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## EXERCISE #3

Displaying the *frequency* of the word **AMERICA**.

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1	CONTEXT	AMERICA	FREQ	149464
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**AMERICA** displayed in context.

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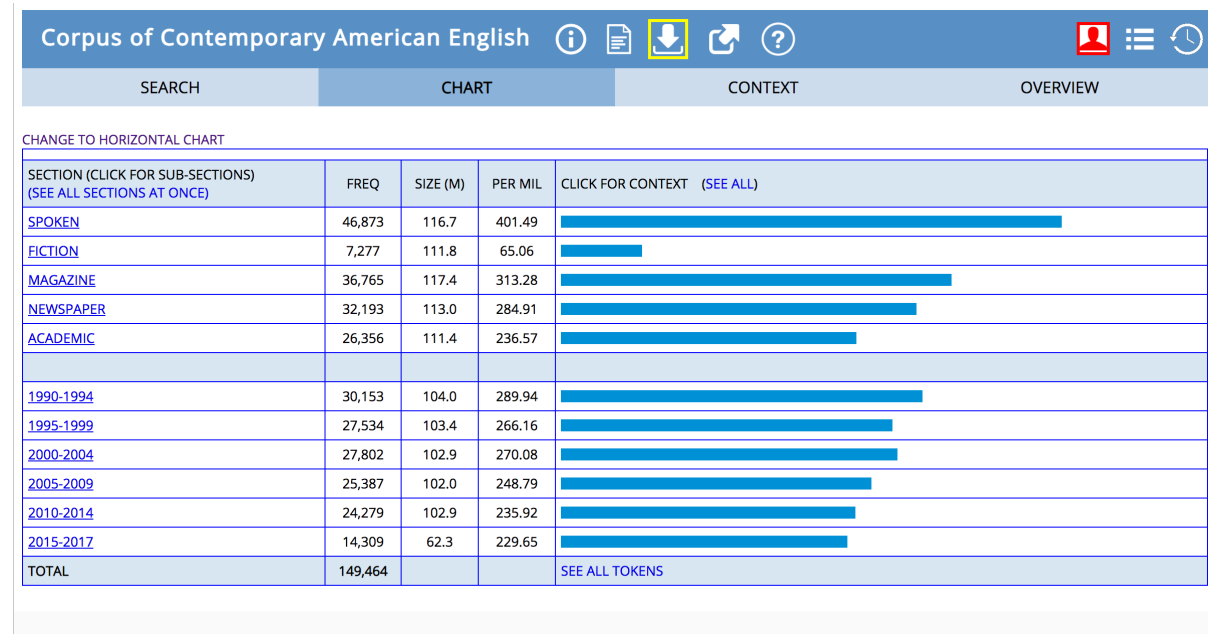
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1	2017	ACAD	...of Information Systems Education	A B C	major. # The sample IS 2010 Curriculum for a non-business school environment in North America is even more generous in terms of the number
2	2017	ACAD	Public Contract Law Journal	A B C	Warfare in the Modern Age, in 2017 Index of U.S. Military Strength: Assessing America's Ability to Provide for the Common Defense 31, 39 (Dako
3	2017	ACAD	Public Contract Law Journal	A B C	27. See generally id. at 352-62, 365-76 (recounting the history of America's invasion of Afghanistan in Chapter 11, entitled " Special Forces and H
4	2017	ACAD	Public Contract Law Journal	A B C	Capabilities for the 21st Century, in 2015 Index of U.S. Military Strength: Assessing America's Ability to Provide for the Common Defense 61, 75-7
5	2017	ACAD	...nal of Maritime Law and Commerce	A B C	& Rosow, " the " first legal counsel of the National Maritime Union of America (" NMU " ), " and the author of a book entitled Merchant
6	2017	ACAD	...nal of Maritime Law and Commerce	A B C	is that it was a general agent acting on behalf of the United States of America. Congress by enabling legislation in December of 1950 permitted s
7	2017	ACAD	...nal of Maritime Law and Commerce	A B C	renew their action in the U.S. District Court in Admiralty against the United States of America. # The United States District Court has recently ind
8	2017	ACAD	...nal of Maritime Law and Commerce	A B C	briefs. The time for filing the action in admiralty against the United States of America will have expired on December 13th, 1951. An appeal perf
9	2017	ACAD	...nal of Maritime Law and Commerce	A B C	the ground that the said defendant-appellant was the General Agent of the United States of America in relation to the s/s John N. Robins in Febr
10	2017	ACAD	...nal of Maritime Law and Commerce	A B C	against American Export Lines, Inc., the General Agent for the United States of America, in that the United States of America owned, operated ar
11	2017	ACAD	...nal of Maritime Law and Commerce	A B C	General Agent for the United States of America, in that the United States of America owned, operated and controlled the s/s John N. Robins and
12	2017	ACAD	...nal of Maritime Law and Commerce	A B C	cases such as the instant case the proper party defendant was the United States of America and thus, in effect, held that Justice Carlin had errec
13	2017	ACAD	...nal of Maritime Law and Commerce	A B C	motion and perhaps prevent the institution of a new suit against the United States of America in admiralty when the defendant-appellant has fa
14	2017	ACAD	...nal of Maritime Law and Commerce	A B C	are described in Michael L. Jamieson, Remembrances: My Life with Chesterfield Smith, America's Lawyer 1964-2003, at 108-19 (2d ed. 2004). # 5
15	2017	ACAD	...nal of Maritime Law and Commerce	A B C	1997, at B9. Footnote # 120 See, Koistinen v. United States of America, Index No. Adm. 170-399 (U.S. District Court for the Southern District of
16	2017	ACAD	...nal of Maritime Law and Commerce	A B C	). Footnote # 122 Docket Sheet, Eino J. Koistinen v. United States of America, Adm. 170-399 (U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New Y
17	2017	ACAD	...and Human Services Administra...	A B C	primary care health professional shortage areas (HPSAs) and health care access in rural America. (Policy Brief), Seattle, WA: WWAMI Rural Health

