



# Discourses of { sexual harassment

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- ⌘ How is sexual harassment constructed in discourse?
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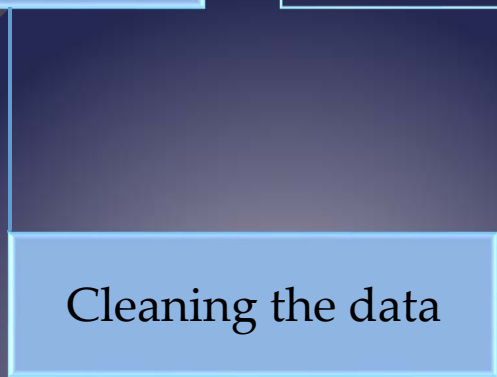
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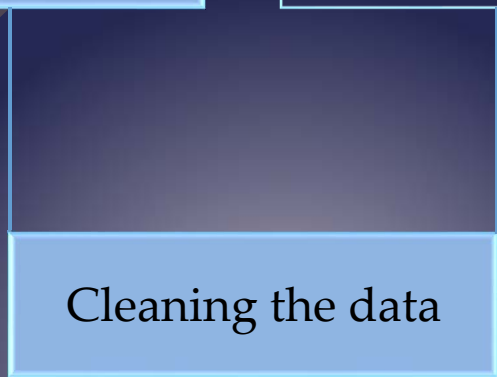
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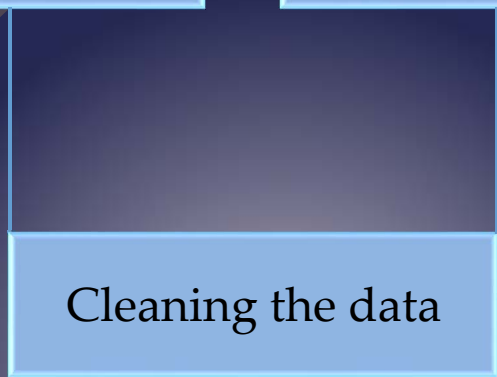
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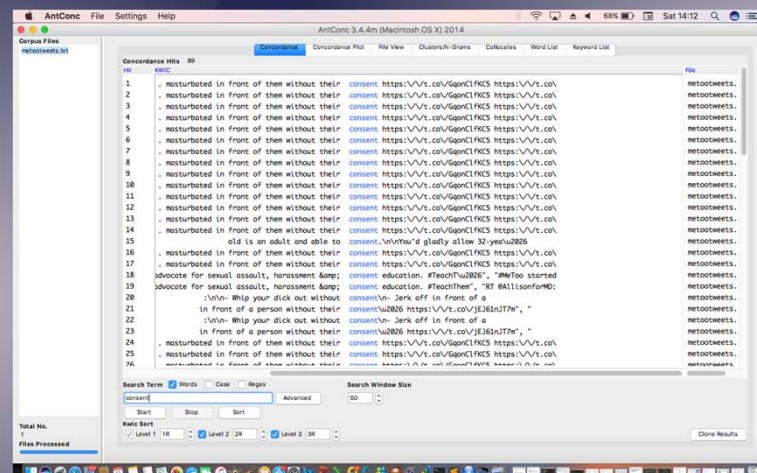
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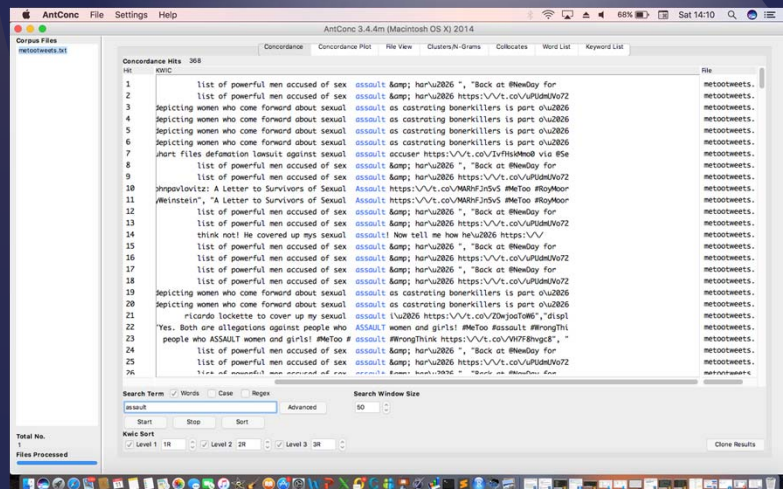
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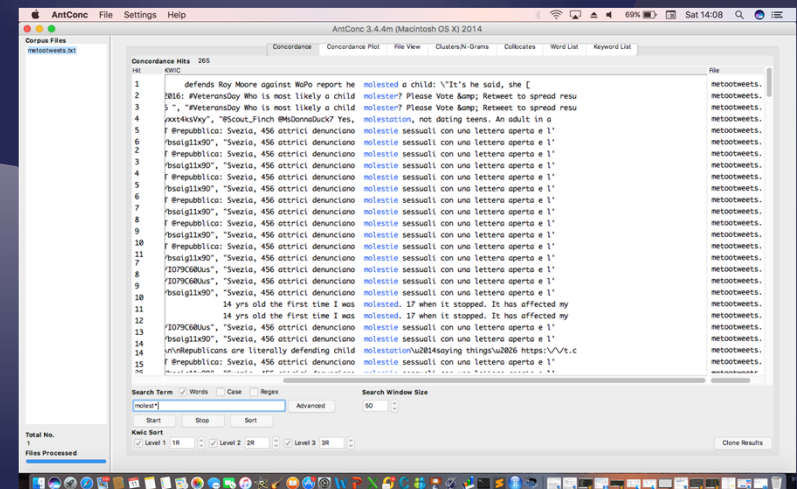
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Edward Lloyd , of St. Sepulchres , was indicted for assaulting Anne Nowland , putting her in Fear, and taking from her 3 s. the 28th of August last.

