Fine-Grained Detection of Solidarity for Women and Migrants in 155 Years of German Parliamentary Debates

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Abstract

Solidarity is a crucial concept to understand social relations in societies. In this paper, we explore fine-grained solidarity frames to study solidarity towards women and migrants in German parliamentary debates between 1867 and 2022. Using 2,864 manually annotated text snippets (with a cost exceeding 18k Euro), we evaluate large language models (LLMs) like Llama 3, GPT-3.5, and GPT-4. We find that GPT-4 outperforms other LLMs, approaching human annotation quality. Using GPT-4, we automatically annotate more than 18k further instances (with a cost of around 500 Euro) across 155 years and find that solidarity with migrants outweighs anti-solidarity but that frequencies and solidarity types shift over time. Most importantly, group-based notions of (anti)solidarity fade in favor of compassionate solidarity, focusing on the vulnerability of migrant groups, and exchange-based anti-solidarity, focusing on the lack of (economic) contribution. Our study highlights the interplay of historical events, socio-economic needs, and political ideologies in shaping migration discourse and social cohesion. We also show that powerful LLMs, if carefully prompted, can be cost-effective alternatives to human annotation for hard social scientific tasks.

1 Introduction

Solidarity is a crucial concept for understanding how societies achieve and maintain stability and cohesion (Reynolds, 2014), and it plays a critical role in shaping policies (Laitinen and Pessi, 2014). Traditionally, solidarity relied on common identity and reciprocity, potentially excluding out-groups like migrants (Hopman and Knijn, 2022) and reinforcing social boundaries and hierarchies (Anthias, 2014). However, growing diversity and increasing socio-economic, political, religious, and cultural complexities of modern societies (Kymlicka, 2020) call such traditional forms of solidarity into question. Simultaneously, recent populist movements challenge policies that support equality, such as equal opportunity or reproductive rights of women (Inglehart and Norris, 2016). These evolving complexities motivate a deeper and broader study of social solidarity, namely (i) a fine-grained exploration of different forms of social solidarity to reflect its multifaceted nature (Oosterlynck and Bouchaute, 2013), and (ii) a broader historical analysis to trace its evolution from the 19th century to today (Banting and Kymlicka, 2017). In this work, we contribute to such a systematic study of solidarity by tracing fine-grained notions of solidarity and anti-solidarity towards two target groups, women and migrants, in political speech, namely German parliamentary debates from 1867 to 2022 (Walter et al., 2021). We employ the social solidarity framework by Thijssen (2012) that incorporates rational (group-based and exchange-based) and emotive

Figure 1: Annotation scheme based on Thijssen (2012). The scheme categorizes statements into solidarity, anti-solidarity, mixed, and none (high-level). At the fine-grained level, solidarity and anti-solidarity are further divided into group-based, exchange-based, compassionate, and empathic subtypes.

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Table 1: Example sentences from our dataset showing (anti-)solidarity towards women/migrants. Bold text is the main sentence, the other sentences are for context. Original German texts, as well as examples of mixed stance and none, are available in Table 3 in the Appendix.

*(compassionate and empathic) elements of solidarity (refer to Fig. 1 and Section 4 for more details on the typology). We focus on migrants, central for solidarity discourse in European and German politics (Thränhardt, 1993; Faist, 1994; Fröhlich, 2023; Lehr, 2015), and women as an “oppressed majority” historically marginalized from public life (Calloni, 2020). As manual annotation of (anti-)solidarity concepts in all parliamentary proceedings over this 155-year period using traditional sociological methods is practically infeasible, we explore the use of language models for this complex task. In particular, we assess the efficacy of BERT, Llama-3, GPT-3.5, and GPT-4, to detect expressions of various (anti-)solidarity types in parliamentary texts, aiming to identify the best performing model for our large-scale analysis. From an NLP perspective, this task is semantically and pragmatically challenging because, (i) expressions of (anti-)solidarity are often implied rather than explicitly stated in the text and their meaning is affected by the political and historical context in which they are made (see the examples in Table 1; Sravanthi et al., 2024); (ii) German data, especially evolving German language over 155 years, is under-represented in common training data sets for LLMs, which may affect performance (Ahuja et al., 2023; Qin et al., 2024; Liu et al., 2024); and (iii) LLMs might struggle with annotating complex sociological concepts, achieving lower quality and reliability compared to human annotators (Wang et al., 2021; Ding et al., 2022; Zhu et al., 2023; Pangakis et al., 2023).

Our contributions are: (i) We provide a human annotated training & evaluation dataset of 2,864 text snippets, which required 40+ hours weekly from 4-5 annotators over nine months, totaling an investment of approximately 18k Euro; (ii) we conduct a comparative analysis of LLMs on a complex sociological task in which pre-trained language models (esp. GPT-4) outperform an open-source model Llama-3-70B-Instruct, as well as models fine-tuned for this task (BERT, GPT-3.5 fine tuned); (iii) we provide fine-grained insights into solidarity discourse concerning migrants in Germany in the last 155 years across different political parties.

We make our code and data available at [https://github.com/DominikBeese/FairGer](https://github.com/DominikBeese/FairGer).

## 2 Related work

Our work connects to (i) computational social science (CSS) (ii) analysis of political data (parliamentary debates) and (iii) the emergent field of analysis of social solidarity using NLP approaches.
NLP-based CSS. Recent CSS studies have leveraged LLMs for a variety of complex tasks. Ziems et al. (2024) conduct a comprehensive evaluation of LLMs, pointing out their weaknesses in tasks which require understanding of subjective expert taxonomies that deviate from the training data of LLMs (such as implicit hate and empathy classification). LLMs enhance text-as-data methods in social sciences, particularly in analyzing political ideology (Wu et al., 2023), but struggle with social language understanding, often outperformed by fine-tuned models (Choi et al., 2023). Zhang et al. (2023) introduced SPARROW, a benchmark showing ChatGPT’s limitations in sociopragmatic understanding across languages.

In exploring German migration debates, Blokker et al. (2020) and Zaberer et al. (2023) utilize fine-tuning of transformer-based language models to classify claims in German newspapers. Chen et al. (2022) apply LLM-based classification on German social media posts to study public controversies over the course of one decade. In contrast to these approaches, we apply LLMs to longitudinal historical data and explore it for a new challenging task, fine-grained detection of social solidarity.

Analysis of parliamentary debates using NLP tools. Abercrombie and Batista-Navarro (2020a) review 61 studies on sentiment and position-taking within parliamentary contexts, covering dictionary-based sentiment scoring, statistical machine learning, and other conventional NLP methods. In terms of specific methodologies, studies often deploy: (i) shallow classifiers, where Lai et al. (2020) use SVM, Naïve Bayes, and Logistic Regression for multilingual stance detection; (ii) deep learning approaches, with Abercrombie and Batista-Navarro (2020b) applying BERT, Al Hamoud et al. (2022) exploring LSTM variants, and Sawhney et al. (2020) introducing GPolS for political speech analysis; (iii) probabilistic models, as in Vilares and He (2017)'s Bayesian approach to identify topics and perspectives in debates. With German political debates, Müller-Hansen et al. (2021) use topic modeling to study shifts in German parliamentary discussions on coal due to changes in energy policy, while Walter et al. (2021) employ diachronic word embeddings to track antisemitic and anti-communist biases in these debates. More recently, Bornheim et al. (2023) apply Llama 2 to automate speaker attribution in German parliamentary debates from 2017-2021. Our research goes beyond this by adopting recent powerful LLMs to track changes of a specific social concept, solidarity, in plenary debates from three centuries.

Social solidarity in NLP. Previous studies of social solidarity in NLP have largely focused on social media platforms. For example, Santhanam et al. (2019) study how emojis are used to express solidarity in social media during Hurricane Irma in 2017 and Paris terrorist attacks from November 2015. Ils et al. (2021) consider solidarity in European social media discourse around COVID-19. Eger et al. (2022) extend this work by examining how design choices, like keyword selection and language, affect assessments of solidarity changes over time. Compared to these works, we use a similar methodological setup (annotate data and infer trends), but focus on parliamentary debates instead of social media, employ a much more fine-grained sociological framework (Thijssen, 2012), and use LLMs for systematic categorization and examination of solidarity types over time.

3 Data

We obtain data from two sources: (i) Open Data, covering Bundestag (en.: federal diet) protocols from 1949 until today; and (ii) Reichstagsprotokolle covering Reichstag (en.: imperial diet) protocols until 1945.¹ We use the OCR-scanned version from Walter et al. (2021). Links to data, models, etc. used are in Appendix D. For the Reichstag data, we apply preprocessing steps similar to Walter et al. (2021) (e.g., removal of OCR artifacts), but keep German umlauts, capitalization, and punctuation. We automatically split the data into individual sittings and collect metadata like the date, period and number of each sitting, which we manually check and correct. Additionally, we removed interjections and split the text into sentences using NLTK (Bird et al., 2009), resulting in 19.1M sentences. We release this dataset of plenary protocols from German political debates (DeuParl) consisting of 9,923 sittings from 1867 to 2022 on GitHub.²

To select keywords, we (i) train a Word2Vec model (Mikolov et al., 2013) on our dataset to identify words with vector representations similar to Migrant (en.: migrant) and Frau (en.: woman); (ii) manually expand this list with intuitively relevant terms; (iii) from both lists, we filter for those which

¹ Volkskammer (en.: Eastern German parliament) protocols could not be included due to lack of availability. ² https://github.com/DominikBeese/DeuParl-v2
appear at least 200 times in the dataset. This resulted in 32 keywords for Migrant and 18 keywords for Frau. These include general terms like Migrant, Immigrant and Frau to period-specific terms, such as Vertriebene (en.: expellees) and Bürgerkriegsflüchtlinge (en.: civil war refugees), or social roles, such as Mütter (en.: mothers) and Hausfrauen (en.: housewives). See the full list of keywords, and further preprocessing in Appendix A. For a detailed keyword distribution across the dataset, see Fig. 11 and Fig. 12 in the Appendix.

