

# **Big Data and History: Seeing the Past through a Macroscope**

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**Historians are largely unprepared to engage with the quantity of digital sources that will fundamentally transform their trade.**

... we need to think  
about data ...

# **Today's Talk**

- **1. Prologue:** Big Data is everywhere
- **2. The Web Age:** Will accelerate this process
- **3. What can we do with big data?**

**A Prologue:  
Big Data is  
Everywhere**

# What do we mean by Big Data?

- Computational definition: the 5 Vs (Volume, Velocity, Variety, Veracity, and Value)
- “For us, as humanists, big is in the eye of the beholder. If it’s more data that you could conceivably read yourself in a reasonable amount of time, or that requires computational intervention to make new sense of it, it’s big enough!” (Shawn Graham, Ian Milligan, Scott Weingart, *Exploring Big Historical Data*)

**Why is it  
everywhere?**

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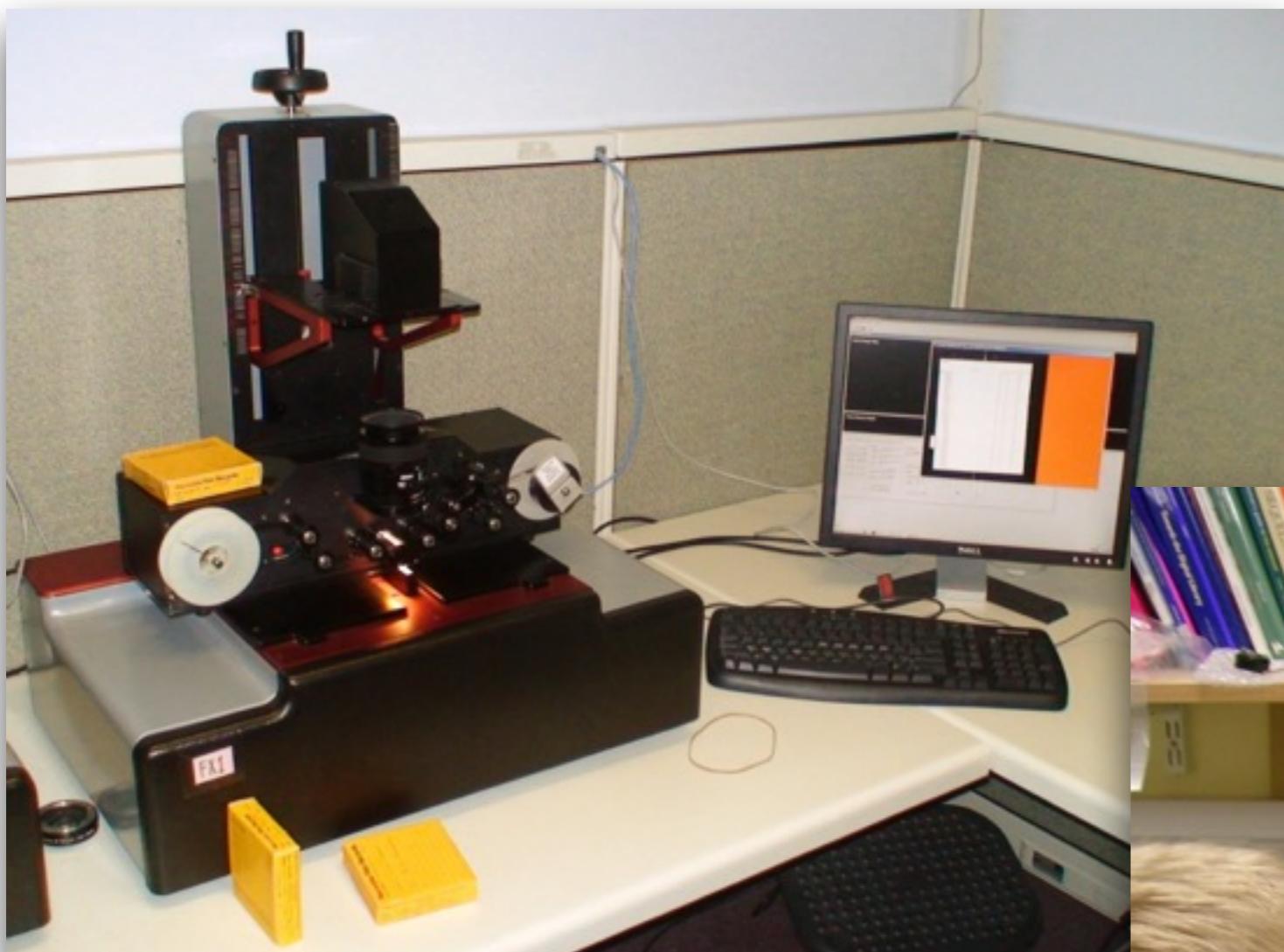
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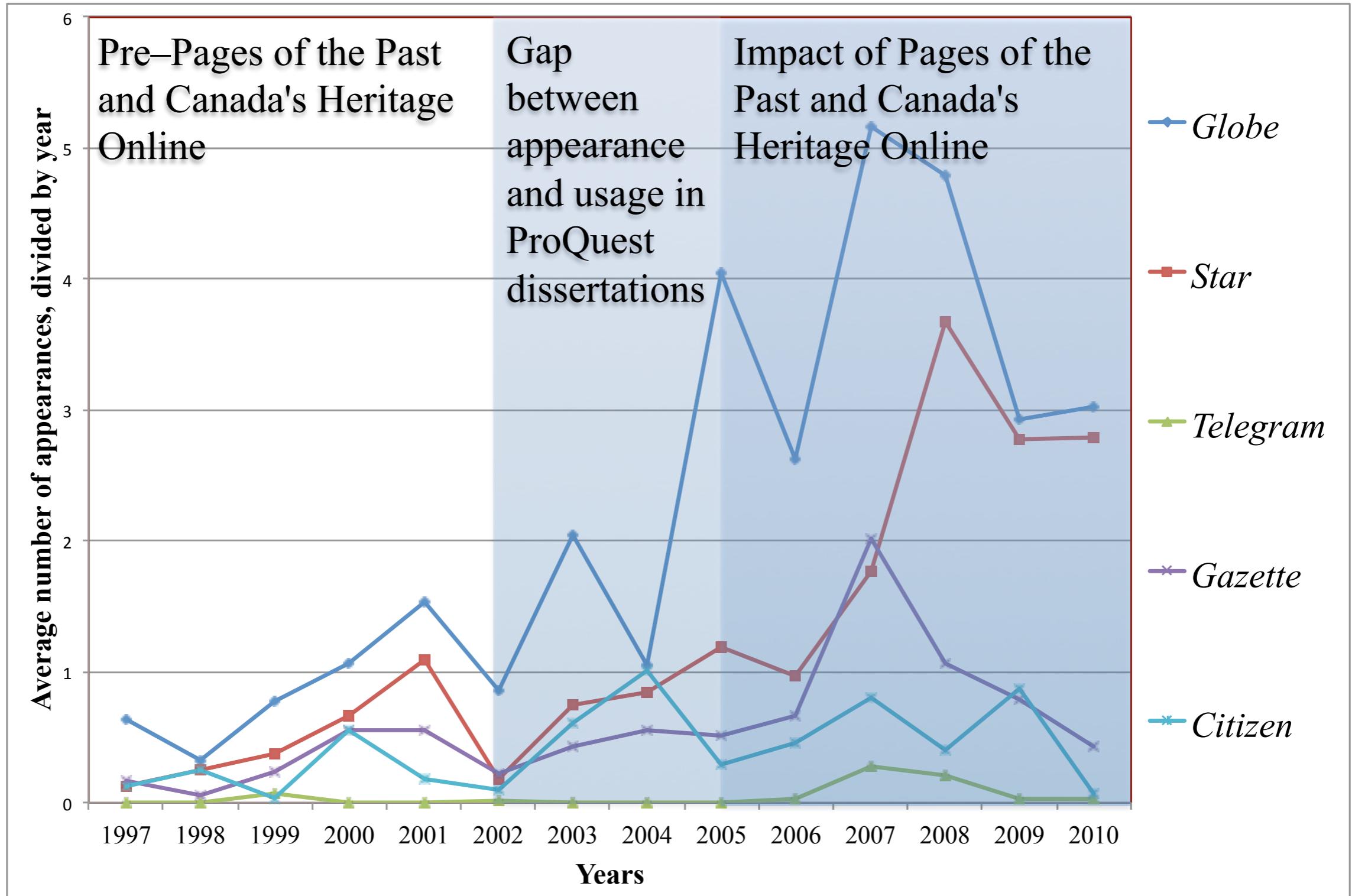
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Ian Milligan, “Online Databases, Optical Character Recognition, and Canadian History, 1997–2010,” *Canadian Historical Review*, 94.4 (December 2013): 540–569.

