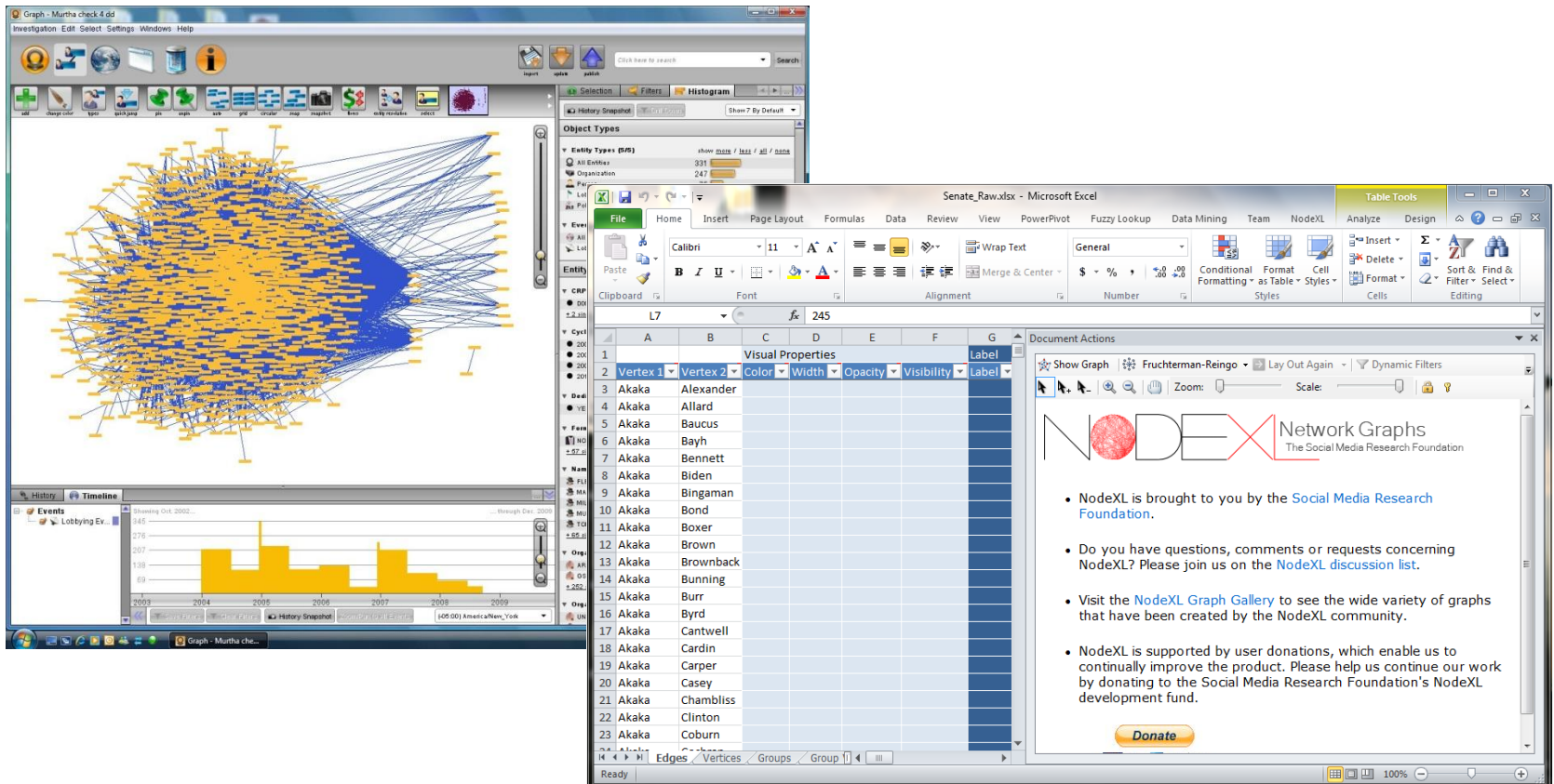


Social Network Analysis:

Tools for connecting the dots



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Terrorist tentacles know no boundaries

Details of how a global charity allegedly is tied to some of the world's terrorists have been illuminated by government documents and a Star analysis.

By MARK MORRIS, The Kansas City Star, and JAIMI DOWDELL and AARON KESSLER Special to The Star

How money raised by charities ends up in the pockets of international terrorists has been the subject of intense investigation since Sept. 11, 2001.

Last month one of those investigations touched Columbia. Federal officials alleged that a nonprofit organization there was part of the Islamic African Relief Agency, a global charity whose officers had raised at least \$5 million for terrorists.

Details of how IARA allegedly supported terrorism were packed into a four-page Treasury Department summary, thick with unfamiliar names and organizations.

Using special computer software, *The Kansas City Star* diagramed the links described in the Treasury summary. They allege:

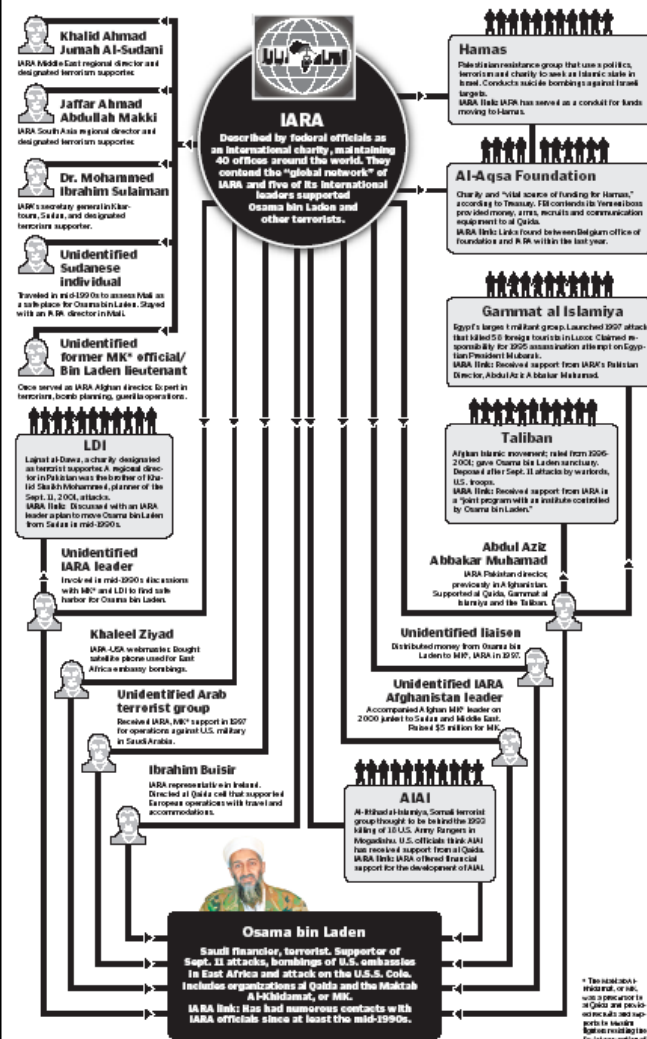
- At least eight connections between IARA and Osama bin Laden, his organizations or the Taliban.
- Two connections to Hamas, the Palestinian terrorist organizations whose suicide bombings ravaged life in Israel.
- Connections to three other groups that long have been designated as terrorist organizations by federal authorities.