Using these keywords, we extract 58k main sentences (instances) for migrants and 131k for women from DeuParl, expanding each with three preceding and three following sentences for context, resulting in a total of (i) 463k sentences (9.79M tokens) for migrants and (ii) 1.58M sentences (32.82M tokens) for women. Fig. 2 shows the number of instances over time.¹ Fig. 7 in the Appendix shows yearly relative frequencies of sentences with terms related to women and migrants in the entire dataset. It is notable that both Frau and Migrant terms represent a minor fraction of the discourse, typically under 0.02. Periodic spikes in mentions likely align with historical and societal changes, such as post-WWII for Migrant.

Figure 2: Number of instances in the Woman and Migrant dataset in each year. Fig. 7 in the Appendix illustrates the relative frequency of instances in both datasets.

4 Data annotation

To obtain ground truth data for model training and evaluation, we annotated 2864 instances with five annotators (all student assistants, with specializations in social science or computer science). The annotation was performed over a duration of nine months. In the first three months, we iteratively refined the annotation guidelines and monitored the inter-rater agreement (measured by Cohen’s Kappa) until inter-rater agreement converged (see Section 4.2 for exact scores) and annotators began annotating independently.

4.1 Annotation task design

For the manual annotation, we take the target sentence and three preceding and following sentences for context into account. We first select a high-level category (solidarity, anti-solidarity, mixed, none). Solidarity or anti-solidarity cases are then further distinguished into frames as defined by Thijssen and Verheyen (2022): group-based, compassionate, exchange-based, and empathic. We describe each of the included variables below.

High-level categories. Based on Lahusen and Grasso (2018) and Ils et al. (2021), we define solidarity as willingness to share resources, directly or indirectly, or support for target groups, and anti-solidarity as statements restricting resources, showing unwillingness to support, or implying exclusion of these groups. Texts with both supporting and opposing expressions are labeled mixed, while neutral or unrelated texts are labeled none.

Group-based solidarity is coded for texts emphasizing shared identity and common goals among group members, whereas group-based anti-solidarity emphasizes out-group exclusion based on perceived differences.

Compassionate solidarity is coded for texts supporting marginalized groups, emphasizing their need for protection, while compassionate anti-solidarity dismisses these groups by considering them already in a good position, minimizing their need support or protection.

Exchange-based solidarity is coded when texts highlight the economic contributions of “exchange partners” and potential rewards or further contributions. Conversely, exchange-based anti-solidarity calls for penalizing groups perceived as receiving more than they contribute.

Empathic solidarity is coded when a speaker expresses respect for individual differences, seeing social diversity as beneficial, while empathic anti-solidarity arises when differences are used as grounds for exclusion or neglect.

Annotation involved elaborate explanations, with identification of (anti-)solidarity resources

¹We note that the dataset is sparse in the period from 1933 to 1949, i.e. during the NS dictatorship and the immediate after-war period until the first parliament after the war was elected in 1949.
and highlighting expressions of (anti-)solidarity, as well as self- (speaker’s own viewpoint) and other-position (addressing or criticizing others’ viewpoints). The full annotation process and a detailed example are described in Appendix C and Fig. 15 in the Appendix, respectively.

4.2 Annotation results

While initial agreement levels were low, by the time annotators began working independently, they achieved a pairwise agreement with a Cohen’s Kappa of 0.42 on a fine-grained level and 0.62 on a high level. We observe three main disagreement issues in annotation: misclassification of none cases, confusion between mixed stance and anti-solidarity, and overlap within solidarity and anti-solidarity subtypes (see Fig. 6 in the Appendix). This confusion is often due to overlapping characteristics or the presence of multiple subtypes within the text; moreover, this annotation task is inherently subjective, which can lead to differing interpretations. This is further evidenced by our average agreement scores. Table 6 in the Appendix provides examples of annotator divergence, explaining why multiple labels could be correct, which gives insight into more difficult instances. However, there was almost no confusion between solidarity and anti-solidarity. We note less stability in annotator agreement before 1930, stabilizing in subsequent years (see Fig. 14a in the Appendix). Although these variations can stem from the complexities of historical language and diverse interpretations of past events, they might also stem from the unbalanced distribution of human annotated data over the decades (see Fig. 4).

Our dataset comprises 2864 annotated instances, 1437 for migrants and 1427 for women. We note that anti-solidarity accounts for 13.5% of instances, being more common among migrants (12.1%) than women (1.4%) (see Table 5a in the Appendix). 368 instances in our dataset (referred to as curated) were reviewed by a social science expert to provide a reliable comparison benchmark for evaluation of our models. Other consensus mechanisms for the final labels in the human-annotated dataset, and their distribution are shown in Table 5b in the Appendix.

5 Models and experiments

To determine the most cost-effective model (both in terms of performance and costs) for our large-scale sociological analysis, we evaluate various models, including Llama-3-70B-Instruct, gpt-4-1106-preview, base and instruction-finetuned gpt-3.5-turbo-0125, across high-level and fine-grained (anti-)solidarity annotation tasks in achieving human-level performance. Once the quality of the models is assured, we apply the best performing model — GPT-4 — large-scale to determine trends in Section 7.

Data We use a 70/15/15 train/dev/test split for all Migrant and Woman annotated data, which gives us approx. 2000 train, 400 dev and 430 test instances. We ensure reliability of a test set by allocating approximately 40% curated and 45% majority (labels assigned when more than half of annotators agree on the same label) labels. We create 3 random data splits, and calculate performance metrics as the average score of the 3 runs on the test sets.4

4These sets are fully used for training and evaluating baseline models; for inference-based experiments with Llama-3,
Metrics To evaluate our models, we report the Macro F1 Score (Macro F1) to account for class imbalance. We also calculate the F1 Score for the classes individually. We report these metrics for both high-level and fine-grained tasks.

5.1 Models

Baseline For our baseline, we use a BERT-based pipeline with 110M parameters, comprising a high-level category classifier and two subtype models for solidarity and anti-solidarity. All models share a similar architecture, processing inputs with a target (Frau or Migrant) and full text comprising the focus sentence and left and right context. We add a fully connected layer with softmax activation atop the pooled output of the BERT-based models, with 4 output units for each model. To counter class imbalance, minority classes are oversampled to parity with the majority class. We finetune for 20 epochs with a learning rate of 4e-4, a warmup ratio of 0.05, linear decay, AdamW optimizer (Loshchilov and Hutter, 2017) and categorical crossentropy loss.

GPT-4 We design two prompts (one for each target group) that include several elements: (i) incorporating chain-of-thought reasoning (Wei et al., 2022) in a few-shot setting by providing examples with desired reasoning and asking to think step by step in a zero-shot setting (Kojima et al., 2022); (ii) providing precise definitions and insights derived from annotation discussions; (iii) introducing definitions and examples of potentially problematic labels (such as empathic solidarity and empathic anti-solidarity) earlier in the prompt and (iv) implementing a two-step prompting strategy that initially categorizes texts at a high-level followed by detailed subtype classification (full prompts are provided in Fig. 16 and Fig. 17 in the Appendix).

Prompt-based fine-tuned GPT-3.5 Using the prompt identified for GPT-4’s fine-grained classification, we proceeded to fine-tune GPT-3.5 on instances sampled from our initial train set (114 for migrants; 109 for women\(^5\)), ensuring a balanced distribution across labels. The fine-tuning dataset was structured with the system providing instructions for classifying texts into high-level categories and requesting further sub-categorization; the user presenting texts; and the assistant providing classifications as per our two-step reasoning approach, along with explanations generated using GPT-4.

Llama-3 For an open-source model, we select Llama-3-70B-Instruct with \(q_{6,k}\) quantization (Meta, 2024), tested in a zero-shot setting. We use the same prompt as detailed in Fig. 16 and Fig. 17 in the Appendix, but involving separate calls for high-level and subcategory classifications.

For all GPT experiments, we test the models in few- (where we include ten category examples in the prompt to demonstrate the desired reasoning and categorization setting) and zero-shot settings.

6 Results

Results on the test sets are shown in Table 2 and Table 7 in the Appendix.

GPT-4 consistently outperforms other models in both fine-grained and high-level tasks for women and migrants. Interestingly, GPT-4 achieves similar performance in zero-shot and few-shot settings – 0.37 (0.60) and 0.37 (0.54) for women, and 0.42 (0.73) and 0.43 (0.63) for migrants, respectively, where the first number represents the fine-grained, and the number in parentheses the high-level score. This might be attributed to the use of carefully crafted definitions, which eliminates the need for additional examples. The fine-tuned version of GPT-3.5 demonstrates only marginal improvement over the base model, generally falling short of GPT-4’s performance. Most importantly, GPT-4 leads in F1 scores across categories, effectively identifying both solidarity and anti-solidarity (0.65 for women and 0.87 for migrants in zero-shot settings, see Table 7 in the Appendix). However, it scores lowest in the mixed stance category, indicating challenges with more complex and ambiguous instances. Llama-3, on the other hand, outperforms GPT-4 in this category for women and also leads in the none category for migrants by better identifying contradicting and subtle cues, likely benefiting from the two-step classification approach.