**CHART** – There's a decline in the use of the word *AMERICA* pass the year 2005 as according to the "PER MIL" value. I presume one reason for this could due to

- The discussion of more global issues over the years
- Text sources began to diversify into other topics or fields
- Sources substituted the word American for America



However, let's focus on the reason why there would have been a "boom" in the use of the word *America* between the years 1990 and 2004.

	SECTION NAME	# PER MILLION	# TOKENS	# WORDS	
1	<a href="#">1992</a>	318.32	6610	20,765,317	
2	<a href="#">1996</a>	309.86	6346	20,480,345	
3	<a href="#">1993</a>	292.81	6129	20,931,674	
4	<a href="#">1990</a>	286.34	5895	20,587,368	
5	<a href="#">1991</a>	285.52	5906	20,685,131	
6	<a href="#">1995</a>	279.15	5821	20,852,326	
7	<a href="#">2002</a>	276.50	5656	20,455,712	
8	<a href="#">2004</a>	275.50	5721	20,766,252	
9	<a href="#">2000</a>	269.28	5596	20,781,660	
10	<a href="#">1994</a>	266.91	5613	21,029,640	
11	<a href="#">2001</a>	265.57	5341	20,111,307	
12	<a href="#">2003</a>	263.52	5488	20,825,770	
13	<a href="#">2009</a>	261.12	5246	20,090,609	
14	<a href="#">2008</a>	260.32	5220	20,052,195	
15	<a href="#">2012</a>	256.31	5243	21,422,161	
16	<a href="#">2011</a>	255.65	5275	20,633,381	
17	<a href="#">1999</a>	252.94	5303	20,965,840	
18	<a href="#">1997</a>	247.70	5065	20,448,508	

After *subsectioning*, it is clear that there was a decline in the use of the word "America".

1	ACAD:History	690.39	8454	12,245,202	<div></div>
2	SPOK:FOX	627.33	3954	6,302,918	<div></div>
3	MAG:News/Opin	579.42	10779	18,603,163	<div></div>
4	NEWS:Editorial	550.55	2433	4,419,255	<div></div>
5	SPOK:ABC	465.76	7226	15,514,463	<div></div>
6	SPOK:PBS	458.85	3034	6,612,202	<div></div>
7	SPOK:MSNBC	453.23	369	814,156	<div></div>
8	MAG:Religion	449.59	1920	4,270,578	<div></div>
9	MAG:Afric-Amer	446.72	1623	3,633,150	<div></div>
10	SPOK:Indep	417.88	1815	4,343,343	<div></div>
11	NEWS:News_Natl	402.72	2651	6,582,814	<div></div>
12	MAG:Soc/Arts	402.32	3078	7,650,584	<div></div>
13	SPOK:CBS	392.79	5062	12,887,290	<div></div>
14	NEWS:Money	383.41	3024	7,887,037	<div></div>
15	SPOK:CNN	377.79	7804	20,656,861	<div></div>
16	MAG:Entertain	366.57	1492	4,070,117	<div></div>
17	MAG:Financial	351.73	1849	5,256,801	<div></div>
18	SPOK:NPR	336.27	5851	17,399,724	<div></div>
19	ACAD:Misc	324.43	1381	4,256,632	<div></div>

The word was primarily used in a Spoken, News and Magazine context. Since Fox news was only founded in 1996, we can eliminate that category. Let us also eliminate Academic History from the list as well. Now, we can focus on just Editorials, News Magazines and other Spoken Texts.

My assumption is the word America was used often because of its conflicts with Russia (or USSR) in the early years. We shall use the **COLLOCATES** feature on COCA to explore this.

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List Chart Collocates Compare KWIC

America

Word/phrase [POS]

Russia

Collocates [POS]

+ 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 +

Find collocates Reset

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COLLOCATES display

See what words occur near other words, which provides great insight into meaning and usage. For example, nouns after *thick* or *look into*, verbs before *money*, or any word near *crack*, *believe*, *loud*, or *quickly*.

More information: [compare to LIST display](#), [types of collocates](#), [direction and distance of collocates](#), [variable length queries](#).

