

Package ‘`predictrace`’

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Title Predict the Race of a Given Surname Using Census Data

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Description Predicts the most common race of a surname based on U.S. Census data.

Depends R (>= 2.10)

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BugReports <https://github.com/jacobkap/predictrace/issues>

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Suggests knitr, rmarkdown, testthat (>= 2.1.0), covr, spelling

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predict_race	<i>Find the race of a surname</i>
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Description

Find the race of a surname

Usage

```
predict_race(name, probability = TRUE)
```

Arguments

name	String or vector of strings of surname that you want to know the race of.
probability	If TRUE (default) will provide columns for each race with the probability that the surname is of that race. If FALSE, will only return the name, the match-name from the Census data, and the most likely race.

Value

A data.frame with three or nine columns: The first column has the name as inputted, the second column has the cleaned up name (no spaces or punctuation, all lowercase), the third column tells the likely race of the surname (if there are multiple races with the same probability of a match, it will be a string with each race separated by a comma). If the parameter probability is false, these three columns are all that is returned. Otherwise, columns 4-9 tell the specific probability that the surname is each race.

Examples

```
predict_race("franklin")

predict_race(c("franklin", "Washington", "Jefferson", "Sotomayor", "Liu"))
predict_race("franklin", probability = FALSE)
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surnames_race	<i>Surnames and number of people of each race with that surname.</i>
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Description

A dataset containing over 167 thousands surnames and the number of people of each race with that surname.

Usage

```
surnames_race
```

Format

A data frame with 167,408 rows and 8 variables:

name Surname

likely_race The most likely race based on the probability of each race

probability_american_indian Probability that the surname is American Indian

probability_asian Probability that the surname is Asian

probability_black Probability that the surname is Black

probability_hispanic Probability that the surname is Hispanic

probability_white Probability that the surname is White

probability_2races Probability that the surname is two or more races ...

Source

https://www.census.gov/topics/population/genealogy/data/2010_surnames.html https://www.census.gov/topics/population/genealogy/data/2000_surnames.html

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