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Clarity of Celebrity and Political Corpora

Although celebrities and politicians generally speak differently, there is not much research about this topic. To address this gap, this study examined the clarity which with celebrities and politicians speak. Interviews with celebrities and politicians, five each, were studied. We looked at their lexical density, number of hedging words, and readability. Interviews with politicians had higher readability scores and slightly higher lexical densities, but interviews with celebrities had more hedging words, on average. Overall, this indicates that interviews with politicians were less clear, but this study could be improved by including more topics in the future.