... this is our long-term **track record w/**  
digital resources ...

Our history with digital  
sources is the **unreflective  
use of technology.**

**... we've become, in some ways, a discipline defined by the keyword ...**

A process that is only  
now beginning to  
accelerate.

**Historians need to be ready to  
engage with web archives. They  
have the potential to  
fundamentally transform our trade.**

**First - more data than  
ever before being  
preserved;**

**Second - it'll be  
saved/delivered to us  
in **very different ways****

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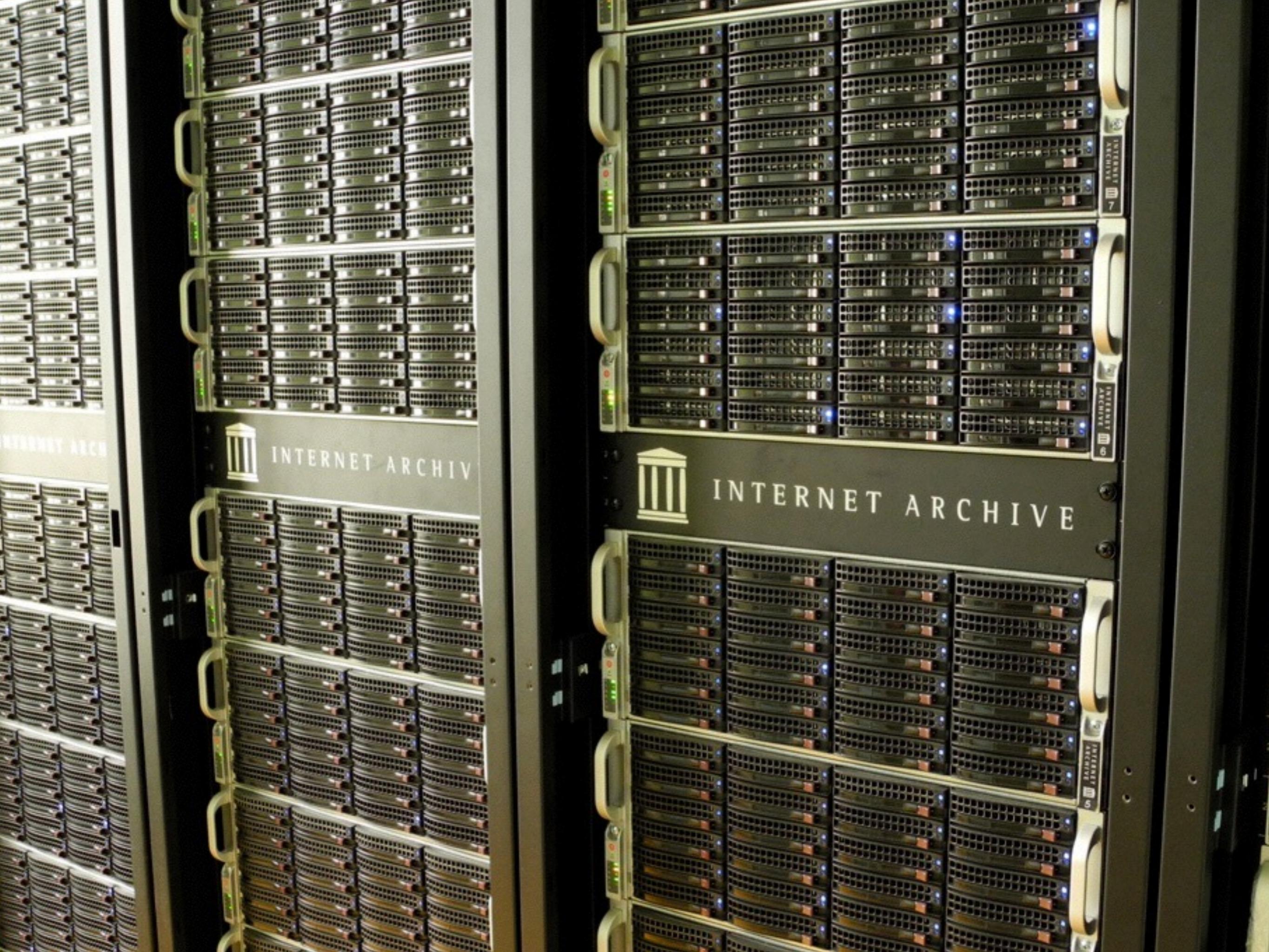
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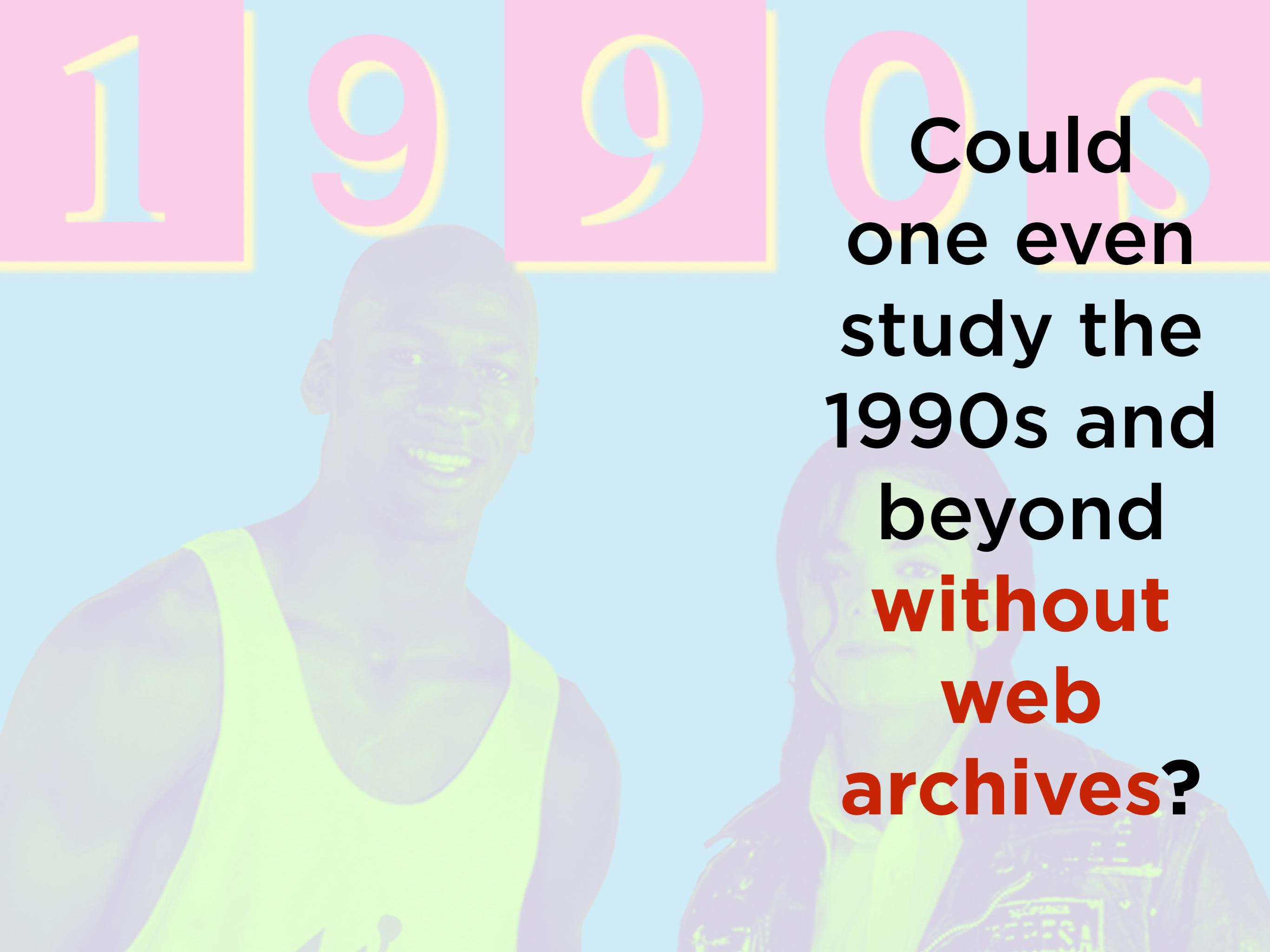




