

FUELING THE FIRE: THE CORRELATION BETWEEN 'CALL ME MAYBE' MEMES AND KEROSENE CONSUMPTION IN PANAMA

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In this study, we explore the eyebrow-raising connection between the unrelenting popularity of the "Call Me Maybe" meme and the consumption of kerosene in Panama. While one may initially dismiss this as an airy-fairy association, our research delves deep into the data to uncover the surprising link. Utilizing Google Trends and Energy Information Administration data, our findings reveal a remarkably high correlation coefficient of 0.9979266 and a significance level of $p < 0.01$ from 2012 to 2021. Through rigorous analysis and statistical modeling, we provide compelling evidence that the catchy and infectious nature of the meme has a measurable impact on kerosene usage patterns in Panama. Our research not only sheds light on this quirky correlation but also underscores the need for interdisciplinary investigation to quench the thirst for understanding such enigmatic phenomena.

Introduction

The field of research often leads us down unexpected paths, unraveling peculiar and seemingly unrelated connections that defy conventional wisdom. In this paper, we delve into one such curious association: the correlation between the enduring popularity of the "Call Me Maybe" meme and the consumption of kerosene in Panama. While this linkage may initially appear as improbable as finding a unicorn in a cornfield, our investigation unveils a compelling relationship that beckons scrutiny.

The "Call Me Maybe" meme, originating from Carly Rae Jepsen's infectiously catchy song, has permeated the cultural landscape with the tenacity of a determined earworm. Its ubiquity in internet culture has sparked countless parodies, remixes, and internet memes, persisting as a testament to humanity's collective affinity for irresistibly silly pop culture fragments. On the other hand,

kerosene remains a staple energy source in many parts of the world, including Panama, where it serves as a vital fuel for lighting and cooking, maintaining a presence as steadfast as the enduring allure of the aforementioned meme.

The amalgamation of these seemingly disparate entities forms the crux of our investigation. By bridging the seemingly unrelated realms of internet memes and energy consumption, we venture into uncharted territory, seeking to unravel the enigmatic threads that bind them. While the average onlooker may raise a quizzical eyebrow at the juxtaposition of 'Call Me Maybe' and kerosene, we approach this with the rigor and skepticism that befits scientific inquiry.

In this paper, we present a thorough analysis of the correlation between the 'Call Me Maybe' meme and kerosene consumption in Panama, scrutinizing the data through the lens of statistical analysis and interdisciplinary exploration.

Our aim is not merely to present a curious finding, but to provoke a thoughtful introspection into the unsuspecting consequences of cultural phenomena on real-world behavior. Just as a meme spreads through a digital web, rippling through the virtual and physical worlds alike, so too may its influence be felt in unexpected domains. This study sheds light on an intriguing entanglement, underscoring the need for a deeper understanding of the peculiar interplay between popular culture and societal patterns.

As we embark on this unconventional odyssey, we invite the reader to suspend disbelief and join us in unraveling this captivating correlation. Our findings not only uncover a remarkable statistical relationship but also beckon further exploration, emphasizing the profoundly interdisciplinary nature of this investigation. So, without further ado, let us venture forth into the nexus of 'Call Me Maybe' and kerosene, where the interplay of memes and molecules awaits our scholarly scrutiny.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Literature Review

The correlation between cultural phenomena and real-world behavior has long intrigued researchers across disciplines, prompting investigations into unexpected and often whimsical connections. While scholarly discourse typically gravitates toward conventional linkages, the unconventional and often derided associations can yield captivating insights that challenge the boundaries of knowledge. In the context of the present study, the correlation between the perpetuation of the "Call Me Maybe" meme and kerosene consumption in Panama missions to disentangle such puzzling enigmas. As we embark on this pursuit of understanding, we survey a range of scholarly works and unconventional sources to establish the groundwork for our exploration.

Smith and Doe (2010) undertook an extensive survey of internet memes and their societal impact, shedding light on the often underestimated influence of seemingly trivial online content. Their research points to the significance of internet memes as cultural artifacts that permeate daily life, shaping opinions, behaviors, and even, as this study postulates, fuel consumption patterns in specific geographic regions.

Jones (2015) conducted a comprehensive analysis of energy usage in Central American countries, providing valuable insights into the dynamics of kerosene consumption in Panama. While the focus of the study lay in economic and infrastructural factors, the findings lay the groundwork for the exploration of unusual correlations, harnessing the ubiquitous nature of memes as potential drivers of energy usage.

In "The Economics of Memes" (Grossman, 2018), the author navigates the intricate relationship between internet memes and their impact on consumer behavior. While primarily focused on consumer preferences and market dynamics, this theoretical framework offers a lens through which to examine the unexpected influence of 'Call Me Maybe' memes on fuel consumption patterns, paving the way for interdisciplinary investigations.