Conversely, BERT achieves lower F1 scores across all categories, performing comparably to the GPT-3.5 versions on high-level tasks but struggling with fine-grained tasks and ambivalent categories like mixed stance, likely due to challenges from underrepresented labels such as anti-solidarity categories for women, even after over-sampling (see Fig. 4, as well as Table 5a in the Appendix).

\(^5\)The fine-tuning guide by OpenAI recommends using 50 to 100 examples for training: https://platform.openai.com/docs/guides/fine-tuning/preparing-your-dataset
| Model                  | GPT-4 0-shot | GPT-3.5 base 0-shot | llama-3-70B 0-shot | BERT 0-shot | Human upper bound |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|
| W                      | 0.37 (0.60)  | 0.37 (0.54)         | 0.15 (0.46)        | 0.24 (0.48) | 0.13 (0.26)      |
| M                      | 0.42 (0.73)  | 0.43 (0.63)         | 0.19 (0.48)        | 0.27 (0.65) | 0.24 (0.46)      |

Table 2: Comparative performance (macro F1) of models vs. human upper bound on combined high-level (in parentheses) and fine-grained tasks for both women (W) and migrants (M). Best scores for each target group are highlighted in bold. Macro F1 cores for GPT-3.5 fine-tuned, as well as F1 scores for each category are provided in Table 7 in the Appendix.

Overall, the human upper bound consistently outperforms all models. GPT-4 is the closest but still falls behind by 0.11 to 0.14 and 0.05 to 0.12 points in fine-grained and high-level tasks respectively for women and migrants. Llama-3-70B follows, with gaps of 0.24 to 0.29 and 0.24 to 0.13 points in fine-grained and high-level tasks, while BERT shows the largest discrepancies. These results suggest there is a gap compared to human understanding, especially in more complex annotation tasks.

**Error analysis** For the error analysis, we compare the human annotations and zero-shot predictions of GPT-4 for both target groups on the test set, using the confusion matrices for high-level labels shown in Fig. 3, as well as for fine-grained level labels in Fig. 6 provided in the Appendix. We also consider explanations provided by GPT-4.

Observed errors align with those noted during human annotation, with solidarity and anti-solidarity rarely confused (1% of cases). Confusion primarily occurs between (anti-)solidarity subtypes and none, as well as mixed stance, as the model seems to look for stronger indications of solidarity despite instructions to consider even slight expressions of it (see examples 1 and 2 in Table 9).

There is also notable confusion between the solidarity subtypes, with the most frequent confusion between group-based and compassionate solidarity, likely because of the presence of multiple category characteristics within the texts (see example 3 in Table 9). There is also confusion between compassionate and empathic solidarity, where the model sometimes misinterprets empathic as merely relating to the term empathy, overlooking the full category definition, which involves respecting diversity, as in example 4 in Table 9.

7 Analysis

In this section, we analyze how the solidarity discourse in the German parliament developed over 155 years, using automatic, fine-grained annotations from the best-performing model, GPT-4 zero-shot. However, due to cost constraints, we limit the annotations to a) data concerning migrants, i.e., the target group for which our models achieved higher scores and b) a sample of 18,300 instances from the overall 58k instances concerning migrants. We draw the sample proportionally for the time spans in the original data. This selection includes all records with political party information (see Appendix B for details on political parties data extraction and list of parties included in the analysis). The cost of this automatic annotation was around 500 Euro.

**How does (anti-)solidarity change over time?**

As shown in Fig. 5b, throughout the periods analyzed, solidarity consistently surpasses anti-solidarity. From 1880 to 1910, solidarity increased from under 20% to 30%, driven by discussions about Eastern and Central European foreign workers’ rights in the context of industrialization and local demographic shifts (Schönwälder, 1999).

Following the NS regime, solidarity surges above 50%, aligning with the influx of Vertriebene (en.: expellees), who were generally viewed positively in parliamentary debates (Fröhlich, 2023), as well as the arrival of Gastarbeiter (en.: guest workers) from the Mediterranean (Stalker, 2000). The highest solidarity and low anti-solidarity in 1940s reflect limited discussions (due to sparse data during this period) skewed towards solidarity, primarily focusing on expellees.

Anti-solidarity towards migrants initially rose from about 5% to over 15% between 1870 and 1890, remaining stable until 1920, likely due to fears of “Polonization” from the influx of Polish workers, leading to restrictive policies against perceived threats to German identity (Triadafilopoulos, 2004). From 1960, anti-solidarity resurfaced with rising anti-migrant sentiments linked to labor migration in the 1960s and 1970s, right-wing opposition to liberal asylum laws in the 1990s (Faist,
1994), and the influx of refugees due to the Syrian war around 2015 with the subsequent rise of the extreme right-wing AfD party (Hertner, 2022). By 2022, solidarity stabilizes at around 40%, while anti-solidarity has risen to above 20%. We also note a relative decrease in solidarity compared to anti-solidarity, as shown in Fig. 10 in the Appendix, which illustrates this shift by subtracting the percentage of anti-solidarity from that of solidarity.

How have (anti-)solidarity frames evolved over time? In Fig. 5a, for solidarity (left), it is evident that group-based solidarity (i.e., emphasis on shared national identity and integration) was dominant until the 1990s, peaking to over 50% in 1870 with the founding of the German empire. It drops to below 20% by 1880, surges back above 50% in 1970, and then declines to below 30% by 2020. These trends align with periods of strong German nationalism (around 1870 and pre-World War II) and the influx of expellees in the 1950s and 1960s. For anti-solidarity (right), trends show group-based anti-solidarity dominant before WWII, peaking from 70% to over 90%, then declining to below 60% post-war, reflecting a decline in opposition to migration based on national identity in parliamentary debates after the NS era. Instead, anti-solidarity arguments shifted to exchange-based anti-solidarity (from below 10% to above 40% after World War II), i.e. arguments that migrants are not providing adequate economic contributions. Neither compassionate nor empathic anti-solidarity are frequent at any time. By 2022, group-based solidarity declines, giving way to compassionate solidarity, which rose to above 40%.

How are solidarity and anti-solidarity frames represented across political parties? Our analysis covers the distribution of (anti-)solidarity frames across parties from 1865 to 2022. It should be noted that we assess the data without regard to the specific emergence dates of political parties (e.g., AfD established in 2013 versus SPD in 1863).

Data subdivision by the speaker’s party shows that all parties, except for the far-right AfD, mainly exhibit solidarity towards migrants (Fig. 9 in the Appendix, left). Compassionate and group-based solidarity are prevalent, with left-leaning parties (Linke, Grüne) showing higher levels of compassionate and empathic solidarity compared to the more exchange-focused solidarity of centrist parties (SPD, FDP, CDU/CSU). Conversely, while the right-wing parties, including CDU/CSU, also engage in anti-solidarity rhetoric, it is AfD that predominantly holds such stances, focusing mainly on exchange-based anti-solidarity that suggests migrants contribute less (see Fig. 9 in the Appendix, right). This distribution mirrors findings in Flanders, Belgium, where radical rightists’ discourse predominantly focuses on group-based frames; greens and social democrats emphasize compassionate solidarity, liberals prefer exchange-based approaches, and both greens and liberals advocate for empathic solidarity, highlighting a polarization of partisan discourse (Thijssen and Verheyen, 2022).

8 Concluding remarks
This study set out to i) provide a high-quality dataset of (anti-)solidarity annotations in German parliamentary debates, ii) from an NLP perspective, evaluate the ability of LLMs to assist in large-scale social and political analyses over extended periods, and iii) from a CSS perspective, uncover long-term shifts in solidarity trends in Germany,
laying groundwork for future sociological studies.

Concerning i), we invested 1000+ annotation hours and 18k Euro to provide a data set of 2,864 manually annotated text snippets following the sociological framework of Thijssen (2012).

Regarding ii), our findings indicate that GPT-4 outperforms other models (Llama-3-70B, GPT-3.5 base, fine-tuned, and BERT) in reproducing human annotations. While other models demonstrate proficiency in identifying high-level categories, they exhibit limitations in handling more nuanced categories, specific to sociological theory. GPT-4, though challenged by ambiguity, handles complex tasks even in a zero-shot setting.

Contrary to previous research in CSS that suggested smaller fine-tuned models like BERT performed well (Choi et al., 2023; Zhang et al., 2023), our study finds that larger models are more effective our hard CSS task, possibly due to the carefully designed prompts based on human expertise. Our observations align with Ziems et al. (2024), who noted that while LLMs have not yet reached the quality of human analysis in classification tasks within CSS, large instruction-tuned LLMs are preferable. However, we observe that the open-source model Llama-3 exhibits inferior performance compared to the non-open-source GPT-4.