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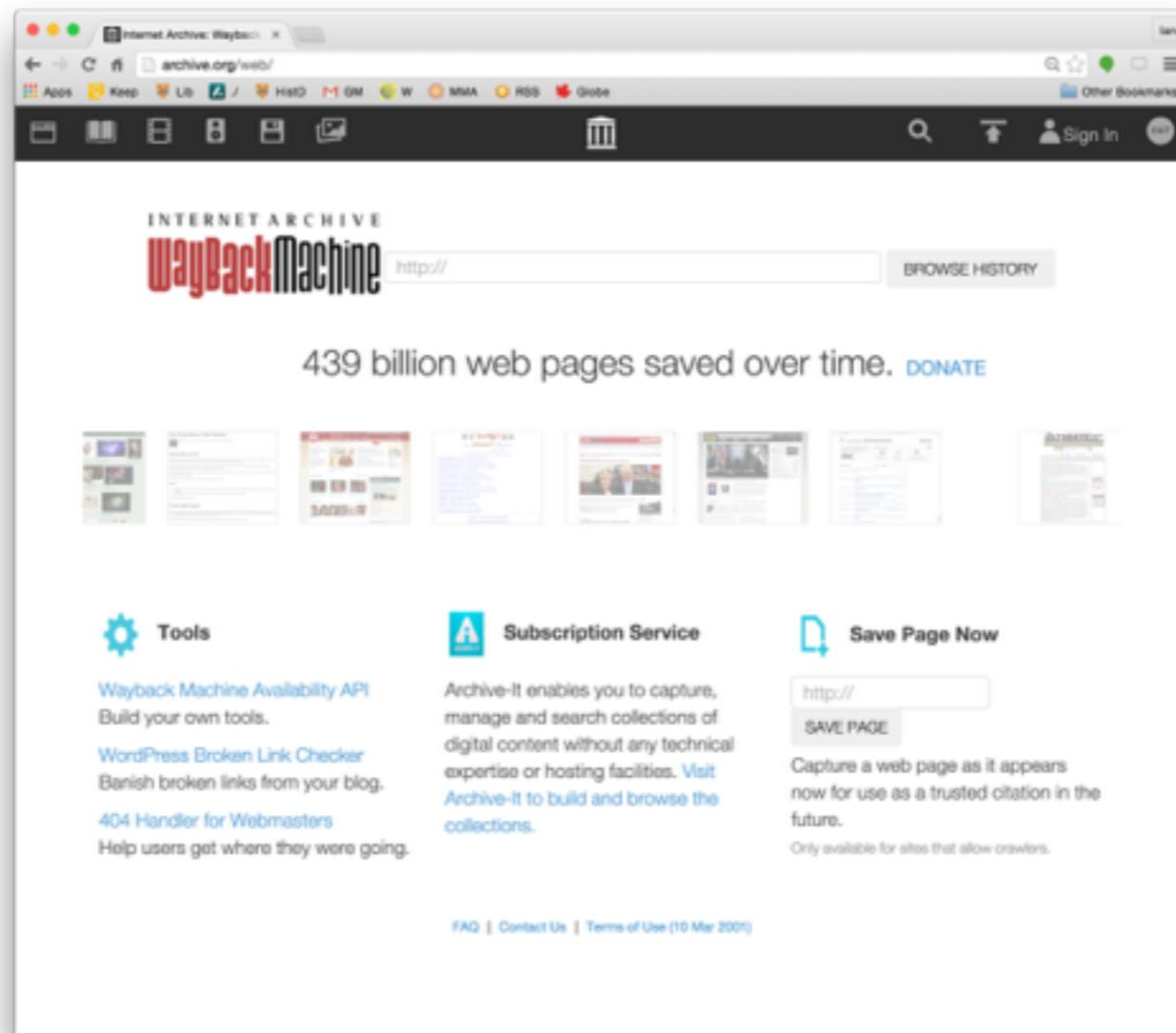
**“.... [n]ow expectations have inverted. Everything may be recorded and preserved, at least potentially.”**

**- James Gleick**



Could  
one even  
study the  
1990s and  
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**without**  
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# Nightmare Scenario



This won't be enough!



