



Digital Democracy: AI For Good

Foadad Khosmood, PI / July 2025

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Digital Democracy: AI for Good

Event | **Seminar**

Thursday, 22 May 2025

13.00 - 14.00 BST

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Audience: Open to all

Cost: Free

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Digital Democracy is a unique research project at the intersection of computing, politics and journalism. Based on computing and NLP research, Digital Democracy is an “unprecedented, custom-built AI tool that tracks every word spoken in public hearings, every dollar donated to politicians, every bill introduced, every vote cast and more.”

Digital Democracy

- Philanthropically funded research through CalMatters
- Since 2015 / ~\$10M
- Unprecedented tool for Government transparency at the state level
- Uses AI to produce quality searchable records, analysis
- Helps citizens stay informed and organize
- Helps reporters uncover stories at the state legislature
- [digitaldemocracy.org](https://www.digitaldemocracy.org)

The screenshot displays the Digital Democracy CalMatters website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search for bills, hearings, people, and more". Below the search bar are navigation links for "Issues", "Directories", "Legislators", and "Data & Methodology", along with a "Donate" button. The main content area features a video player for a hearing titled "Senate Standing Committee on Appropriations" dated August 5, 2024. The video player shows a panel of seven members seated at a long table in a hearing room. A red overlay at the bottom of the video reads "AB 1814 Ting" and "Law enforcement agencies: facial recognition technology". Below the video is a "Search transcript" input field. To the right of the video player, there is a "View Agenda" button and a "Share" icon. Further right, a sidebar contains a "CURRENTLY DISCUSSING" section for "Bill AB 1814" with the description "Law enforcement agencies: facial recognition technology." and a "View Bill Detail" link. Below this is a "Download Transcript" button. A "COMMITTEE ACTION: PASSED" indicator is shown with a green checkmark. A vote tally shows 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, and 0 NO VOTE. A list of names is provided: Brian Jones, Steven Bradford, Anna Caballero, and Angeliqe Ashby. A "Show all 7 votes" link is also present. At the bottom of the sidebar, it says "Previous bill discussion: July 2, 2024". Below the video player, there is a "Welcome" message from Anna Caballero, a Legislator, and a comment from Becca Cramer Mowder, a Person, stating: "Thank you. Becca Cramer Mowder on behalf of ACLU California Action, in opposition. AB 1814 creates harms that do not exist in current law and cost money without providing any real benefit to Californians. AB 1814 costs money in several ways. First, police will need to be trained."

California government transparency effort expanding to New York



Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom and former state Sen. Sam Blakeslee discuss their Digital Democracy initiative during a news conference in Sacramento, Calif. | AP Photo/Rich Pedroncelli

By CARLA MARINUCCI
02/07/2017 06:01 AM EST



SN FRANCISCO — A bipartisan group of political leaders from California, including Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, is backing the expansion of a pioneering online video platform that allows citizens and journalists easier access to information about their government.



ISSIE LAPOWSKY

BUSINESS FEB 7, 2017 6:01 AM

A Heroic AI Will Let You Spy on Your Lawmakers' Every Word

A new platform uses artificial intelligence to let voters keep track of every official word uttered by state legislators.

Los Angeles Times

EDITORIALS

Better civic engagement is clicks away

A new online initiative offers a blueprint for making government more transparent.

CALIFORNIA IMPACT

Cal Poly and the University of Miami Team Up to Help Newspapers — Using AI

THE SACRAMENTO BEE

Part of the McClatchy Media Network

EDITORIALS

Transparency at the Capitol, online at last

By the Editorial Board

UPDATED MAY 08, 2015 12:01 AM

OPINION

Digital Democracy will empower Californians



By GAVIN NEWSOM and SAM BLAKESLEE
May 6, 2015 at 12:00 a.m.

THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

Digital Democracy 2.0 Launched in April 2024

Palo Alto ONLINE

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CALMATTERS

CalMatters' Digital Democracy fuses journalism, AI and data to supercharge legislative transparency for California

by CalMatters
April 9, 2024 5:00 am



OPINION

'Digital Democracy' Project Penetrates California's Opaque Political Processes

By Dan Walters, CalMatters Commentary
Published 10 months ago on April 14, 2024

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NEWS

AI-Enabled Tool Throws Open the Digital Doors of the State Capitol

An AI-enabled tool from the journalism nonprofit CalMatters is giving access to



Game Changer? Calmatters' Digital Democracy project aims to try

The Mercury News

CalMatters launches an immense, updated and user-friendly gold mine of political data that records every dollar and vote

CBS NEWS

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INVESTIGATIONS

Using new AI, grieving moms discover California lawmakers killed popular fentanyl bill by *not* voting

By Julie Watts, Ryan Sabalow - CalMatters
Updated on: May 2, 2024 / 11:06 AM PDT / CBS News California

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Finalist, Harvard Kennedy School: Innovations in American Government Award