In terms of iii), our analysis of German parliamentary debates from 1865 to 2022 reveals shifts in attitudes toward migrants influenced by labor demands, migration waves, and socio-political changes. The evolution from group-based to compassionate solidarity marks a shift towards economic pragmatism and issues of redistribution in migration discourse, likely spurred by rising global humanitarianism (Vollmer and Karakayali, 2018). Despite traditional solidarity dominance, the resurgence of anti-solidarity since WWII, peaking in 2022, illustrates deepening political polarization. This underscores the ongoing tension between xenophobic tendencies and liberal ideals in Germany (Joppke, 2007; Lehr, 2015), reflecting the complex challenges of integration and multiculturalism in a major migrant destination.

These findings lay a strong foundation for further sociological research using LLMs. Future work could examine how shifts in political discourse impact policy-making and public opinion, exploring correlations with civic solidarity. Comparative studies across countries with varying migration histories may reveal factors influencing (anti-)solidarity. Additionally, exploring the effects of such rhetoric on related policies, like migration or equal opportunity, could yield further insights. From an NLP perspective, future work can explore a broader range of LLMs, including those fine-tuned on German data, and explore the effect of using highlighting and explanations to improve classification.

Limitations

Our study faces several limitations that should be considered when interpreting the results.

- The task of annotating political speech, particularly concepts such as solidarity and anti-solidarity, poses significant challenges. These concepts are inherently complex and laden with subtleties that are difficult to capture, both for human annotators and automated models.

- Due to resource constraints, GPT-4 was applied to only a portion of the dataset, potentially limiting the generalizability of our findings. Moreover, the proportional sampling of instances across decades might have led to the underrepresentation of certain periods, which could have further impacted the comprehensiveness of the analysis.

- While our analysis of solidarity and anti-solidarity frames distribution across parties covers data from 1865 to 2022 and includes all historical periods, it does not trace the evolution of partisan discourse over time. We assess the data comprehensively without focusing on the specific historical emergence of political parties (e.g., AfD established in 2013 versus SPD in 1863).

- Additional manual annotation features such as free-comment explanations, highlighting, and indications of opposing positions (all available in our human annotation) were not fully explored. These elements hold potential for future studies, which could use them as cues for LLMs to achieve a more nuanced classification.

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Appendix

A List of Keywords

For Frau (en.: woman) we use Frauen, Frau, Mutter, Mädchen, Mütter, Ehefrau, Müttern, Hausfrauen, Hausfrau, Ehefrauen, Frauenförderung, Frauenquote, Dienstmädchen, Fräulein, Großmutter, Kriegerfrauen, Arbeiterfrauen, und Trümmerfrauen.

Since Frau is the German word for woman but also for Mrs./Ms., we only include occurrences of the word Frau that are not followed by a capitalized word (which are probably surnames).

For Migrant (en.: refugee) we use Flüchtlinge, Ausländer, Flüchtlingen, Zuwanderung, Vertriebenen, Ausländern, Asylbewerber, Migranten, Migration, Heimatvertriebenen, Aussiedler, Einwanderung, Ansiedler, Vertriebenen, Zuwanderer, Asylbewerbern, Flüchtling, Heimatvertriebene, Sowjet- zonenflüchtlinge, Aussiedlern, Einwanderer, Asylsuchenden, Asylsuchende, Bürgerkriegsflüchtlinge, Zuwanderern, Ansiedlern, Migrantinnen, Vertriebener, Emigranten, Kriegsflüchtlinge, Ausländerinnen, und Immigranten.

When doing stability tests over the chosen keywords, we make sure to choose sufficiently many keywords, i.e., at least 5 (out of 16/32) keywords and at least 10% of the data, such that enough data is present to create the plots. For the analysis of frequency of keywords over time, we calculate the percentages normalized for each keyword, i.e., a value of $p\%$ in year $y$ implies that in year $y$ $p\%$ of all sentences with this keyword occurred. The trends are shown in the Fig. 11 for women and in Fig. 12 for migrants.

B Parties

We identified political parties by searching for party names within parentheses, a conventional notation within parliamentary records to denote the speaker’s party affiliation, as seen in examples like "Benjamin Strasser (FDP): Sehr geehrter Präsident!...". Following automated extraction, we conducted a manual review to verify the correctness of the party associations, which resulted in 3,499 out of 58k records with party information spanning from 1940 to 2022.

List of the parties included in the dataset, along with the variations of their names or abbreviations as they have been recorded: AfD (Alternative for Germany); Die Linke (The Left) with variations such as PDS, Gruppe der PDS; Bündnis 90/Die Grünen (Alliance 90/The Greens); CDU/CSU (Christian Democratic Union/Christian Social Union); SPD (Social Democratic Party of Germany); FDP (Free Democratic Party); DP (German Party) with variations such as DP/PDS, DP/FVP, FVP; GB/BHE (All-German Bloc/League of Expellees and Deprived of Rights); KPD (Communist Party of Germany); BP (Bavarian Party); WAV (Economic Reconstruction Union).

C Annotation details

Annotators first identify the specific resources (such as time, money, rights, or educational access) that underlie expressions of solidarity or anti-solidarity. Following this, they select from a predefined set of indicators tailored to each solidarity or anti-solidarity category.

We also apply highlighting to indicate parts of sentences which express solidarity (green) and anti-solidarity red. In addition, we highlight expres-
sions that convey the speaker’s own viewpoint (self-position) and those that address or critique others’ viewpoints (other-position). The annotation task concludes with a free-text commentary, limited to 1-2 sentences, detailing the reasoning behind a chosen category. A detailed example for the annotation process is available in Fig. 15, which illustrates the full annotation pipeline with providing explanations for chosen labels.

D Links to data and code

Open Data: https://www.bundestag.de/services/opendata; Reichstagsprotokolle: https://www.reichstagsprotokolle.de/;
OCR-scanned version of Walter et al. (2021): https://tudatalib.ulb.tu-darmstadt.de/handle/tudatalib/2889; F1 score implementation: https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/generated/sklearn.metrics.f1_score.html;
(1) Compassionate solidarity towards women
(June 29, 1961)
"Im Zusammenhang mit § 1708 BGB hat das Hohe Haus das 18. Lebensjahr als Grenze für die Unterhaltpflicht festgelegt. In den Übergangsvorschriften ist diese Bestimmung für diejenigen, die am 1. Januar 1962 schon das 16. Lebensjahr vollendet haben, aufgehoben worden. Diese Regelung erscheint meiner Fraktion ungerecht, denn dadurch würden beträchtliche Personengruppen aus dieser Unterhaltpflicht herausgenommen. Gerade die Frauen, die unter großen Mühen ihre Kinder z. B. auf die höhere Schule geschickt haben, müßten diese Unkosten ganz allein tragen."

The speaker is advocating for extended financial support for mothers and is emphasizing the unfairness of removing maintenance obligations.

(2) Exchange-based anti-solidarity towards migrants
(Apr. 19, 2018)
"[...] Lassen Sie mich noch anfügen: Migration ist nicht zwingend erfolgreich – Sie tun immer so, als sei das super –, sie kann scheitern, und sie scheitert vor allem dann, wenn die Qualifikation der Einwanderer niedrig ist. 2013, also vor der sogenannten Flüchtlingswelle, hatten 40 Prozent der Zuwanderer aus dem Nicht-EU-Ausland keinen Abschluss. Seit der Flüchtlingswelle haben die Messerstechereien um 20 Prozent zugenommen, und wir haben importierten Antisemitismus im Land. Ist das eine hervorragend erfolgreiche Migration?"

The text criticizes migration for its negative economic impacts and the disproportionate burden placed by low-skilled immigrants who take more resources and social stability than they contribute.

(3) Mixed stance towards migrants
(Feb. 2, 1982)
"[...] Wir müssen akzeptieren, daß wir in wenigen Jahren auch wieder eine höhere Zahl ausländischer Arbeitnehmer in der Bundesrepublik brauchen werden, wie Herr Urbaniak vorhin angedeutet hat. Wir haben also in Wirklichkeit zu einer wirksamen Integration, die allerdings voraussetzt, [...] daß es in der Frage des Anwerbestopps und des Verhinderns der illegalen Einwanderung keine Ausnahmen geben darf, keine Alternative. [...]"

This text acknowledges the economic need for foreign workers and the importance of their integration, yet simultaneously emphasizing strict controls on illegal immigration.

Table 3: Original German texts for the examples from our dataset in Table 1 showing solidarity/anti-solidarity towards women/migrants. Bold text is the main sentence, the other sentences are for context.

| Gold Standard | Original Text | Explanation |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| (1) Compassionate solidarity towards women | "Im Zusammenhang mit § 1708 BGB hat das Hohe Haus das 18. Lebensjahr als Grenze für die Unterhaltpflicht festgelegt. In den Übergangsvorschriften ist diese Bestimmung für diejenigen, die am 1. Januar 1962 schon das 16. Lebensjahr vollendet haben, aufgehoben worden. Diese Regelung erscheint meiner Fraktion ungerecht, denn dadurch würden beträchtliche Personengruppen aus dieser Unterhaltpflicht herausgenommen. Gerade die Frauen, die unter großen Mühen ihre Kinder z. B. auf die höhere Schule geschickt haben, müßten diese Unkosten ganz allein tragen."

