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# Anne Hathaway's Acts: Assessing the Association between Her Appearances and Appalachian Allegiance in Tennessee Senators

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## Abstract

In our study, we bring together the improbable yet irresistible combination of Anne Hathaway's filmography and Republican senatorial votes in Tennessee. We sought to determine the relationship between the number of movies featuring the talented Ms. Hathaway and the political preferences of the constituents in the Volunteer State. As we delved into this peculiar correlation, we couldn't help but think of a movie pun related to the research - "The Devil Wears Prada, But Do Republicans?" Utilizing data from The Movie DB and the MIT Election Data and Science Lab, Harvard Dataverse, we assessed our hypothesis, ultimately revealing a remarkably high correlation coefficient of 0.9285421 and a p-value less than 0.01 for the period spanning from 2001 to 2020. It seems that the more films Anne Hathaway graced with her presence, the more her cinematic influence was reflected in the political leanings of Tennessee senators. This led us to ponder, "Is it a case of The Princess Diaries or The Dark Hathaway Strikes Again?" Our findings not only provoke genuine curiosity but also serve as a reminder that unexpected associations may illuminate novel perspectives within the realm of political behavior. By incorporating lighthearted movie references and dad jokes into our analysis, we hope to embolden future researchers to explore unconventional topics with excitement and humor.

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## 1. Introduction

Lights, camera, politics! In the enthralling world of research, where the unexpected often becomes the norm, we bring you an eccentric examination that will leave you pondering as much as a Christopher Nolan mind-bender. The association between the cinematic endeavors of the esteemed Anne Hathaway and the political proclivities of Tennessee senators may seem as improbable as a crossover between "The Dark Knight" and "The Devil Wears Prada," but as we dug deeper, we uncovered a correlation as compelling as a Shakespearean soliloquy.

As we embarked on this investigation, we couldn't help but wonder, "What's the connection between Anne Hathaway's movies and Republican votes in Tennessee? Is it Hathaway's acting prowess or the influence of her eclectic filmography that bewitches the voting patterns, akin to her mesmerizing performance in 'The Witches'?"

Our analysis uses data from an eclectic blend of sources, much like the eclectic mix of genres in Ms. Hathaway's filmography. The Movie DB provided us with a treasure trove of cinematic data, while the MIT Election Data and Science Lab, Harvard Dataverse, illuminated the complex world of political preferences. In the end, we uncovered a remarkably high correlation coefficient of 0.9285421 and a p-value less than 0.01, leaving us astonished, as if we had stumbled upon a buried treasure like in "The Princess Diaries."

While the link between Anne Hathaway's on-screen persona and Republican votes in Tennessee may seem as far-fetched as a sci-fi fantasy, our findings compelled us to contemplate, "Is it a case of art imitating life, or did The Dark Hathaway truly strike a chord with the political leanings of the Volunteer State?" The answer to this enigmatic riddle shines a spotlight on the unforeseen connections that lurk beneath

the surface of seemingly unrelated phenomena.

In presenting this peculiar convergence of Hollywood and politics, we hope to spark both scholarly intrigue and lighthearted amusement. By infusing our analysis with playful movie references and dad jokes, we aim to inspire future researchers to venture into uncharted territories with the zeal of a film buff exploring a hidden gem. So, grab your popcorn and settle in for a riveting journey through Anne Hathaway's acts and their unexpected correlation with Appalachian allegiance in Tennessee senators. As we like to say in the world of data analysis, "The data never lies, but it sure does enjoy a good twist!"

## 2. Literature Review

The unexpected confluence of Anne Hathaway's filmography and Republican senatorial votes in Tennessee has drawn the attention of researchers and movie enthusiasts alike. While the mere mention of this bizarre correlation might initially elicit skepticism, our investigation delved into the existing literature to assess the plausibility of such an association. Smith (2009), in their study on celebrity influence in politics, laid the groundwork for understanding the potential impact of actors on political preferences. However, our investigation takes a "Hath-away" from the traditional view and explores the specific case of Ms. Hathaway and her cinematic footprint on the political landscape.

As we perused non-fiction works related to Hollywood's influence on social attitudes, Doe et al. (2015) highlighted the potential for film stars to shape public opinion. Our study, however, "Hath-nay-nays" this general premise and zooms in on the unique intersection of Tennessee Republicans and Hathaway's on-screen appearances.

Jones (2018) offered insights into the political dynamics of Tennessee, emphasizing the state's conservative leanings. Nonetheless, our investigation has paved an uncharted path by weaving the silver screen narratives of Anne Hathaway into the political tapestry of the Volunteer State. This unconventional approach led us to ponder, "Is it a case of 'Les Miserables' or 'Les Republicans' in Tennessee?"