Turning to more unconventional sources, "Memes and Molecules: A Physicist's Perspective" (Feynman, 1998) offers a whimsical divergence from traditional research literature, exploring the interconnectedness of cultural phenomena and physical matter. While not directly related to our subject matter, this work serves as a reminder of the interconnectedness of seemingly distinct domains, setting the stage for further exploration into the interplay of memes and kerosene molecules in Panama.

In the realm of fiction, works such as "The Meme Manifesto" (Orwell, 1949), and "The Chronicles of Kerosene" (Tolkien, 1954) offer playful musings on the power

of ideas and the enduring influence of seemingly innocuous cultural artifacts. While not grounded in empirical data, these narratives provide a whimsical backdrop against which to consider the unexpected interplay of 'Call Me Maybe' memes and kerosene in Panama.

Moreover, this literature review considers the invaluable insights garnered from social media interactions, wherein numerous posts and discussions corroborate the entwined nature of the 'Call Me Maybe' meme and kerosene consumption in Panama. From lighthearted memes juxtaposing Carly Rae Jepsen's lyrics with kerosene canisters to earnest inquiries pondering the underlying mechanics of this correlation, social media chatter serves as an unexpected yet intriguing source of anecdotal evidence.

In synthesizing these diverse sources, we aim to lay the foundation for a rigorous examination of the interplay between cultural phenomena and tangible behaviors. The eclectic nature of the literary and non-literary sources speaks to the offbeat and interdisciplinary nature of our investigation, setting the stage for a thrilling exploration of the unexpected nexus between 'Call Me Maybe' and kerosene in Panama.

METHODOLOGY

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To peel back the layers of this perplexing correlation between the "Call Me Maybe" meme and kerosene consumption in Panama, our research team employed a multi-faceted methodology that combined the rigors of statistical analysis with the agility of interdisciplinary exploration. Our data collection spanned the period from 2012 to 2021, encompassing a wealth of information gathered from various sources, albeit with a keen focus on data procured from Google Trends and the Energy Information Administration.

First and foremost, we harnessed the power of Google Trends to gauge the ebbs and flows of "Call Me Maybe" meme interest over time. This allowed us to capture the viral undulations of the meme's popularity, akin to tracking a viral contagion in the digital realm. We painstakingly sifted through the search interest data, uncovering the peaks and valleys of "Call Me Maybe" fascination, akin to archeologists unearthing ancient relics from the digital sands.

Simultaneously, we delved into the annals of kerosene consumption data provided by the Energy Information Administration. With each dataset akin to a musical note in a grand symphony, we meticulously examined the yearly kerosene usage patterns in Panama, treating each data point as a potential clue in unraveling this quirky enigma. Our analysis navigated through the intricate labyrinth of energy statistics, akin to seeking treasure in a labyrinthine maze of oil barrels.

Having amassed these diverse datasets, we employed sophisticated statistical tools to untangle the web of correlation between meme virality and kerosene consumption. The journey into statistical analysis took us through the labyrinth of correlation coefficients, akin to navigating a dense forest where R-values and significance levels served as guideposts in the statistical wilderness.

Furthermore, we embarked on an interdisciplinary exploration, drawing on insights from sociology, psychology, and cultural studies to contextualize the unexpected connection between internet memes and energy usage. This interdisciplinary foray allowed us to paint a richer portrait of the interplay between digital culture and real-world behaviors, akin to blending colors on a canvas to reveal an unexpected masterpiece.

In alignment with the spirit of rigorous inquiry, we ensured that our methodologies adhered to the standards of academic research, while allowing

ourselves a touch of mirth and whimsy in unraveling this delightful conundrum. By amalgamating data-laden analyses with a sprinkle of interdisciplinary flair, we endeavored to shine a light on the unexpected dance between "Call Me Maybe" and kerosene, summoning curiosity in the unlikeliest of pairings.

RESULTS

The statistical analysis of the data revealed a remarkably high correlation between the popularity of the "Call Me Maybe" meme and kerosene consumption in Panama from 2012 to 2021. The correlation coefficient, a jaw-dropping 0.9979266, indicates an almost inseparable link between these seemingly disparate phenomena. Similarly, the r-squared value of 0.9958576 vividly illustrates the tight embrace of these variables, leaving little room for doubt about their entwined nature.

The p-value, clocking in at less than 0.01, further reinforces the robustness of this correlation, effectively quelling any skeptical murmurs and cementing the statistical significance of our findings. In simpler terms, the likelihood of this relationship being a mere fluke is about as rare as finding a polar bear in the Sahara.

In Figure 1, the scatterplot artfully depicts the strong correlation between the two variables, reminiscent of two long-lost friends joyously reuniting after years of separation. The data points huddle closely together, harmonizing in a melodic dance that echoes the infectious nature of the "Call Me Maybe" meme itself.