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Data: Documents from the U.S. Treasury Department used to create a data table for social network analysis.

Findings: Analysis showed that officials from Islamic African Relief Agency, a global charity, allegedly used \$5 million to perform services or favors for bin Laden and his organizations and other terrorists.

IARA CONNECTIONS ALLEGED WORLDWIDE



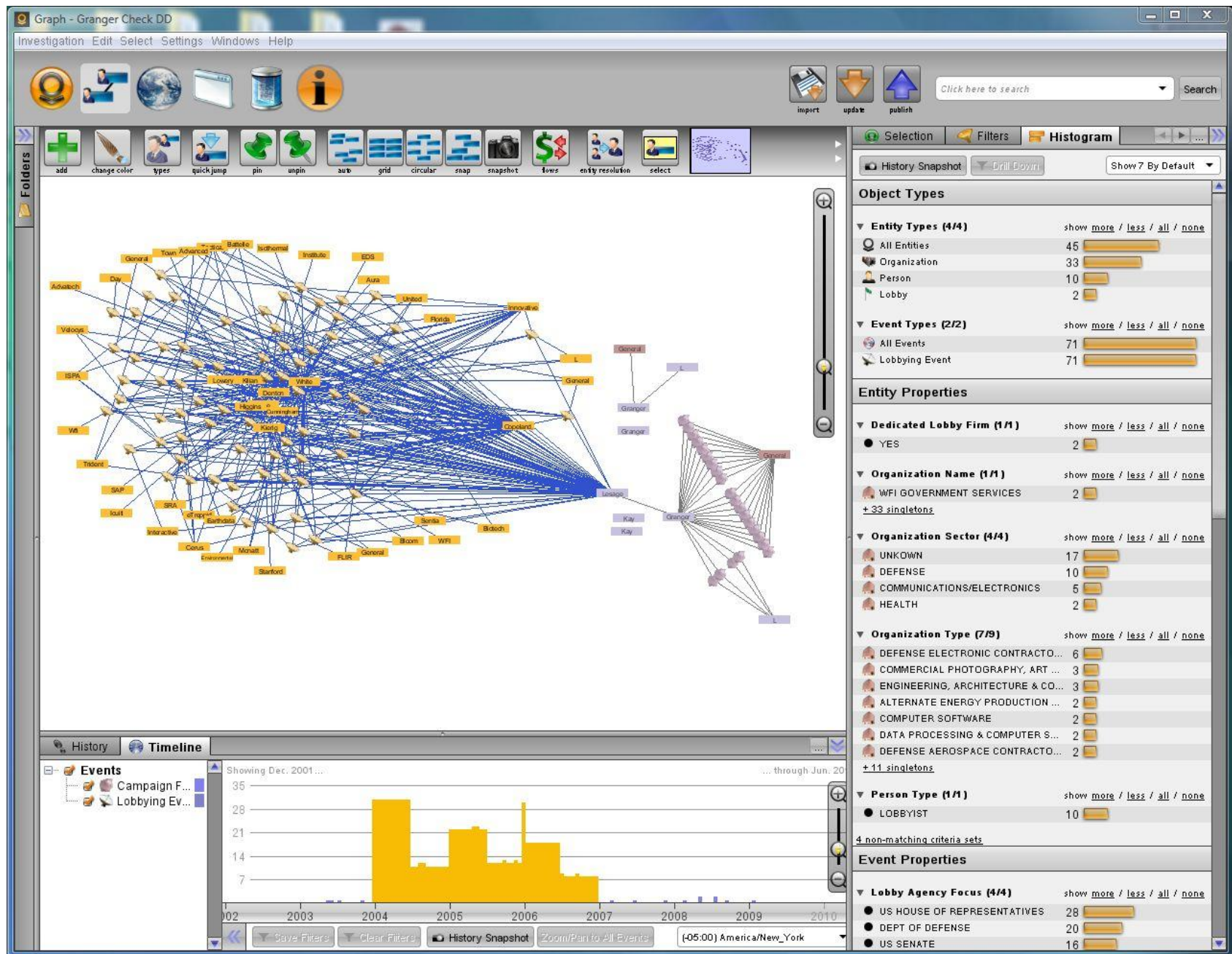
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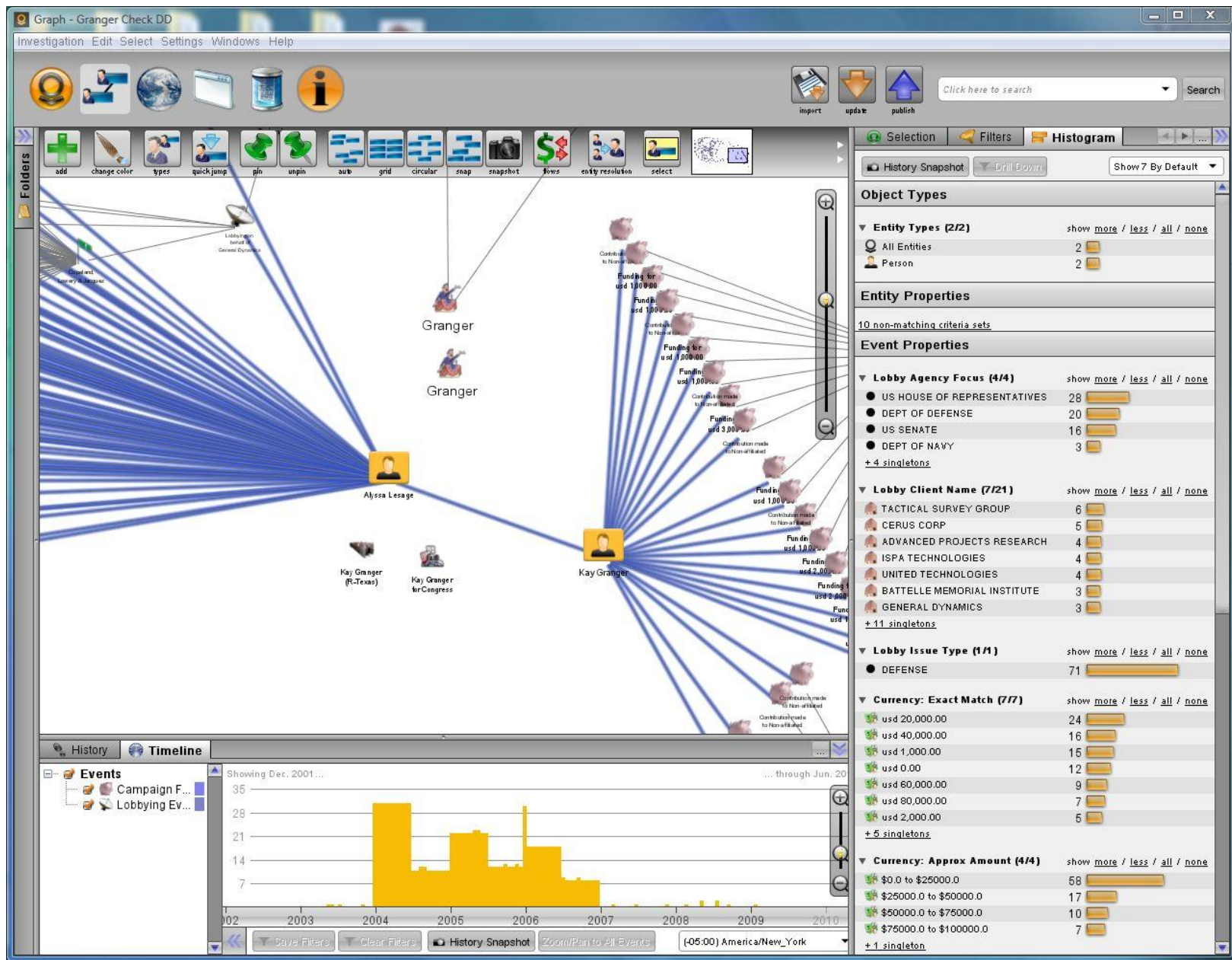