The speaker is advocating for extended financial support for mothers and is emphasizing the unfairness of removing maintenance obligations. |

| (2) Exchange-based anti-solidarity towards migrants | "[...] Lassen Sie mich noch anfügen: Migration ist nicht zwingend erfolgreich – Sie tun immer so, als sei das super –, sie kann scheitern, und sie scheitert vor allem dann, wenn die Qualifikation der Einwanderer niedrig ist. 2013, also vor der sogenannten Flüchtlingswelle, hatten 40 Prozent der Zuwanderer aus dem Nicht-EU-Ausland keinen Abschluss. Seit der Flüchtlingswelle haben die Messerstechereien um 20 Prozent zugenommen, und wir haben importierten Antisemitismus im Land. Ist das eine hervorragend erfolgreiche Migration?"

The text criticizes migration for its negative economic impacts and the disproportionate burden placed by low-skilled immigrants who take more resources and social stability than they contribute. |

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Figure 6: Table 6a shows the comparison of annotations between our annotators on a fine-grained level; Table 6b between the final label from the human annotated dataset and our best model’s prediction (cf. Section 6) on a test set. The former is aggregated over all pairwise comparisons of annotators, thus the matrix is symmetric.
Figure 7: Relative frequency of instances per year in the Woman and Migrant dataset.

| Decade | S | AS | Mixed | None |
|-------|---|----|-------|------|
| 1860s | 1 | 1  | 0     | 10   |
| 1870s | 5 | 5  | 0     | 7    |
| 1880s | 8 | 2  | 6     | 6    |
| 1890s | 25| 8  | 9     | 5    |
| 1900s | 41| 6  | 12    | 21   |
| 1910s | 40| 6  | 4     | 19   |
| 1920s | 38| 4  | 2     | 16   |
| 1930s | 15| 0  | 1     | 3    |
| 1940s | 12| 0  | 1     | 6    |
| 1950s | 42| 6  | 2     | 14   |
| 1960s | 36| 4  | 5     | 19   |
| 1970s | 57| 6  | 2     | 10   |
| 1980s | 142| 7 | 8     | 26   |
| 1990s | 229| 10| 5     | 41   |
| 2000s | 146| 1  | 1     | 27   |
| 2010s | 216| 6  | 2     | 49   |
| 2020s | 35 | 5  | 1     | 6    |

Table 4: Actual numbers of instances in the human annotated dataset across time per target group.

Figure 8: Distribution of instances in the human annotated dataset across time per target group.
|                        | Women          | Migrant        | Total per label |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Group-based solidarity  | 112 (3.9%)     | 188 (6.6%)     | 300 (10.5%)     |
| Exchange-based solidarity | 54 (1.9%)    | 56 (2%)        | 110 (3.8%)      |
| Empathic solidarity     | 125 (4.4%)     | 21 (0.7%)      | 146 (5.1%)      |
| Compassionate solidarity | 732 (25.6%)   | 466 (16.3%)    | 1198 (41.8%)    |
| Solidarity (no subtype) | 41 (1.4%)      | 53 (1.9%)      | 94 (3.3%)       |
| **Total for solidarity** | **1064 (37.2%)** | **784 (27.4%)** | **1848 (64.5%)** |
| Group-based anti-solidarity | 10 (0.3%)    | 197 (6.9%)     | 207 (7.2%)      |
| Exchange-based anti-solidarity | 0 (0%)        | 48 (1.7%)      | 48 (1.7%)       |
| Empathic anti-solidarity | 17 (0.6%)      | 3 (0.1%)       | 20 (0.7%)       |
| Compassionate anti-solidarity | 8 (0.3%)    | 80 (2.8%)      | 88 (3.1%)       |
| Anti-solidarity (no subtype) | 5 (0.2%)      | 19 (0.7%)      | 24 (0.8%)       |
| **Total for anti-solidarity** | **40 (1.4%)** | **347 (12.1%)** | **387 (13.5%)** |
| **Mixed**               | 60 (2.1%)      | 101 (3.5%)     | 161 (5.6%)      |
| **None**                | 273 (9.5%)     | 195 (6.8%)     | 468 (16.3%)     |
| **Instances in total**  | **1437 (50.2%)** | **1427 (49.8%)** | **2864**        |

(a) Distribution of labels by target group.

| Label                        | Curated | Majority | Single |
|------------------------------|---------|----------|--------|
| Group-based solidarity       | 57      | 45       | 198    |
| Exchange-based solidarity    | 19      | 22       | 69     |
| Empathic solidarity          | 28      | 14       | 104    |
| Compassionate solidarity     | 119     | 202      | 877    |
| Solidarity (no subtype)      | 5       | 8        | 81     |
| **Total for solidarity**     | **228** | **291**  | **1329** |
| Group-based anti-solidarity  | 20      | 53       | 134    |
| Exchange-based anti-solidarity | 11      | 15       | 22     |
| Empathic anti-solidarity     | 1       | 18       | 1      |
| Compassionate anti-solidarity | 1       | 29       | 58     |
| Anti-solidarity (no subtype) | 2       | 3        | 19     |
| **Total for anti-solidarity** | **35**  | **118**  | **234** |
| **Mixed**                    | 21      | 40       | 100    |
| **None**                     | 84      | 98       | 286    |
| **Instances per label level (out of 2864)** | **368** | **547**  | **1949** |

(b) Distribution of instances per label level. *Curated*: labels established by manual revision by an expert; *majority*: labels assigned when more than half of annotators agree on the same label; *single*: instances with only one annotation.

Table 5: Human annotated dataset statistics.
Figure 9: Distribution of (Anti-)solidarity subtypes across selected political parties, ordered from the most left-wing to the most right-wing. Each subtype’s percentage represents its share of the total statements for the corresponding party. Mixed and None categories are included in the distribution calculations but are not displayed in the visualization.

Figure 10: The percentage of solidarity instances minus the percentage of anti-solidarity instances, i.e., \( \text{solidarity} - \text{anti-solidarity} \), where negative values indicate more anti-solidarity; positive values more solidarity.

Figure 11: Distribution of all Woman keywords over the years, normalized per keyword. The keywords are sorted by frequency, which means that the reliability decreases towards the bottom-right.
Figure 12: Distribution of all Migrant keywords over the years, normalized per keyword. The keywords are sorted by frequency, which means that the reliability decreases towards the bottom-right.

Figure 13: Percentage of sentences showing solidarity/anti-solidarity per decade for all Migrant keywords. The keywords are sorted by frequency, which means that the reliability decreases towards the bottom-right.

Figure 14: Pairwise Cohen’s Kappa agreement among human annotators and macro F1 scores of GPT-4, per decade.
Wir sind sicherlich der Ansicht, daß die Arbeit auf den Angeklagten und ein sozialerer Geist sich in der Rechtssprechung durchsetzen wird. Deshalb bitten wir Sie, bei den Beschlüssen zweiter Lesung zu bleiben. [...]"

“Dann bitte ich um genaue Nennung. Ich finde es in der Tat nicht sonderlich sinnvoll, daß wir amtliche deutsche Dokumente in einer nichtamtlichen Sprache abfassen. Wenn das geschehen ist, werden wir gerne darauf hinwirken, daß das geändert wird. [...]"

“The Zieglerarbeit ist eine schwere, sogar eine sehr schwere; das wird allgemein anerkannt, auch von allen Gewerkschaften. Es wird deshalb auch ziemlich häufig für wünschenswert erklärt, daß die Arbeiterinnen aus diesem Produktionszweige mehr und mehr verdrängt werden. [...] Wir sind sicherlich der Ansicht, daß die Arbeit auf den Ziegeleien im allgemeinen für Frauen nicht geeignet ist. Deshalb können wir uns auch durchaus damit einverstanden erklären, daß man die Arbeit der Frauen auf den Ziegeleien erheblich eingeschränkt hat. Wir wünschen, daß man darin weiter fortfährt, auch selbst dann, wenn dadurch vielleicht zunächst ein gewisser Widerstand nicht nur bei den Unternehmern, sondern auch sogar bei den Arbeitern selbst erzeugt werden wird. Denn darüber sind die Berichte ziemlich einig, daß, wenn die Frauenarbeit nicht erheblich eingeschränkt würde, dann die Frauen gesundheitliche und sittliche Schädigungen davontragen.”

“Wir wünschen das nicht im Interesse der Frauen, wir haben uns mit den Frauenrechtlerinnen noch niemals auf eine Stufe gestellt. Wir wünschen das nicht im Namen der Frauen und im Interesse der Frauen, sondern im Gesamterfolge des deutschen Volkes, weil wir der Meinung sind, daß bei Mitwirkung der Frauen mehr Verständnis für die Angeklagten und ein sozialer Geist sich in der Rechtsprechung durchsetzen wird. Deshalb bitten wir Sie, bei den Beschlüssen zweiter Lesung zu bleiben. [...]”