The Prosecutor depos'd, That she selling Oysters in the Fair, the Prisoner came to her as she was paying for half a Bushel of Oysters, and ask'd her, To go and drink with him? Which she refusing, He swore he would cut her Gown off, and afterwards saying, you Bitch, I wont part with you in Anger, and hal'd her to him, tore her Gown, and took the Money out of her Pocket.

Case 28<sup>th</sup> August, 1730



48. , of St. Clement Danes , Esq ; was indicted, for that he not having God before his Eyes, &c on Ann Keate , Spinster, did **make an Assault, and her against her Will, feloniously did Ravish, and carnally know .**

7<sup>th</sup> September, 1737

As I was going along, my Foot stumbled, and this Gentleman came after me, and asked me where I was going? What's that to you says I. Why my Dear, I have had a terrible Misfortune; I have had a Girl that has jilted me and used me ill: and he desired me to take a Glass of Wine with him. I told him, I would not go with him. Then he asked me where I was going? I told him to the Old Bailey. He said **he would not let me go, 'till I had taken a Glass of Wine with him.** He promised he would not molest me, and **went all the Way to the Old-Bailey with me.** When I got there, I went into a House, and I thought I should have lost him, - but when I came out again, - **there was he waiting for me,** and still said **he would not leave me, 'till he had drank a Glass of Wine with me,** and so **he follow'd me** to the Ship Tavern by Temple-Bar; at the Corner of Butcher-Row, pray, says he, go in and drink, - we'll sit in the publick Kitchen, or wherever you please; and says he, if I am rude, - keep this, (pulling a very handsome Diamond Ring off his Finger.) So - I went into a publick Room with him, and there he told me, if I would go down into the Country with him, he would marry me, to spite his Girl, who had gone and marry'd his Plow-Fellow And says he, **if you'll consent to go down, you shall go with me to my Chambers to Night.** But pray, says he, whenever you come to me, be sure to be dress'd very fine, that my Servants may tell her, and that will make her mad. I told him I could not lye out of my Lodgings all Night; why then says he, come To-morrow Morning. When we come out of the Tavern, he call'd a Chair to carry me Home, and the Chairmen instead of carrying me Home, - they carried to - another Place. Why Fellows, says I, I did not bid you bring me Here! But damn them, says he, I did.