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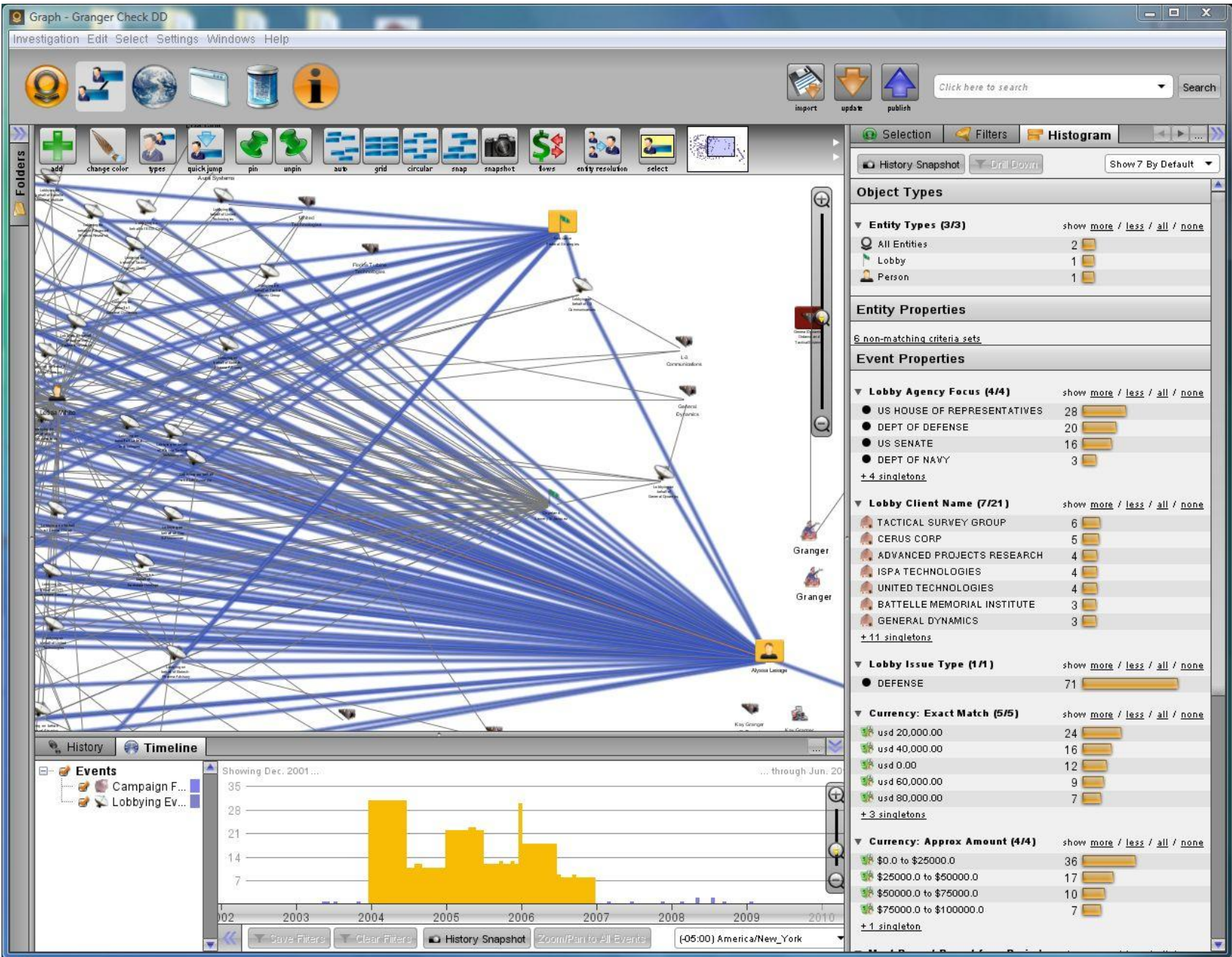
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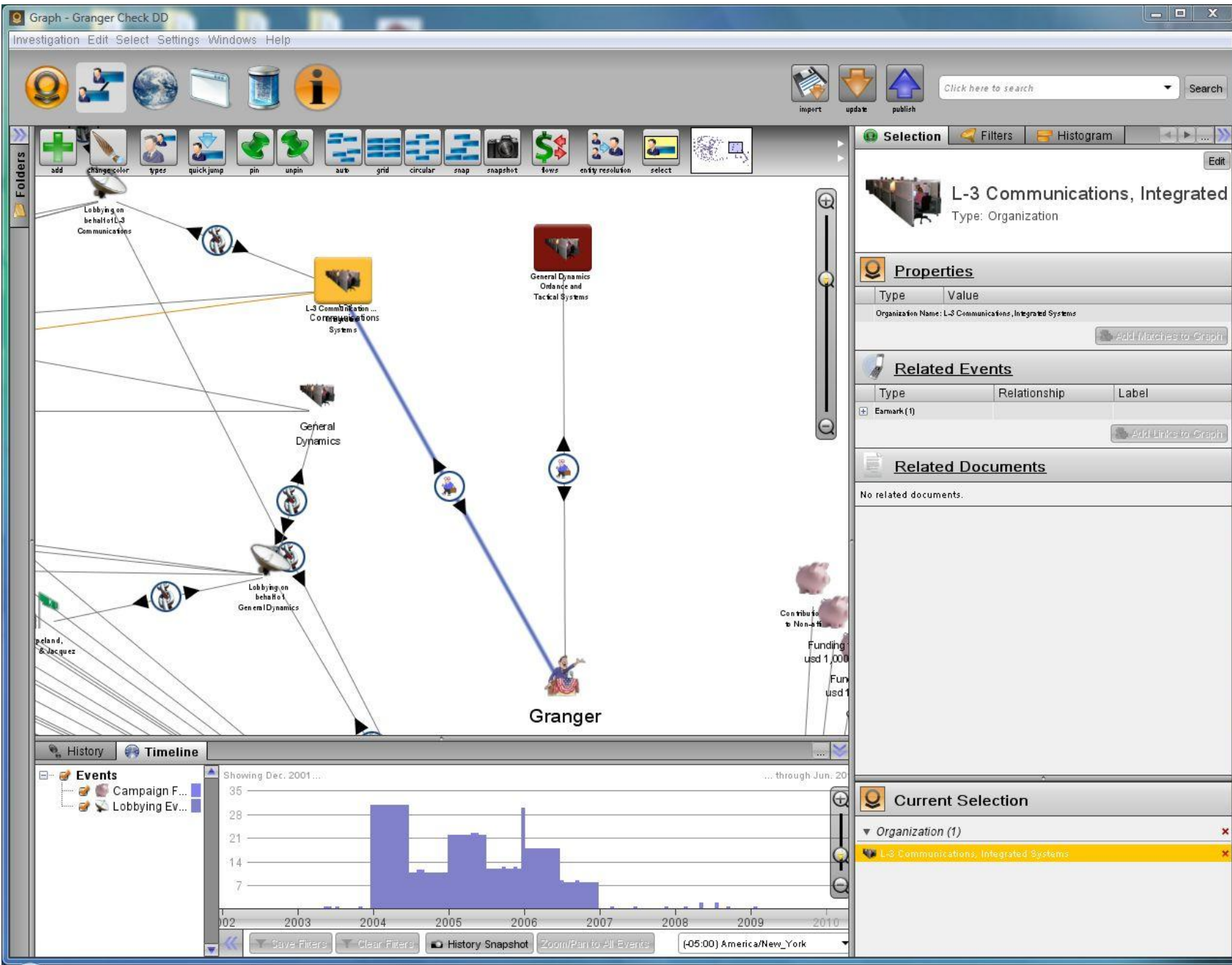
Findings: Sarah Cohen used social network analysis to show who the key Pioneers were in the Bush campaign, who they were connected to, and what each Pioneer gained, if anything, from his or her association with Bush, such as ambassadorships and other federal appointments. Bush raised \$96.3 million, a record at that time. More than 100, about 40 percent, of the Pioneers received some federal appointment after the election.