The Poynter Journalism Prizes

The Punch Sulzberger Prize for Journalism Innovation

Julie Watts, Ryan Sabalow, Foaad Khosmood

CalMatters and CBS News California

California's Fentanyl Fight

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News Series

CALIFORNIA'S FENTANYL FIGHT: Politicians v. Parents

CBS News California Investigates and CalMatters

Sacramento, CA



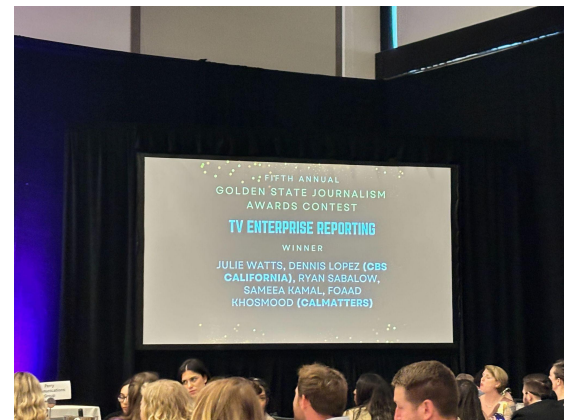
— TV Enterprise Reporting

FINALISTS

ABC10's "To The Point" team: Rachel Jacobs, Alex Bell, Becca Habegger, Vanessa Bozzuto, Jeannie Nguyen, Weston Battagliese, Chris Costello, Samantha Spinaci

Julie Watts, Dennis Lopez (CBS California), Ryan Sabalow, Sameea Kamal, Foaad Khosmood (CalMatters)

Ashley Zavala, KCRA





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2024 Awards

Regional Political Reporting

California's fentanyl fight: Politicians V. Parents

Julie Watts, Ryan Sabalow and Foaad Khosmood, CBS News California/CalMatters

Emmy nominations 2025

Two Emmy nominations for CalMatters' Digital Democracy and CBS-TV



BY SONYA QUICK
MAY 9, 2025

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"DIGITAL DEMOCRACY"
CALMATTERS/CBS NEWS CALIFORNIA INVESTIGATES KOVR/KPIX
Sameea Kamal, Foaad Khosmood, Julie Watts, Producers;
Dennis Lopez, Photographer; **Ryan Sabalow**, Writer

"BEHIND THE BALLOT WITH SF MAYORAL CANDIDATES"
CBS BAY AREA KPIX
Lauren Toms, Reporter

"SECREC Y SURROUNDS NEW CAPITOL CONSTRUCTION"
KCRA 3
Ashley Zavala, Reporter; **Andrew Faulk**, Photographer

"YOU STEAL FROM ME, YOU BETTER RUN" KCRA 3
Lysée Mitri, Reporter; **Jack Noonan**, Photographer



POLITICS / GOVERNMENT - NEWS OR SHORT FORM CONTENT | ENGLISH

"CALIFORNIA'S SECRECY PROBLEM" ABC10 KXTV
Andie Judson, Gonzalo Magana, Producers; **Brandon Rittiman**, Reporter

"BIG OIL BLANCA"
CALMATTERS/CBS NEWS CALIFORNIA INVESTIGATES
KOV R/KPIX
Foaad Khosmood, Grace Manthey, Kurtis Ming,
Jui Sarwate, Producers; **Julie Watts**, Reporter;
Dennis Lopez, Photographer



2025 WINNER



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Sameea Kamal, Ryan Sabalow and Foaad Khosmood
(CalMatters' Digital Democracy team), Julie Watts and
Dennis Lopez (CBS News)

Politics & Government News

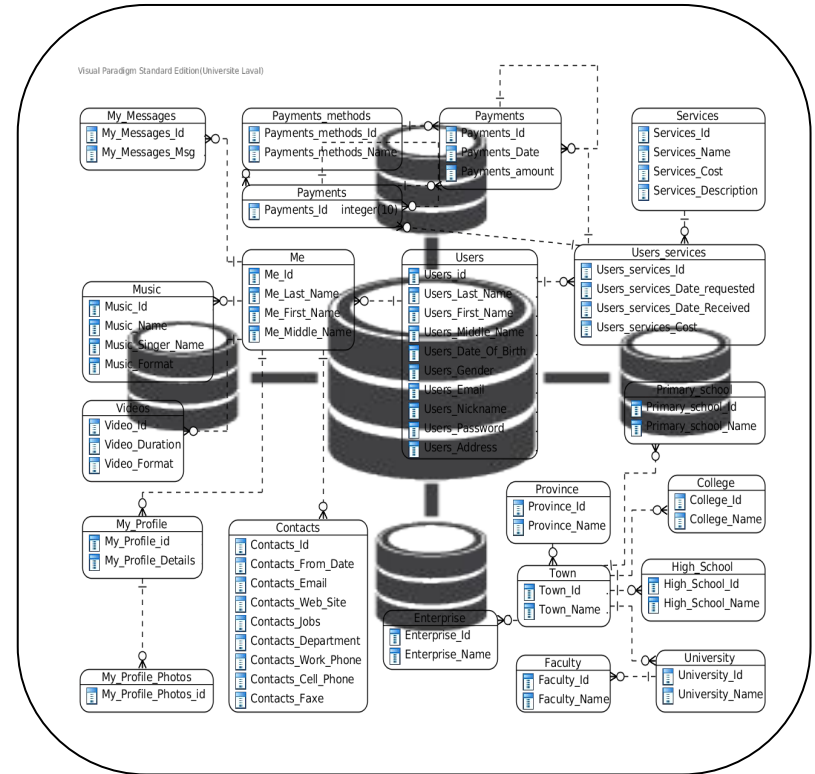


Using new AI, grieving moms discover how
California lawmakers killed popular...



What we'll cover today

1. Who am I?
2. Brief history of Digital Democracy
3. How does it work?
 - a. Digital Democracy
 - b. Tip Sheets
4. Demo
5. Open Research Challenges
6. Questions



Who am I?