... but what will our  
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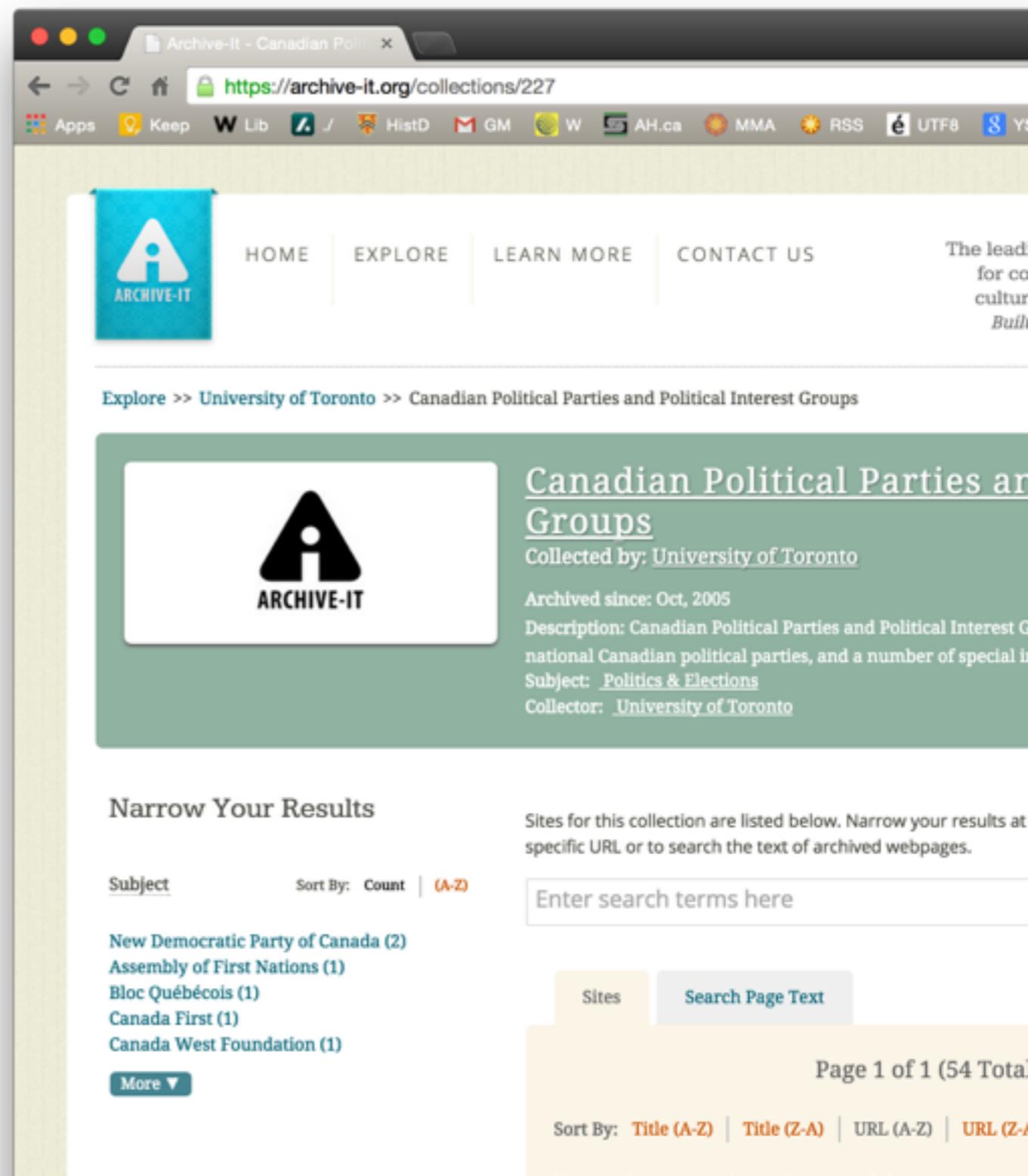
# Nightmare Scenario

- Historians rely uncritically on **date-ordered keyword search results**, putting them at mercy of search algorithms they do not understand (similar to digitized newspapers);
- Historians are completely left out of post-1996 research, letting everybody else do the work (a la Culturomics project/*Nature* magazine article);
- Our profession gets left behind...

**What can we do to  
access this  
information?**

# Building Portals

- Democratizing access so that historians can use them.
- Building **transparent indexes**.
- But they have to be useful and tested...



# Pivotal Changes in Canadian Politics, 2005-2015

- Militarization of Canadian society?
- Change from ‘natural governing party’ of Liberals to Conservatives
- Major policy changes on foreign policy, environment, etc.
- How to measure?



# Current Interface

- Very limited - simple search engine, some advanced options; no facets
- Great collections.. but nobody uses them!

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the URL <https://archive-it.org/collections/227?q=Stephen+Harper&page=1&show=Sites>. The page header includes the Archive-It logo, navigation links for HOME, EXPLORE, LEARN MORE, and CONTACT US, and a tagline about collecting and accessing cultural heritage on the web. Below the header, a banner for the "Canadian Political Parties and Political Interest Groups" collection is displayed, noting it was collected by the University of Toronto since Oct, 2005. A search bar at the top right contains the query "Stephen Harper". The main content area shows search results for this term, with a total of 1,213,132 matches across 60,657 pages. One result is highlighted: "Stephen Harper | Facebook" with a link to <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Stephen-Harper/9506562109>. The page also includes filters for search terms, file formats, and results per host.

The Internet Archive will launch a modernized Wayback Machine in 2017

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Prototype SOLR-powered web archive exploration UI. <https://github.com/ukwa/shine/wiki>

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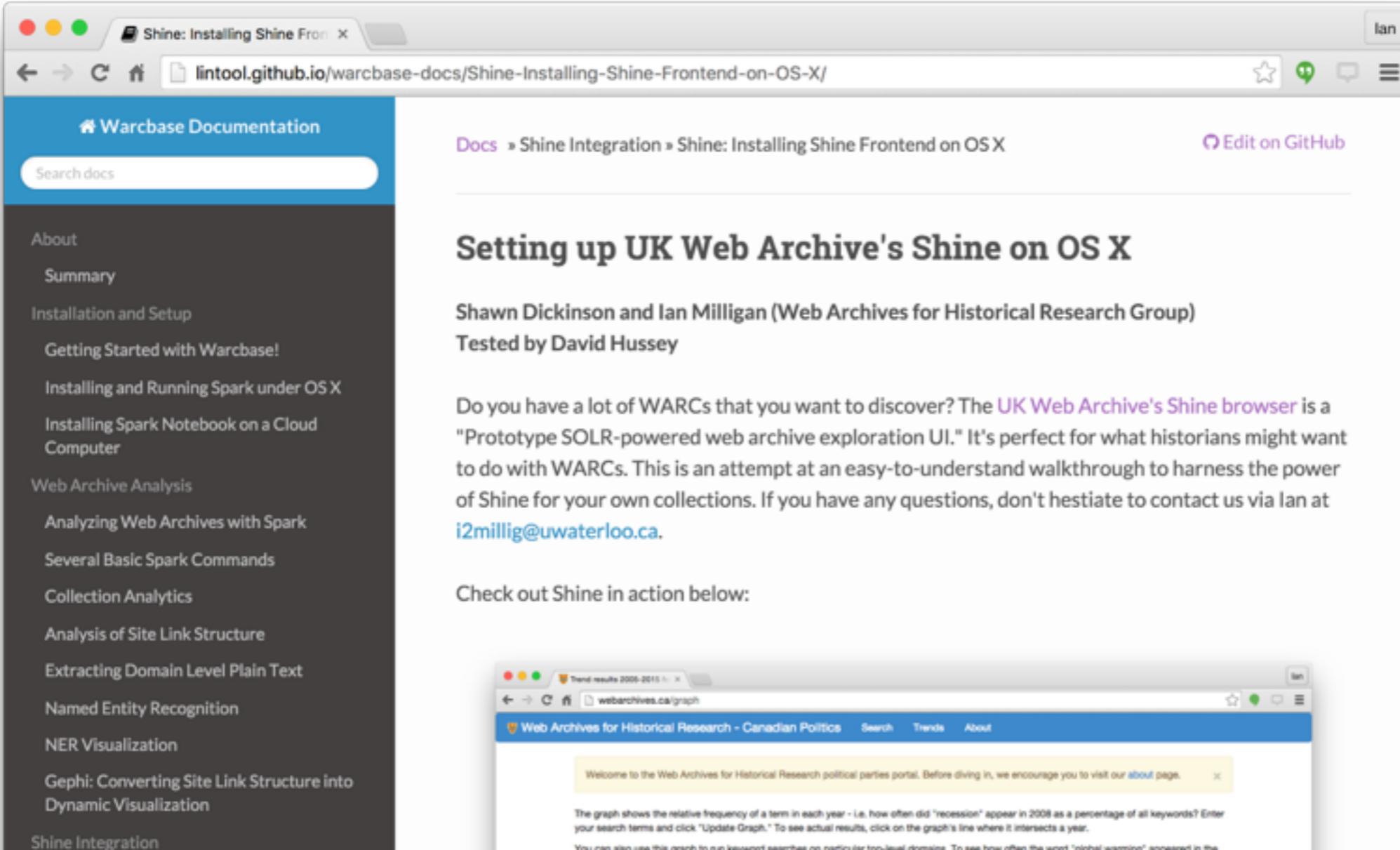
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# Shine

