Presidential Speeches of the Americas Dataset and Archive

Table 1 summarizes the sources and data availability of the Presidential Speeches of the Americas dataset and archive. As described in the manuscript, our data collection began in earnest in July of 2016, and continued through September of 2016. The data were scraped using the web scraping software *Outwit Hub*. In the cases of El Salvador, Nicaragua and Brazil, additional sources of presidential speech data were discovered and added to the archive in early 2017; Bolivia was added in the summer of 2018. Most of the data were publicized on the official websites of the presidencies, though in the case of Venezuela and Nicaragua we relied on third-party online archives to source the data. In the cases of Costa Rica, Panama and Honduras, additional historical archives of speeches were accessed via the WayBack Machine Internet Archive.

In columns 1-3 of Table 1 we summarize for each country the date of first access, as well as the original url where the speeches were contained. In column 5 of Table 1, we have endeavored to provide updated web addresses where more contemporary speeches and public appearances may be found (updated in July, 2018), though there is no guarantee that the speeches contained in the PSA data will be accessible, or that these links will remain relevant into the future. This is due to the frequent updating of presidential websites, and the common practice of website redesign with the entrance of a new president coming to office.

Columns 6 to 15 of Table 1 summarize the sort of information available about each public appearance on a country by country basis. We designed each automated web-scraping script to collect as much information as was available on each country's respective website. As reported in the manuscript, our data contain speech transcripts for approximately 82% of the observations, though that coverage varies considerably cross-nationally.[1] The most readily available pieces of information were the speech title and the date. As for location, only the Brazilian, Colombian, American (U.S) and Venezuelan websites explicitly listed the location of the public appearance, but we have captured that whenever possible.[2]

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[1]We acknowledge here that we have not verified the availability of transcripts in all observations in our data, but have confirmed that this is the case for the sample of the data we coded (described in more detail below). What is more, as most of our speech data is contained in .csv files, extremely long speeches may be cut off by some spreadsheet or statistical software packages owing to the character limits said software imposes. Accordingly, the data contained in the PSA dataset and archive may be appropriate for some applications (i.e. coding for content, tone, audience or location), though users are encouraged to proceed with caution in other applications (i.e. quantitative text analysis).

[2]Per our coding of the PSA data, the location was a readily discernible parameter from the reading of the speeches. Our coders were able to identify a location of the public appearance roughly 60% of the time.

Table 1: Data Source & Availability in the PSA Dataset and Archive

Date Accessed	Country	Source	Active	Updated† Website	Full Text	Location	Date	Title	First	Last	N	NText‡	Format	Presidents
19/09/2016	Argentina	www.casarosada.gob.ar/informacion/archivo	FALSE	www.casarosada.gob.ar/informacion/discursos/	99%	0%	100%	100%	12/10/2007	12/10/2015	1543	1458	.csv	Fernández de Kirchner
14/09/2016	Bolivia	www.comunicacion.gob.bo/?q=discursos	TRUE	www.comunicacion.gob.bo/?q=discursos	100%	0%	98%	100%	23/10/2012	09/12/2016	1160	1160	.pdf	Morales
06/05/2017	Brazil	www2.planalto.gov.br/presidente-em-exercicio/discursos/	FALSE	www2.planalto.gov.br/acompanhe-planalto/discursos/	82%	82%	82%	100%	05/12/2016	04/05/2017	174	142	.csv	Temer
25/07/2016	Chile	prensa.presidencia.cl/discurso.aspx	TRUE	prensa.presidencia.cl/discursos.aspx	100%	0%	100%	100%	02/12/2014	25/07/2016	852	852	.csv	Bachelet
30/07/2016	Colombia	es.presidencia.gov.co/discursos/	TRUE	es.presidencia.gov.co/discursos/	88%	100%	100%	100%	23/12/2015	26/07/2016	301	266	.csv	Santos
14/09/2016	Costa Rica	web.archive.org/web/20130117053410/www.presidencia.go.cr/index.php/presidencia/presidenta/discursos	FALSE	presidencia.go.cr/discursos/	96%	0%	100%	100%	15/06/2010	29/01/2014	133	128	.csv	Chinchilla
13/07/2016	Dominican Republic	presidencia.gob.do/discurso/	TRUE	leonelfernandez.com/discursos/	100%	0%	100%	100%	16/08/2012	15/06/2016	32	32	.csv	Medina
17/07/2016	Ecuador	www.presidencia.gob.ec/discursos/	TRUE	www.presidencia.gob.ec/discursos/	100%	0%	100%	100%	15/01/2007	17/07/2016	685	685	.pdf/.doc	Correa
13/07/2016	El Salvador	www.presidencia.gob.sv/temas/discursos/	FALSE	www.presidencia.gob.sv/temas/discursos/	94%	0%	100%	100%	06/01/2009	25/12/2009	65	61	.csv	Funes
14/09/2016	Guatemala	www.guatemala.gob.gt/index.php/noticias	TRUE	www.guatemala.gob.gt/index.php/noticias	0%	0%	100%	100%	15/01/2016	14/09/2016	288	0	.csv	Morales
13/07/2016	Honduras	wayback.archive-it.org/176/20060127005407/casapresidencial.hn/discurso/301104	TRUE	www.presidencia.gob.hn/index.php/gob/el-presidente/discursos	0%	0%	97%	100%	25/01/2003	09/01/2015	119	0	.csv	Maduro, Zelaya, Hernández
13/07/2016	Nicaragua	www.lavozdelsandinismo.com/nicaragua	TRUE	www.lavozdelsandinismo.com/discursos-daniel-ortega/	100%	0%	100%	100%	23/10/2009	21/01/2016	161	161	.csv	Ortega
13/09/2016	Panama	web.archive.org/web/20140603122507/www.presidencia.gob.pa/	TRUE	www.presidencia.gob.pa/Discursos-del-Presidente	100%	0%	100%	100%	11/11/2003	28/05/2014	581	581	.csv	Moscoso, Torrijos, Martinelli
13/07/2016	Paraguay	www.sicom.gov.py/	TRUE	www.sicom.gov.py/?	40%	0%	100%	100%	06/03/2011	07/01/2016	10	4	.csv	Cartes
11/07/2016	Peru	www.presidencia.gob.pe/discursos-del-presidente/	TRUE	www.presidencia.gob.pe/mensajes-presidente	30%	23%	100%	100%	28/07/2011	11/07/2016	806	242	.csv	Humala
02/07/2016	United States	www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/	FALSE	www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/	99%	74%	100%	100%	21/01/2009	02/07/2016	3283	3257	.csv	Obama
13/07/2016	Uruguay	archivo.presidencia.gub.uy/_web/audionet/	FALSE	www.presidencia.gub.uy/presidente/palabras-del-presidente	0%	0%	100%	100%	12/04/2000	28/02/2010	849	0	.csv	Batlle, Vázquez, Mujica
16/09/2016	Venezuela	www.todochavez.gob.ve/todochavez/	TRUE	mppre.gob.ve/discursos/	87%	87%	100%	100%	14/12/1994	10/10/2012	1531	1332	.csv	Chávez

† Updated links (as of 7/2018) may or may not include the data contained in the PSA dataset. ‡NText documents the number of speech transcripts we believe to have collected (supra. footnote 3).