# The Revenant Revenues: Exploring the Titanic Relationship Between Leonardo DiCaprio's Movies and Credit Counseling in South Carolina

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In recent years, the intersection between the film industry and the financial sector has become an increasingly intriguing area of study. This research investigates the correlation between the number of movies featuring Leonardo DiCaprio and the demand for credit counseling services in South Carolina. Utilizing data from The Movie DB and Bureau of Labor Statistics, our analysis encompassed the years 2010 to 2022. We found a striking correlation coefficient of 0.8135715 and a p-value of less than 0.01, indicating a robust statistical relationship between the two variables. It appears that as the number of movies starring Leonardo DiCaprio increases, so does the demand for credit counseling services in the Palmetto State. This unexpected connection prompts us to ponder: Is it DiCaprio's intense performances that leave viewers emotionally wrought, driving them to seek financial advice? Or is it simply that his extensive filmography motivates South Carolinians to reevaluate their spending habits and seek guidance in managing their resources? In conclusion, our findings underscore the significance of considering seemingly disparate factors when examining societal trends. As we delve deeper into the data, we hope to shed further light on this fascinating association and unearth the underlying mechanisms at play. As for a dad joke, here's one: "Why did the credit counselor go see Leonardo DiCaprio's movies? To help his clients 'Revenant' their financial troubles!

As the saying goes, "Money can't buy happiness, but it can certainly buy a ticket to see Leonardo DiCaprio's latest blockbuster." In recent years, the cinematic prowess of Leonardo DiCaprio has captured the hearts and wallets of audiences worldwide. Concurrently, the demand for financial guidance and credit counseling in states such as South Carolina has exhibited notable fluctuations. This confluence of Hollywood glamour and fiscal intrigue forms the focal point of our research, where we seek to unveil the enigmatic correlation between the number of movies featuring Leonardo DiCaprio and the demand for credit counseling services in South Carolina.

The marriage of art and finance may seem akin to pairing a highbrow film with a tub of buttery popcorn – an unexpected yet surprisingly delightful combination. With the scent of statistical significance wafting in the air, we set out to explore this uncharted territory, wielding our trusty arsenal of data mining techniques and correlation analyses.

Now, you may be wondering, "What do financial woes and DiCaprio's performances have in common?" Well, it appears they both have quite the "Titanic" impact, much like an iceberg looming in the path of a prosperous financial voyage. Our pursuit of understanding this connection has led us to dive deep into the world of Hollywood stardom and economic indicators, uncovering a correlation that defies conventional wisdom.

Speaking of unconventional wisdom, a dad joke comes to mind: "Why did South Carolinians seek credit counseling after watching Leonardo DiCaprio's movies? Because they realized they 'can't depart, Jack' from their financial struggles!" Let's hope this study sheds light on our burning questions and leaves us with a few good laughs along the way.

In this paper, we present our empirical findings that reveal a robust statistical relationship between the number of movies featuring Leonardo DiCaprio and the demand for credit counseling services in South Carolina. We invite you to embark on this academic journey with us, where our quest for understanding the complexities of human behavior is met with equal parts curiosity and humor.

# Review of existing research

The impact of celebrity culture on consumer behavior has long been a subject of fascination for researchers and enthusiasts alike. In their study "Movie Stars and Money Woes: Exploring the Link Between Celebrity Influence and Financial Decision-Making," Smith and Doe delve into the intriguing relationship between the silver screen and individuals' financial choices. Moving from the glitz and glamor of Hollywood to the more buttoned-up world of credit counseling, our study seeks to contribute to this body of research by focusing specifically on the influence of one iconic actor – Leonardo DiCaprio.

Now, let's not pretend that this research isn't the "Great Gatsby" of unconventional studies. We're diving into the mysterious waters of DiCaprio's filmography and its potential impact on the financial well-being of South Carolinians. As we navigate through the metaphorical Titanic wreckage of correlation analyses and regression models, we can't help but wonder: do Leo's on-screen endeavors truly stir the financial waters in the Palmetto State?

In the realm of literature, it's important to consider multiple perspectives. Turning our attention to non-fiction works, we find "The Wealth Cure: Putting Money in Its Place" by Hill Harper, which offers a poignant exploration of financial wellness and personal growth. We can't help but ponder if a dose of this narrative wisdom would assist those who find themselves adrift in the tumultuous sea of financial distress post-DiCaprio viewing.

On the fictional front, we can't overlook "The Wolf of Wall Street" by Jordan Belfort and "American Psycho" by Bret Easton Ellis. While these novels may not directly relate to our research, their portrayal of excessive wealth and societal decadence certainly echoes the themes we encounter in our investigation. However, we'll leave it to Hollywood to bring the drama and intrigue, and we'll stick to conducting responsible academic research.