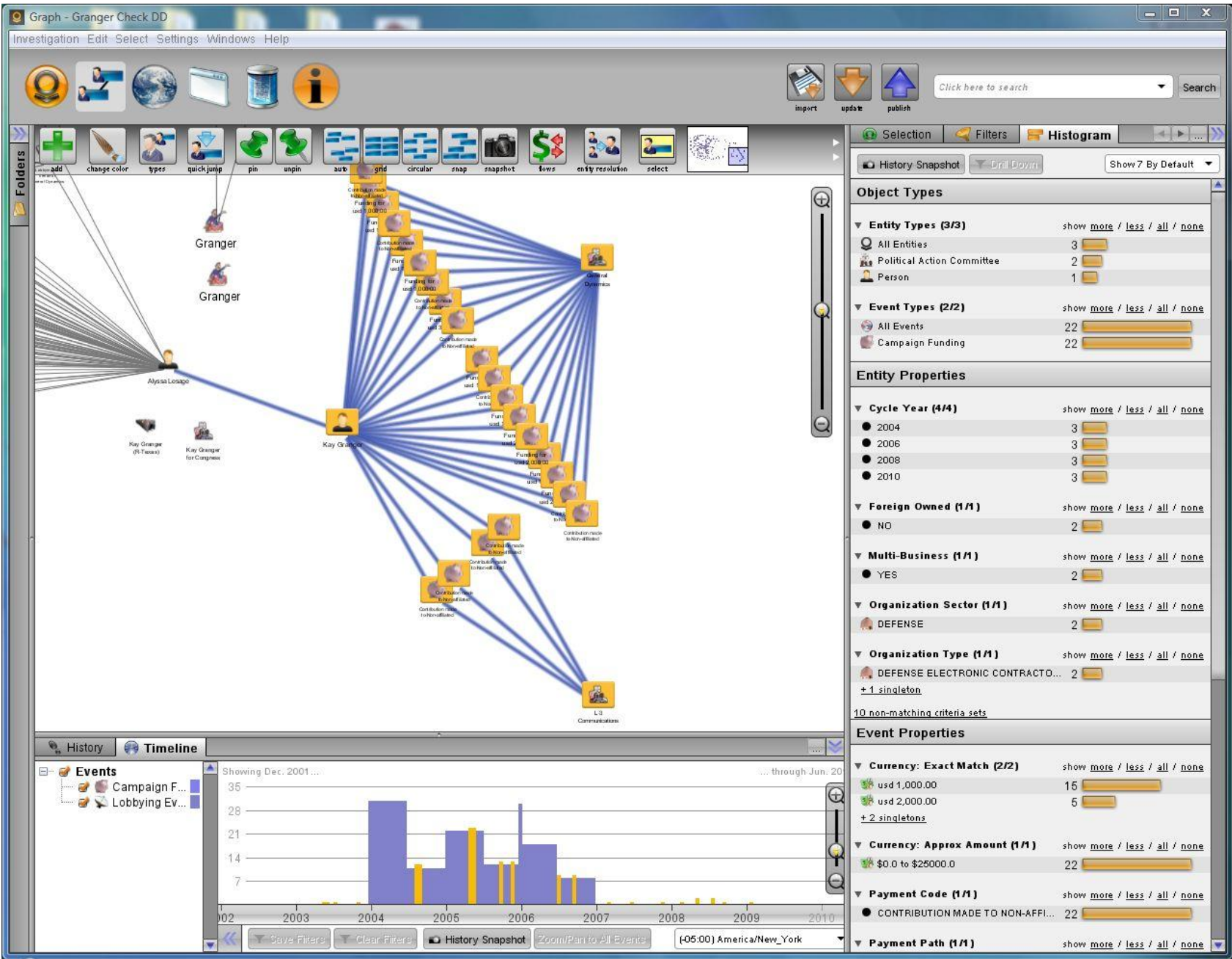
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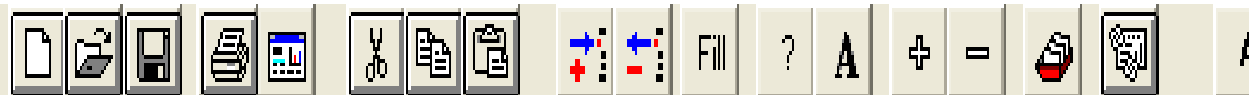