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Then he brought out Shrub and several Bottles of Wine, and would have me drink; I insisted upon going Home, but he would not let me. - I have a great Cut here, - which I got by his flinging me out of Bed. **When he had stripp'd himself, he told me if I would not strip my self, he would, or he would send for Porters that should do it for me, -** and all this while I begg'd and pray'd he would let me go Home, but he would not let me.

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The Girl that was ravished, being between 8 and 9, testified that **he had had to do with her** for half a year together every sunday, that she was hindred from crying the first time, by his stopping her mouth, and that **he gave her money afterwards**; and she never discovered it, till some of her friends observing her to go as if she were very sore, examined her, and by telling her she would be in danger of hanging in Hell, got her to confess, that the Prisoner was her fathers Prentice.

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Samuel Smith , living in St. Martins Lane , was Indicted for **Ravishing** one Dorothy Palmer , a Girl about 11 years of Age , which according to the Evidence of the Girl was thus, he being her Grandfathers Apprentice , who is a Harness maker , on the 24 of January last, she going there when all the Family except the Prisoner were abroad, he got her into a great Chair, **and forced her, giving to boot the foul Disease,** which upon search was found upon him, of which the Girl complained not of till two days after, when he being Apprehended and carried before a Magistrate, confessed the Fact, but it not being known whether the Girl did consent or not, and some other nice point in Law, he was found not Guilty .

28th February 1681

J - M - was Tryed for Ravishing, and carnally knowing against her will and consent; Mary Twine , in the Parish of St. Martins in the Fields , on the 2d. of February , but it appearing upon Tryal it was done by her free consent, she being Seventeen Years of Age, he was acquitted .

23<sup>rd</sup> February, 1687



Thomas Mercer was tried, for that he, not having the fear of God before his eyes, &c. in and upon one Bridget Gerrard, an Infant, aged 8 years and a half, **he did make an assault, and unlawfully did carnally know and abuse the said Child against her will and consent**. Mrs. Gerrard, the Mother of the Child, swore first, that she was from home in the Evening on the 7th of July last, and left none but the Child at home, which was standing at the door; and the Prisoner being a Lodger in the House, came home and took the Child into the House, **and ravished her**, and she striving with him, he clapt his hand upon her mouth, and almost stopt her breath. The Midwife declared upon her oath, That the Child was found upon search in a very sad condition, and **much abused**, which she said must be done by a Man, which was made appear by those natural Symptoms that are incident to Women; there were other Women that were Neighbours to the said Mrs. Gerrard, who said that there was a penetration of the Child's Body in their opinion, but there was no Testimony of a Surgeon in the case when first searcht: They did all concur, both Midwife and Women, that **the Child was abused by a Man**; and the Child being examined, very sensibly declared, That he took her from the Door, and bolted the Door, and then set himself in a Chair, and took her betwixt his Knees, and stopt her breath, and then pulled up her Coats, and first run his Finger into her Body, and afterwards enter'd her Body with his Yard: One Mr. Barnard, an eminent Surgeon, was sent for by the Court to search the Child, who afterwards gave his Opinion that her Body was not enter'd, but it was approached so far as that **the Child had got a Clap**: So the Jury acquitted him of the Felony and Rape, but then a new Indictment was order'd to be preferr'd against him for a Trespass, in **assaulting the Child**; upon which he was afterwards tried and found guilty.

30<sup>th</sup> August, 1694

Richard Birchman , of the Parish of White-Chappel , was indicted for a Rape committed on the Body of Eleanor Bouchier , Spinster , on the 10th of September , in the Eighth year of his Majesty's Reign . The Prosecutor alledged, That the Prisoner, and his Brother James, forced her out of Holbourn into Tottenham-Court Fields , and there **lay with her against her will**. The Prisoner said, That he drank with her several times; and called Evidence, who proved, That she came with them to a Brick kiln with her own Consent, where the Prosecutor took down a Truss of Straw, and made a Bolster; where she seemed to be very merry, and she did believe it was with her own consent by reason that she did not cry out; thereupon the Jury acquitted him.