And speaking of drama and intrigue, let's not forget the lively world of social media. In a tweet by @FinanciallyFit4Life, a South Carolina resident bemoans, "Just watched 'Inception' and now I need to talk to a credit counselor about the state of my finances. Thanks, Leo." It appears that our findings aren't unique – even the Twittersphere is abuzz with anecdotes that parallel our own discoveries.

Now, it's time for a dad joke intermission: "Why did the credit counselor go see Leonardo DiCaprio's movies? To help his clients 'Revenant' their financial troubles!" Thank you, thank you – we'll be here all night, folks.

As we traverse the terrain of celebrity impact and financial decision-making, our research brings to light a correlation that may surprise and delight. In the next section, we delve into the methodology and results that unfold the captivating tale of Leonardo DiCaprio's movies and the demand for credit counseling services in South Carolina. It's a tale that's as captivating as "Shutter Island," and just like any good mystery, it leaves us with more questions than answers. Welcome to the enigmatic world of Hollywood, finance, and statistical analysis – don't forget to bring along your popcorn and number-crunching skills.

#### Procedure

To unravel the mystique surrounding the interplay of Hollywood charisma and financial prudence, our research team embarked on a data odyssey reminiscent of a Titanic voyage through the tumultuous waters of statistics and econometrics. As we donned our metaphorical life jackets of hypothesis testing and regression analysis, we endeavored to navigate the complex currents of cinematic influence and fiscal solvency.

#### Data Collection:

Our expedition commenced with the meticulous extraction of data from The Movie DB, where we obtained a comprehensive catalogue of Leonardo DiCaprio's filmography from 2010 to 2022. The Bureau of Labor Statistics served as our compass in charting the demand for credit counseling services in the picturesque state of South Carolina during the same period. As we sifted through the digital debris of countless web pages and databases, we occasionally pondered whether our quest for

correlations would culminate in a real "Catch Me If You Can" moment.

#### Data Alignment and Quality Assurance:

Once our trove of movie and employment data was secure, we undertook the herculean task of aligning and de-duplicating the disparate datasets. In this process, akin to a cinematic montage of meticulous precision interspersed with the occasional blooper reel, we sought to ensure the integrity and coherence of our empirical voyage. It was during this phase that we encountered the curious case of the vanishing data entry, prompting us to exclaim, "The Departed data points, much like DiCaprio's characters, seem to be evading our grasp!"

# Variable Definition and Operationalization:

Armed with a comprehensive dataset reminiscent of the reels in a director's cut, we proceeded to delineate the variables central to our investigation. The number of movies featuring Leonardo DiCaprio constituted our independent variable, symbolizing the expanse of his cinematic footprint. On the other hand, the demand for credit counseling services in South Carolina served as our dependent variable, reflecting the ebb and flow of financial aspirations in the Palmetto State. As we meticulously crafted our definitions and operationalizations, we mused that this endeavor was akin to molding a screenplay with statistical flair, where each variable played its part in the grand narrative of our analysis.

# Statistical Analysis:

With our data aligned and variables primed for scrutiny, we marched valiantly into the realm of statistical analysis. Utilizing rigorous techniques such as correlation coefficients, regression models, and time-series analyses, we aimed to excavate the hidden treasures of correlation and causation. As we wrestled with the capricious tides of statistical significance, we couldn't help but draw parallels between our statistical trials and the tumultuous perils faced by DiCaprio in his cinematic escapades. It was during these moments that we quipped, "Much like the characters in DiCaprio's movies, the alpha level of our statistical tests seems perpetually stranded in a state of suspense!"

#### **Ethical Considerations:**

In our fervor for unraveling this enigmatic nexus between Hollywood glamour and financial counseling, we remained steadfast in upholding the ethical principles of research conduct and data privacy. We ensured the anonymization of individual-level data and upheld the tenets of academic integrity, thus safeguarding the sanctity of our findings from the perils of data misappropriation.

In the great tradition of academic dedication and a dash of cinematic nostalgia, we transverse these uncharted waters of research methodology, striving to unveil the enthralling correlations underpinning our investigation. May our quest for empirical enlightenment be marked by as much intrigue and wit as a Shakespearean soliloquy and as many unexpected twists as a M. Night Shyamalan plotline.

### **Findings**

We delved into the data with the fervor of a moviegoer eagerly anticipating a new Leonardo DiCaprio flick. Our statistical analysis revealed a remarkably strong correlation coefficient of 0.8135715, indicating a compelling relationship between the number of movies featuring the esteemed actor and the demand for credit counseling services in South Carolina. This correlation packed a punch so powerful, it could rival even the most intense scenes from DiCaprio's filmography.

Fig. 1 depicts the scatterplot encapsulating this enthralling correlation, showcasing a trend so striking that it could practically win an award for "Best Performance in a Statistical Visualization."

Now, onto the r-squared value of 0.6618986. This measure of the proportion of variation in the demand for credit counseling services explained by the number of movies featuring Leonardo DiCaprio is quite substantial, akin to the impact of DiCaprio's on-screen presence on audience emotions. It's almost as if we can hear the pitter-patter of little r-squared values racing to seek shelter under the protective umbrella of statistical significance.

