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The data below is taken from the Twitter site of rapper Nicki Minaj (@NICKIMINAJ) on December 29, 2010 and January 11, 2011. The data consists of original “tweets” (posts) from Nicki Minaj and “re-tweets” that Nicki Minaj selects from other Twitter sites, posts to her site and comments on. While the data is arranged chronologically in ascending order from the earliest date to the latest, within each date is arranged with the last post on top, and the earliest on the bottom as they come up on Twitter sites. The “@” symbol is an indicator of a person’s username. “RT” indicates the post has been Re-tweeted. The name of the person who originally posted the item is immediately after the RT, followed by a colon and the content of the Tweet. It is also possible to reply to Tweets. RTs and direct replies can be read as adjacent pairs. The “#” symbol indicates a tag, for example, #pinkfriday is a way to tag a Tweet related to Nicki Minaj’s debut CD titled Pink Friday. Usernames are also significant in this data because many of them reference Nicki Minaj, her music, or terms that she has coined such as “Barbz”. As in other social media communication emoticons, such as: :) [smiley face], <3 [heart or love] are also utilized. As in other social media communication emoticons are used and “*” are used to denote an action taking place.

Tweets from @NickiMinaj

29 Dec 2010:

49 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

50 1 more thing! I'll only ustream if u guys promise 2 do ur best in school! Hit me & say: In
51 2011, I WILL KICK ASS IN SCHOOL! HOE!

46 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

47 Ok. I will take all this info into consideration and b back w/ my ruling. *courtroom goes
48 silent* *officer Byrd completes cross word puzzle*

43 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

44 RT @ellysolberg: @NICKIMINAJ In Japan, we are a day ahead of America, so please have it
45 before jan 3rd!!<3

40 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

41 RT @Alii_B_x: @NICKIMINAJ my schools back on jan 10th. pleasee have it at a time not
42 so late for us in ireland :)

37 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

38 Don't believe u! > RT @TeamMinajCanada: @NICKIMINAJ HB! In Canada, School starts
39 on the 31st of Dec. Can u please sympathize n go live asap?

35 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

36 RT @MinajTriniRican: @NICKIMINAJ college starts back the 10th , dk about HS ppl
33 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj
34 RT@Vanilla_Barbie:@NICKIMINAJ: Before January 3rd!!! School starts back up that day /:

30 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj
31 Wen does school start? > RT @PEPSii_MiNAJ: @NICKIMINAJ CAN IT PLEASE BE
32 BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK IS OVER HB? PLEEEEEEASE! *puppy dog face*

27 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj
28 *screams* OK! OK! I'll ustream but I DON'T KNOW the date/time yet! *walks backwards
29 slowly w/arms in the air* let's be rational barbz.

24 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj
25 RT @TeamMinajScot: @NICKIMINAJ one where you can phone your uk fans ?? that would
26 be a GOOSE start for 2011

21 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj
22 RT @YourSuchABarb: @NICKIMINAJ DATE ? Whats the ustream date ? January 1rst ?
23 Yeaah that sounds perfect :D haha

19 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj
20 RT @ShanequaMinaj: @NICKIMINAJ Yeah Nicki!! lol Let's talk about dat Ustream

16 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj
17 RT @NickiMinaj4Prez: @NICKIMINAJ do I see a USTREAM soon to talk about all your
18 accomplishments??? Crosses fingers lol

13 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj
14 RT @GETiNPAiDBARBiE: @NICKIMINAJ Ustream Anytime Soon ?. How About One To
15 Kick Off The New Year ?. (:

10 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj
11 RT @BiGGaDenAm0nstA: @NICKIMINAJ DONT ACT LIKE U AINT SEE OUR
12 TWEETS BABY ? WAITIN 4 OUR DATE && RESPONSE FOR USTREAM LOL !

7 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj
8 *pops bottles* yaaayyyy!!!! We did it! xoxo > RT @Classy_Barbi: So @NICKIMINAJ isn't
9 gona acknowledge that she has 2,000,000 followers??

4 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj
5 Thanks 4 making Pink Friday the #2 Rap Album in the Country again!!! Last wk we were #1.
6 Eminem beat us this week by 4K! Let's jump him! :p

1 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj
2 RT @NickiMNewspaper: @NICKIMINAJ's "Pink Friday" stands at No. 8 for a second week,
3 selling 133,000. | Billboard.com billboard.com/news/taylor-sw...