A prototype web archives exploration UI, based on a Solr back-end that has been populated using the [warc-discovery](#) indexer.

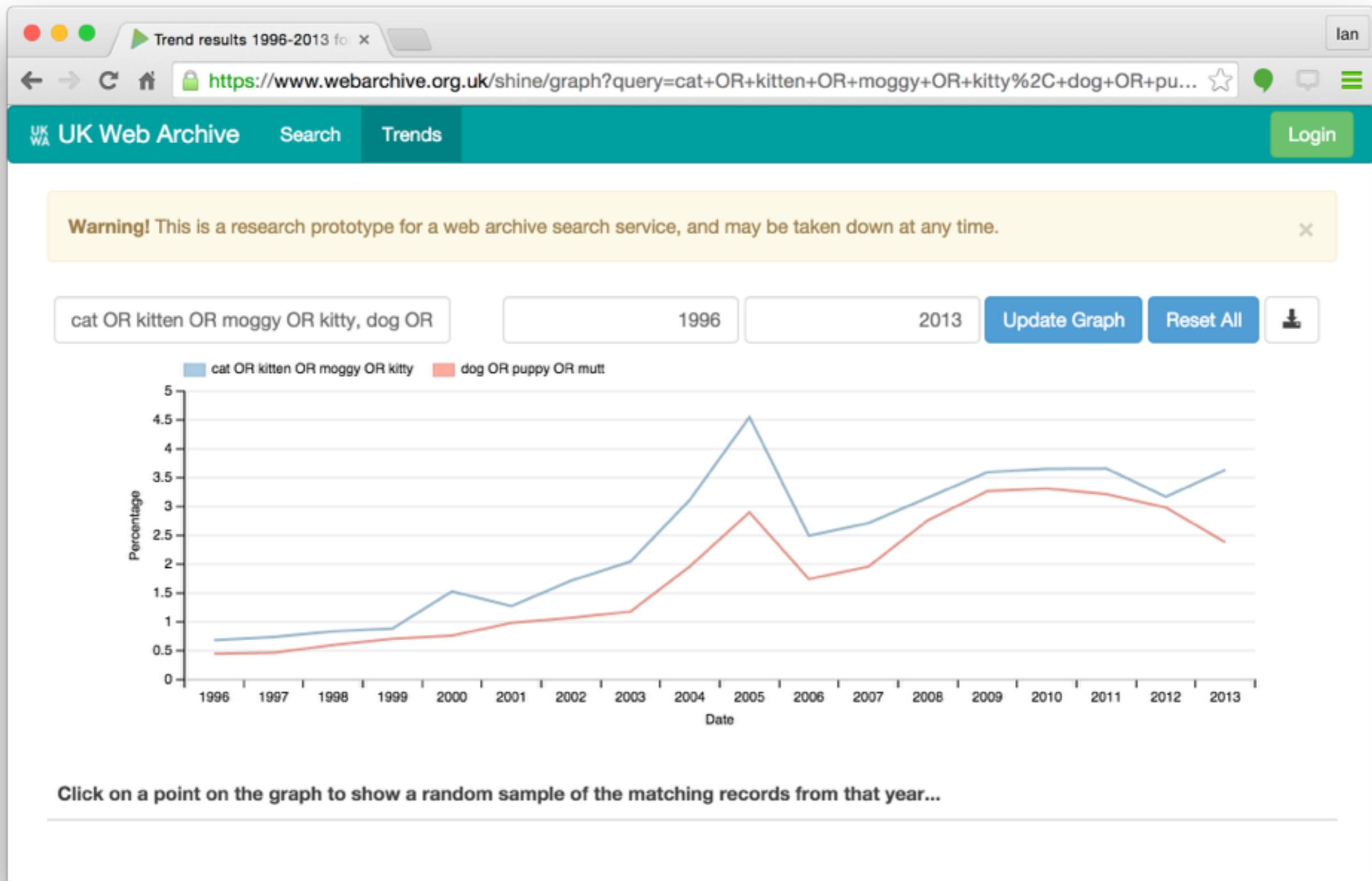
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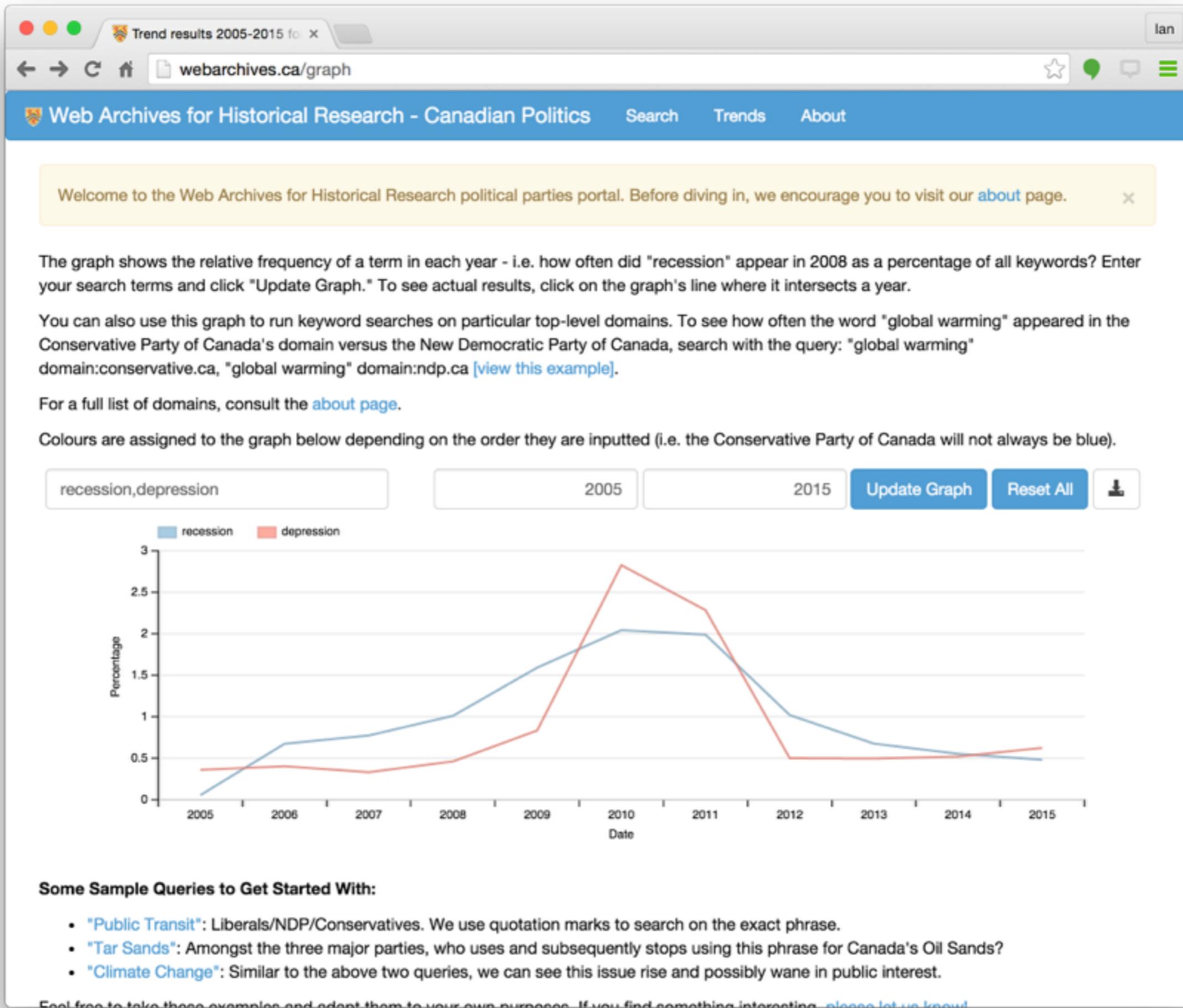
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  - Text:** Shawn Dickinson and Ian Milligan (Web Archives for Historical Research Group)  
Tested by David Hussey
  - Text:** Do you have a lot of WARCs that you want to discover? The [UK Web Archive's Shine browser](#) is a "Prototype SOLR-powered web archive exploration UI." It's perfect for what historians might want to do with WARCs. This is an attempt at an easy-to-understand walkthrough to harness the power of Shine for your own collections. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us via Ian at [i2millig@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:i2millig@uwaterloo.ca).
  - Text:** Check out Shine in action below:
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  - NER Visualization
  - Gephi: Converting Site Link Structure into Dynamic Visualization
  - Shine Integration