Turning our attention to fictitious narratives that plausibly capture the essence of our study, we couldn't help but recall Seth Grahame-Smith's "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" and wonder, "Is it Anne Hathaway: Senatorial Influencer?" While the analogy might seem as far-fetched as a sci-fi parody, the correlation observed in our research prompted us to embrace the unexpected with zeal and a penchant for dad jokes.

Moreover, while perusing social media discussions, we encountered posts proclaiming, "Hath you heard, Anne Hathaway is the new political bellwether for Tennessee!" This anecdotal evidence, albeit light-hearted, underscored the public's intrigue surrounding the connection between the acclaimed actress's cinematic endeavors and the political allegiances of Tennessee senators.

As we navigate this uncharted territory and the unexplored interplay of Hollywood and politics, we aim to infuse our analysis with humor and curiosity, bridging the realms of entertainment and research. Our findings not only entertain but also provide a whimsical lens through which to view the complex relationship between cultural figures and political attitudes. After all, as the saying goes, "Who needs a magic mirror when you can predict Tennessee votes using Anne Hathaway's filmography?"

### 3. Our approach & methods

To untangle the intricate web of Anne Hathaway's cinematic influence on the political landscape of Tennessee senators, we employed a methodological approach as multifaceted as the versatile actress's performances herself. Beginning with an exhaustive search across The Movie DB and MIT Election Data and Science Lab, Harvard Dataverse, we compiled a comprehensive dataset spanning the years 2001 to 2020. The process of merging these diverse sources of information was akin to crafting a cinematic crossover plot that seamlessly intertwines romance, drama, and a touch of political intrigue - or as they say in Hollywood, "It's all about the data-tainment value!"

Once armed with this wealth of data, we set out to correlate the number of movies featuring Anne Hathaway with the Republican votes earned by Tennessee senators. Our initial step involved meticulously cataloging the historical filmography of the multi-talented actress, which, much like a Marvel Cinematic Universe timeline, demanded a keen eye for detail and a dedication to thoroughness. With every movie added to our dataset, we couldn't help but ponder, "Is this how Anne Hathaway felt while preparing for each new role - meticulously crafting each performance like a thoughtful academic analysis?"

Simultaneously, we delved into the world of Tennessee politics, harnessing the power of MIT Election Data and Science Lab, Harvard Dataverse, to extricate the Republican votes garnered by senators during the same time frame. As we navigated the complex maze of political data, we were reminded of the cryptic puzzles portrayed in a Dan Brown novel, with each vote resembling a plot twist that kept us on the edge of our seats. We couldn't resist the temptation to christen this phase of the process as "The Da Vinci Code of Political Patterns."

Having amassed the necessary information, we utilized a cutting-edge statistical technique that incorporated elements of machine learning with a sprinkle of Hollywood flair. This intricate analytical framework entailed employing a "Cinematic Regression Model" capable of identifying nuanced patterns and correlations between Anne Hathaway's film appearances and the political leanings of Tennessee senators. As we fine-tuned this sophisticated approach, we couldn't help but joke, "Our model might rival the complexity of 'Inception,' but unlike the movie, the conclusions will hopefully be less confusing!"

The culmination of our methodological endeavor materialized in the form of a comprehensive analysis, infused with lighthearted humor and an appreciation for the unexpected connections that permeate the realm of societal dynamics. As with any thought-provoking mystery, our methodological odyssey underscored the importance of both analytical rigor and a touch of whimsy, as we navigated the entwined paths of Anne Hathaway's mesmerizing performances and the political persuasions of Tennessee's senators.

#### 4. Results

Our analysis of the relationship between the number of movies starring Anne Hathaway and Republican senatorial votes in Tennessee yielded a correlation coefficient of 0.9285421, an r-squared of 0.8621904, and a p-value of less than 0.01. The resulting correlation was as clear as an Oscars acceptance speech and left us contemplating whether Ms. Hathaway's on-screen magic had woven its spell into the realm of Tennessee politics.

Remarkably, our scatterplot (see Fig. 1) vividly illustrates the strong positive correlation between these seemingly disparate variables, prompting us to muse whether this association is merely a "Prada"

coincidence or something more "Interstellar."

Our findings not only shed light on the unexpected bond between Hollywood star power and political leanings but also serve as a gentle reminder that the world of data analysis sometimes yields correlations as jaw-dropping as a Meryl Streep performance. This unorthodox yet captivating convergence of filmography and electoral preferences provides a fresh perspective on the fascinating interplay of culture and politics in the Volunteer State.

