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## **Transparency Laws**



- Government process should be transparent
- Data generated by the Government is a PUBLIC GOOD
- This Data should be OPEN AND FREELY ACCESSIBLE
- being legislated in many countries:
  - EU parliament
  - UK government
  - USA
  - Brazil (Federal and State level)
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## Legislative Process



- Focusing on the **PARLIAMENTARY PROCESS**
- Variety of Data
  - **WHO** are the representatives (deputados)
  - WHAT DO THEY DO (commissions, travels, ...)
  - Who **VOTES** on what:
    - Complex internal process
    - Different commission votes, modifications
    - Final vote by the representatives



### In Brazil, Multiple Parliaments:

- Federal Level
- State Level
- Municipalities

# Open Data?



- Often available internally in ad-hoc databases
- Quickly exported to XML, RDF, CSV
- Each state, municipality using their own system
- Internal IT Departments disclose requested data within 30 days



# Beyond the Data



- Lay citizens **DO NOT CARE** about standard models or exchange formats
- Citizens are **NOT INVOLVED** in the legislative process



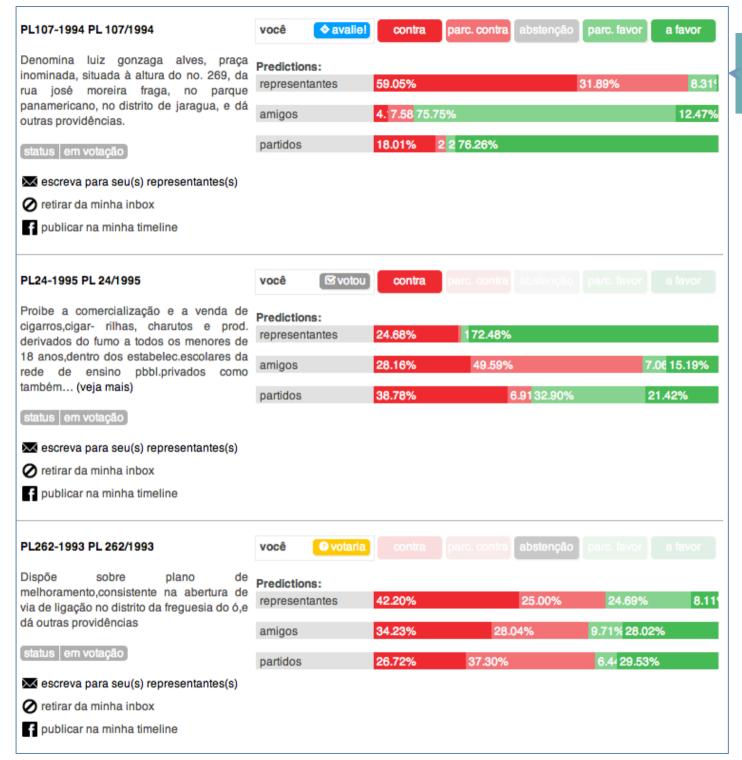


## Cidadão Automatico

(Automatic Citizen)



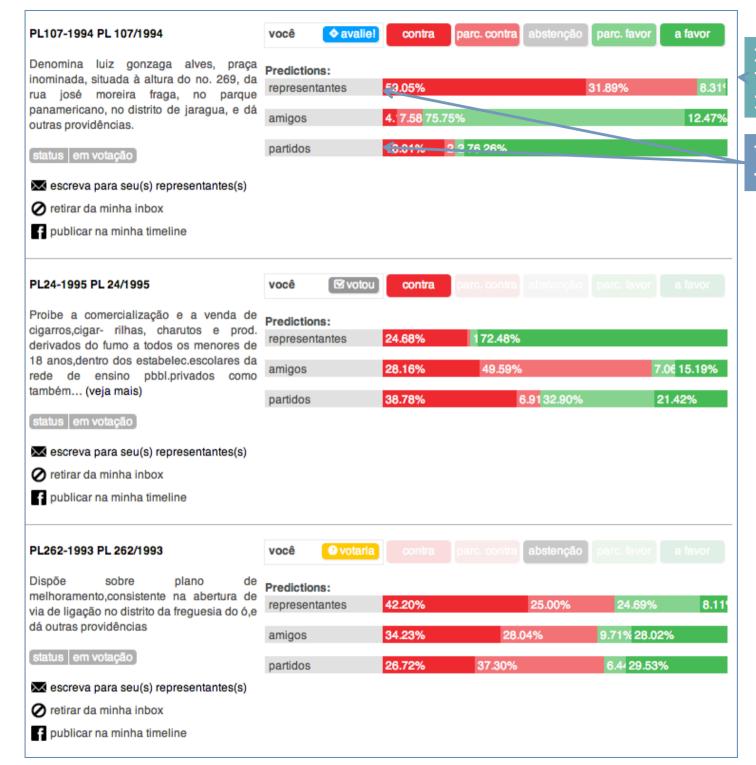
- Enable participation of the citizens in the legislative process
- Believe legislators' discourses or their actions?
  - Too many laws (Federal, State, Municipal)
  - Legislative text is hard to understand
  - Legislative process is complex