19<sup>th</sup> May, 1697

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- ⌘ Tore her gown
- ⌘ He swore he would cut her gown off
- ⌘ Molest
- ⌘ Had to do with her
- ⌘ Ravishing
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- ⌘ To carnally know
- ⌘ Lay with her against her will
- ⌘ Assault

More to do with rape...

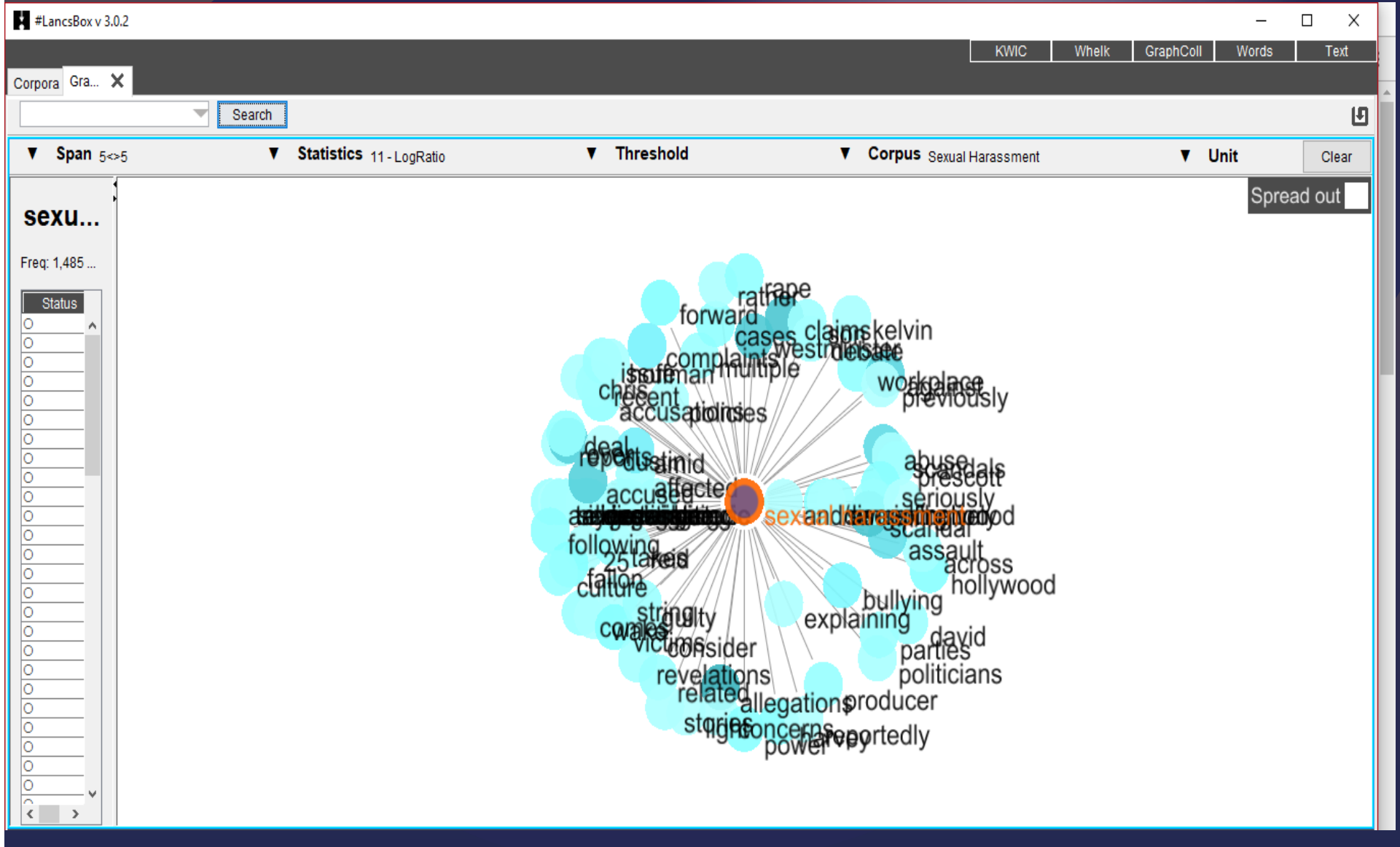


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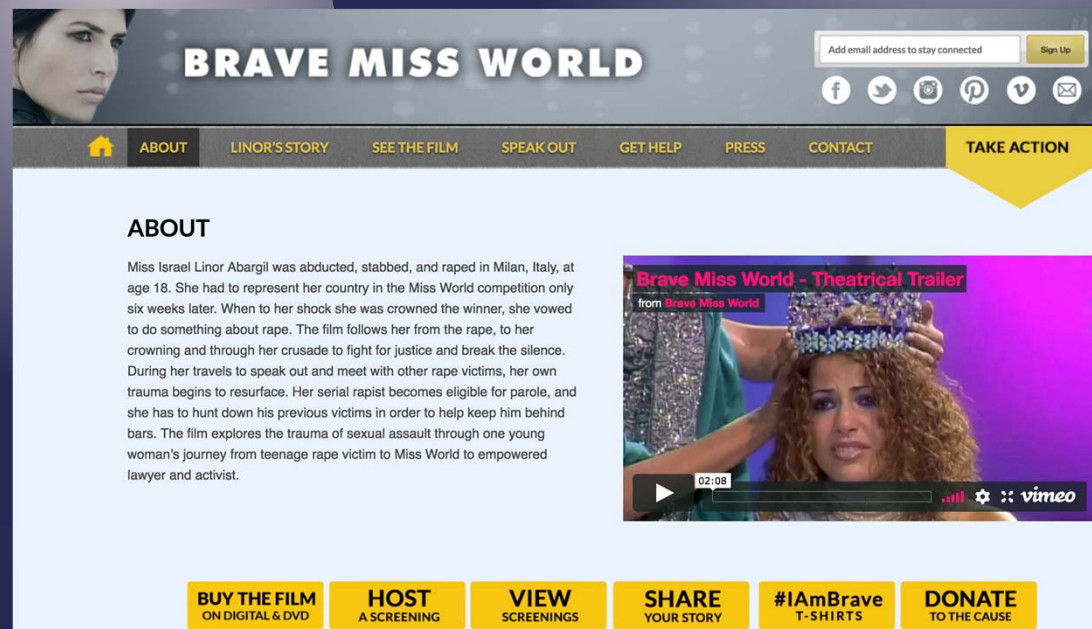
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“Share your story” blog entries



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**BRAVE MISS WORLD**

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Miss Israel Linor Abargil was abducted, stabbed, and raped in Milan, Italy, at age 18. She had to represent her country in the Miss World competition only six weeks later. When to her shock she was crowned the winner, she vowed to do something about rape. The film follows her from the rape, to her crowning and through her crusade to fight for justice and break the silence. During her travels to speak out and meet with other rape victims, her own trauma begins to resurface. Her serial rapist becomes eligible for parole, and she has to hunt down his previous victims in order to help keep him behind bars. The film explores the trauma of sexual assault through one young woman's journey from teenage rape victim to Miss World to empowered lawyer and activist.

