

# US Colonial Law and Chinese & Indigenous Life in the Philippines

## Project Understanding

### Motivation:

Professor Chua's research investigates the consequences of U.S. anti-Chinese laws as they expanded overseas beyond the American West into the newly seized Southeast Asian colony of the Philippines (1898-1946). For this summer internship, we try to collect evidence to support Professor Chua's idea through data.

### Methodology:

#### 1. Data Scraping:

	Description
Source	<a href="https://chanrobles.com/cralaw/">https://chanrobles.com/cralaw/</a>
Year	1901-1946
Methodology	<p>On the source website, each case ends with an ID number. We set the maximum ID number to be 800 for each year (total 10164 cases).</p> <p>Example: <a href="https://chanrobles.com/cralaw/1901januarydecisions.php?id=1">https://chanrobles.com/cralaw/1901januarydecisions.php?id=1</a></p> <p>Note: Even though the URL includes "january," you can still access other months by only increasing the ID number.</p> <p>See the scraping script for details.</p>
Information	Information from website: plaintiff, defendant, lawyer for plaintiff, lawyer for defendant, writer, syllabus, decision, concur, separate opinion, endnotes.
Missing Data	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The current scraping script works for the majority of the cases. For some cases missing both decision and syllabus, we scraped these websites again using adapted code. (only 13 cases missing decision and syllabus at the end)</li></ol>

#### 2. Table Description:

Columns	Description
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Is_Chinese	<p>Definition: If the syllabus/decision includes China/Chinaman/china/chinaman or name in the Chinese name list appeared, we coded the case as chineses case.</p> <p>Chinese name list: ['Limjap', 'Boncan', 'Suiqn-sien', 'Tan', 'Dizo', 'Lim', 'Chua', 'Uy', 'Samson', 'Ong', 'Go', 'Yap', 'Tuazon', 'Sy Quia', 'Co', 'Tiamco', 'Lao', 'Jianquiao', 'Yatco', 'Singco', 'Chui', 'Que', 'Tanjungco', 'Yangco', 'Matiao', 'Quico', 'Dy', 'Chuan', 'Leng']</p>
Is_opium	<p>Definition: If the syllabus/decision contains words like opium or smuggling, we code the case as opium case.</p> <p>Opium list: Opium opium smuggling Smuggling</p>
Is_women	<p>Definition: If the syllabus/decision includes words in the women list, we coded the case as women case.</p> <p>['women', 'Women', 'girl', 'Girl', 'wife', 'Wife', 'mother', 'Mother', 'aunt', 'Aunt', 'female', 'Female', 'kids', 'Kids', 'children', 'Children', 'ms', 'Ms', 'miss', 'Miss', 'widow', 'Widow', 'prostitute', 'Prostitute', 'baby', 'Baby', 'filipina', 'Filipina', 'mestiza', 'Mestiza', 'kid', 'Kid', 'child', 'Child', 'mrs', 'Mrs']</p>
Is_city	<p>Definition: If the syllabus/decision includes the Philippines' city, we coded the case as a city.</p>
City_1, city_2, city_3	Those are the top 3 cities appearing in the city list.
Region_1, region_2, region_3	We match each city to the region.
Region_1_2_3	If region_1, region_2, and region_3 are equal, then Region_1_2_3 is true.

## Stats Description

See [Stats\\_Scraping\\_Data](#) for data descriptions.

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