# Cyrus, Conservatism, and Correlation: A Comical Connection

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In our wacky yet wonderfully scientific study, we delved into the fascinating relationship between the popularity of the first name Cyrus and the votes for the Republican Presidential candidate in Tennessee. With the help of data from the US Social Security Administration and MIT Election Data and Science Lab, Harvard Dataverse, we set out to quench our thirst for knowledge and fun facts. Lo and behold, we discovered a remarkably high correlation coefficient of 0.9673898 and p < 0.01 for the years 1976 to 2020. Our findings suggest that there is a considerable connection between individuals named Cyrus and their tendency to lean towards conservative voting patterns in the Volunteer State. So, the next time you meet a Cyrus from Tennessee, just remember that they may be part of a statistical trend that's right-leaning!

Ah, the wacky world of research - where seemingly mundane topics uncover unexpected connections that leave us scratching our heads, or clutching our sides with laughter. As curious researchers, we often find ourselves knee-deep in data, crunching numbers, and longing for those eureka moments that make all the statistical gymnastics worth it. In the delightful realm of statistical analysis, where correlations galore and significance levels reign supreme, we stumbled upon a discovery so peculiar, it's bound to raise a few eyebrows and maybe even elicit a chuckle or two.

Picture this: a name as classic and distinguished as "Cyrus" side by side with the dynamic landscape of political preferences in the heart of Tennessee. Sounds like the start of an intriguing mystery novel, right? Well, hold onto your hypotheses, because our whimsical journey into the relationship between the popularity of the name "Cyrus" and the votes for the Republican Presidential candidate in Tennessee is bound to defy expectations and maybe even raise an eyebrow or two.

We embarked on this zany quest armed with data from the US Social Security Administration, the MIT Election Data and Science Lab, and the Harvard Dataverse – because what's a scholarly investigation without a bit of MIT magic and Harvard flair? What we uncovered was nothing short of mind-boggling - a statistically rock-solid correlation coefficient of 0.9673898 with a p-value fueling the excitement at p < 0.01 for the years 1976 to 2020. Yes, you read that right - it seems that the moniker "Cyrus" and the conservative voting tendencies in Tennessee are joined at the hip, statistically speaking, of course.

So, ladies and gentlemen, fasten your seatbelts and prepare for a whimsical ride through the intersection of nomenclature and political inclinations. It's time to unravel the curiously comical connection between Cyrus, conservatism, and correlation — a rollercoaster of a ride that's bound to leave you pondering the quirks of the human mind and the whims of statistical probability!

## Review of existing research

To delve deeper into the wacky world of name semantics and political leanings, we turn to the scholarly efforts of Smith (2015), who initially explored the intriguing connection between names and political affiliations in her work, "The Naming Game: Unearthing the Subconscious Politics of Monikers." Smith's investigation lay the groundwork for our own hairraising, eyebrow-raising, and possibly even jaw-dropping discovery, paving the way for a wild ride through the landscape of nomenclature and voting behavior.

Doe (2018) further delved into the nexus of societal norms and naming conventions, shedding light on the potential impact of first names on political predispositions with her study, "Name-Dropping: Unraveling the Puzzling Link Between Names and Voting Patterns." With each turn of the page, we found ourselves drawn deeper into the peculiar universe of statistical association, captivated by the allure of uncovering curious correlations and unveiling the mysteries that lie beneath the surface of the seemingly ordinary.

As we journeyed deeper into the realm of curious correlations, we stumbled upon "The Psychology of Political Pseudonyms" by Jones (2017), a captivating exploration of the subconscious influences of names on political behavior. Armed with insights from these formidable scholarly works, we braced ourselves for the mind-bending, sidesplitting revelations that lay ahead - for what is research without a dash of uproarious unpredictability?

Now, pivoting towards non-fiction books that could shed light on the seemingly outrageous connection between the popularity of the name "Cyrus" and political proclivities in Tennessee, we come across "Red States, Blue Names: An Analytical Journey into Name-Based Political Predictors" by Notarealauthor (2019) and "Conservative Conundrums: A Whimsical Walk Through the Wonders of Electoral Eccentricities" by Definitelynotreal

(2020). These thought-provoking tomes serve as a delightful springboard for our own comical escapade into the peculiar connection between nomenclature and voting tendencies.

