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VERBAL REPRESENTATION OF UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN BRITISH NEWS PUBLICATIONS

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Object:

news texts covering the issue of Ukrainian refugees

Subject:

the lexical means used to represent Ukrainian refugees in news texts

Material:

206 articles (175,794 words/200,222 tokens) published in 2022-2024

The Guardian THE INDEPENDENT

Aim:

to identify linguistic features and analyse how they have evolved over the years (2022–2024)

Task 1:

to identify the thematic specificity and the linguistic means used to achieve informativeness in news media texts

Methods: conceptual analysis, content analysis

MEDIA TOPICS

"The British Government's Actions"	22%
"Public Opinion"	20%
"Government Responses to Refugee Reception"	18%
"NGOs, Charity Organizations, and Citizens' Efforts"	11%
"Material Challenges"	10%
"Potential Social Issues"	6%
"Official Response from Kyiv"	2%

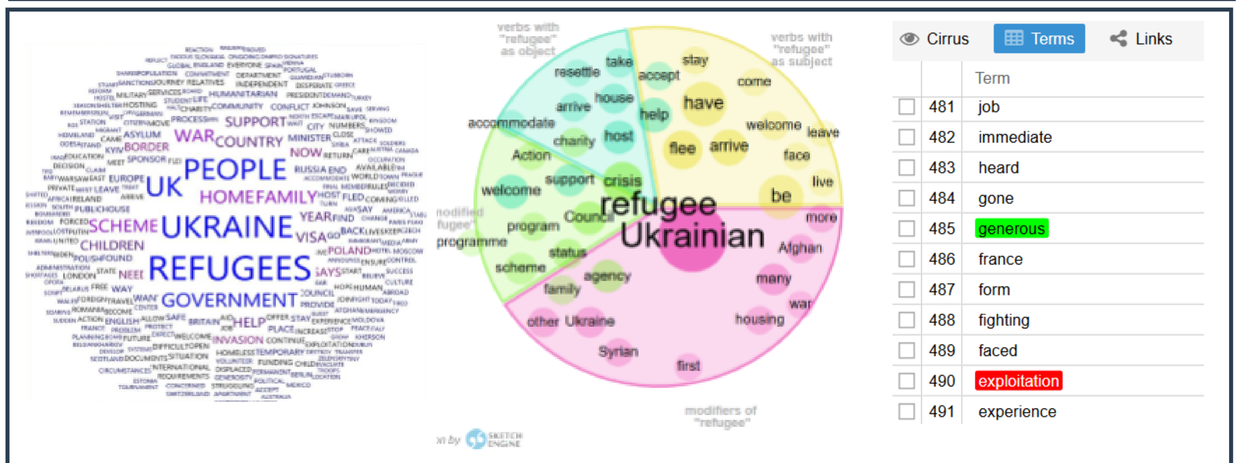
Means of Achieving Informativeness

Toponyms, Chrononyms, Quoting, Abbreviations, Anthroponyms, Numerals, Age categories

Task 2:

to compile a corpus of news articles, generate frequency lists of the words, and analyse their emotional tone

Methods: continuous sampling, sentiment analysis



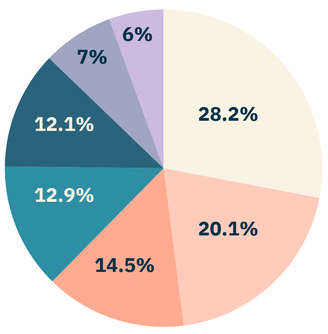
Wordcloud of key words (Word Smith 9.0) | N-gram of REFUGEES (Sketch Engine) | Samples of sentiment analysis results (Voyant Tools)

Task 3:

to identify key words in the corpus and outline their lexical-semantic fields

Methods: componential and lexical semantic analysis

LEXICAL-SEMANTIC FIELDS:

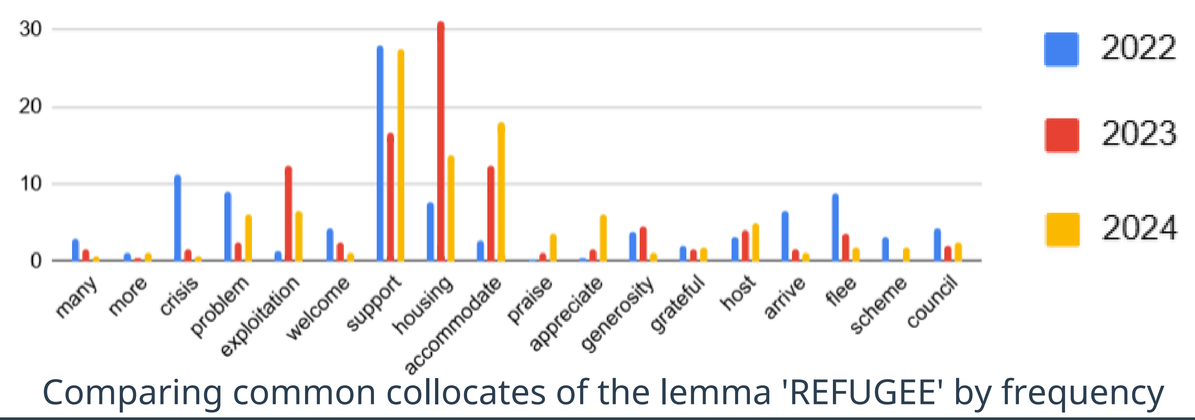


- Names of refugees' actions
- Names of individuals
- Geographical names and territories
- Names of aid acts and methods of providing assistance
- Names of causes and factors of displacement
- Names of states and conditions
- Abstract nouns

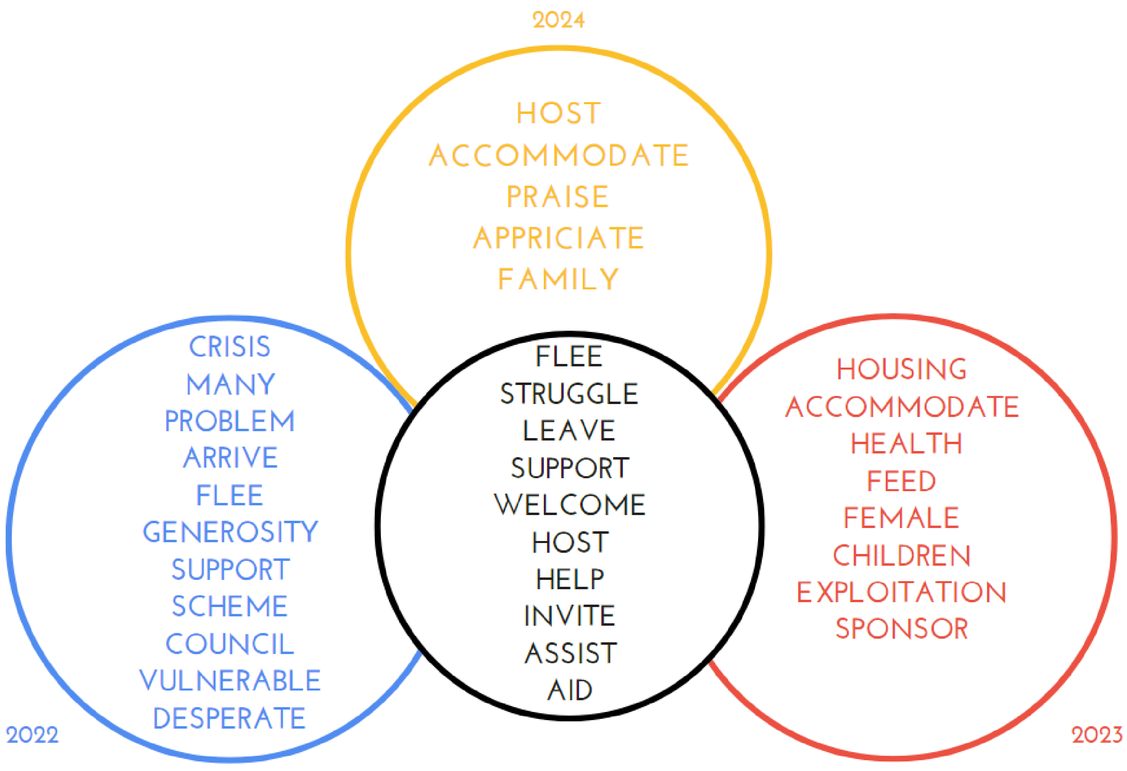
Task 4:

to construct and compare semantic collocation networks of the key words in the news texts from 2022, 2023, and 2024

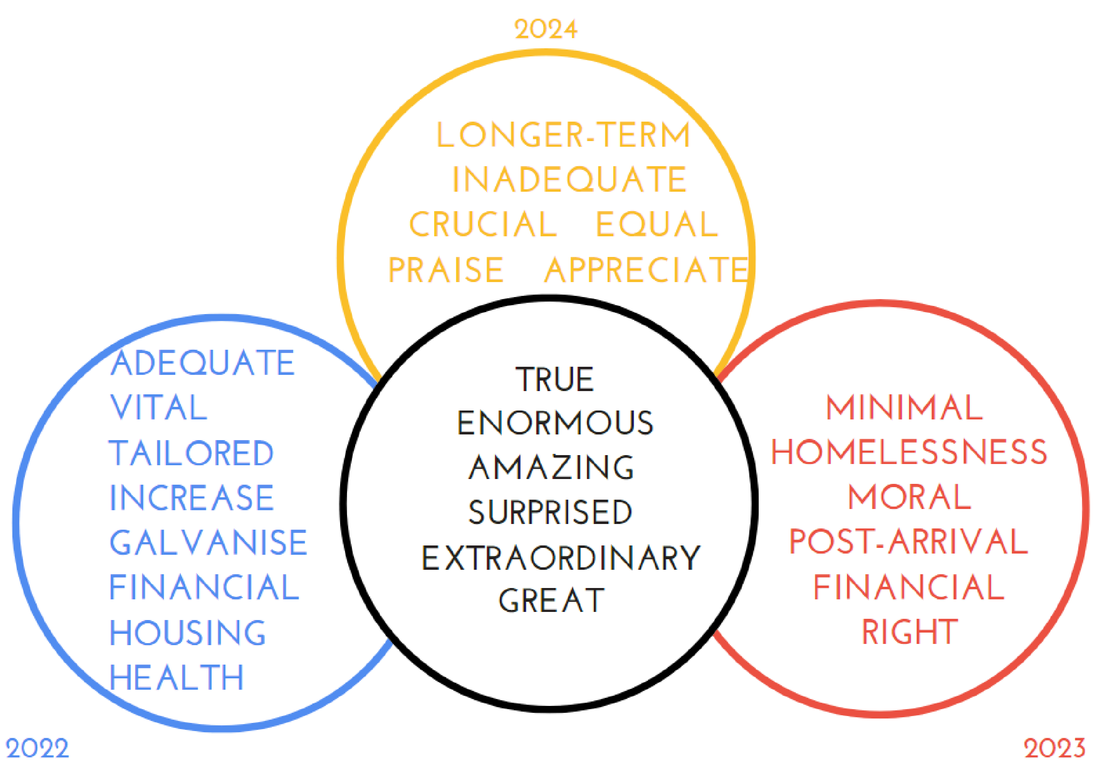
Methods: descriptive method, contrastive analysis



Comparing common collocates of the lemma 'REFUGEE' by frequency



Collocation networks of REFUGEE



Collocation networks of SUPPORT