With Nick Ruest (York University), Nich Worby (University of Toronto), Jimmy Lin (University of Waterloo)







# Five Things We Learned

- Political parties delete content
- User-generated comments were more common in political parties
- Absences can be more informative than presences
- We can see the rise/fall of prominent people
- Enabling user access is truly transformative

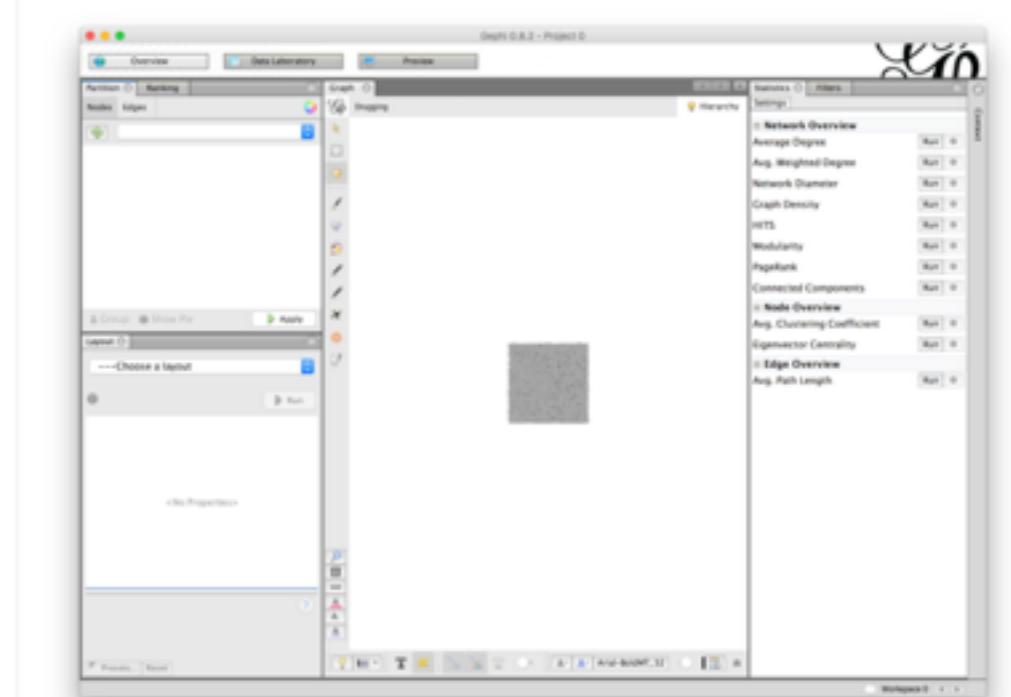
# Good for public engagement - but limited for scholarship....

The screenshot shows a web browser window for the "Web Archives for Historical Research - Canadian Politics" portal. The URL in the address bar is `webarchives.ca/search?query=stephen+harper&tab=results&action=search`. The page features a blue header with links for "Search", "Trends", and "About". A yellow banner at the top says, "Welcome to the Web Archives for Historical Research political parties portal. Before diving in, we encourage you to visit our [about](#) page." Below the banner are two search options: "Search" and "Advanced Search". The "Search" section includes a "Sample Mode" dropdown set to "stephen harper", a "Search" button, and a "Reset" button. To the left of the search bar is a "General Content Type" filter with six categories: html (1,085,201), other (71,691), pdf (3,947), audio (341), text (106), and image (14). Below this is a "Crawl Years" filter for the years 2008, 2010, 2007, 2006, 2011, and 2014. At the bottom of the search area, it says "Results 1 to 10 of 1,161,300" and has buttons for "CSV" and "Asc". The main content area below the search bar is currently empty.

**Getting over my bias  
towards content **and**  
**embracing metadata****

# Gephi 0.9 (<http://gephi.github.io/>)

Walkthrough at  
[ianmilligan.ca](http://ianmilligan.ca): “From  
Dataverse to Gephi” -  
try it on this data!



From Dataverse to Gephi: ianmilligan.ca/2015/12/11/from-dataverse-to-gephi-network-analysis

My Sites Reader

below.

### Step-by-Step Walkthrough

Once you've downloaded the file, open up Gephi.

On the opening screen, you want to select “Open a Graph File...” and select the `all-links-cpp-link.graphml` file that you downloaded from our Dataverse page.

You then want to click ‘ok’ on the next page. Create a ‘new graph.’