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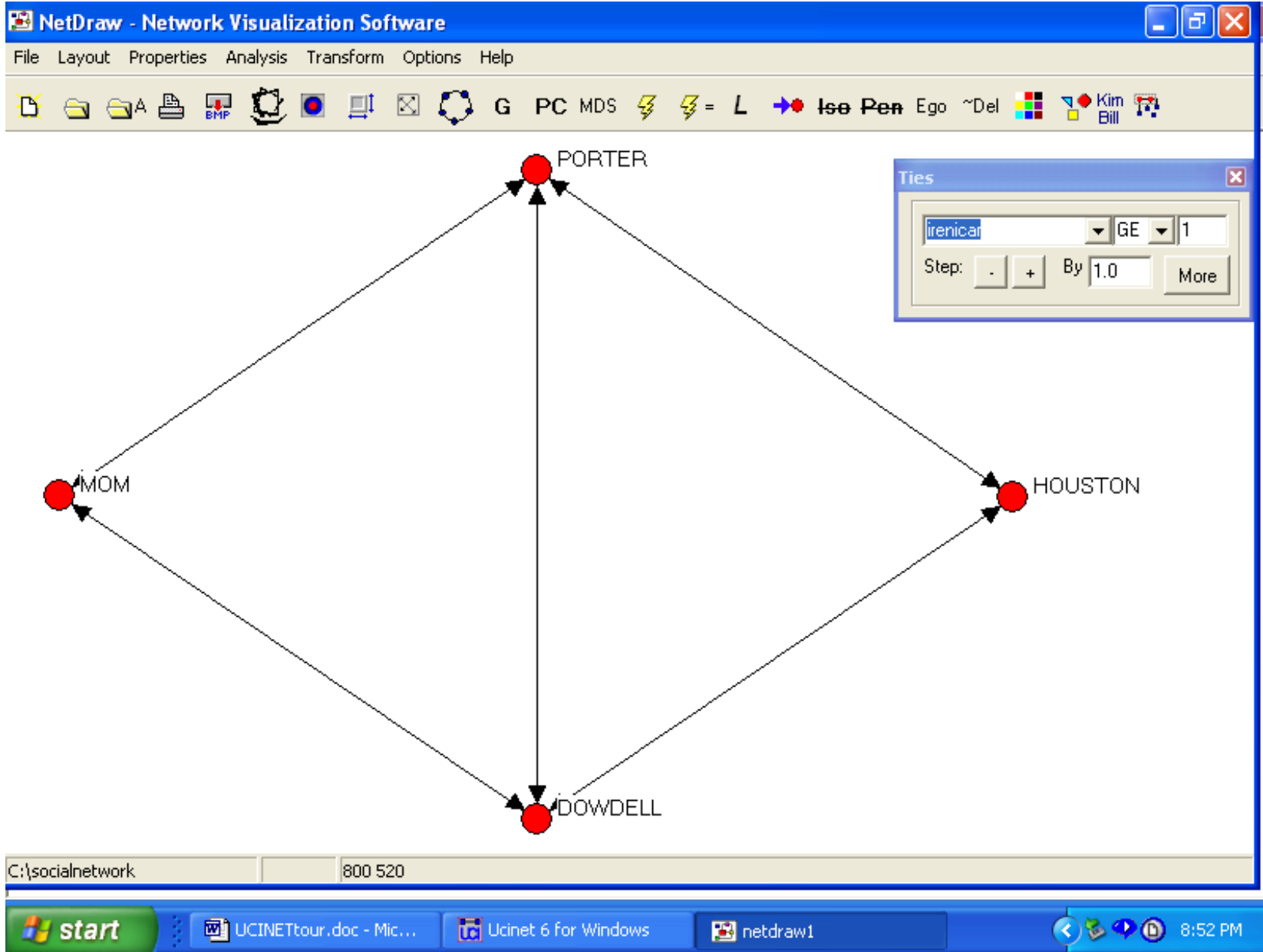
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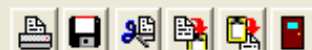