**Brave Miss World - Theatrical Trailer**

from Brave Miss World

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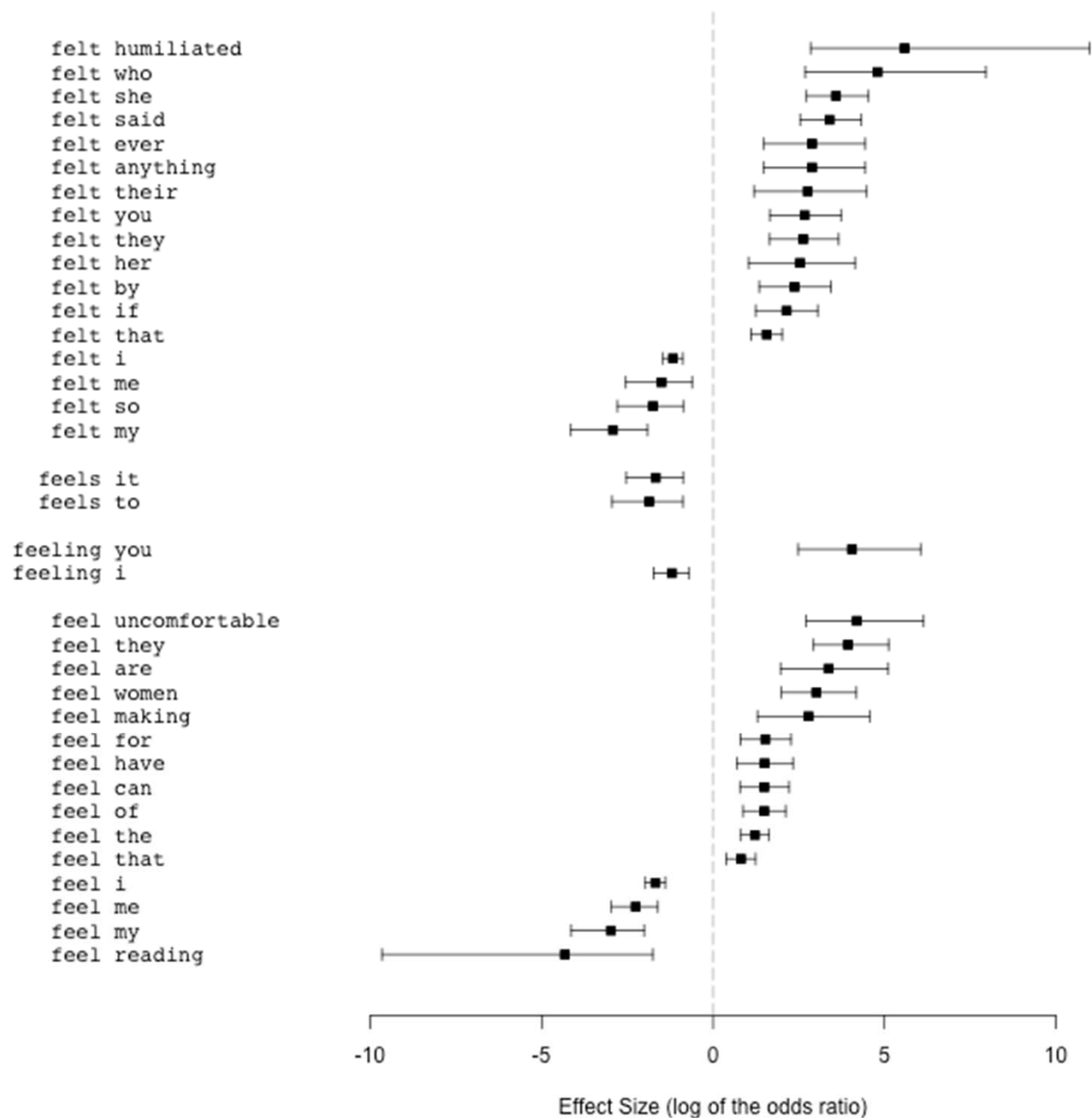