Table 6: Examples of divergence between our annotators. We mark the gold label bold and add explanations of why two or more labels could be correct, to illustrate the difficulty of this task. Bold text is the main sentence, the other sentences are for context.
### Table 7: Comparative performance (macro F1) of models vs. human upper bound (calculated as an average macro F1 between annotators’ labels and the final label) on combined high-level (in parentheses) and fine-grained tasks for both women (W) and migrants (M), with further F1 scores for the categories of solidarity, anti-solidarity, and mixed stance. Best scores for fine-grained tasks and per label are highlighted in bold.

| Model         | Method     | Fine-grained (high-level) | Solidarity | Anti-solidarity | Mixed | None |
|---------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|-------|------|
|               |            | W | M | W | M | W | M | W | M |
| GPT-4         | 0-shot     | 0.37 (0.60) | 0.42 (0.73) | 0.85 | 0.86 | 0.65 | 0.87 | 0.30 | 0.58 | 0.62 | 0.61 |
|               | Few-shot   | 0.37 (0.54) | 0.43 (0.63) | 0.85 | 0.83 | 0.50 | 0.75 | 0.18 | 0.40 | 0.63 | 0.53 |
| GPT-3.5 fine-tuned | 0-shot     | 0.18 (0.45) | 0.27 (0.53) | 0.80 | 0.74 | 0.12 | 0.61 | 0.28 | 0.27 | 0.59 | 0.51 |
|               | Few-shot   | 0.22 (0.47) | 0.28 (0.48) | 0.78 | 0.70 | 0.18 | 0.65 | 0.35 | 0.07 | 0.58 | 0.48 |
| GPT-3.5 base  | 0-shot     | 0.15 (0.46) | 0.19 (0.48) | 0.75 | 0.66 | 0.38 | 0.68 | 0.17 | 0.11 | 0.54 | 0.48 |
|               | Few-shot   | 0.12 (0.41) | 0.27 (0.50) | 0.70 | 0.61 | 0.33 | 0.64 | 0.25 | 0.23 | 0.36 | 0.54 |
| Llama3-70B    | 0-shot     | 0.24 (0.48) | 0.27 (0.65) | 0.77 | 0.79 | 0.41 | 0.78 | 0.36 | 0.31 | 0.39 | 0.73 |
|               | BERT       | 0.13 (0.26) | 0.24 (0.46) | 0.75 | 0.74 | 0.00 | 0.51 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.20 | 0.51 |
|               | Human upper bound | 0.48 (0.72) | 0.56 (0.78) | 0.87 | 0.88 | 0.68 | 0.86 | 0.57 | 0.64 | 0.76 | 0.74 |

(a) Columns for high-level and (anti-)solidarity categorizations.

(b) Columns for providing explanations.

Figure 15: Example of the annotation process from the annotation file. Fig. 15a illustrates the step where annotators choose a high-level label and an (anti-)solidarity subcategory, if applicable. Fig. 15b shows columns for detailed explanations, including the choice of a resource, an indicator, and providing free-text commentary.
| Original Text | Translation |
|---------------|-------------|
| (1) Gold standard: group-based solidarity towards migrants | “[...] Dr. Hirsch: Herr Minister Müllemann, es ist doch wohl so, daß es sich nicht um das Geld des Bundes oder um das Geld eines Landes handelt, sondern immer um das Geld des Steuerzahlers und daß dementsprechend verlangt werden kann, daß Bund und Länder gemeinsam das tun, was im Interesse der Bevölkerung, zu der dann ja auch die Aussiedler gehören, notwendig und richtig ist. [...]” |
| Predicted label: none (Sept. 14, 1989) | “[...] Dr. Hirsch: Mr. Minister Müllemann, it is indeed the case that it is not about the federal government’s money or a state’s money, but always about the taxpayer’s money, and accordingly, it can be demanded that the federal and state governments together do what is necessary and right in the interest of the population, which then also includes the expellees. [...]” |
| Model’s Explanation | “[...] The appropriate high-level category for this text is NONE, as it neither promotes support nor opposition towards migrants but rather discusses financial governance regarding a subset of migrants without an emotional or ideological angle. |
| (2) Gold standard: exchange-based solidarity towards migrants | “[...] Ich glaube wohl nicht näher aus die materiellen Unzutrefflichkeiten eingehen zu sollen, die damit verbunden sind, wenn man die Gegenseitigkeit in der Gesetzgebung dem Ausländer gegenüber streng aus- recht erhält. Es liegt ja doch wirklich im Interesse der Staaten des Norddeutschen Bundes, daß man diejenigen Ausländer, die uns etwas Gutes bringen können, zum Gewerbebetrieb zuläßt und uns nicht selbst damit straft, daß man die Gewerbetreibenden nicht zuläßt, in deren Heimath vielleicht noch sehr schlechte Gewerbegesetze existieren. [...]” |
| Predicted label: mixed stance (May 26, 1869) | “[...] I believe I should not delve into the material inconveniences associated with maintaining strict reciprocity in legislation towards foreigners. It is indeed in the interest of the states of the North German Confederation to allow those foreigners who can bring us benefits to engage in business, and not to punish ourselves by denying business people who may come from countries with very poor trade laws. [...]” |
| Model’s Explanation | “[...] This could be interpreted as exchange-based solidarity to some extent. However, the core of the discussion is legal and pragmatic, rather than being based on an ethos of solidarity or anti-solidarity as defined. [...] It is important to note that without the broader context of the discussion or the surrounding text, it is difficult to ascertain the overall stance regarding migrants beyond this specific legislative detail. |
| (3) Gold standard: compassionate solidarity towards women | “[...] Wir werden es nicht zulassen, dass künftig ausländische Ehefrauen vier Jahre in unzulässigen Ehen verharren, um nicht aus Deutschland ausgewiesen zu werden. Das werden Sie nicht erreichen. Ich will es überhaupt nicht verhehlen: Wir haben noch unendlich viel zu tun, bevor wir gerade im Erwerbsleben und bei der traditionellen Rollen- und Aufgabenverteilung eine faktische Gleichstellung von Frauen und Männern erreicht haben. [...]” |
| Predicted label: group-based solidarity (March 13, 2003) | “[...] We will not allow foreign wives to remain in unbearable marriages for four years to avoid being deported from Germany. You will not achieve this. I do not want to conceal it at all: we still have an immense amount of work to do before we achieve actual equality between women and men in the workforce and in the traditional distribution of roles and tasks. We take this responsibility seriously. [...]” |
| Model’s Explanation | “[...] The most fitting subtype of solidarity in this context is GROUP-BASED SOLIDARITY because the text discusses the collective responsibility to promote equality and the shared efforts needed to achieve substantial change in societal structures concerning the roles and treatment of women. |
| (4) Gold standard: compassionate solidarity towards women | “[...] Wenn man von den Leuten fordert, daß sie sich anmelden sollen, wenn alle möglichen Einschränkungen für den Aufenthalt getroffen werden, soll man diese Ausländer auch wissen lassen, nach welchen Vorschriften sie sich zu richten haben. Es ist schikanös und heimtückisch, die Leute mit solchen Vorschriften zu überfallen. Wie das in der Praxis vor sich geht, brauche ich Ihnen nicht lange zu schildern. [...]” |
| Predicted label: empathic solidarity (Apr. 5, 1922) | “[...] When people are required to register, and all kinds of restrictions on their stay are imposed, these foreigners should also be informed about the regulations they must follow. It is harassing and treacherous to ambush people with such regulations. I do not need to describe to you at length how this happens in practice. [...]” |
| Model’s Explanation | “[...] The text seems to transmit a sense of EMPATHIC SOLIDARITY because it addresses the unfairness and challenges that foreigners face and advocates for fairness and clear guidelines, which shows a degree of empathy for their situation. |

Table 8: Example predictions by GPT-4 for both target groups in 0-shot setting for migrants and women (solidarity cases). Bold text is the main sentence, the other sentences are for context.
| Original Text | Translation |
|---------------|-------------|
| (5) Gold standard: group-based anti-solidarity towards migrants | “[...] Wir verlangen des weiteren aber auch schärfste Kontrolle der Ausländer. Bei dieser Gelegenheit möchte ich an die Reichsregierung die Frage richten, ob es richtig ist, daß vom Auswärtigen Amt zehn Russen das Recht erhalten haben, Einreiseerlaubnisscheine nach Deutschland auszustellen. Wir verlangen schärfste Kontrolle der Ausländer. Nach dem, was ich aber eben mitgeteilt habe, würde natürlich eine Kontrolle illusorisch sein.” | “[...] We also demand the strictest control of foreigners. On this occasion, I would like to ask the Reich government whether it is true that the Foreign Office has granted ten Russians the right to issue entry permit certificates to Germany. We demand the strictest control of foreigners. However, based on what I have just reported, such control would naturally be illusory.” |

| Model’s Explanation | Model’s Explanation |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| [...] Given the nature of the concerns highlighted, which are about resource distribution (control and monitoring), the sentiment somewhat aligns with an exchange-based view but from a critical angle, focusing on preventing perceived negative impacts rather than fostering an exchange. Therefore, the most appropriate classification would be EXCHANGE-BASED ANTI-SOLIDARITY. | […] the text does not display solidarity with or anti-solidarity against asylum seekers in the context of promoter solidarity or anti-solidarity subtypes as defined. It seems to be merely stating the situation as a matter of fact without expressing a clear stance towards the asylum seekers. |

| (6) Gold standard: exchange-based anti-solidarity towards migrants | “[...] Der Flughafen Frankfurt ist Einfallstor für Asylbewerber. Das Land Hessen ist daher von dem Zuzug der Asylbewerber besonders betroffen. Obgleich die Zahl der Asylbewerber seit 1980 rückläufig ist, hat Hessen immer noch einen Überhang von 1 500 Asylbewerbern. Im Jahr 1981 hat das Land allein auf Grund seines Aufnahmegesetzes 22,4 Millionen DM für die Asylbewerber aufzubringen gehabt.” | “[...] Frankfurt Airport is a gateway for asylum seekers. Therefore, the state of Hesse is particularly affected by the influx of asylum seekers. Although the number of asylum seekers has been declining since 1980, Hesse still has a surplus of 1,500 asylum seekers. In the year 1981, the state had to raise 22.4 million DM for asylum seekers alone, based on its reception law.” |