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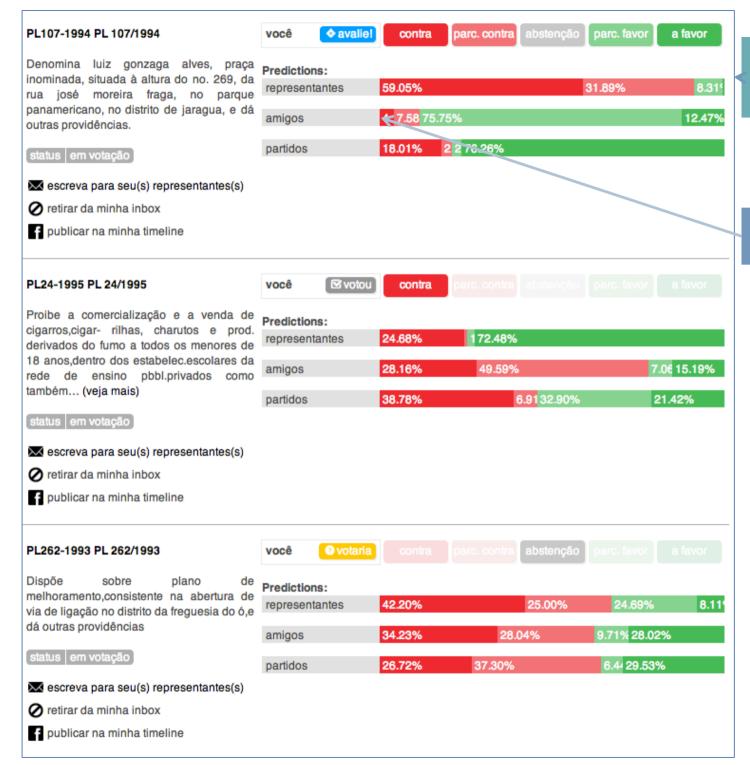




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What will they vote?

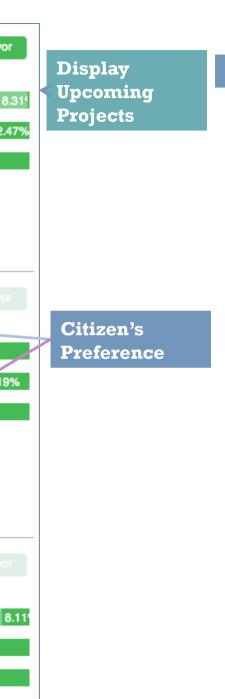


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Social Environment



7.06 15.19%

21.42%

24.69%

9.71% 28.02%

6.44 29.53%

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24.68%

28.16%

38.78%

42.20%

34.23%

26.72%

172.48%

49.59%

6.9132.90%

25.00%

28.04%

37.30%

você

Predictions:

amigos

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Predictions:

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representantes

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PL24-1995 PL 24/1995

publicar na minha timeline

Proibe a comercialização e a venda de cigarros,cigar- rilhas, charutos e prod. derivados do fumo a todos os menores de 18 anos,dentro dos estabelec.escolares da rede de ensino pbbl.privados como também... (veja mais)

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escreva para seu(s) representantes(s)

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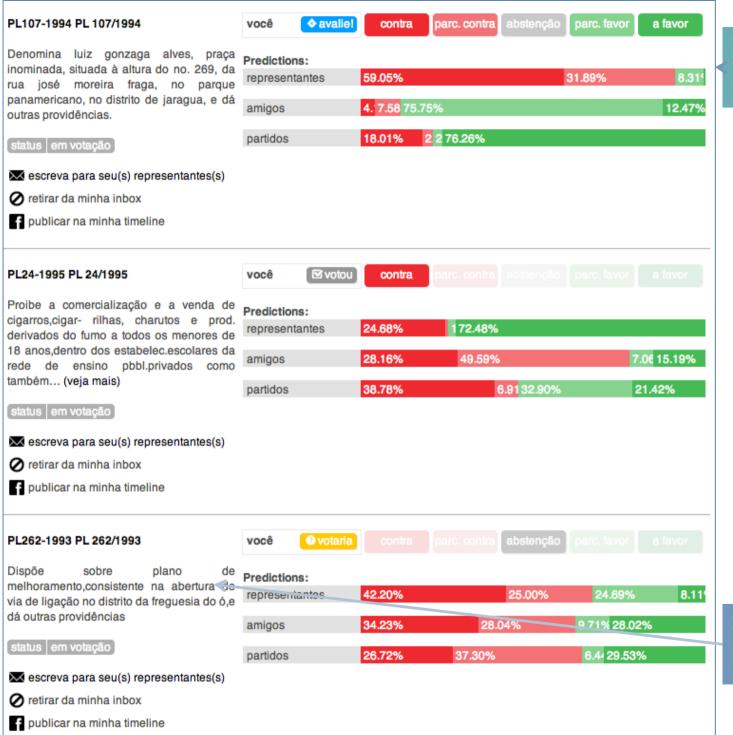
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Information readable for LAY CITIZENS

### + Issues



- Gather legislative data from heterogeneous sources
- EXTRACT SEMANTIC Information from the data and INTER-LINK
- **SUMMARIZE** Legislations for citizens
- FILTER and RECOMMEND
  - Legislations,
  - Topics,
  - Representatives to citizens

# Data Gathering



- "Open Data" not centralized
- Formats are heterogeneous and rarely documented
  - XML
  - RDF
  - PDF
  - HTML



### **Extract Semantics**



- Find Entities
- Link to internal and external entities
  - Laws (Municipal, State, Federal)
  - Representatives
- Extract <u>meaningful concepts</u> for indexing





# Law/Topic Recommendation



- Too many laws
- Many "uninteresting" laws
- Learn User's interests
- Twist on the Recommendation problem:
  - Recommend laws that users want to support
  - Recommend laws that users are strongly against







- Understand the CITIZENS' NEEDS
- Get access to the data
- Make the data MACHINE-UNDERSTANDABLE
- Make the data VALUABLE TO CITIZENS
  - Natural Language Processing
  - Recommendation
- Make the members of parliament use the computer systems



# Research Challenges

- Semantic Model of legislative processes
  - Create modular model
  - Create meaningful research dataset
- Entity/Topic Extraction from "legalese"
- Crowdsourcing techniques
- Multidimensional Recommendation/Filtering in complex Graph



### Thank You. Questions?