Forbes Endowed Professor at California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly)

- Research Director, IATPP
- Ph.D. Computational Stylistics / NLP (UC Santa Cruz)
- Teaching: AI, NLP, Games, Data Science
- Research: NLP, Digital Humanities, AI in Games, Game Jams, AI in Government, AI in Mental Health
- Visiting Scholar, Imperial College
- [Foaad.net](http://foaad.net)

News **Strokes&Plugs**

BY PETER JOHNSON

A.I.-assisted journalism

What if artificial intelligence could report the news, or at least help journalists report the news? Cal Poly Computer Science Professor **Foaad Khosmood** is investigating that very question as the lead researcher on a new project at the **Cal Poly Institute for Advanced Technology and Public Policy** to “develop an artificial intelligence system that will strengthen coverage of state and local governments,” according to a press release.

Backed by a \$200,000 grant from the Knight Foundation and help from partners at the University of Miami, Khosmood and fellow institute members are setting out to create an AI system that would in essence equip journalists with information about the activities of state legislatures.

The hope, Khosmood told *New Times*, is that the tool could expand and improve state government coverage at local and regional media outlets—an area of journalism that has especially suffered amid the economic slide of the news industry. According to the Pew Research Center, less than a third of U.S. newspapers assign any reporters to statehouses.

“The eyes have been taken off of statehouse reporting. Everybody is service where narrative content covering state legislatures is automatically generated from primary data sources and can be distributed to local and regional news organizations for publication.” Combining algorithms and natural language processing, the project will leverage existing technologies to explore a new frontier.

“This algorithmic writing isn’t new, but it’s never been done for politics; it’s never been done for government—that stuff is more nuanced,” Khosmood said. “This has been a barrier, and I feel we have the talent here at Cal Poly. We think we can do this.”

It’s not the first time the Institute for Advanced Technology and Public Policy has worked to expand the public’s access to Sacramento. In 2015, the institute successfully developed Digital Democracy, a first-of-its-kind search engine that enabled reporters and the public to find full transcripts of legislative hearings and proceedings, which the tool generated, and even filter through them by a specific speaker or issue.

This project is a next step, with a hope of delivering to journalists even more useful and curated information.

“The intent is to help local news organizations by augmenting their staff,”

PHOTO COURTESY OF FOAAD KHOSMOOD



SMART JOURNALISM Foaad Khosmood (left) and Toshihiro Kuboi are leaders at the Cal Poly Institute for Advanced Technology and Public Policy.

combination of AI and natural language processing creates an app to do some of the basic elements of reporting: collecting quotes, who said what. ... What we’re doing is taking that data and converting it to journalistic prose. We’ll start the reporting for you, but we’re not looking at replacing journalists.”

A *Mustang News* reporter and KCPR host during his undergrad years at Cal Poly, Khosmood said he’s always been interested in journalism—especially the intersection of journalism and technology.

“This is a project that fits really, really with journalists to ensure that the tool is as useful as possible to newswriters.

“The Knight Foundation was very adamant that this should work in the journalism space that exists now,” he said. “Hopefully, if it does succeed, it could be a real game changer.”

Fast fact

- The **Community Foundation of San Luis Obispo County** opened its 2020 application period for the **Community Needs Grant** program. The annual grants totaling \$37 million since 1998 bring “together multiple funds to respond to current needs in the county and to support local nonprofit organizations in achieving their missions,” a press release stated. In addition to targeting community needs “identified by local assessments,” the foundation will also consider giving grants to organizations that benefit arts and culture, the environment, human services, women and girls, the LGBTQ+ community, and seniors and people with disabilities. The deadline to submit proposals is March 31. Visit cfslco.org for more information. A

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Question.

Where is

San Luis Obispo

?



San Luis Obispo is a city about half-way between Los Angeles and San Francisco on California's "central coast"

It's on California's Highway 1 and US 101

A brief history of Digital Democracy

Founding Director of IATPP

Dr. Sam Blakeslee

- Institute for Advanced Technology and Public Policy (2013)
- CA State Senate, 2009 - 2012
- CA Minority Leader, 2009
- CA State Assembly, 2004 - 2009
- Ph.D. Geological Sciences, UCSB

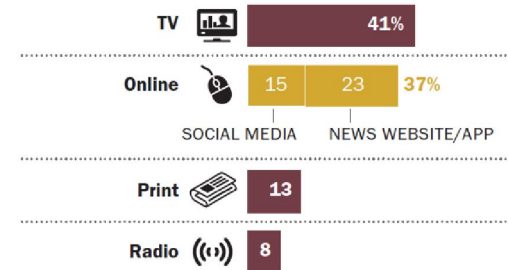


Motivation

- No transcripts in state legislatures
- People left out of the process
- Overwhelming amount of information
- Declining media legislation coverage, news consolidation

TV, the internet almost equally preferred as pathways to local news

% of U.S. adults who prefer to get their local news via ...



Source: Survey conducted Oct. 15-Nov. 8, 2018.

