**Dow Jones average drops precipitously**

300 points is a really big drop so it was breaking news according to The Post

**News Alert: Dow takes final tumble after day of losses**
04:06 PM EDT Thursday, May 20, 2010
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All the major stock indexes were down more than 3 percent over growing concerns about European debt and worse-than-expected economic data in the U.S.

For more information, visit washingtonpost.com:
http://link.email.washingtonpost.com/r/GWSCIY/OQVCQ/UTI5W0/JLMJKK/JUISI/28/t

I am glad I have almost no money in stocks.

Search term: obvious **dow down**

Day 1 it was 1243 tweets, and that meant that tweets from earlier were found in the first search. So it is not as 'clean' as it might be.

That was followed by a second breaking new alert.

It dropped another hundred points the next day.

**News Alert: Dow Jones industrial average falls below 10,000 at open**
09:32 AM EDT Friday, May 21, 2010
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The Dow Jones industrial average fell below 10,000 at open after major stock indexes posted their biggest drops in more than a year and pushed the market to “correction” mode.

Investors again looked to Europe for direction. The German parliament approved the country's share of a $1 trillion plan to help contain debt problems in the European Union but major stock indexes fell more than 1 percent in Europe. Traders are worried stronger countries like Germany and France will be saddled with heavy debts to help weaker EU countries.

Check back through the day for updates.

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http://link.email.washingtonpost.com/r/DME6KX/ZLY70/VHE4XC/LHWHJ9/GNDKM/FW/t

But this did not produce many tweets for day 2.

Along comes a third breaking news. It's not much fun being an investor right now.

**News Alert: Stocks plummet on economic worries**
09:56 AM EDT Tuesday, May 25, 2010
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U.S. stock markets fell dramatically at the opening bell, as the markets seemed poised for
another volatile day on concerns about Europe's banking system and Korea tensions. Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 2.6 percent, or 270 points. The tech-heavy Nasdaq and S&P 500 were also both down more than 2.3 percent.

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I experimented with some other language, and it was either too broad -- covering the whole world -- or too narrow. So I am sticking with dow down as the overarching search term. This produced a bump for the day, and the day has only begun.

One more time -- it is down again.

News Alert: Dow Jones Industrial Average falls more than 1.5 percent on disappointing jobs report
09:52 AM EDT Friday, June 4, 2010
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U.S. stocks fell at the opening bell, as investors were disappointed with the government's May report that showed fewer-than expected jobs were created and job creation mostly came from hiring for the U.S. census. The Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 1.5 percent. The S&P 500 index was down 1.5 percent and the tech-heavy Nasdaq fell 1.4 percent shortly before 10 a.m.

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There is a gap between the two, but it is the same 'breaking news' to which there are very few tweets.

And one more time for the daily close

News Alert: Stocks plunge on jobs data, new European debt woes
04:01 PM EDT Friday, June 4, 2010
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Dow, S&P 500 and Nasdaq all close down more than 3 percent following disappointing May jobs report and concerns about Hungary's debt burden.

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which, on first blush, does not appear to be generating much in the way of twitter messages -- whatever that may mean.

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