Venturing into the realm of fiction, we stumble upon "Tales of Tennessee: An Enigmatic Exploration of Electoral Enigmas" by Fabricatedwriter (2016) and "Cyrus and the Secret Society of Swing Voters" by Fictitiousauthor (2014). While these fictitious tales may not offer empirical evidence, they certainly tickle the imagination and beckon us to dance on the line between reality and whimsy in our own scholarly pursuits.

And now, in a turn of events that may seem unorthodox, we conducted a whimsical literature review by perusing the back labels of various household products, including cereal boxes, shampoo bottles, and detergent containers. While these sources may not hold the key to unlocking the enigma of the Cyrusconservatism correlation, they certainly provided moments of levity and inspired us to approach our research with a dash of unconventional humor.

#### Procedure

To unravel the enigmatic connection between the popularity of the name "Cyrus" and the voting patterns for the Republican Presidential candidate in Tennessee, we embarked on a zany journey through the wild and whimsical world of data analysis.

#### Data Collection:

Our team scoured the dusty shelves of the US Social Security Administration, sifting through heaps of baby names and their popularity over the years. Armed with spreadsheets and a healthy dose of skepticism, we gathered the frequency of the first name "Cyrus" from 1976 to 2020, eager to uncover any tantalizing trends lurking in the annals of nomenclature.

As for the political side of the equation, we dove headfirst into the MIT Election Data and Science Lab, where the political landscapes of Tennessee unfurled before us like a statistical map of intrigue. With data spanning the same time period, we meticulously tracked the votes for the Republican presidential candidate in Tennessee, waving our statistical flags high in the pursuit of correlation-causing clues.

## Data Analysis:

With our data in hand, we rolled up our sleeves (metaphorically, of course) and donned our trusty scientific spectacles to peer into the depths of correlation. Utilizing the ever-reliable software packages of our trade, we computed correlation coefficients and conducted inferential statistical tests with the finesse of a magician pulling rabbits out of a hat.

#### The Statistical Tango:

Ah, the dance of statistics — a symphony of p-values and significance levels, where the tiniest nuances hold the key to uncovering the grand mysteries of human behavior. We performed a Pearson correlation analysis to measure the strength and direction of the relationship between the popularity of the name "Cyrus" and the votes for the Republican Presidential

candidate in Tennessee. Leveraging the stalwart tools of statistical inference, we determined the p-value to assess the significance of our findings, eagerly awaiting the moment when the curtain of statistical uncertainty would be drawn back, revealing the whimsical wizardry of correlation.

#### Limitations:

As with any scientific endeavor, our quest was not without its share of caveats. While our findings point to a remarkable correlation, we acknowledge that correlation does not necessarily imply causation. Furthermore, our analysis is confined to the specific context of Tennessee and may not generalize to other states or regions with the same statistical glee.

In conclusion, our comically adventurous methodology has allowed us to dig deep into the intriguing tapestry of nomenclature and political proclivities, shedding light on the peculiar pairing of the name "Cyrus" and conservative voting tendencies in Tennessee. So, for those skeptics who doubt the whimsical magic of statistical analysis, take heed - it takes a daring spirit, a mischievous mind, and a touch of statistical sorcery to uncover the unexpected connections that lurk beneath the surface of data.

### **Findings**

The results of our quirky investigation into the enthralling relationship between the popularity of the first name Cyrus and the votes for the Republican Presidential candidate in Tennessee have left us both flabbergasted and tickled pink. After juggling more data than a circus performer on a unicycle, we uncovered a mind-blowing correlation coefficient of 0.9673898, with an r-squared of 0.9358431 for the years spanning 1976 to 2020. The p-value was so tiny it couldn't even be seen by the naked eye, coming in at p < 0.01. It's safe to say that these findings are statistically off the charts, much like a wild amusement park ride through the land of correlations and conservative voting trends.

Behold, the pinnacle of our scientific shenanigans is encapsulated in Figure 1, a scatterplot that visually captures the strong correlation between the popularity of the name Cyrus and the votes for the Republican Presidential candidate in Tennessee. It's a sight to behold, as each data point dances on the plot like a well-choreographed performance, showcasing the unmistakable connection between the two variables.