Since this is a preliminary exploration, let us use a collocation of +9 and -9 for finding out all the occurrences of Russia and America for a wide window.

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SEE CONTEXT: CLICK ON WORD (ALL SECTIONS), NUMBER (ONE SECTION), OR [CONTEXT] (SELECT) [HELP...]

	<input type="checkbox"/> CONTEXT	ALL <input type="checkbox"/>	SPOKEN	FICTION	MAGAZINE	NEWSPAPER	ACADEMIC	1990-1994	1995-1999	2000-2004	2005-2009	2010-2014	2015-2017
1	<input type="checkbox"/> RUSSIA	311	84	21	74	68	64	63	58	45	57	38	50

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CONTEXT +

SEE CONTEXT: CLICK ON WORD (ALL SECTIONS), NUMBER (ONE SECTION), OR [CONTEXT] (SELECT) [\[HELP...\]](#)

	<input type="checkbox"/>	CONTEXT	ALL <input type="checkbox"/>	SPOKEN <input type="checkbox"/>	FICTION <input type="checkbox"/>	MAGAZINE <input type="checkbox"/>	NEWSPAPER <input type="checkbox"/>	ACADEMIC <input type="checkbox"/>	1990-1994 <input type="checkbox"/>	1995-1999 <input type="checkbox"/>	2000-2004 <input type="checkbox"/>	2005-2009 <input type="checkbox"/>	2010-2014 <input type="checkbox"/>	2015-2017 <input type="checkbox"/>
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	RUSSIA	524	184	1	61	149	129	63	176	75	68	84	58

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From the above image, it is clear that Russia and NATO were spoken often with a frequency of 184. Furthermore, it also followed a peak of 176 in the year 1995-1999. Hence, we can say that NATO and Russia might have been one of the several reasons why the word America was popular in a Spoken source during 1995-1999.

Given below is a snapshot of the context of Russia and NATO for the first few results:

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SECTION: 1995-1999,  
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1	1999	SPOK	ABC_ThisWeek	A	B	C	Russia -- and Russia will -- I don't believe Russia will become part of NATO, but I think that Russia and NATO can have a far better and closer
2	1999	SPOK	ABC_ThisWeek	A	B	C	we can think and contemplate is there will be a situation in which Russia and NATO start to discover the areas of common interest and we don't get back into
3	1999	SPOK	ABC_ThisWeek	A	B	C	n't believe Russia will become part of NATO, but I think that Russia and NATO can have a far better and closer understanding. SAM DONALDSON: Prime Minister,
4	1999	SPOK	ABC_ThisWeek	A	B	C	want to put this behind us. This has been a very difficult passage between NATO and Russia. And he knows what the priorities of Russia are, in particular
5	1999	SPOK	CNN_Event	A	B	C	, Athens. (END-VIDEOTAPE) RANDALL: Russia's also calling for an end to the NATO air strikes. In emergency session on Saturday, the Duma passed a largely symbo
6	1999	SPOK	Fox_HC	A	B	C	what was going to happen. Look, Russia did not want us to expand NATO, did not want Hungary and Poland and the Czech Republic to expand NATO.
7	1999	SPOK	Fox_HC	A	B	C	not stop the missiles from flying, but it did strain Russia's relationship with NATO. The Soviets aren't the only ones criticizing U.S. involvement. Some U.S. lawmake
8	1999	SPOK	NBC_MeetPress	A	B	C	. And let me just quickly run by the priorities: Russia and a strong NATO in Europe; China and our alliances in the Far East; our own hemisphere
9	1999	SPOK	NBC_MeetPress	A	B	C	, we are now having deep problems with China and Russia. Why not let NATO and Europe take care of this problem and get America out of it? SEN-McCAIN
10	1999	SPOK	NPR_ATC	A	B	C	Noble from Los Angeles. And that is, Exactly why is Russia opposed to NATO's involvement in Kosovo? Is it because the Russians are ethnically related to the
11	1999	SPOK	PBS_Newshour	A	B	C	President Yeltsin said he warned President Clinton in a phone call Russia would not tolerate NATO attacks. White House officials said, however, that Mr. Clinton ha
12	1999	SPOK	ABC_Nightline	A	B	C	the contrary," Chernomyrdin wrote, " Russia rejects Clinton's conditions.... These NATO goals run counter to Russia's stance, which calls for the introduction of U.N
13	1999	SPOK	NPR_TalkNation	A	B	C	nearly all of them did not line up with Russia, did not condemn the NATO actions. Many of them expressed understanding of why NATO had taken this action beca
14	1999	SPOK	NPR_Weekend	A	B	C	, in a peacekeeping force. Russia doesn't have anybody at that meeting of NATO and Yugoslav offices at that coffee house on the border. And so it's
15	1999	SPOK	NPR_Weekend	A	B	C	said -- at a meeting with his military talking about Russia's inability to get NATO to stop the air strikes in Kosovo, he said, Why are they not
16	1999	NFWS	C5Monitor	A	B	C	's launch systems but could affect its early-warning and air-defense capabilities. Russia has given NATO permission to investigate its systems, and the Pentagon ha