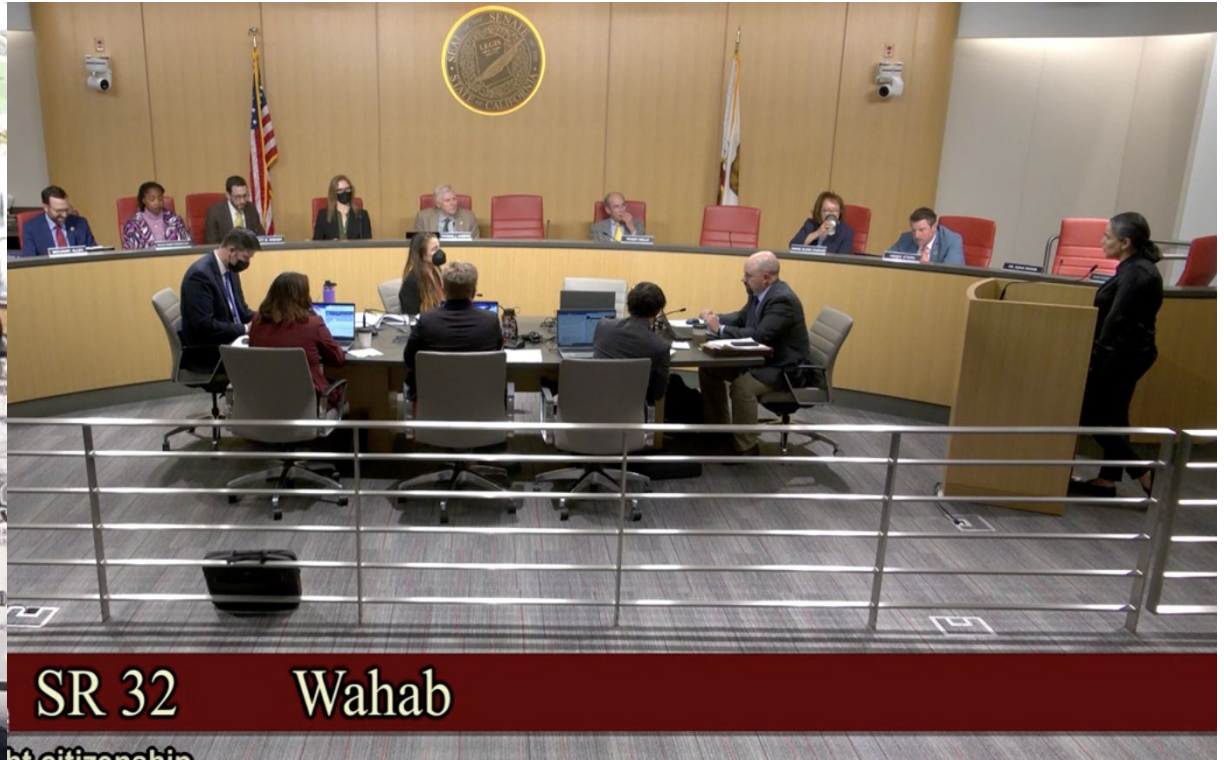
"For Local News, Americans Embrace Digital but Still Want Strong Community Connection"

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Government transparency challenge

- Realization that proceedings are not accessible (in fact in none of the US states)
- Ordinary citizens had no window to mobilize for change
- Bills were changed last minute “backroom” deals
- Too much hidden influence
- Wasn't nearly as big an issue when we had healthy journalism industry
- Goals: Initially modest: Just make the records available

Mission at start: Just write down what people say in public hearings



Mission expanded: Save Democracy in America!



Brief History

- Version 1.0 launch in 2015
- CA legislature 2015-16
- New York, Florida and Texas 2017-18
- Robot Reporter / AI4Reporters 2019-2020
- Rebuild DD 2021-2022
- New funding / partnership with CalMatters in 2023
- Version 2.0 launch in 2024
- Tip Sheets launch in 2024

DATA & ANALYTICS

Digital Democracy video platform expands to New York

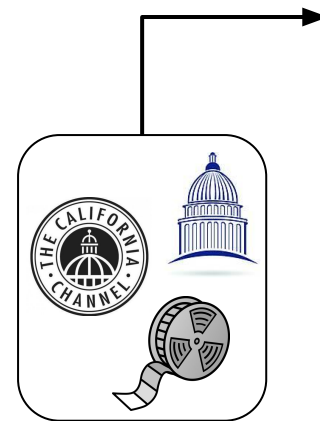
A tool for sharing legislative video, first launched in California, goes live in a second state. Florida and Texas versions are also planned.

BY [JASON SHUEH](#) • FEBRUARY 7, 2017



Transcription Challenge

- Must have highly accurate transcripts
- Need annotations
 - Speaker identity
 - Affiliation
 - Stance
- Only have flexible, part-time work force
- Distributed, remote labor



Video Sources

Yes, Basic Transcript can be produced

But makes no sense without context

- Is this relevant to me?
- How do I find what is being said about my issues?
- Who is speaking?
- What is their history?
 - What have they said before on various subjects?
 - What jobs has this person had before?
 - Who has donated / gifted to them?
- What else has been said about the subject by others?
- What have the lobbyist been saying?

File: Researchinterview.wav
Duration: 0:02:05
Date: 01/01/08

Interviewer: Thank you for taking the time to talk to us today.

Respondent: No problem.

Interviewer: You mentioned earlier how easy and simple you found UK Transcription's online service to be. Can you talk me through the process of transcribing a batch of audio files with UK Transcription?