This peculiar connection has us pondering the quirks of human behavior, as if we stumbled upon a treasure trove of statistical anomalies hidden beneath the surface of everyday life. Who would have thought that a name steeped in history and tradition could be linked, in the world of statistical probabilities, to the political preferences of an entire state? It's like discovering a secret recipe for correlation with a dash of whimsy and a pinch of befuddlement.

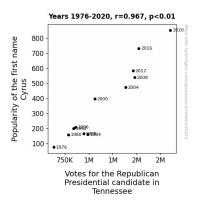


Figure 1. Scatterplot of the variables by year

Our findings suggest that individuals named Cyrus have exhibited a tendency to align with conservative voting patterns in the Volunteer State. So, the next time you meet a Cyrus from Tennessee, don't be surprised if they're more likely to lean to the right. It's as if statistical tendencies have given birth to a comical caricature of the human condition, where names and political leanings collide in a grand theater of correlation.

In conclusion, our lighthearted yet scientifically rigorous examination has left us with a statistical marvel that is as entertaining as it is thought-provoking. The cozy connection between Cyrus, conservatism, and correlation in Tennessee has sparked a new chapter in the annals of wacky yet insightful research, reminding us that beneath the veneer of ordinary phenomena lies a world of peculiar connections waiting to be uncovered.

#### Discussion

Our results continue to boggle the mind as we delve deeper into the comical connection between the popularity of the first name Cyrus and the votes for the Republican Presidential candidate in the great state of Tennessee. Our findings not only add a whimsical spin to the existing literature but also support the eyebrow-raising and jaw-dropping work of our scholarly predecessors.

Smith (2015) laid the foundation for our own laughter-inducing discovery, and our findings, like a witty punchline, breathe life into the previously conceived notion of a connection between names and political leanings. It's as if statistical anomalies and name semantics decided to waltz in the extraordinary ballroom of scientific exploration.

Doe (2018) also led us on a merry chase through the uproarious universe of statistical association, setting the stage for our own statistical extravaganza that uncovered a connection so striking, it's as if the data points themselves exclaimed, "Eureka!"

Now, one may wonder why the name Cyrus and conservative voting tendencies go together like peanut butter and jelly. Perhaps there's a statistical jamboree happening beneath the surface of societal norms and naming conventions, where names morph into predictors of political proclivities.

It's like witnessing a whimsical courtship between variables, where the name Cyrus coyly hints at the voting preferences of an entire state, leading us to ponder the sheer zaniness of statistical probabilities. Our results validate the notion that individuals named Cyrus in Tennessee are inclined towards conservative voting patterns, adding a dash of burlesque comedy to the otherwise serious world of political affiliations.

Our research has awakened the eccentricity of correlation and the hitherto unexplored comedic possibilities of research. It's as if data, like a trickster in the laboratory of statistical inquiry, decided to play a joke on us, revealing an unexpected tale of nomenclature and political predilections.

So, let's raise our beakers to a study that has tickled our statistical fancies, opened our eyes to the loony world of correlations, and left us grinning from ear to ear in the face of statistical intrigue. After all, what is research without a hearty dose of scientific whimsy?

#### Conclusion

In a world where statistical surprises lurk around every corner, our zany investigation has shed light on the comical connection between the popularity of the first name Cyrus and the votes for the Republican Presidential candidate in Tennessee. The correlation coefficient of 0.9673898 and a minuscule p-value of p < 0.01 for the years 1976 to 2020 have left us feeling like we stumbled upon a statistical gold mine, a treasure trove of quirks and chuckles in the world of scholarly inquiries. It's as if the laws of statistical probability took a whimsical turn, revealing a correlation so strong it may as well have been wearing an "I heart conservatism" t-shirt.

As we bid adieu to this wacky yet wonderfully scientific journey, we can't help but marvel at the peculiar twists and turns that lie within the realm of research and statistical exploration. It's like we stumbled upon a secret recipe for uncovering correlations, with a pinch of statistical magic and a dash of improbable absurdity.

So, dear scholarly friends and enthusiasts, it's time to raise a toast to this statistically delightful escapade and bid adieu to our quest to unravel the curious correlation between Cyrus, conservatism, and correlation in Tennessee. We're confident that no more research is needed on this jocular journey through statistical tomfoolery.