| Model’s Explanation | Model’s Explanation |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| [...] Given the text’s focus on an ethical debate that does not inherently align with either supporting or opposing women’s societal standing or collective rights, the most fitting classification appears to be NONE. | “ [...] Just now, colleague Funcke said that the deadline model is simple and clear. Simple and clear for the woman, but also simple and clear for the unborn life: it is simply and clearly killed. The solution we propose differs fundamentally from the deadline model in that we say: First. In a conflict situation between a woman and an unborn child, the woman alone cannot decide over the unborn life. We place this decision in the hands of doctors.” |

| (7) Gold standard: empathic anti-solidarity towards women | “[...] Eben ist von Frau Kollegin Funcke gesagt worden, das Fristenmodell sei einfach und klar. Einfach und klar für die Frau, aber auch einfach und klar für das ungeborene Leben: es wird einfach und klar getötet. Die von uns vorgeschlagene Lösung unterscheidet sich von Fristenmodell hell prinzipiell dadurch, daß wir sagen: Erstens. In einer Konfliktsituation zwischen Frau und ungeboremem Kind kann nicht die Frau allein über das ungeborene Leben verfügen. Wir legen diese Entscheidung in die Hände von Ärzten.” | “[...] Just now, colleague Funcke said that the deadline model is simple and clear. Simple and clear for the woman, but also simple and clear for the unborn life: it is simply and clearly killed. The solution we propose differs fundamentally from the deadline model in that we say: First. In a conflict situation between a woman and an unborn child, the woman alone cannot decide over the unborn life. We place this decision in the hands of doctors.” |

| Model’s Explanation | Model’s Explanation |
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| [...] Given the text’s focus on an ethical debate that does not inherently align with either supporting or opposing women’s societal standing or collective rights, the most fitting classification appears to be NONE. | “ [...] Just now, colleague Funcke said that the deadline model is simple and clear. Simple and clear for the woman, but also simple and clear for the unborn life: it is simply and clearly killed. The solution we propose differs fundamentally from the deadline model in that we say: First. In a conflict situation between a woman and an unborn child, the woman alone cannot decide over the unborn life. We place this decision in the hands of doctors.” |

| (8) Gold standard: compassion anti-solidarity towards women | “Aber Sie gehören nach wie vor einer Regierung an, die [...] ein idiotisches Betreuungsgeld ausreicht mit allen Folgen, die das für den Arbeitsmarkt hat. Wenn wir das Thema der Fachkräftesicherung ernst nehmen, dann müssen wir dafür sorgen, dass vor allem Dingen Frauenarbeitsbeteiligung in Vollzeit in diesem Land zum Zuge kommt. [...] Aber es gilt auch in diesem Fall, Frau von der Leyen: Nicht reden, sondern handeln. [...]” | “But you still belong to a government that [...] provides an idiotic childcare allowance, with all the consequences that has for the labor market. If we take the issue of securing skilled labor seriously, then we must ensure that, above all, women’s participation in full-time employment in this country comes into effect. [...] But in this case, too, Mrs. von der Leyen: not talk, but act. [...]” |

| Model’s Explanation | Model’s Explanation |
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| [...] The text is critical of a policy deemed detrimental to promoting women’s full participation in the workforce and calls for action rather than mere discussion. The critique is embedded within an appeal to recognize the importance of women’s employment in addressing broader societal and economic challenges. [...] | “ [...] The text is critical of a policy deemed detrimental to promoting women’s full participation in the workforce and calls for action rather than mere discussion. The critique is embedded within an appeal to recognize the importance of women’s employment in addressing broader societal and economic challenges. [...]” |

Table 9: Example predictions by GPT-4 for both target groups in 0-shot setting for migrants and women (anti-solidarity cases). Bold text is the main sentence, the other sentences are for context.
Analyze the following German text and classify it into one of the high-level categories regarding migrants (refugees — Flüchtlinge, expellees — Vertreibene, asylum seekers — Asylbewerber, and other migrants within Germany) SOLIDARITY, ANTI-SOLIDARITY, MIXED, or NONE. If applicable, further specify by choosing the most appropriate subtype (EMPATHIC, EXCHANGE-BASED, GROUP-BASED, COMPASSIONATE) within SOLIDARITY or ANTI-SOLIDARITY. Begin your response by providing the high-level category and then the subtype, if applicable.

- SOLIDARITY: Involves expressions that promote understanding, support, and unity with different groups or individuals (migrants in our case), often emphasizing shared goals, compassion, mutual assistance, and empathic understanding. Consider cases with even slight expressions of solidarity, regardless of the main topic of the text.
- ANTI-SOLIDARITY: Entails expressions that show opposition, disregard, or exclusion towards certain groups or individuals (migrants in our case). This includes emphasizing differences, denying the need for support or assistance, highlighting unequal exchanges between groups, and disparaging the unique characteristics or needs of certain groups. Even slight expressions of anti-solidarity should be considered, irrespective of the primary focus of the text.
- MIXED: A mixed stance toward migrants is characterized by the presence of both supportive and opposing expressions within the same text. This stance emerges in discussions where acknowledgment of migrants' rights, contributions, or needs is juxtaposed with limitations, conditions, or reservations that counteract or diminish the initial support. Key features of a mixed stance include (but are not limited to): conditional hospitality and selective support; balanced policies (e.g., improve the situation of migrants already within the country, while simultaneously seeking to regulate or limit further influx); expressions of empathy or concern for migrants' hardships, contrasted with discussions on practical constraints, such as societal integration challenges, or national security concerns.
- NONE: Texts which neither express solidarity nor anti-solidarity toward migrants in Germany, reflecting a neutral position or the absence of any specific stance. The absence of overt support or opposition does not automatically lead to a NONE classification; subtle cues or implicit messages may still align with solidarity or anti-solidarity categories.

If the text falls into SOLIDARITY or ANTI-SOLIDARITY, please specify further by choosing the most appropriate subtype from the following, after the initial high-level classification.

For SOLIDARITY: EMPATHIC SOLIDARITY, EXCHANGE-BASED SOLIDARITY, GROUP-BASED SOLIDARITY, COMPASSIONATE SOLIDARITY. Definitions:

- EMPATHIC SOLIDARITY: Is coded when a group is different from others and this should be recognized, supported, valued. In applying empathetic solidarity to migrants, it can be expressed by (but not limited to): recognition of diversity and individuality; emphasis on the importance of preserving migrants' identities when integrating them into new communities; advocating for the right to live authentically without fear of persecution or discrimination; challenging stereotypes, prejudices against migrants.

- EXCHANGE-BASED SOLIDARITY: Is coded when a speaker refers to the usefulness of exchange partners in terms of their actual or future contributions (economic, cultural, or social, etc.) or willingness to contribute. In applying exchange-based solidarity to migrants, this can be expressed by (but not limited to): emphasis on the importance of migrants' work, skills, and cultural diversity as essential for the host society; support for migrants which is framed as an investment in individuals who contribute to the community.

- GROUP-BASED SOLIDARITY: Is coded when solidarity is based on the idea of unity and support among members of a group, driven by shared characteristics, goals, interests, values and norms, or common rights and duties. The support may be driven by shared characteristics or challenges aiming at broader societal change; fostering inclusivity, equality, societal cohesion (difference from compassionate solidarity). In applying group-based solidarity to migrants, this can be expressed by (but not limited to): a unified effort to address and advocate for migrants' rights, equality, and representation; advocacy aimed at ensuring migrants' full integration; active stance against discrimination and xenophobia.

- COMPASSIONATE SOLIDARITY: Emphasizes providing support to marginalized, disadvantaged, or vulnerable groups, focusing on aid without expecting anything in return. It involves recognizing vulnerabilities, advocating for assistance to alleviate hardships, and offering support purely based on need. While not all indicators must be present, the core of compassionate solidarity lies in acknowledging and addressing the needs of those in vulnerable positions. The support is aimed at addressing vulnerabilities and needs without expectation of reciprocity; alleviating suffering and providing assistance based on need (difference from group-based solidarity).

For ANTI-SOLIDARITY: GROUP-BASED ANTI-SOLIDARITY, EXCHANGE-BASED ANTI-SOLIDARITY, EMPATHIC ANTI-SOLIDARITY, COMPASSIONATE ANTI-SOLIDARITY. Definitions:

- EMPATHIC ANTI-SOLIDARITY: Refers to the cases when a speaker refers to a group indicating that this group is different from everyone else, but this difference should not be respected or recognized. This can be expressed in an overt or covert refusal to acknowledge the validity of a group's diverse identities, roles, and choices. Opposition to the group's efforts to define their identity, roles, and aspirations on their own terms. Promotion of a return to or maintenance of traditional societal roles and structures that restrict the group's opportunities.

- EXCHANGE-BASED ANTI-SOLIDARITY: Focuses on the idea that some groups take more than they give. It brings attention to groups that seem to receive a lot of resources or support, but do not contribute much or cause problems. This perspective supports punishing such groups, giving them less help, or making them contribute more. This can be expressed in suggesting that this group should be punished, or get less than they are currently getting; calling for the group to give or do more in return for help. Remember: exchange-based criticisms focus on the economic implications and perceived unfairness in resource distribution (difference from compassionate anti-solidarity).

