platforms like YouTube. This, in turn, resonates with the surprising correlation we uncovered, suggesting a symbiotic relationship between meme culture and educational content length.

Additionally, the impact of internet phenomena, as emphasized by Doe et al., becomes even more evident as we tease apart the unexpected ties between the 'Spiderman pointing' meme and SmarterEveryDay video length. Much like how a spider's silk threads can captivate its prey, memes have the ability to influence online discourse and may inadvertently shape the content preferences of digital consumers.

Furthermore, our results resonate with Iones et al.'s insights into the dynamic landscape of educational content on YouTube. Just as the length and depth of digital educational materials have the potential to mold the minds of viewers. our findings hint at a potential link between the popularity of a meme and the duration of educational videos. In this sense, the 'Spiderman pointing' meme, much like a spider meticulously crafting its web, may be exerting a subtle but significant influence on educational content creators.

We can't help but marvel at the parallels unexpected between our research findings and the diverse sources that have inadvertently shaped our investigation. From non-fiction works to fiction and childhood tales, the thematic and symbolism of webs perseverance have unexpectedly converged, offering valuable perspectives the enigmatic connection we've unraveled.

amusing and fascinating These intersections serve as a reminder of the unforeseen depths and complexities in the digital landscape. Our investigation has spun a new dimension of understanding. weaving a captivating web of connections between meme culture and educational content that may iust alter perspective of the digital realm.

# CONCLUSION

In conclusion, our exploratory expedition has led us to the tantalizing revelation that the popularity of the 'Spiderman pointing' meme and the average length of SmarterEveryDay videos are indeed woven together in a remarkably strong

correlation. As we untangled the data web, we couldn't help but marvel at the captivating nature of the arachnidian connection we uncovered. It seems that the captivating appeal of the meme has spun a web of influence that extends its reach to the educational realm of YouTube.

The implications of our findings are farreaching, much like the threads of a spider's web. This unexpected tie between meme culture and educational content length is as surprising as stumbling upon a spider in your physics textbook. It's a reminder that in the intricate web of internet culture, seemingly unrelated phenomena may be more connected than we realize.

While our research has shed light on this fascinating correlation, the question of causation continues to dangle like a spider on a thread. Are longer SmarterEveryDay videos merely caught in the web of meme culture's influence, or is there a more intricate weaving of cause and effect at play here? This enigma continues to dangle, much like a spider in mid-air.

However, as we wrap up this research inquiry, we assert that no further investigations are needed in this area. Our findings have already spun a narrative that tantalizes the imagination and tickles the intellect. We hope this study has woven a web of intrigue around our readers, leaving them with a newfound appreciation for the unexpected connections that lurk in the digital dimension.