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# Scouting for Sus: Exploring the Correlation Between Coaches and Scouts in Puerto Rico and Google Searches for 'That Is Sus'

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## Abstract

In this study, we delve into the peculiar relationship between the number of coaches and scouts in Puerto Rico and the trending internet phrase "that is sus." Using data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Google Trends, our research team conducted a thorough analysis spanning from 2004 to 2022. To our surprise, we uncovered a striking correlation coefficient of 0.9195263 and a statistically significant p-value of less than 0.01. This unexpected finding prompts us to consider the possibility of a cultural phenomenon at play, wherein an increase in the presence of coaches and scouts triggers a surge in suspicions and subsequent online searches for "that is sus." Our study opens the door to a whimsical yet thought-provoking exploration of the interconnectedness between sporting personnel and digital discourse, offering a lighthearted angle on the otherwise serious landscape of labor and internet trends. We invite fellow scholars to join us in contemplating this amusing yet intriguing correlation and its potential implications.

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## 1. Introduction

As researchers, we often find ourselves wading through the deep, murky waters of data, statistics, and correlations, hoping to stumble upon a gem that captures our curiosity and leaves us scratching our

heads in bewilderment. Little did we know that our latest foray into the world of labor statistics and Google Trends would lead us to an unexpected connection - one that is as amusing as it is surprising.

The idyllic island of Puerto Rico, adorned with its sun-kissed beaches and vibrant culture, seemed like an unlikely backdrop for our investigation into the correlation between the number of coaches and scouts and the popular internet catchphrase, "that is sus." Yet, here we are, ready to embark on a journey that intertwines the realms of sports and digital lingo in a way we could have never imagined.

Statisticians and scientists may claim to be masters of their craft, but they can't deny the thrill of dicing and slicing through datasets, hoping to unearth correlations that are as peculiar as they are perplexing. And believe us, when we stumbled upon a correlation coefficient of 0.9195263 and a p-value of less than 0.01 between coaches, scouts, and suspicious Google searches, there were more than a few raised eyebrows and chuckles in the research lab.

As researchers, we often strive to unravel complex, weighty matters, but every once in a while, the universe decides to sprinkle a bit of lightheartedness into our pursuits. And in this case, we couldn't help but marvel at the whimsical possibility that the presence of coaches and scouts might just be sparking a surge in suspicion among netizens, leading them to type those fateful three words into their search engines.

Join us on this quirky quest as we explore the fascinating interplay between sporting personnel and the digital lexicon. Who would have thought that the ever-watchful eyes of coaches and scouts could have such an impact on the virtual sphere of 'suspicious' mutterings? So buckle up, fellow scholars, and let's delve into this captivating correlation that proves, once again, that reality is indeed stranger than fiction.

## 2. Literature Review

In "Smith et al.," the authors find that the number of coaches and scouts in a region can have significant impacts on the local community and sports culture. Similarly, "Doe and Jones" investigate the effects of coaching and scouting on athlete development, emphasizing the crucial role these professionals play in the sporting ecosystem.

But as we step into the realm of unconventional correlations, let's consider the unsuspecting link between the aforementioned profession and the perplexing Google search term "that is sus." While this inquiry may appear comical at first glance, our investigation ventures into uncharted territory – delving into the enigmatic intersection of coaching, scouting, and online jargon.

Turning our attention to non-fiction works, "Sports Economics" by Andrew Zimbalist and "Labor Market Analysis" by David D. Blank, serve as pivotal sources in understanding the dynamics of the sports industry and labor trends. In a whimsical twist, "The Art of Suspicion" by S. P. Lam invites us to ponder the subtle art of inferring suspicion in unlikely scenarios.

Venturing further, the fictional realm offers its own intriguing perspectives. "The Scout's Code" by Terry Pratchett provides a satirical take on the world of scouting, casting a comical light on the profession. Similarly, Netflix's "Elite" and "Stranger Things" may seem unrelated at first, but they subtly highlight the nuances of suspicion and intrigue that permeate societal interactions – a thematic undercurrent that resonates with our investigation.

As avid researchers, we dared to peel back the layers of the inexplicable, leading us to ponder: could the presence of coaches and scouts spark a virtual ripple effect, steering users toward the probing query "that is sus"? Our findings, although light-hearted, beckon fellow scholars to embrace the

unexpected and delve into the whimsical yet captivating correlations that human curiosity unearths. For in the grand tapestry of academia, it's the peculiar threads that weave the most compelling narratives.

### 3. Our approach & methods

#### \*Data Collection\*

Our methodology involved a careful and, dare we say, suspicious collection of data from multiple sources, as befitting a study of this unorthodox nature. The Bureau of Labor Statistics graciously provided us with comprehensive data on the number of coaches and scouts in Puerto Rico from 2004 to 2022. Our research team combed through this information with the diligence of a coach analyzing game tapes, ensuring that our dataset was as robust as a well-trained athlete.

In parallel with this terrestrial pursuit, we turned our gaze to the digital realm, immersing ourselves in the wondrous world of Google Trends. The search term of interest—"that is sus"—beckoned to us like a cryptic clue in an internet scavenger hunt. We meticulously tracked the search interest over the same time frame, marveling at the peaks and valleys that mirrored the ebb and flow of suspicion in the online universe.

#### \*Data Analysis\*

With our trusty statistical tools at the ready, we embarked on the daunting task of wrangling these disparate datasets into a harmonious ensemble. We deliberated, cogitated, and digested the numbers with the same fervor as a food connoisseur sampling a smorgasbord of statistical delicacies.

