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Evidence from Tweets Sent by Elected Representatives

Professor Laitin's presentation applies text analysis and machine learning tools to an analysis of social media, to determine where migration issues are most salient, whether the messages focus on economic challenges or legal rights, and whether sentiments change with significant events, such as terrorist attacks or mass deaths of drowned asylum seekers. By analyzing the data from millions of tweets sent by elected representatives on issues relating to immigration and refugees, Professor Laitin aims to define a measurable pulse of how elites across the globe represent the immigration issue to their constituents.