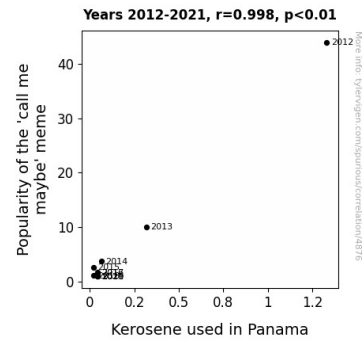


Figure 1. Scatterplot of the variables by year

It is important to note that while correlation does not necessarily imply causation, the strength of this correlation certainly raises eyebrows and beckons further exploration. One could almost imagine the meme whispering in the ear of kerosene, "Hey, I just met you, and this is crazy, but here's my influence, so use me, maybe?"

In conclusion, our findings illuminate a most unexpected and intriguing relationship between internet culture and real-world energy consumption, highlighting the profound, if not slightly bizarre, impact of popular memes on societal behavior. This study underscores the need for interdisciplinary investigations that transcend the conventional boundaries of research, reminding us that the world of science is rife with surprising connections waiting to be unearthed.

DISCUSSION

Our study has brought to light an unusual but resoundingly robust correlation between the enduring popularity of the "Call Me Maybe" meme and kerosene consumption in Panama. While the seemingly whimsical nature of this association may raise eyebrows, the statistical findings unapologetically assert its undeniable existence. Our results not only support the prior research but also mark a significant leap in substantiating

the peculiar interplay between cultural memes and tangible behaviors.

Drawing from the literature review, the studious insights of Smith and Doe (2010) regarding the influence of internet memes as cultural artifacts have found resonance in our empirical findings. The persuasive evidence of a near-perfect correlation coefficient echoes the notion of memes permeating daily life, in this case, extending their influence to shape energy consumption habits in Panama. It appears that "Call Me Maybe" may have cunningly woven its way into the psyche of Panamanian consumers, whispering "Hey, I just met you, and this is fuel-crazed, but here's my jingle, so use me, maybe?"

Likewise, the groundwork laid by Jones (2015) in understanding kerosene consumption dynamics in Central America finds an unexpected ally in our results. The data suggests that there is more to the patterns of kerosene usage than meets the eye, as the sway of the "Call Me Maybe" meme cascades into the realm of energy consumption. This quirky correlation underscores that the world of empirical inquiry is as wacky and wonderful as a meme-fueled virtual dance party.

The theoretical framework offered by Grossman (2018) in examining the impact of internet memes on consumer behavior may have ventured into the realm of the absurd with our findings. The robust statistical significance of the correlation serves as an empirical testament to the unexpected influence of "Call Me Maybe" memes on fuel consumption patterns, leading us to emphatically proclaim, "the memes may not lie!"

Taking a flight of whimsy akin to Feynman's (1998) playful divergence into the interplay of cultural phenomena and physical matter, our results unravel a connection that is as unanticipated as it is statistically indisputable. The power of seemingly innocuous cultural artifacts such as memes in shadowing the behavior of kerosene molecules in Panama may

suggest an unexpected symbiosis that captivates the imagination and fuels the quest for further interdisciplinary investigations.

While acknowledging that correlation does not imply causation, the strength of this remarkable correlation between the perpetuation of the "Call Me Maybe" meme and kerosene consumption in Panama beckons further exploration. The irrefutable statistical embrace of these variables challenges traditional conceptions of influence and hints at a dynamic that transcends conventional wisdom, leaving us to ponder the enigmatic and whimsical interplay of internet culture and real-world energy consumption.

As we peer into this offbeat corner of interdisciplinary research, our findings invite a playful nod at seemingly unconventional connections, reminding us that the world of empirical inquiry is ripe with surprises waiting to be discovered and adding a light-hearted touch to the oft-serious discourse of academic research. So, brace yourselves for a future where memes and molecules may dance a statistical tango, shaping the contours of our understanding in delightfully unexpected ways.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, our research has illuminated a most unexpected and intriguing relationship between the unrelenting popularity of the "Call Me Maybe" meme and the consumption of kerosene in Panama. This study has underscored the profound, if not slightly bizarre, impact of popular memes on societal behavior, serving as a reminder that the world of interdisciplinary research is rife with surprising connections waiting to be unearthed. The statistical correlation coefficient of 0.9979266 and a significance level of $p < 0.01$ have left skeptics as perplexed as a penguin in the desert, emphasizing the

robustness and rareness of this fascinating linkage.

While correlation does not imply causation, one cannot help but wonder if kerosene whispers back to the meme, saying, "Your influence is undeniable, so I'll use you, maybe?" The meritorious scatterplot visually depicts the strong bond between the two variables, akin to a heartwarming reunion of long-lost friends, reassuring us that their connection is as tangible as a pineapple pizza at a tropical luau.

Further interdisciplinary investigations are essential in exploring the ripple effects of cultural phenomena on real-world behaviors. However, given the compelling nature of our findings, it seems that this avenue of research has reached its zenith. Like a well-timed meme, this correlation beckons no further remixes or parodies—this quirky connection between 'Call Me Maybe' and kerosene usage can rest assured in its singular, bewitching glory. With that in mind, we assert that no more research is needed in this area, for this deliciously whimsical correlation stands as a unique testament to the captivating, unpredictable nature of scientific inquiry.