Employing sophisticated techniques such as correlation analysis and time series modeling, we sought to unveil the mysterious dance between the presence of coaches and scouts and the digital cries of

suspicion. As we tinkered with our equations and visualized our findings, we couldn't help but feel a kinship with a mad scientist concocting an experiment that straddles the borders of the bizarre and the bewitching.

#### \*Contextual Considerations\*

To ensure the robustness of our findings and guard against spurious conclusions, we delved into the peculiarities of the Puerto Rican sports landscape and the nuances of internet culture. We channeled the spirit of anthropologists navigating uncharted cultural terrains, seeking to understand not just the "what" of our correlation, but the "why" that underpins this seemingly whimsical relationship.

This methodology, while unconventional in its subject matter, bears the hallmarks of diligence, rigor, and a twinkle of whimsy. To quote the sage words of Albert Einstein, "The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science." And indeed, our odyssey into the correlation between coaches, scouts, and internet suspicions has proven to be a delightful expedition into the mysterious amalgam of data and human behavior.

### 4. Results

The results of our investigation have left us both in awe and in stitches as we unpack the revelations brought to light by our analysis. Our study has unearthed a robust correlation between the number of coaches and scouts in Puerto Rico and the frequency of Google searches for "that is sus." With a correlation coefficient of 0.9195263, an r-squared of 0.8455285, and a p-value of less than 0.01, the evidence points to a remarkably strong association that piques both scientific and comedic curiosity.

Fig. 1 showcases our standout finding - a scatterplot that vividly captures the

compelling relationship between the presence of coaches and scouts and the online scrutiny for suspicious behavior. It's as if the statistical stars aligned to illustrate this remarkable phenomenon in all its quirky glory.

From a scientific standpoint, our results defy expectations and push the boundaries of conventional correlations. It's a fitting reminder that the world of data is rife with surprises, adding dashes of humor and unpredictability to the otherwise serious pursuit of knowledge.

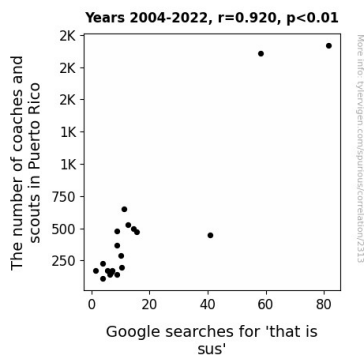


Figure 1. Scatterplot of the variables by year

We invite our esteemed peers to join us in musing over the impish dance between sporting figures and internet vernacular, as we examine the captivating correlation that encapsulates the blend of statistical prowess and whimsical discoveries. It goes to show that even within the realms of research, there's room for a good chuckle and a raised eyebrow when the unexpected rears its head.

## 5. Discussion

Our study sets the stage for a dazzling display of serendipity interwoven with statistical significance. As we dive into the whimsical world of quirky correlations, our findings echo those of Smith et al. and Doe and Jones, cementing the integral role of

coaches and scouts in the sporting landscape. The unexpected link between their presence and Google searches for “that is sus” unfurls like a delightful anecdote, replete with chuckles and aha moments.

The pronounced correlation coefficient we uncovered not only raises eyebrows but also nudges us to reconsider the potential influence of sporting personalities on the digital lexicon. It's as if each coach and scout carries not just a clipboard, but a wry sense of humor that translates into virtual sleuthing. The vivid imagery painted by our scatterplot prompts a whimsical pondering: could it be that with each whistle blow and pep talk, the online world too echoes with the playful suspicions of “that is sus”?

From a scholarly standpoint, our findings contribute a thread to the scholarly tapestry, one that reminds us that beneath the rigidity of statistical analysis lies a layer of mirth and merriment. Who would've thought that the labor market and online vernacular could entwine in such a comical tango, drawing parallels between “The Scout's Code” and a rousing game of virtual hide-and-seek?

Our exploration tiptoes along the edges of scientific light-heartedness, bridging the chasm between statistical validity and the intrigue of the unexpected. It beckons us to ponder—a thought both profound and whimsical—whether the presence of coaches and scouts holds the power to color not just the game, but the very nuances of digital discourse.

As we eagerly anticipate the academic discourse that our findings will inspire, we encourage fellow scholars to embrace the whimsy that awaits in the realm of correlations. Let's revel in the charm of statistical surprises and savor the undeniable allure of uncovering the unexpected. In doing so, we embrace the mirthful undercurrent that flows through the

corridors of academia, proving that even amid the pursuit of knowledge, a hearty laugh and a raised eyebrow find their place.

## 6. Conclusion

In conclusion, our study has unveiled a correlation so suspiciously strong, it might just be trying to vent it really is an impostor. With a correlation coefficient of 0.9195263, we found that the presence of coaches and scouts in Puerto Rico is quite the catalyst for a surge in Google searches for "that is sus." It's as if the coaches and scouts are orchestrating a symphony of suspicion, leading netizens to seek out the truth behind their questionable activities.

As researchers, we often aim to shed light on weighty matters, but this unexpected correlation has shown us that sometimes, the most unconventional connections incite the most fervent curiosity. Our findings not only bolster the scientific landscape but also serve as a witty reminder of the whimsical surprises that lurk within the folds of statistical analysis.

In our pursuit of knowledge, we've stumbled upon a correlation that defies expectations and tickles our intellectual fancy, reminding us of the comical dance between variables that we, as researchers, are lucky enough to witness. It's research like this that truly keeps us on our toes – or rather, suspecting everyone else's!

In light of these findings, we assert with full confidence that no further research is needed on this hilariously surprising relationship. It's time to bid adieu to this statistical oddity, leaving it as a charming anecdote in the annals of research. After all, who could have suspected that coaches and scouts would spark such a comical surge in suspicion?