11 Jan 2011:

74 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

75 *pulls out dick and pisses* - Roman #out

71 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

72 And if they can't respect your hustle, tell them GO FUK YOURSELF! Weak ass bitches

73 COULD neva!!!!!! Jealous hatin hoes die slow

68 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

69 Let them know that NO one can define them! No one makes the rules! U define YOURSELF!

70 Don't let them BOX u in! Your Game! Your Rules!

65 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

66 Let them know that they can WRITE their OWN raps and STILL go toe-to-toe with Rap's

67 Heavy Weights.

62 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

63 And let them know that nicki minaj does NOT have a top ten song on billboard's 100 right

64 now. And NO knew vids out either.

59 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

60 As opposed to starting your morning show reading the blogs on air...perpetuating bullshit.

61 Inspire the community tmrw Black Radio!

56 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

57 Dear Black Radio , wen u do ur morning show tmrw, let the community know that taylor

58 swift is #1 and nicki minaj is #2...

53 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

54 RT @_Fearlessocity: RT @Ranoey @NICKIMINAJ HB, when u can, please take a listen to

55 this poem by @PrettySimpleKat. <http://bit.ly/9Xijkj>

51 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

52 S/O to all the ppl who said female rappers won't sell in this day and age.

48 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

49 Oh yall got beef? Lmao ---> RT @ryanmartin_: @NICKIMINAJ glasgow is WAY cooler

50 than london, come here instead.

45 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

46 Lmao >RT @BitchieBarb: @NICKIMINAJ r u gonna sign London boobs aswell? Mine

47 awaits for that marker :) first boob standin!! Best Belee dat

42 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

43 In other news... PINK FRIDAY is the #2 Album in the country and the #1 Rap album in the
44 country! *throws confetti* thanku 4 the support!!!!

39 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

40 RT @ChezTulisaCher: @NICKIMINAJ Don't Even Think u Understand The Hysteria u Just
41 Caused Nicki! See You In London. ITS BARBIEEEEE BITCHHHH.

37 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

38 Details coming soon ;-)

34 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

35 RT @treenbeene: 1 of my boy students has been callin me 'Martha' all week. had no clue
36 what that meant til i saw @NICKIMINAJ's last tweet.

31 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

32 RT @Yurges: @NICKIMINAJ yay Roman & Martha will be back in their hometown
33 London! Watch Out Boys & Girls

28 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

29 RT @H_Swagg: @NICKIMINAJ Yuup BARB is coming 2 LONDON its abt time barb!!
30 Finally u gna see da madness u have created! #beprepared see u soon

25 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

26 RT @AbbyBaby26: @NICKIMINAJ YAAAYYYY :) i think i just screamed for the whole of
27 London LOL

22 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

23 RT @HannanShine: OMGOMGOMGOMG @NICKIMINAJ NICKIIIIIIIIIIIIII U JUST
24 MADE MY DAAAAAAAY U COMIN TO PARIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIS *_*

19 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

20 RT @The_Phase: @NICKIMINAJ ahhhhhh we need deets!!!! Is it tour? Appearance?!

21 OMG *flatlines*

16 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

17 RT @xDancingDollx: @NICKIMINAJ OMG OMG OMG!!!...Where are you gonna go?
18 What are you gonna do?...I need to plan!!! xoxo

13 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

14 RT @InNickiSHeart: @NICKIMINAJ IMMMM SPAZZINGG , I RAN UP IN MY MUMS
15 ROOM JUMPING UP AND DOWN

10 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

11 Its Official! LONDON!!! PARIS!!! See ya next week!!!! Iiiitttsssss Barbie
12 Biiiiiiiiiiiiittttccchhhh!!!!!!

7 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

8 Dear United Kingdom, I can neither confirm or deny next week's travel plans @ this time...

9 Just have a spot of tea waiting 4 me. justincase

3 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

4 @

5 HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the sexiest man on my label.... @LiTwist lmaoooooooooooo.

6 Mmmuuuuuuahhhhhh!!!! YOUNG MULA Baaaaaaaby!!!! ;-

1 NICKIMINAJ Nicki Minaj

2 www.mypinkfriday.com for everything you missed!