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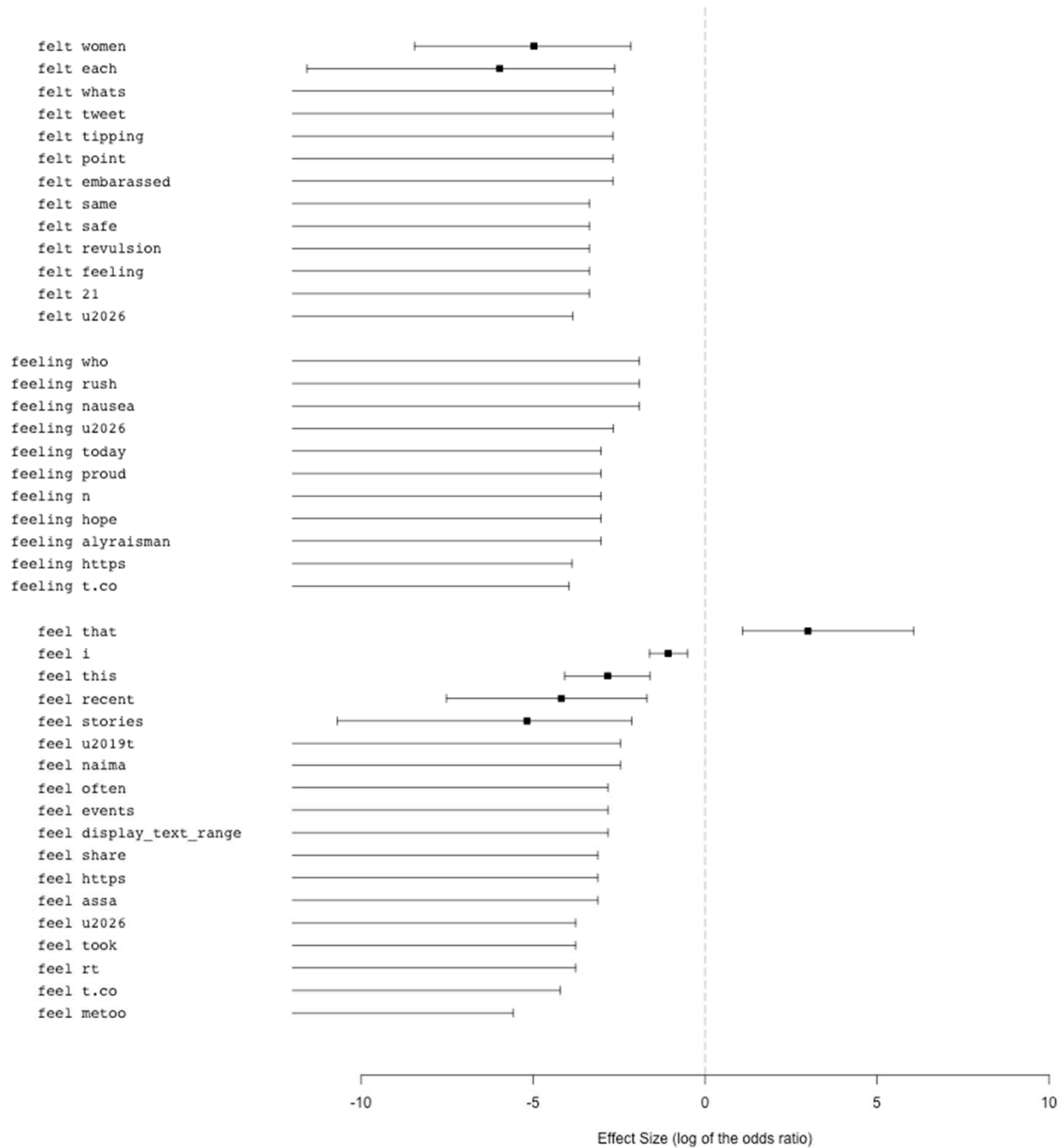