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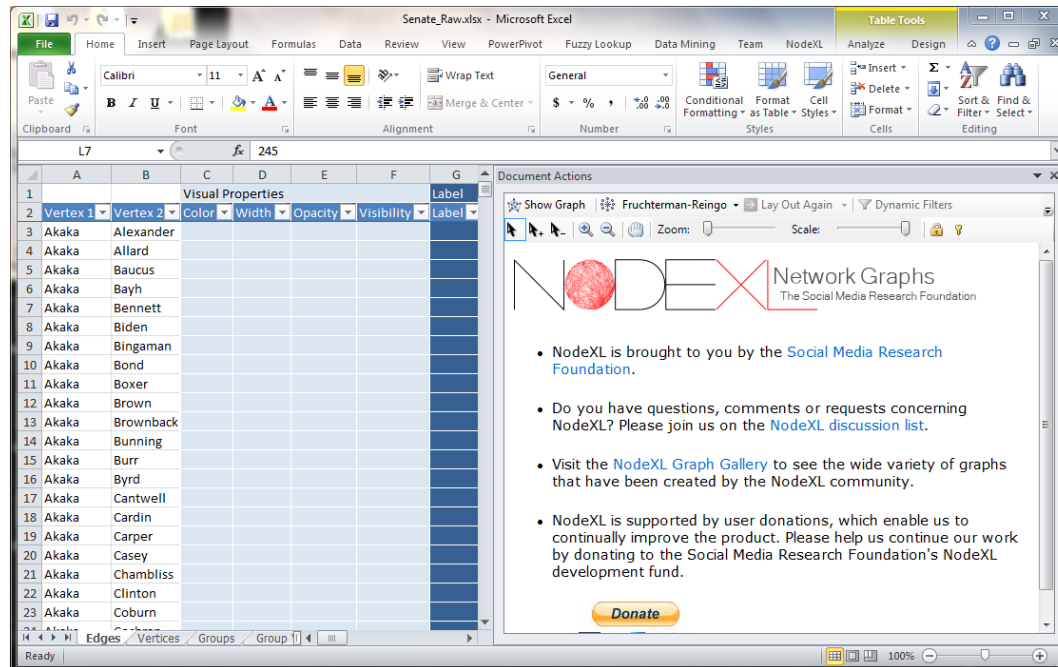
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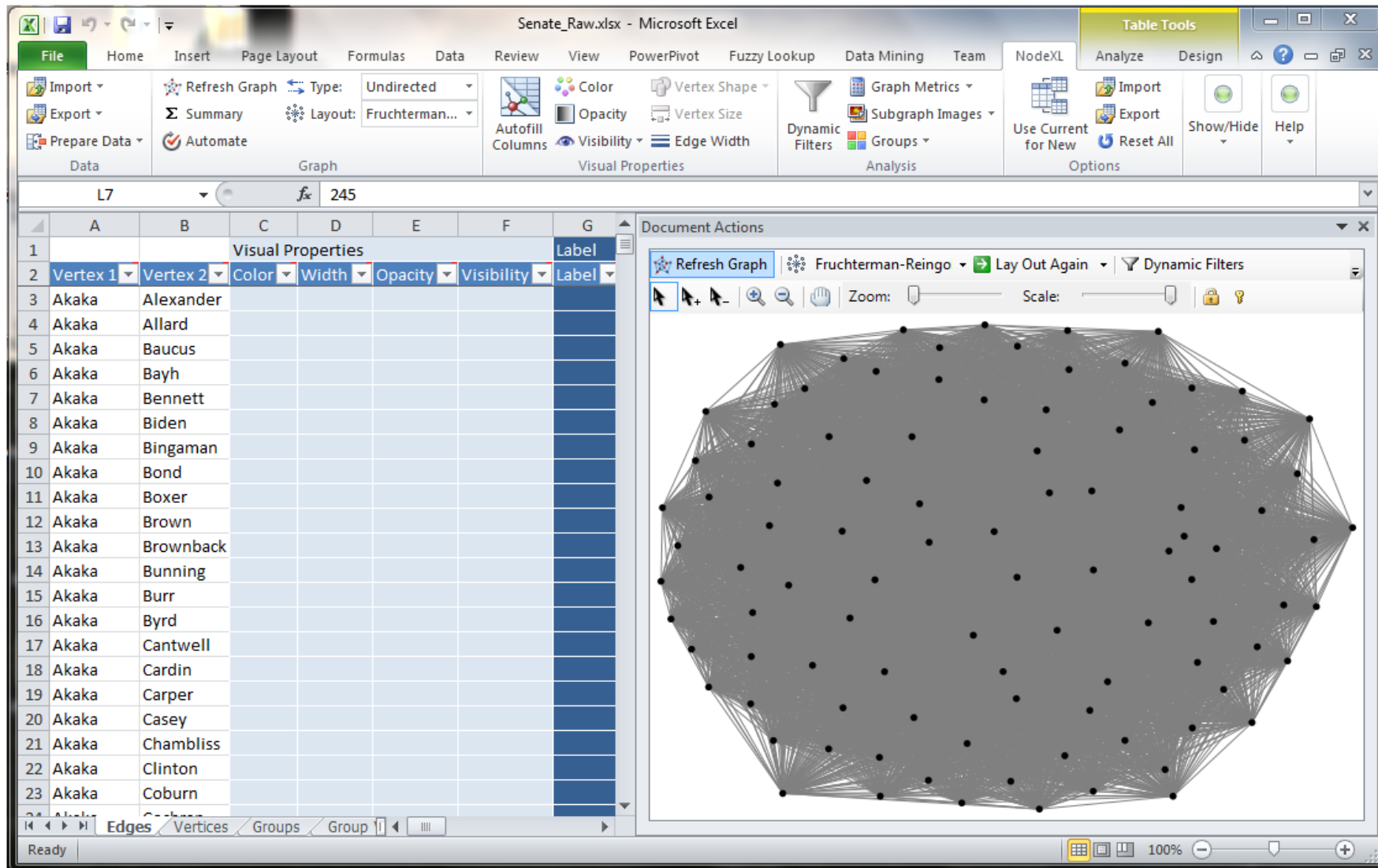
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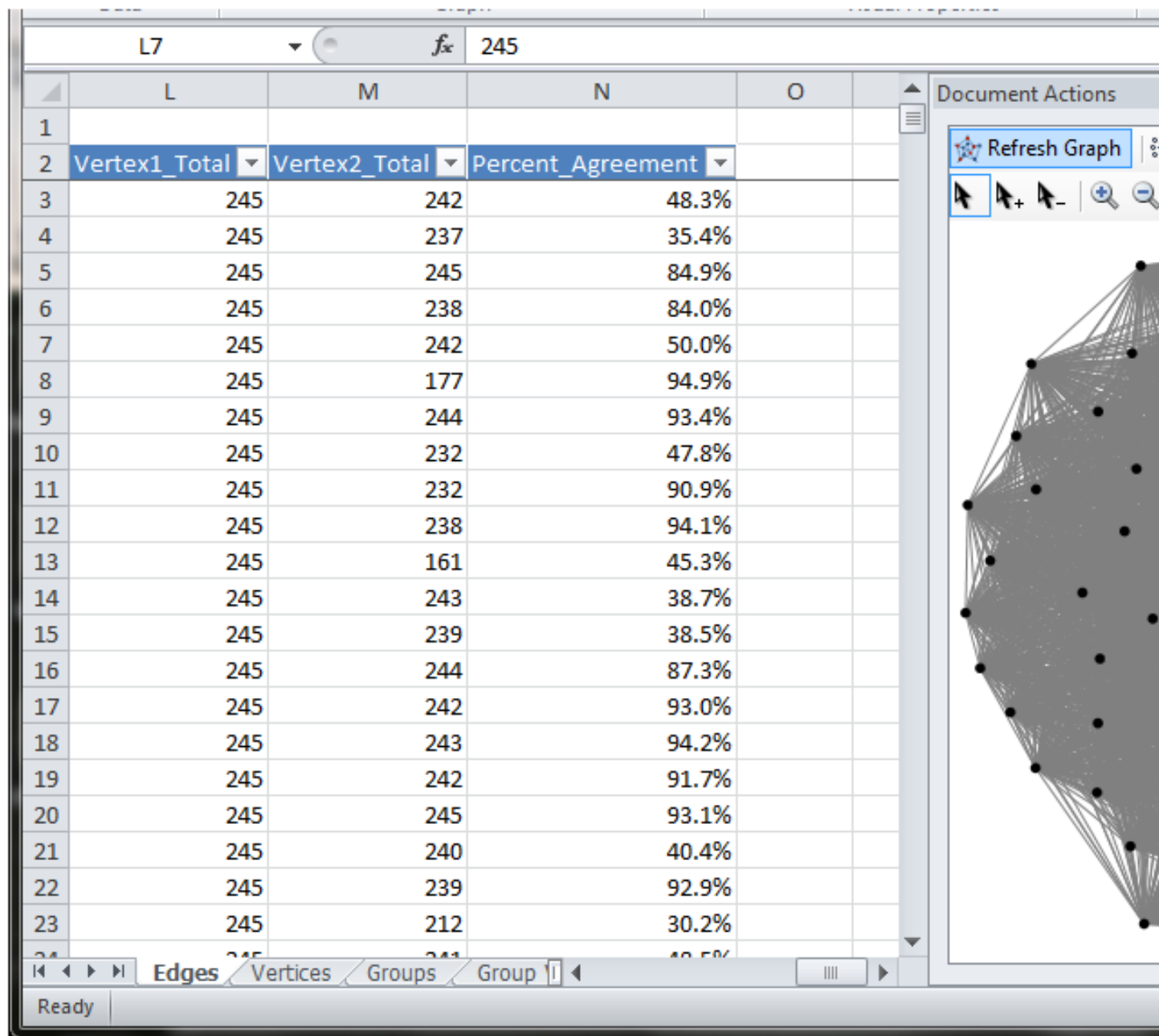
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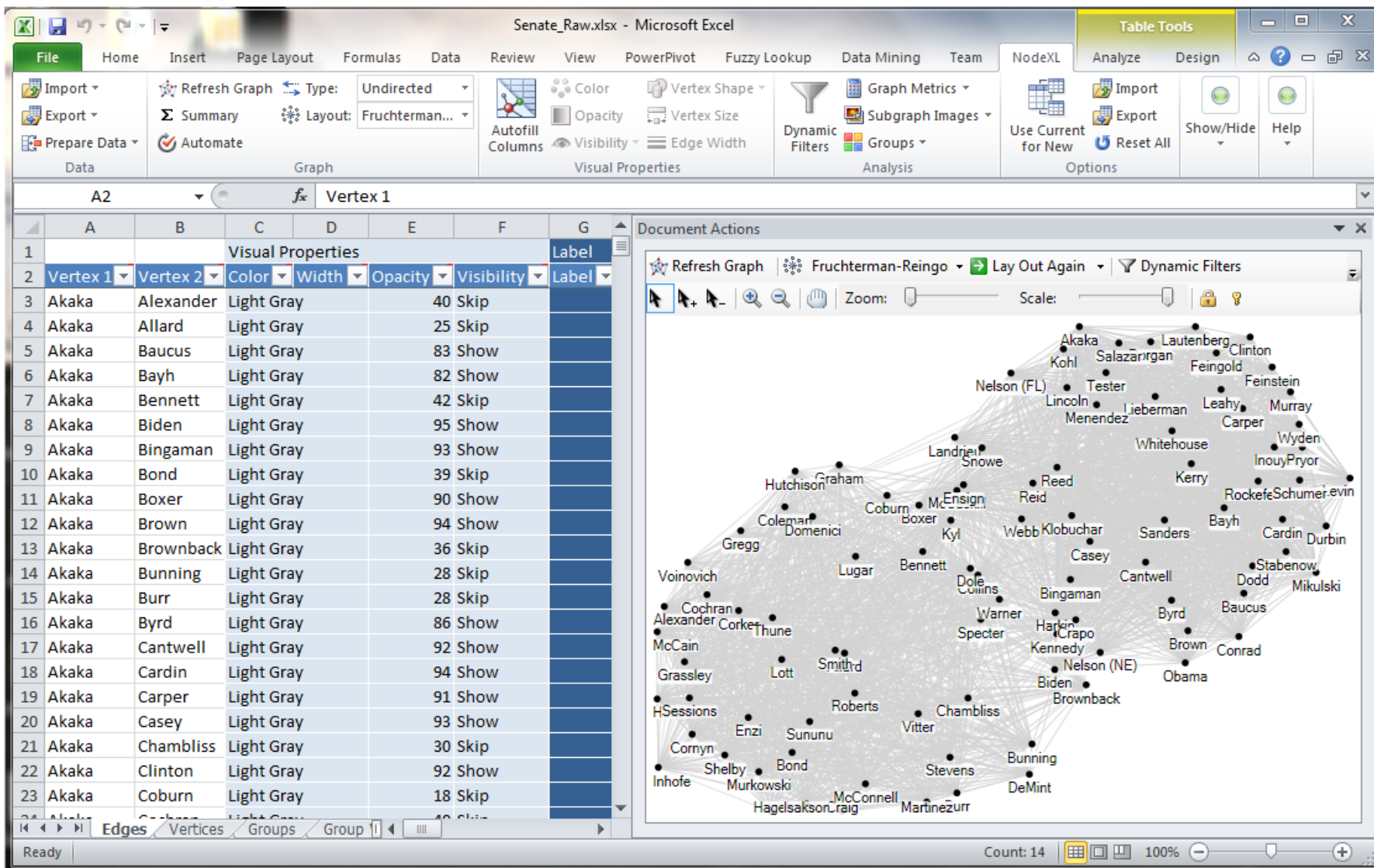
