Using ENA to explore how political leaders shape their discourse in response to the COVID-19 pandemic:

International Comparison Across Seven Countries

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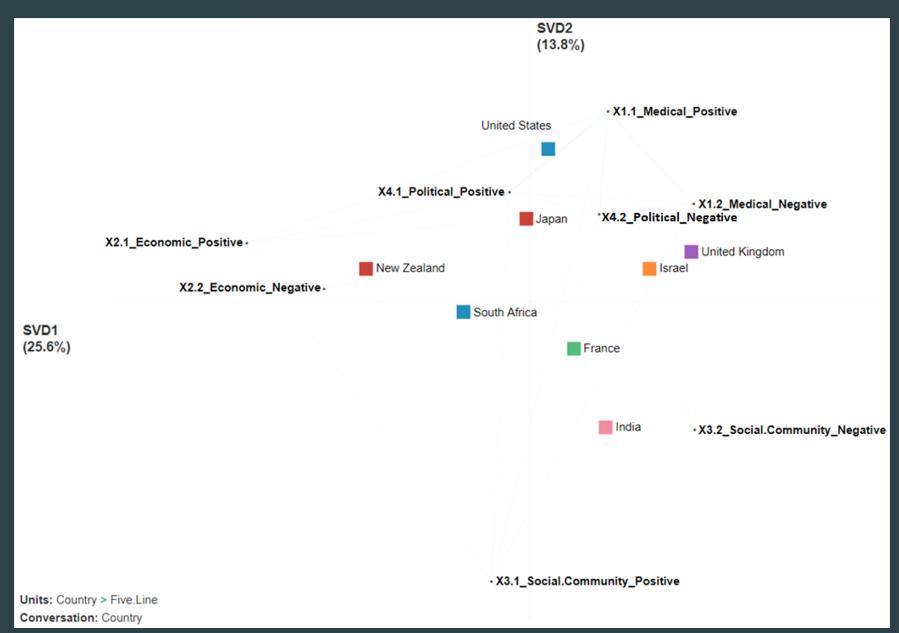
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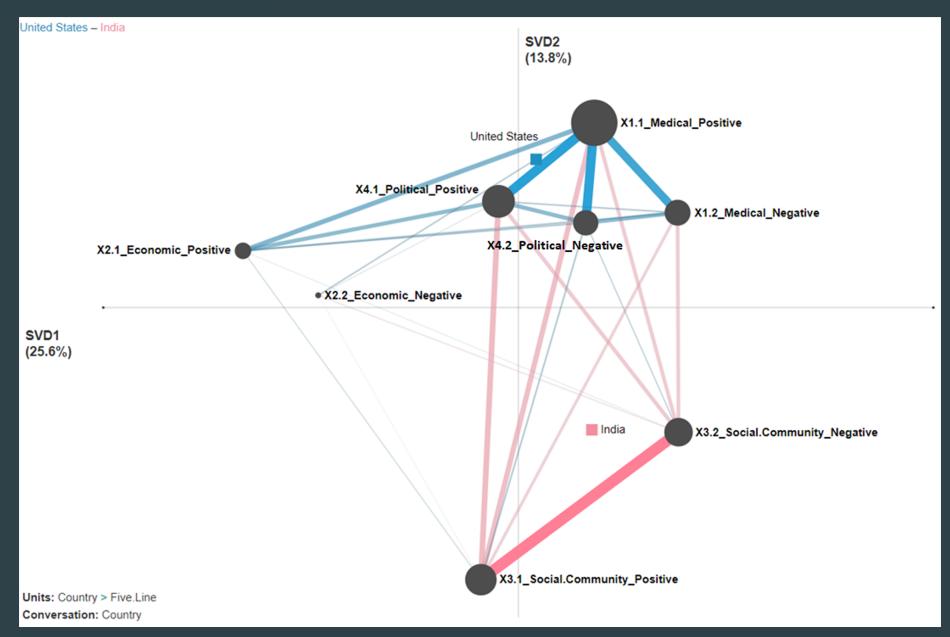
Comparing themes that emerge in press releases or speeches given by 8 world leaders from February - April of 2020.

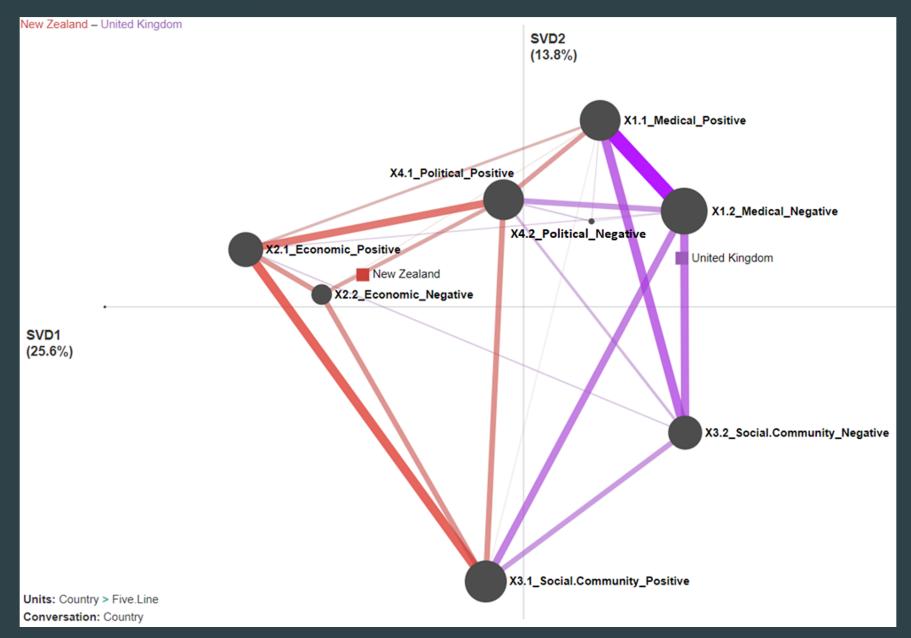
Understanding thematic similarities/differences in the discourse of world leaders, how those differences shifted over time, and how these trends relate to national responses and outcomes