Respondent: Yes of course. The first step was to upload a sample audio file. I received an automated email confirmation so I was confident the file had been safely received. I then received a personalised quote via email, within one hour, with a detailed breakdown of costs for various potential deadlines. After a quick phone call to discuss some custom requirements, I uploaded 5 digital audio files to the site. This was very simple to do, and took around 12 minutes in total to upload 5 audio files, 63MB in size.

Interviewer: Which audio format did you upload?

Respondent: The file I uploaded was in MP3 format, though it is possible to upload virtually any common format, including MP3, DSS, WMV. You can also post media or USB drives, of course.

Interviewer: And how much did the service cost?

Respondent: The prices were extremely competitive. Not only were the transcripts of very high quality, but also the customer service was superb. I was kept informed of progress at every stage, and all my questions and requests were dealt with promptly and efficiently every time.

Interviewer: How accurate did you find the transcripts?

Respondent: The transcripts were near perfect, with obvious intelligence behind the interpretation and editing. The transcripts were edited and punctuated in such a way as to produce a readable transcript without sacrificing accuracy. I did not require true verbatim, every cough and stutter, but I did require a full and accurate representation of the discussion, and UK Transcription certainly delivered that.

Interviewer: Were there any gaps or errors?

Respondent: No errors as such. There were one or two gaps, which were time stamped for further checking. The interview was recorded in a public space, with significant background noise, and the transcript

Transcription and Annotation

4-8-17-Session : clip #1

State:
 Hearing Date:
 Task Priority:
 Hearing Type:
 Use VFT

Committees

#	ID	House	Name
1	734	Assembly	Assembly Floor



Bill Discussions

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VFT: Voice-face-text approach Text mining and NER

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Deconstructing Human-assisted Video Transcription and Annotation for Legislative Proceedings

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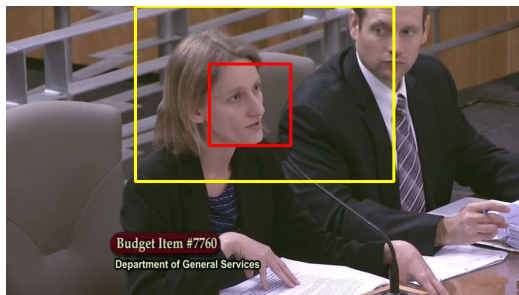


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Speaker Identification: Face

Speaker is mostly centered



Speaker is the most prominent figure



Speaker Identification

Fundamental problem

Not nearly as advanced as text to speech itself

No automated solutions existed, not even bad ones

Goal: To automatically assign a speaker ID to an utterance

Currently implemented as suggestion for the editors who still do the final assignment

Basis of our major research project: VFT



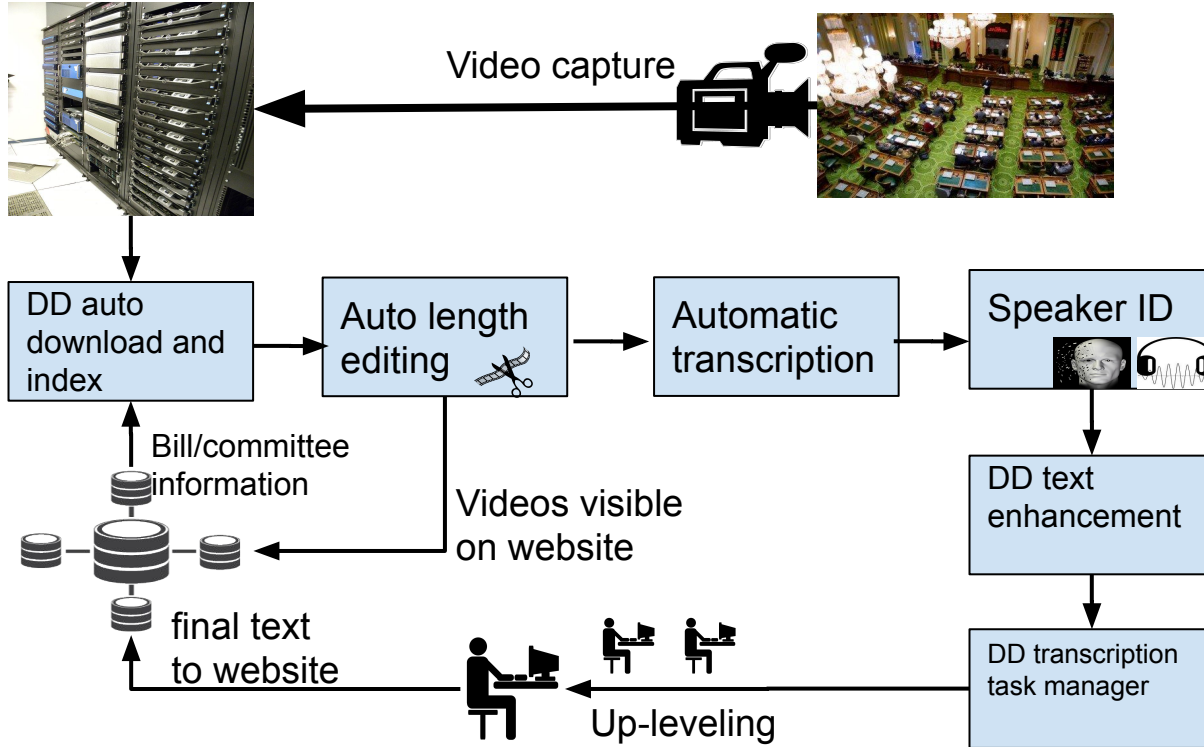
Speaker Recognition

Combine all three (Voice, Face, Text) for most accurate predictions

This was developed as part of 1-2 student theses, and published this it in DG.O conference, 2018

Kauffman, D., Williams, M., Washington, C., Socher, G. and Khosmood, F., "Multimodal speaker identification in legislative discourse", Proceedings of the 19th Annual International Conference on Digital Government Research: Governance in the Data Age, Delft, Netherlands, May 2018.

