

Week 5: Classical CA – Testing hypotheses about texts

- 1) Define directional or non-directional hypothesis
 - 2) Identify and operationalize key variables
 - 3) Code independent and dependent variables
 - 4) Look for associations between variables
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Data: Internet General Discussion forum- May 2005.

Topic: Should the Queen retire?

Forum members Gender and Age (*names and loggings have been deleted for confidentiality purposes)	Question: Should the Queen retire? Comments:
Member 1 gender: Female Age: 52	In recent photos, the Queen looks to have aged considerably. She is nearly 80 and most people have retired way before then. Should she not enjoy her few or many remaining years in comfort and relative privacy without having to traipse around the country and world and perform official duties?
Member 2 gender: Male Age: 42	What !?! The King or Queen are on the throne until they die, then the next in line takes over. It doesn't matter how old she looks. Queen Victoria was on the throne for 63 years until she died!
Member 3 gender: Male Age: 70	It's a job for life, monarchs don't retire, they die of old age or at the point of sword.
Member 4 gender: Female Age: 45	I think she probably won't but I think she could probably retire from public duties fairly well as Queen Mum did for the last years to live her last days without too much media interference. I don't think anyone would blame her.
Member 5 gender: Male Age: 51	Depends what are the full conditions of her retirement. Not being a royal expert I would need to know these before I gave an opinion.

	Solely from the fact she is nearly 80 then I think the poor dear deserves a bit of time off. She has served her country long enough and I would be seriously annoyed if anyone expected me to work for this long.
Member 6 gender: Female Age: 30	So that Charles would become King? I don't think he is anywhere near as popular as her and perhaps eventually that will result in increased questioning of the institution itself.
Member 7 gender: Male Age: 56	As long as she has the job and is fit to carry on then I don't see why she should retire. I mean what exactly does the job entail? - a few well-rehearsed speeches, trips around the globe visiting foreign dignitaries and getting very expensive gifts for her trouble.
Member 8 gender: Female Age: 31	I just thought that if Charles gets on the throne now, there's a chance that his relative unpopularity as compared to the Queen will result in more questioning of the institution. Whilst the Queen is there, the monarchy is pretty safe. But I expect she may well think the same.
Member 9 gender: Male Age: 60	Her Majesty seems to be still battling on and there is no reason for her to retire.
Member 10 gender: Female Age: 37	I don't think she ever will because she has a high sense of responsibility, that's why, unlike Charles, she's still popular after so many years.