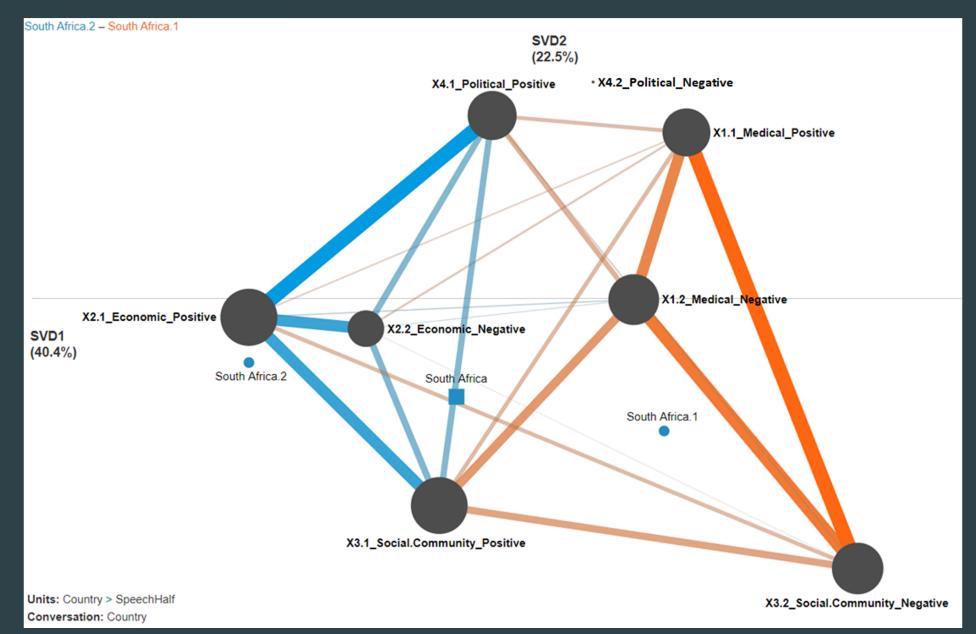
| Continent | Countries | Date |
|---------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Australia/Zealandia | New Zealand | March 24 |
| North America | United States | March 27 |
| Europe | United Kingdom | March 17 |
| | France | March 16 |
| Asia | India | March 19 |
| | Israel | March 19 |
| | Japan | February 29 |
| Africa | South Africa | March 23 |
| South America | - | - |

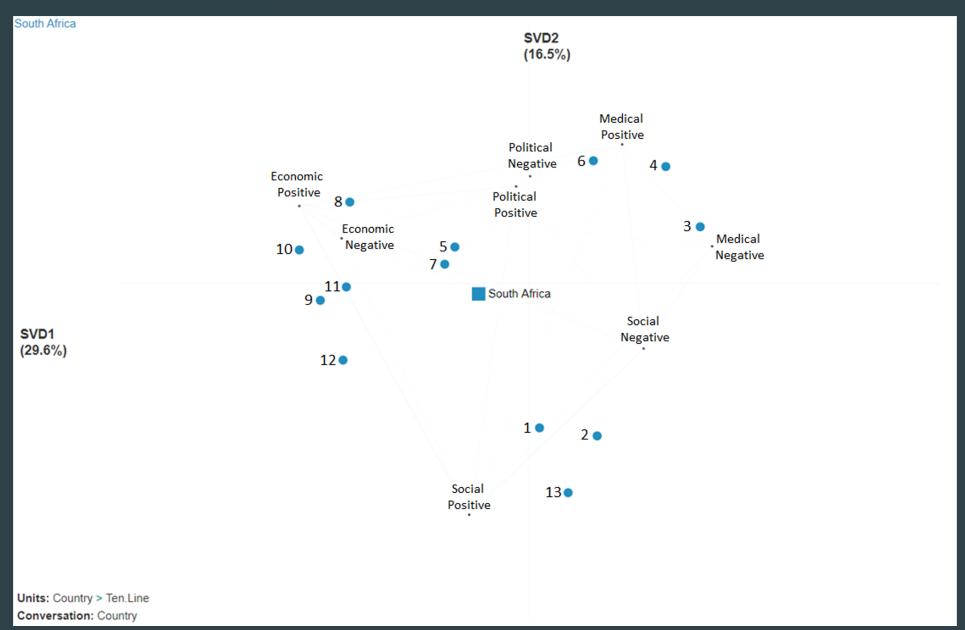
| A priori codes | Sub codes | Examples |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Medical | Medical - positive | Emergency workers Social distancing (?) Adequate PPE/tests Decrease / Low COVID-19 cases |
| | Medical - negative | Lack of PPE Hospital overflow Lack of tests/testing |
| Economic | Economic - positive | Commerce, trade, workplace |
| | Economic - negative | Price gouging Debt, stock market crashes |
| Social/ community | Social/community - positive | Empathy Community/unity Education |
| | Social/community - negative | Nationalism Xenophobia/racism Lockdown Closed Schools |
| Political | Government response - positive | Supporting political leaders Affirming successes |
| | Government response - negative | Blaming political leaders |













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Next Steps

- Longitudinal exploration in the US across different leaders' rhetoric
- Exploratory process to identify patterns we might want to explore across more...
- Including emergent codes from examination of data (shifting longitudinally)
- Other ideas?