Video Preparation Overview



Integrate into Workflow

Task 15 of House Standing Committee on Government Accountability Hearing on 3/29/2017 - 9c1814d34f791afde9c5d22bfd557f46

Bill: FL_NO BILL DISCUSSED **Video:** #6 0:00:00 - 0:31:31 **Hearing Date:** 03/29 **Assigned:** 08/11

Quick Edit Import Speaker Shortcuts Cascade

Committee Secreta S0 ↔ Committee Secreta ↔ Committee Secreta

Swap people Align person with tag

Start Time	End Time	Speaker	Type	Text	Alignment	Edit
0:00:00	0:00:30	Carlos Guillermo Smith	Commit-	Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I will get through this quickly. There's a lot happening in this legislation and a lot of what's happening here, some is good, some indifferent, some just technical changes. What I want to focus on really	IND -	[Icons]
0:00:30	0:00:53	Richard III E. Templin	Testimo-	I think it's important to just state that I must respectfully disagree that this change is better for workers. The investment plan is, on just about every measure, an inferior plan. As a member of the 401(k), which does not	OPP -	[Icons]
0:00:54	0:01:15	Richard III E. Templin	Testimo-	The 401(k) was never designed as a retirement instrument. It was actually designed for folks with a quick influx of money needing a place to park that money for a short period of time to secure	OPP -	[Icons]

Speaker Task

Name
Jacqueline Carmona

Classification
Lobbyist

Alignment
Not Selected

Lobbyist Affiliation 1

Affiliation
AFSCME Florida

+ -

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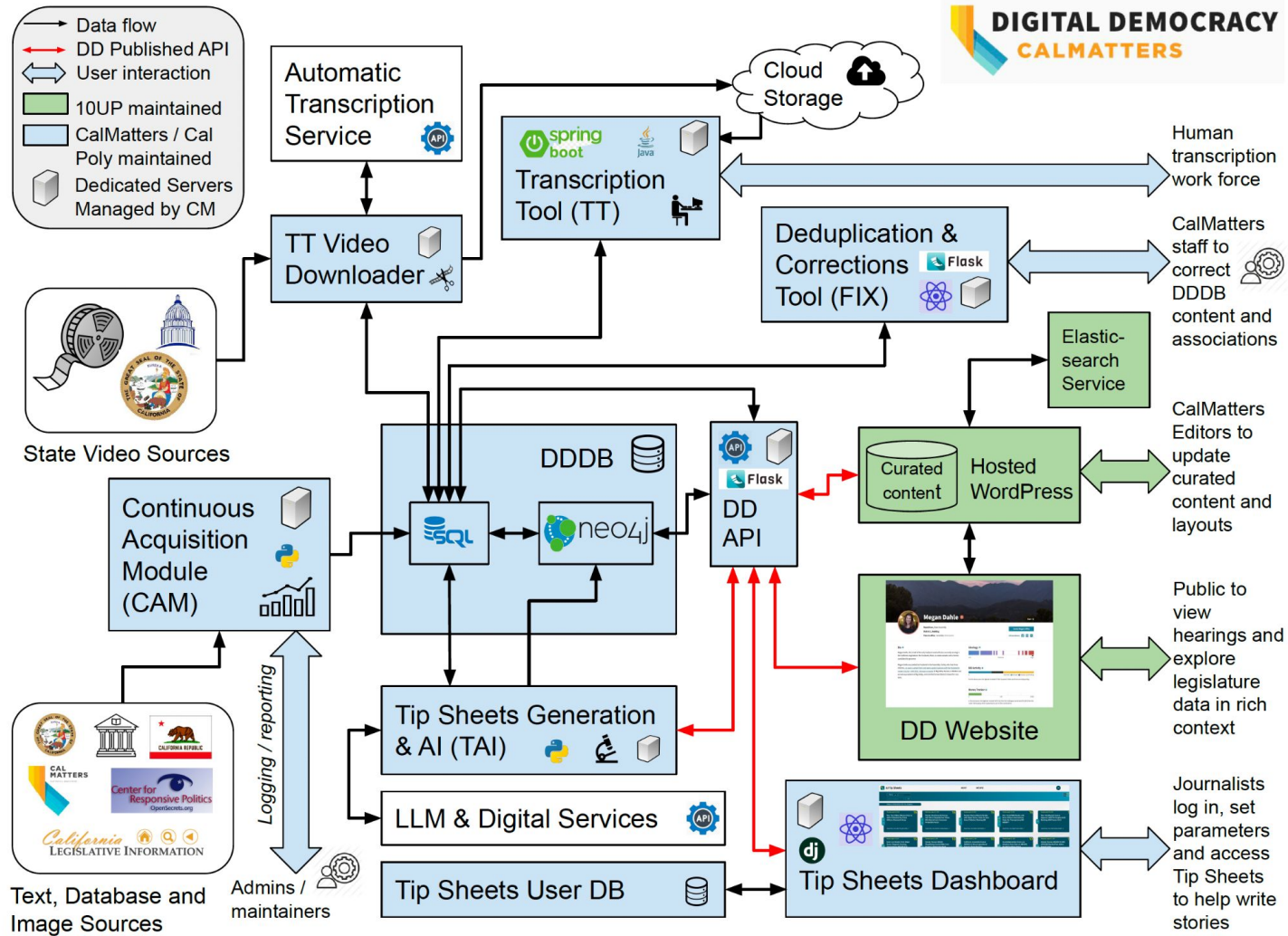
0 : 0 : 0 Set Time