Do you want to make this link graph yourself from our data? Read on.

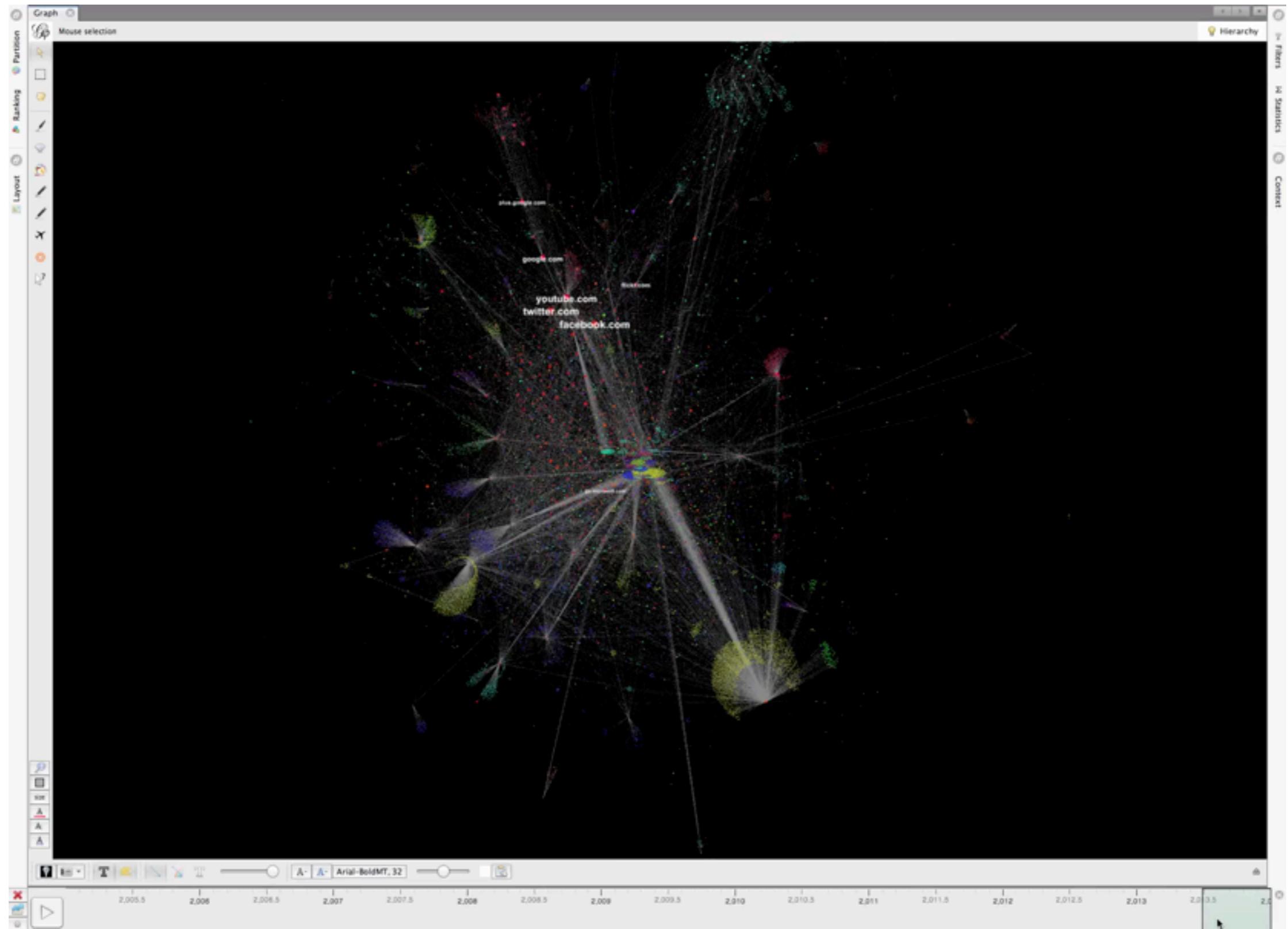
You should now see what I (nerdily) call a borg cube. That’s good, because it means that the data is in there. We need to make it usable, however.

Click on the “Data Laboratory” tab at the top.

Click on “Nodes” above. When it is shaded behind it, that means that it is selected.

Click on “Copy Data to another Column,” select ID, and then select “label” on the drop