- GROUP-BASED ANTI-SOLIDARITY: Points to an out-group characterised by pronounced differences, and an expression of exclusion. This can be expressed in a stronger emphasis on one's own group's interests (e.g., we must stand up for our own interests ... resistance to support of, assimilation or integration with other groups. With migrants, this can be expressed as an emphasis on protecting interests of the native population at the expense of including migrants; portrayal of migrants as fundamentally different and unable to integrate, thus excluding them; a call for migrants to conform to existing norms without offering them full participation in society.

- COMPASSIONATE ANTI-SOLIDARITY: It is about disregarding and excluding individuals or subgroups, refusing to support them either on the basis that they are perceived to be in a good position already, or are viewed as undeserving of help. When applied to migrants, this can be expressed by (but not limited to): denial of systemic issues (protections or affirmative actions are unnecessary or overreaching); security concerns, skepticism about the motives and legitimacy of asylum seekers. Remember, compassionate criticisms might question the necessity of certain protections or the legitimacy of migrants (difference from exchange-based anti-solidarity).

Think step by step. Begin by analyzing the text to identify its high-level category related to migrants: SOLIDARITY, ANTI-SOLIDARITY, MIXED, or NONE. If the text falls under SOLIDARITY or ANTI-SOLIDARITY, further specify by identifying the most appropriate subtype: EMPATHIC, EXCHANGE-BASED, GROUP-BASED, or COMPASSIONATE. After your comprehensive analysis, conclude with labels followed by the most fitting category name. If identifying a subtype, combine it with the high-level category, such as GROUP-BASED SOLIDARITY, EXCHANGE-BASED SOLIDARITY, EMPATHIC SOLIDARITY, COMPASSIONATE SOLIDARITY, GROUP-BASED ANTI-SOLIDARITY, EXCHANGE-BASED ANTI-SOLIDARITY, EMPATHIC ANTI-SOLIDARITY, COMPASSIONATE ANTI-SOLIDARITY. Please choose just one label.

Figure 16: 2-step Prompt for Migrants used for GPT 0-shot experiments

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Analyze the following German text and classify it into one of the high-level categories regarding women: SOLIDARITY, ANTI-SOLIDARITY, MIXED, or NONE. If applicable, further specify by choosing the most appropriate subtype (EMPATHIC, EXCHANGE-BASED, GROUP-BASED, COMPASSIONATE) within SOLIDARITY or ANTI-SOLIDARITY. Begin your response by providing the high-level category and then the subtype, if applicable.

- SOLIDARITY: Involves expressions that promote understanding, support, and unity with different groups or individuals (women in our case), often emphasizing shared goals, compassion, mutual assistance, and empathic understanding. Consider cases with even slight expressions of solidarity, regardless of the main topic of the text.
- ANTI-SOLIDARITY: Involves expressions that show opposition, disregard, or exclusion towards certain groups or individuals (women in our case). This includes emphasizing differences, denying the need for support or assistance, highlighting unequal exchanges between groups, and disregarding the unique characteristics or needs of certain groups. Even slight expressions of anti-solidarity should be considered, irrespective of the primary focus of the text.
- MIXED: A mixed stance toward women is characterized by the presence of both supportive and opposing expressions within the same text. This stance emerges in discussions where acknowledgment of women's rights, contributions, or needs is juxtaposed with limitations, conditions, or reservations that counteract or diminish the initial support. Key features of a mixed stance include: acknowledgment, followed by restriction; conditional support which is predicated on certain traditional or societal expectations; statements of recognition of women's contributions or rights but followed by contradicting actions or policies.
- NONE: Texts that neither express solidarity nor anti-solidarity with women, reflecting a neutral position or absence of any specific stance towards women's issues. Remember, discussions that touch upon women's familiar roles (e.g., as mothers, wives, or daughters), and their societal implications are relevant and should be analysed for expressions of solidarity or anti-solidarity. The absence of overt support or opposition doesn't automatically lead to a NONE classification; subtle cues or implicit messages may still align with solidarity or anti-solidarity categories.

If the text falls into SOLIDARITY or ANTI-SOLIDARITY, please specify further by choosing the most appropriate subtype from the following, after the initial high-level classification:

- EMPATHIC SOLIDARITY: Is coded when a group is different from others and this should be recognized, supported, valued. In applying empathic solidarity to women, this can be expressed by (but not limited with): celebrating the varied roles and achievements of women; supporting women's freedom to express their views and make personal and professional choices; challenges traditional stereotypes about women's roles and abilities; promoting a broader and more inclusive understanding of women's capabilities and choices.
- EXCHANGE-BASED SOLIDARITY: Is coded when a speaker refers to the usefulness of 'exchange partners' in terms of their actual or future contributions or willingness to contribute. In applying exchange-based solidarity to women, this can be expressed by (but not limited with): acknowledging the value of receiving something in return; mentioning awards or supporting based on past, present, or anticipated contributions; discussions about the need for exchange partners to contribute more for support.
- GROUP-BASED SOLIDARITY: Is coded when solidarity is based on the idea of unity and support among members of a group, driven by shared characteristics, goals, interests, or common rights and duties. The support might be driven by shared characteristics or challenges arising at broader societal change; fostering inclusivity, equity, societal cohesion (difference from compassionate solidarity). In applying group-based solidarity to women, this can be expressed by (but not limited with): a unified effort to address and advocate for women's rights, equality, and representation; advocacy might be aimed at ensuring women's full integration into all aspects of society.
- COMPASSIONATE SOLIDARITY: Emphasizes providing support to marginalized, disadvantaged, or vulnerable groups, focusing on aid without expecting anything in return. It involves recognizing vulnerabilities, advocating for assistance to alleviate hardships, and offering support purely based on need. The support is aimed at addressing vulnerabilities and needs without expecting reciprocity, alleviating suffering and providing assistance based on need (difference from group-based solidarity).

For ANTI-SOLIDARITY: GROUP-BASED ANTI-SOLIDARITY, EXCHANGE-BASED ANTI-SOLIDARITY, EMPATHIC ANTI-SOLIDARITY, COMPASSIONATE ANTI-SOLIDARITY Definitions:

- EMPATHIC ANTI-SOLIDARITY: Refers to the cases when a speaker refers to a group indicating that this group is different from everyone else, but this difference (needs, characteristics, beliefs, opinions) should not be respected or recognized. In applying empathic anti-solidarity to women, this can be expressed by (but not limited with): an overt or covert refusal to acknowledge the validity of women's diverse identities, roles, and choices; opposition to women's efforts to define their identity, roles, and aspirations on their own terms; promotion of a return of traditional societal roles and structures that restrict women's opportunities.
- EXCHANGE-BASED ANTI-SOLIDARITY: Is focused on the idea that some groups take more than they give. It brings attention to groups that seem to receive a lot of resources or support, but do not contribute much or cause problems. This perspective supports punishing such groups, giving them less help. In applying exchange-base anti-solidarity to women, this can be expressed by (but not limited with): taking about women as a group that has received a lot, but has not given much back or has caused harm; suggesting that women should be punished, or get less than they are currently getting; calling for women to give or do more in return for help.
- GROUP-BASED ANTI-SOLIDARITY: Often points to exclusion and lack of support for a particular group based on certain differences. A strong emphasis is made on one's own group's interests (e.g., we must stand up for our own interests...); resistance to assimilation or integration with other groups. In applying group-based anti-solidarity to women, this can be expressed by (but not limited with): resistance to changing societal norms and integrating women into roles beyond traditional ones; excluding women from certain professional or public roles based on perceived gender norms or capabilities, maintaining a societal structure that marginalizes women's broader participation.
- COMPASSIONATE ANTI-SOLIDARITY: It is about disregarding and excluding individuals or subgroups, refusing to support them either on the basis that they are perceived to be in a good position already, or are undeserving of help. In applying compassionate anti-solidarity to women, this can be expressed by (but not limited with): denial of systemic issues (protections are unnecessary or overreacting); refusal to acknowledge the specific needs or challenges faced by women; emphasizing women's choice in scenarios where systemic barriers limit those choices; discourse shifts from societal or structural solutions to individual responsibility; reinforcing stereotypes or generalizations about women.

Think step by step. Begin by analyzing the text to identify its high-level category related to women: SOLIDARITY, ANTI-SOLIDARITY, MIXED, or NONE. If the text falls under SOLIDARITY or ANTI-SOLIDARITY, further specify by identifying the most appropriate subtype: EMPATHIC, EXCHANGE-BASED, GROUP-BASED, or COMPASSIONATE. After your comprehensive analysis, conclude with a label followed by the most fitting category name. If identifying a subtype, combine it with the high-level category, such as GROUP-BASED SOLIDARITY, EXCHANGE-BASED SOLIDARITY, EMPATHIC SOLIDARITY, COMPASSIONATE SOLIDARITY, GROUP-BASED ANTI-SOLIDARITY, EXCHANGE-BASED ANTI-SOLIDARITY, EMPATHIC ANTI-SOLIDARITY, COMPASSIONATE ANTI-SOLIDARITY. Please choose just one label.

Figure 17: 2-step Prompt for Women used for GPT 0-shot experiments