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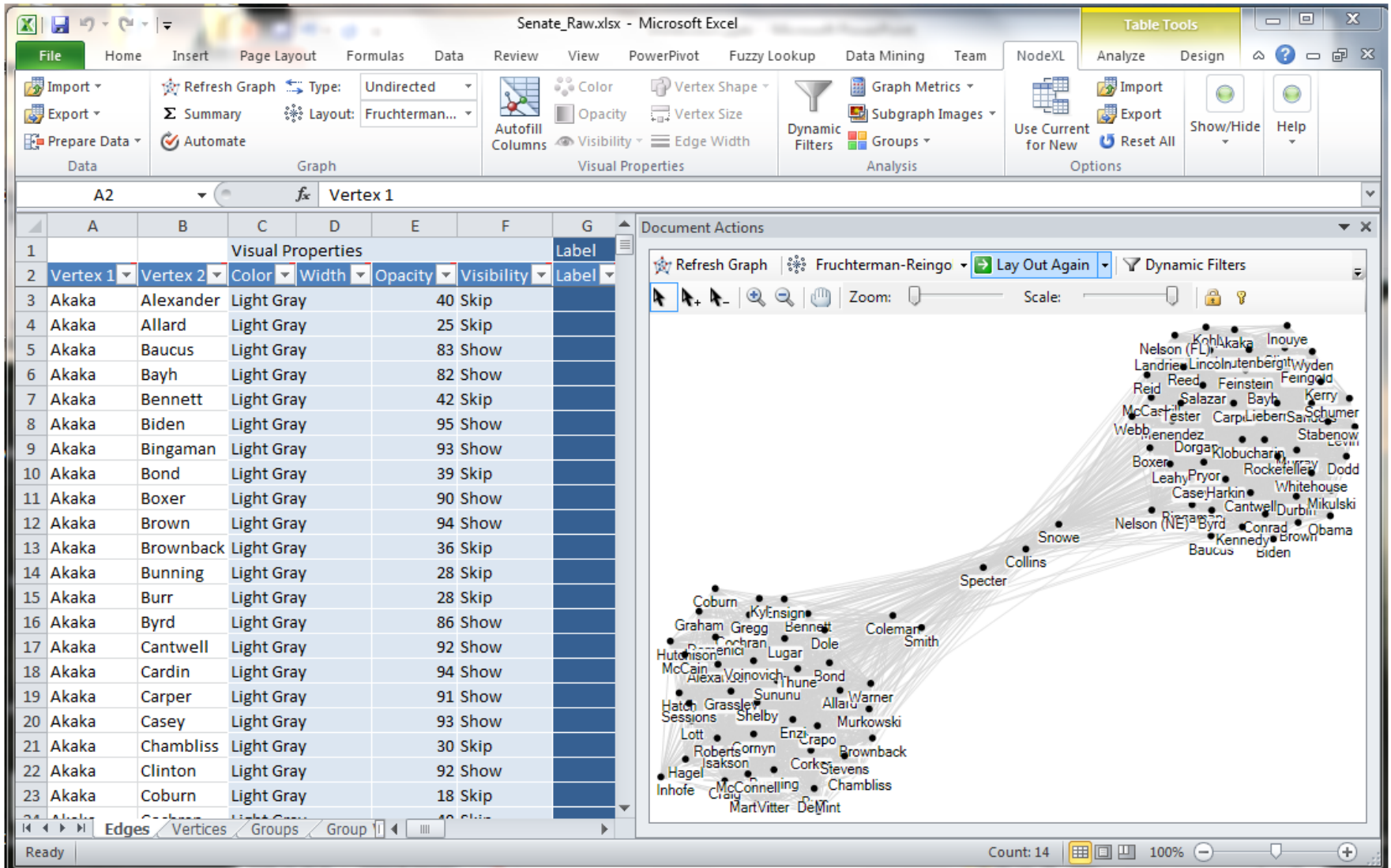
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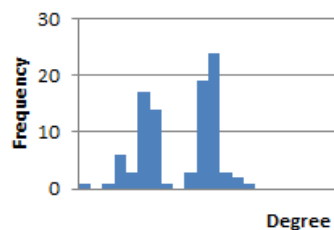
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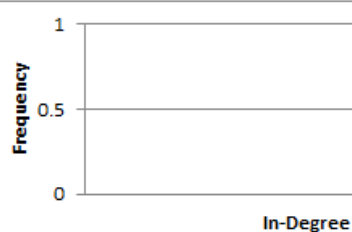
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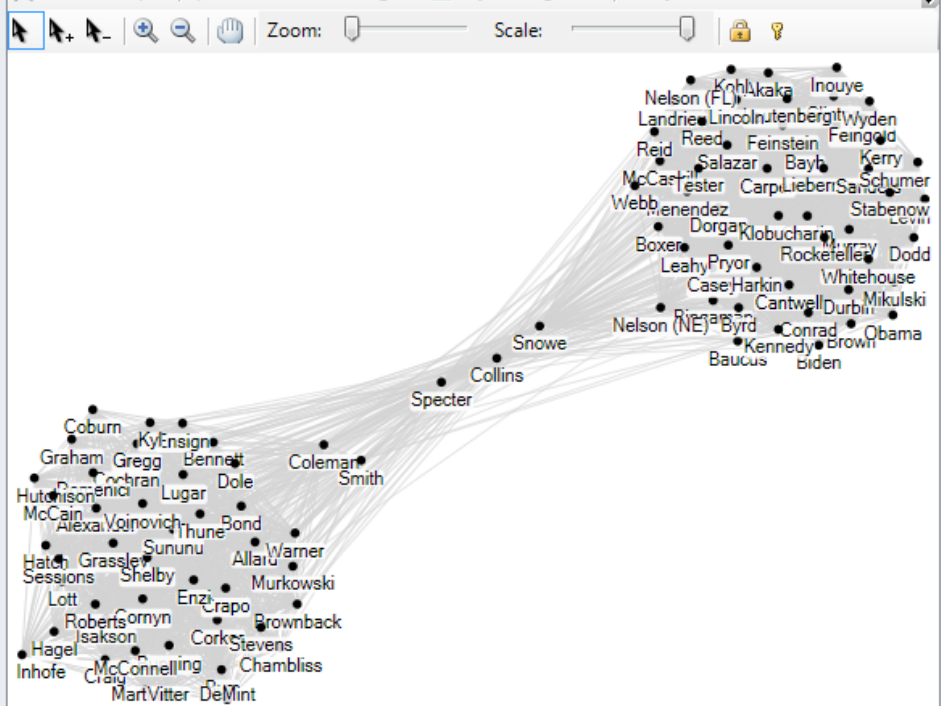