Context Challenge

- Transcripts on their own are useless
- Even with annotation, no convenient way to examine context
- Therefore, database must be expanded with:
 - All bill information
 - All legislative actions, votes, etc.
 - All financial and lobbying
 - All biographies and public income disclosures
 - Related actions from other parts of the government
 - Searchable, alert-able, downloadable

Components

- Transcription
- Video management
- CAM
- Data store
- Insights and analysis
- Public Web
- Tip Sheets





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Insights and Analysis

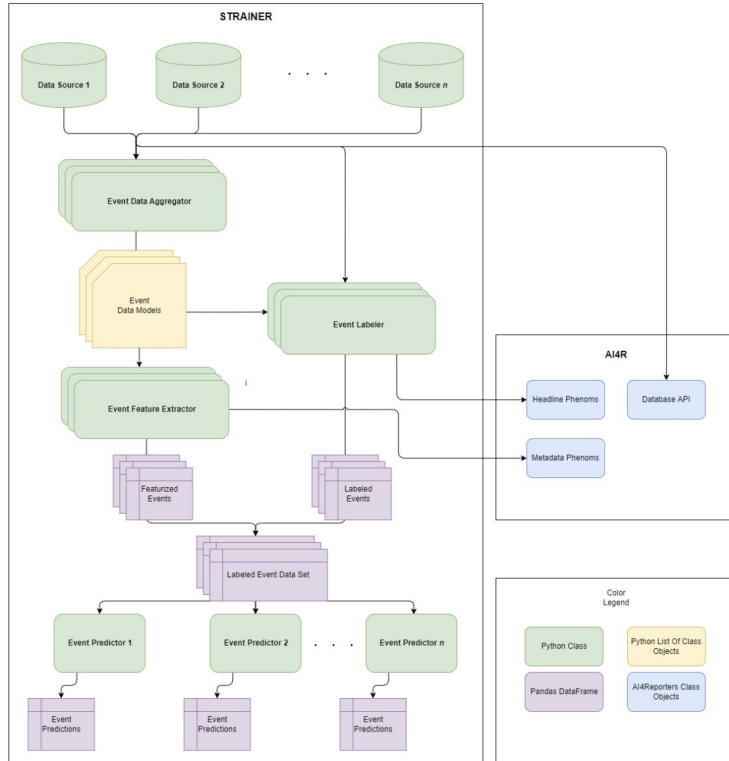
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Newsworthiness



STRAINER: STATE TRANSCRIPT RATING FOR INFORMED NEWS ENTITY
RETRIEVAL

A Thesis

presented to

the Faculty of California Polytechnic State University,

Tip Sheets

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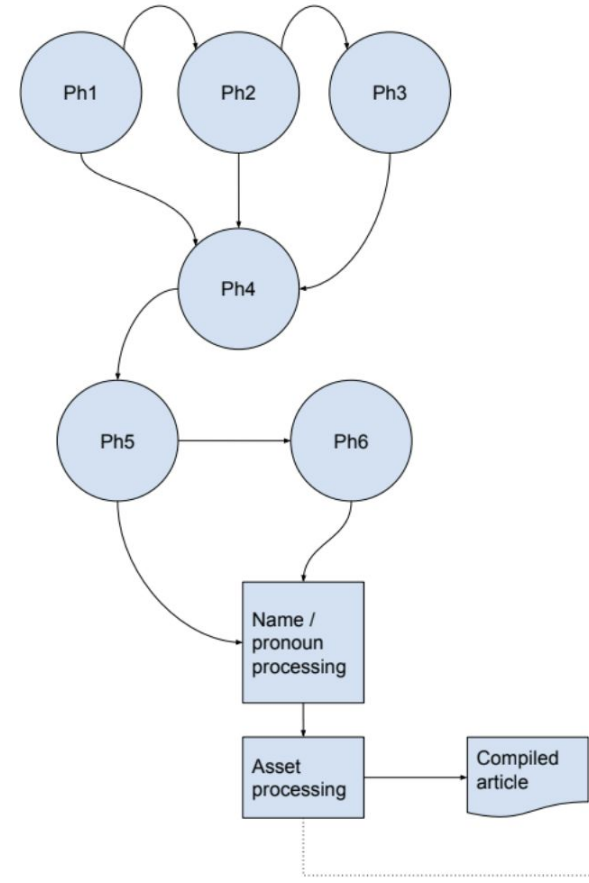
Modified Partial Order Planner for Phenoms in pseudo Python

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# A phenom is represented by a class P
# P.get_facts(current_facts, current_conditions) => returns facts, postconditions
# P.check_preconditions(current_conditions)