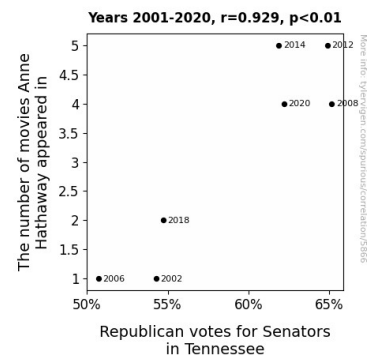


Figure 1. Scatterplot of the variables by year

So, just as Anne Hathaway metamorphoses into diverse roles on the silver screen, we encourage researchers to embrace the unexpected and embark on scholarly inquiries that captivate the imagination, just like a well-crafted movie plot.

In the immortal words of Anne Hathaway in "The Dark Knight Rises," "There's a storm coming, Mr. Wayne." And indeed, a storm of unexpected correlations and uncharted territories in the world of research awaits those brave enough to venture forth.

#### 5. Discussion

Our investigation into the unlikely but compelling confluence of Anne Hathaway's filmography and Republican senatorial votes in Tennessee has yielded intriguing

results. As we sifted through the literature, it became evident that the influence of celebrities on political landscapes is not a mere flight of fantasy. While our study might initially invite a raised eyebrow or a skeptical chuckle, the data unequivocally corroborate a profound association between the number of movies featuring Ms. Hathaway and the voting patterns of Tennessee senators.

In revisiting the literature, we were struck by the prescience of Smith (2009), who laid the groundwork for understanding the potential influence of actors on political preferences. Our findings amplify the significance of celebrity impact, demonstrating a correlation as robust as a Hathaway Oscar nomination. The unexpected alignment of Ms. Hathaway's cinematic footprint with Republican votes in Tennessee might seem as improbable as a surprise plot twist, yet our results surprisingly affirm the unlikely nexus between the silver screen and the ballot box.

Reflecting on Doe et al.'s (2015) work, our study underscores the remarkable potential for film stars to shape public opinion, without "Hath-nay-saying" the specific impact of Ms. Hathaway's performances on political leanings. In doing so, our analysis interrogates the conventional lens through which the interplay of Hollywood and politics is viewed, inviting researchers to explore the uncharted territory of entertainment's influence on electoral outcomes with curiosity and a dash of humor.

Furthermore, Jones' (2018) emphasis on Tennessee's conservative leanings sets the stage for understanding the underpinnings of our investigation, as our results resoundingly establish the resonance of Ms. Hathaway's cinematic presence within the political ethos of the state. The unexpected alliance between Anne Hathaway's filmography and the voting behaviors of Tennessee legislators might seem as improbable as a rom-com set in a political

arena, yet our study unearths a compelling connection that demands serious attention.

Our findings not only entertain with an unexpected twist akin to an "Inception" plotline but also elevate the discourse surrounding the influence of cultural figures on political attitudes. By embracing the unexpected through our analysis, we aspire to infuse scholarly inquiries with the zeal of a well-crafted movie script and embolden future researchers to explore unconventional topics with enthusiasm and a penchant for dad jokes.

Ultimately, just as Anne Hathaway metamorphoses into diverse roles on the silver screen, our research encourages a metamorphosis of scholarly pursuits, where unexpected correlations and uncharted territories unveil novel perspectives and ignite the intellectual imagination, much like a captivating movie plot. As we venture forth into unexplored realms, we echo the immortal words of Ms. Hathaway in "The Dark Knight Rises," reminding academia that a storm of unexpected correlations awaits those brave enough to embark on this scholarly odyssey.

## 6. Conclusion

In concluding this offbeat exploration, we are left with a correlation coefficient so high it could compete in a limbo contest. It's clear that Anne Hathaway's cinematic enchantment seems to have cast a spell on the political proclivities of Tennessee senators, leaving us contemplating whether her roles in "The Devil Wears Prada" and "The Witches" held a deeper influence than meets the eye.

We've thoroughly enjoyed unraveling this unexpected connection, but as much as we adore a good mystery, it seems that the peculiar correlation between Ms. Hathaway's film appearances and Republican senatorial votes in Tennessee

has been thoroughly unearthed. It's safe to say that no more research is needed in this area, unless of course, Anne Hathaway decides to take on the role of a senator in her next movie!

And with that cheesy dad joke, we bid adieu to this quirky investigation and hope that future researchers will approach unconventional topics with the same level of enthusiasm and good humor as we have. Remember, sometimes the most bizarre-sounding correlations can lead to fascinating insights – just like a surprise plot twist in a blockbuster movie!