FEATURES OR SPURIOUS ARTIFACTS?

Data-centric baselines for fair and robust hate speech detection

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LEXICAL ARTIFACTS

Hate speech detection models overly rely on lexical artifacts, affecting **fairness** & **robustness**



LEXICAL ARTIFACTS ACROSS PLATFORMS

Hate speech corpora from:





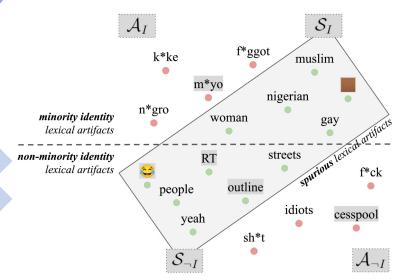




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Cross-distribution PMI & artifacts annotation





DATA-CENTRIC LEXICAL DEBIASING

Use identity (S_I) and non-identity $(S_{\neg I})$ **spurious artifacts** for debiasing models

- **Fairness:** MASK S_I strong baseline
- Robustness: Hard to achieve with artifacts or generic solutions only

Fairness & robustness should be **studied together** in future research

ARTIFACTS STATEMENT

Documentation of lexical artifacts to contribute to diagnosis & mitigation of pre-existing biases:

Template:

- TOP LEXICAL ARTIFACTS
- **CLASS DEFINITIONS**
- METHODS & RESOURCES

RESOURCES



github.com/dhfbk/ hate-speech-artifacts