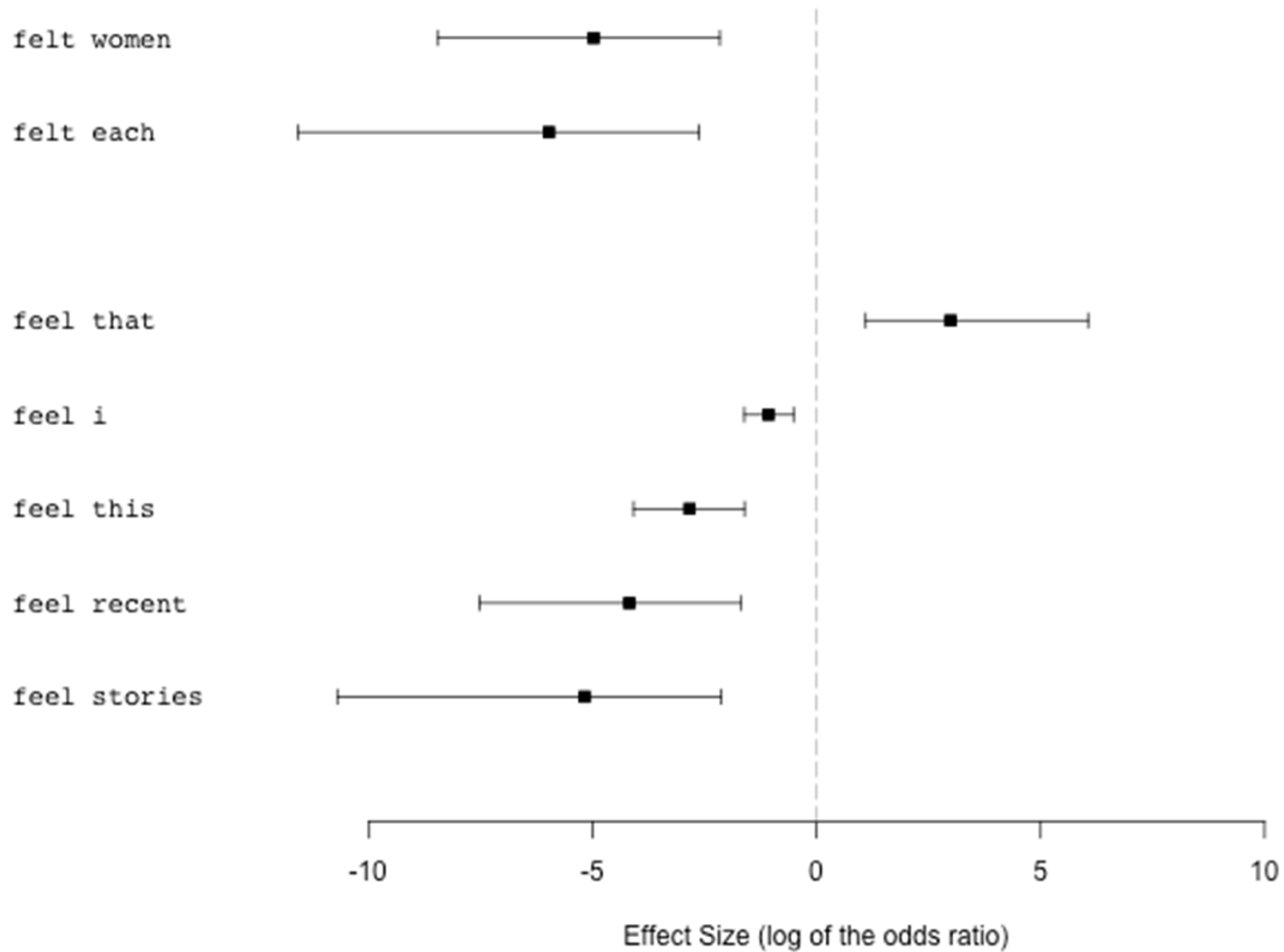
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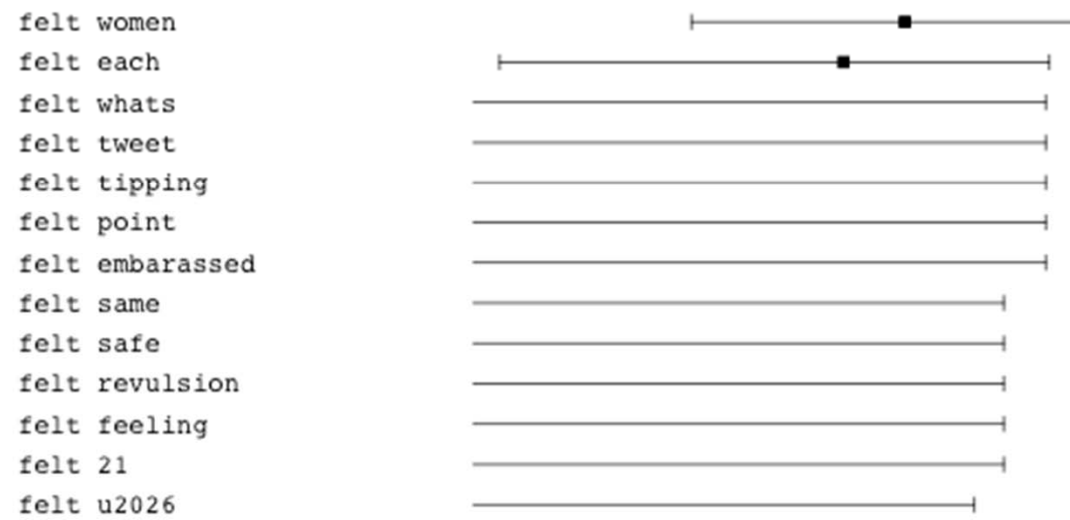
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