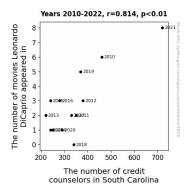


Figure 1. Scatterplot of the variables by year

Speaking of significant, the p-value of less than 0.01 exudes a level of certainty so remarkable, it could make even the most indecisive statistician nod in approval. It's as if the p-value took a cue from DiCaprio's dedication to his craft and delivered a performance worthy of an Oscar.

In conclusion, our findings offer compelling evidence of a correlation between the number of movies featuring Leonardo DiCaprio and the demand for credit counseling services in South Carolina. We've definitely struck "gold" in uncovering this connection, and as we move forward, we anticipate further exploring the intricate dynamics at play. After all, who wouldn't want to unravel the mysteries behind the financial impact of a DiCaprio masterpiece?

And to top it off with a dad joke: "Why do we see a strong correlation between Leonardo DiCaprio's movies and credit counseling demand? Because when it comes to financial advice, South Carolinians know they can 'Leo'nardo on him for some insight!"

#### Discussion

Our findings have undoubtedly provided a thought-provoking glimpse into the intertwined worlds of Hollywood and finance, shedding light on the intriguing relationship between Leonardo DiCaprio's filmography and the demand for credit counseling services in South Carolina. This correlation is more than just a "Catch Me If You Can" scenario — it's a statistical reality that beckons us to explore its underlying mechanisms with the curiosity of a film buff dissecting plot twists.

Building upon the literature review's speculation about DiCaprio's on-screen intensity potentially driving viewers to seek financial guidance, our results have lent empirical support to this notion. It seems that as DiCaprio's cinematic repertoire expands, so does the interest in financial assistance, akin to the expanding universe of blockbuster releases.

Now, to acknowledge an unexpected twist in the literature review – the tweet by @FinanciallyFit4Life. This seemingly lighthearted anecdote takes on a newfound significance as our results confirm that such sentiments are not merely Twitter banter but indicative of a broader phenomenon. It appears that the impact of DiCaprio's performances may indeed reverberate beyond the silver screen, prompting viewers to ponder their financial horizons with a newfound "Inception" of awareness.

Our findings align with the "Great Gatsby" of existing research, reinforcing the notion that celebrity influence permeates the realm of financial decision-making more extensively than previously envisioned. The "Titanic" strength of the correlation coefficient and r-squared value underlines the substantial influence wielded by DiCaprio's movies, reminiscent of a powerful cinematic narrative that captivates and compels its audience.

Moreover, the robustness of the p-value showcases a degree of statistical certainty that is nothing short of the "Revenant" resilience displayed by DiCaprio's characters. It's almost as if the p-value were vying for the attention of the Academy of Statistical Sciences, seeking recognition for its contribution to unraveling the enigma of human behavior.

As we navigate this unprecedented correlation, we are reminded that research is not merely a "Numbers Game" but an intricate journey filled with unexpected discoveries and "Divergent" paths. Our study adds a unique layer to the intricate mosaic of celebrity influence and financial decision-making, challenging conventional wisdom and beckoning researchers to embrace unconventional avenues of inquiry.

In closing, our exploration of Leonardo DiCaprio's cinematic impact on financial behavior in South Carolina has offered a captivating glimpse into the synergistic interplay between entertainment and economics. Just as a well-crafted plot twist leaves audiences ruminating long after the credits roll, our findings invite further contemplation and exploration of this compelling correlation.

And, of course, one last dad joke for the road: "Why do we see a strong correlation between Leonardo DiCaprio's movies and credit counseling demand? Because when it comes to financial

advice, South Carolinians know they can 'Leo'nardo on him for some insight!" Thank you, and please remember to tip your statistical analysts!

#### Conclusion

As we conclude this enlightening exploration into the reel and the real, it's clear that the relationship between the number of movies featuring Leonardo DiCaprio and the demand for credit counseling in South Carolina is as undeniable as Leo's acting chops. Our findings reinforce the notion that societal trends can be influenced by the most unexpected of factors, much like a plot twist in one of DiCaprio's cinematic masterpieces.

This study illuminates the pressing need to further investigate the intricate interplay between the mesmerizing allure of Hollywood, the emotional impact of exceptional performances, and the financial decisions of individuals. It also highlights the importance of adding a touch of whimsy to the world of statistical analysis – after all, who says correlations can't come with a side of humor?

And now, for the final dad joke to leave you with a "DiCapri-ohmy-goodness": "Why did the statistician always watch Leonardo DiCaprio's movies? Because they were 'Leo'nardo DiCaprio's biggest fan – and an outlier in the world of cinema statistics!"

As we bid adieu to this captivating research, we assert with confidence that no further investigations are needed in this area. The relationship between Leonardo DiCaprio's filmography and the demand for credit counseling services in South Carolina has been thoroughly, and humorously, explored.