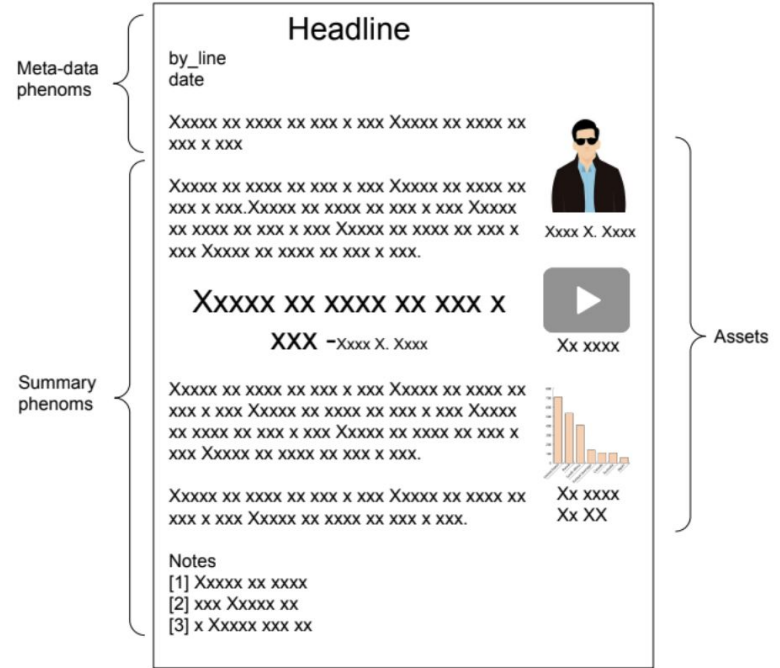
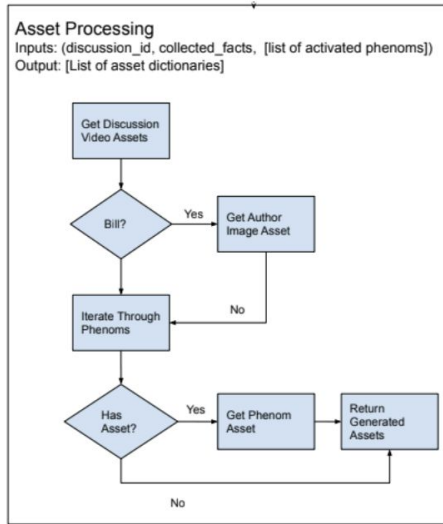
current_conditions = set(['_START_']) #modeled as a set
current_facts = []
phenoms = [ P for P in list_of_all_phenoms if P.check_preconditions(current_conditions) ]
plan = []

while len(phenoms) > 0:
    selected_phenom = random.choice(phenoms)
    facts, postconditions = selected_phenom.get_facts(current_facts, current_conditions)
    selected_phenom.completed = True
    plan.append(selected_phenom)
    current_facts.append(facts)          #what else is required to update the json?
    current_conditions |= postconditions #set union
    phenoms = [ P for P in list_of_all_phenoms if not P.completed() and P.check_preconditions(current_conditions) ]
```

Order of phenoms



Phenom-based generation





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Tip Sheets Demo

Additional research directions:

- characterizing disfluencies in eventual stance
- characterizing frustration or disappointment
- predicting vote outcomes at the committee level
- predicting stance based on previous action and analysis of campaign donors
- coming up with a metric of "influence" or "trendsetting" for legislators and lobbyists
- identifying most sensitive or contentious subjects or named entities generally discussed in the legislature
- a measure of "party dependency" based on votes and speech per legislator
- identifying, tracing and extracting "talking points" based on many similar sounding testimonies
- gender-based speech analysis
- bias and influence detection in favor of positions or entities
- measure effectiveness of testimony language based on analysis of outcomes
- correlation of legislative outcomes and/or legislator speech with news and events
- effects of "running for office" on legislator speech or behavior
- where power is wielded most effectively

Where to access our work



DATA

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The screenshot shows the Hugging Face dataset page for 'iatpp/digitaldemocracy-2015-2018'. The page includes a search bar, a 'Datasets' tab, and a 'Dataset card' section. The 'Dataset Preview' section shows a table with columns for 'bid', 'cid', 'house', 'cName', 'billState', 'billStatus', 'state', 'origin', 'subject', and 'title'. The table contains several rows of data, including entries for 'CA_201520160AB1', 'CA_201520160AB10', 'CA_201520160AB1000', 'CA_201520160AB1002', 'CA_201520160AB1003', and 'CA_201520160AB1004'.

bid	cid	house	cName	billState	billStatus	state	origin	subject	title
string	int64	null	null	string	string	string	string	string	string
CA_201520160AB1	-1	null	null	CA	Chaptered	CA	Assembly	Drought: local governments:...	An act to 8627.7 to
CA_201520160AB10	-1	null	null	CA	Died	CA	Assembly	Political Reform Act of...	An act to Sections
CA_201520160AB1000	-1	null	null	CA	Chaptered	CA	Assembly	California State...	An act to add Secti
CA_201520160AB1002	-1	null	null	CA	Chaptered	CA	Assembly	Civil actions: interpreter...	An act to Section 1
CA_201520160AB1003	-1	null	null	CA	Died	CA	Assembly	Mental health: sexually...	An act to class="de
CA_201520160AB1004	-1	null	null	CA	Chaptered	CA	Assembly	California Tahoe...	An act to Section 6

Thank You!



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