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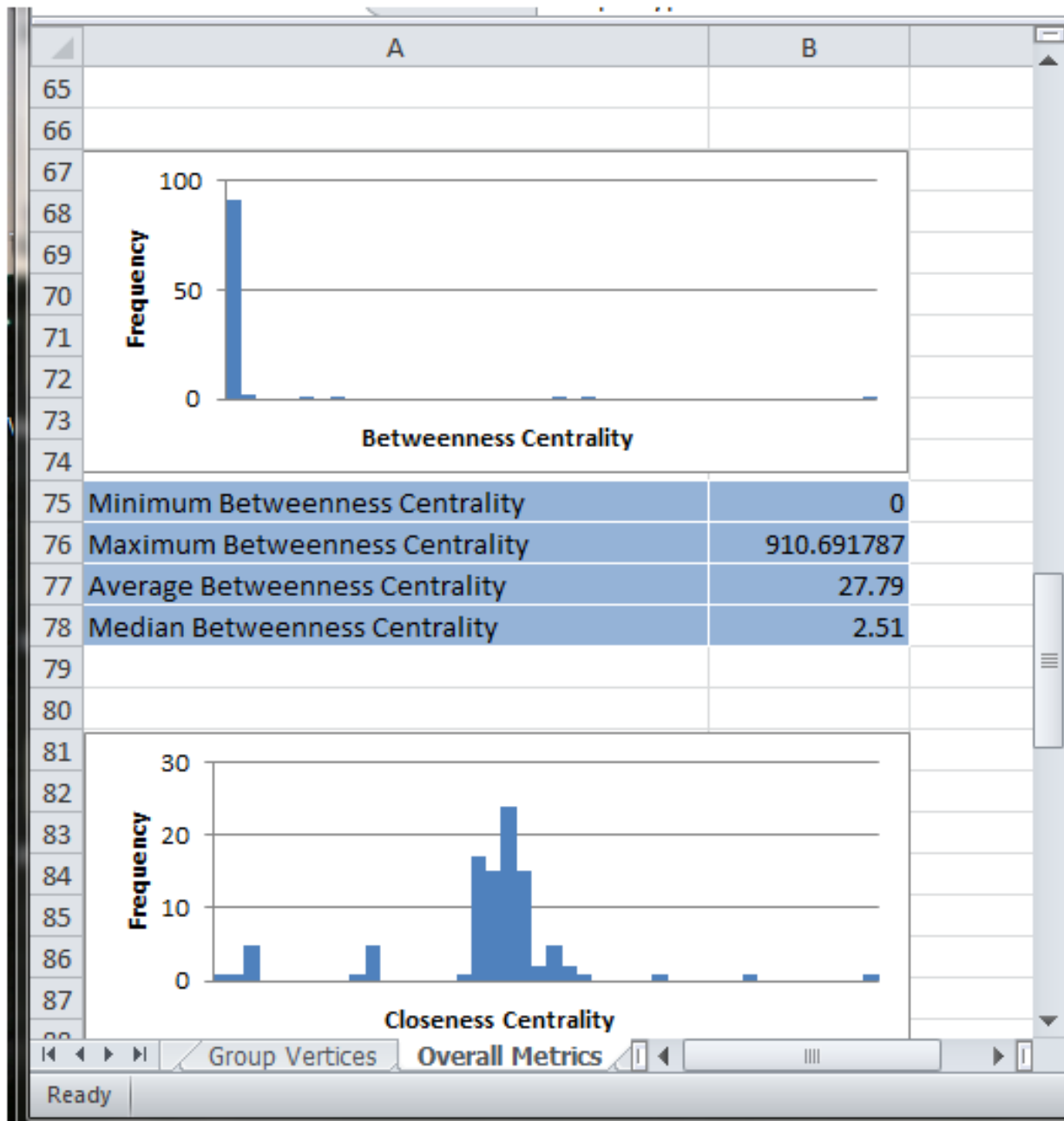
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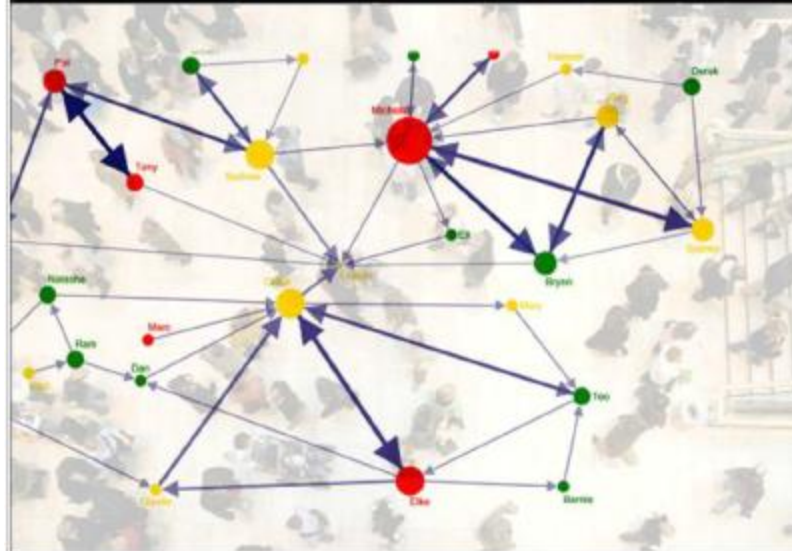
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