# Metadata Extraction



December 2006

## Stephane Dion Elected Leader of Party



## December 2007 Rise of Social Media



April 2008

## Fundraising with the Victory Fund/ Fonds de la Victoire



July 2008

## The Green Shift Announced!



October 2008

## Election Campaign - Advertisement Sites

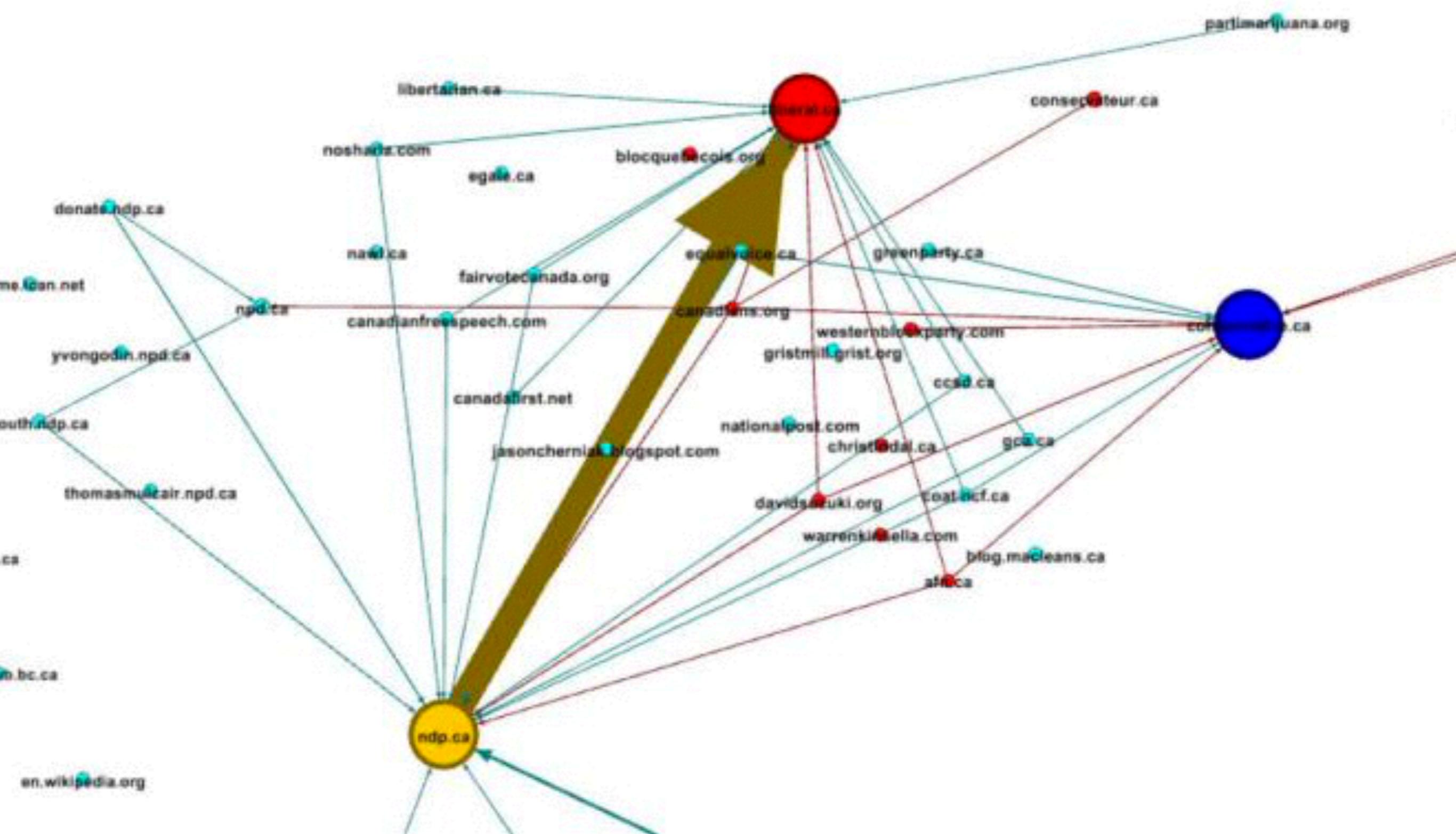


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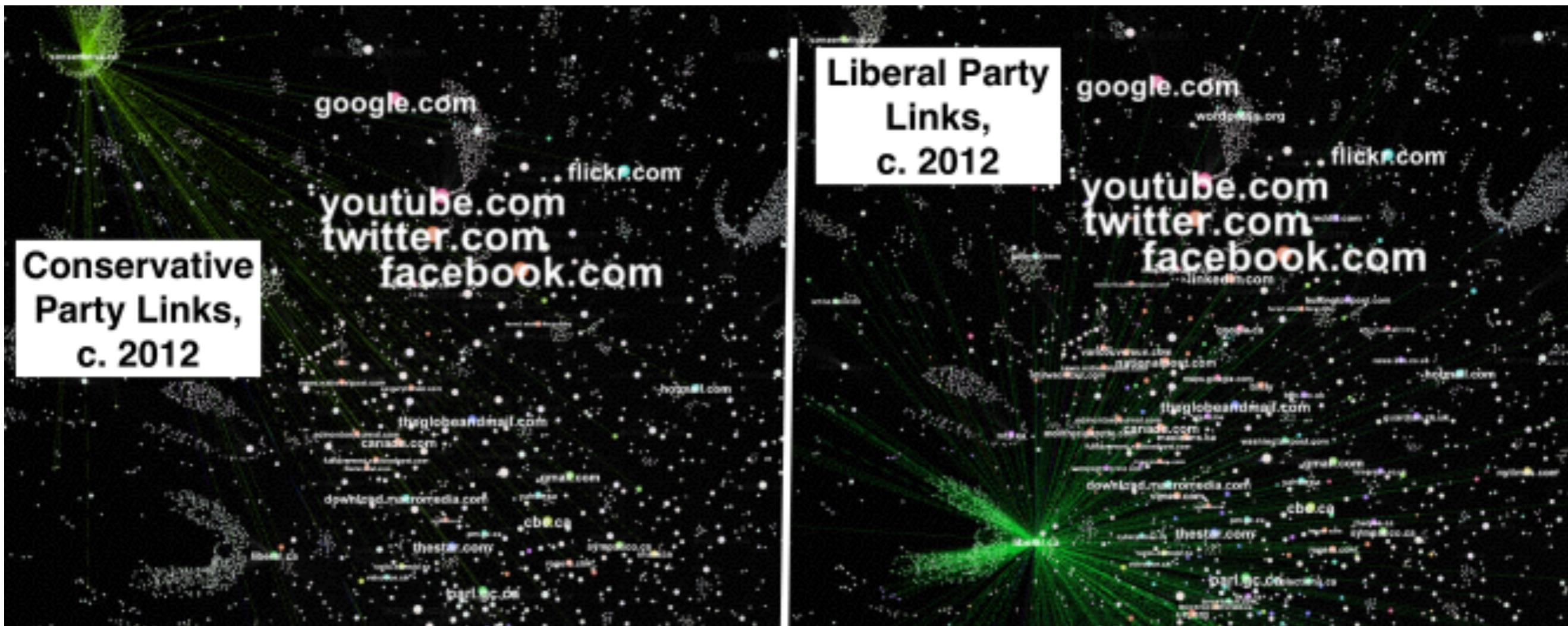
## Election campaign Ends; Attacking Harper on Anti-American Grounds (bushharper)



# 2005 Canadian Federal Election



# Metadata Extraction



# Topic Modelling using MALLET ([http:// mallet.cs.umass.edu/](http://mallet.cs.umass.edu/))

Walkthrough:

[http://  
programminghistorian.org/  
lessons/topic-modeling-  
and-mallet](http://programminghistorian.org/lessons/topic-modeling-and-mallet)



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# Metadata Extraction

- Results @ <http://ianmilligan.ca/2015/02/05/topic-modeling-web-archive-modularity-classes/>

# Metadata Extraction

- Conservative themes (2014): economic development, family, immigration, legislation, women's issues, senior issues, Ukrainians, constituency offices, some prominent (and not-so-prominent) MPs, and of course, our economic action plan.
- Liberal themes (2014): Justin Trudeau (the new leader), cuts to social programs, child poverty, mental health, municipal issues, labour, workers, Stop the Cuts, and housing.

# Metadata Extraction

- Conservative themes (2006): education, university, but **tons of information on Aboriginal issues**;
- Liberal themes (2006): community questions, electoral topics, universities, human rights, child care support.

# **Interdisciplinarity**

# Warcbase

- Jimmy Lin (main developer), Ian Milligan, Jeremy Wiebe, Alice Zhou, all University of Waterloo
- Developing code, walkthroughs, and instructions for historians to be able to take a directory of WARCs and...

The screenshot shows a GitHub wiki page for the repository 'lintool/warcbase'. The title bar indicates it's the 'Home' page. The main content area has a header 'Home' and a sub-header 'Ian Milligan edited this page on Jul 23 · 9 revisions'. Below this, there's a welcome message: 'Welcome to the warcbase wiki! Here, you'll find various pig scripts and instructions to unlock your rich web archive collections.' A note states: 'These pages are under active development, as of June 2015.' It encourages users to share their experiences: 'If you are using warcbase, we would love to hear from you. Please let us know.' At the bottom, a note cautions: 'Note: many of these tutorials currently assume a working knowledge of a Unix-like environment. For a conceptual and practical introduction, please see Ian MacLennan and James Baker's "Introduction to the Bash Command Line" at the [Programming Historian](http://programminghistorian.org/lessons/intro-to-bash).' The page also features a 'Getting Started?' section and a note about active development.

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rindale Riding Map (PDF) Omar Alghabra came to Canada at a very young age, and immediately knew Canada
was his home. He was first elected 2006 as the Member of Parliament for Mississauga-Erindale. Mr. Al
ghabra is an experienced entrepreneur. For the past six years, he has worked for a large multinational
corporation, carrying out different responsibilities including quality assurance, project management, s
ales, contract management and management of a complete department handling a global mandate. Mr. Alghab
ra is an active member of his community. He is the former National President of the Canadian Arab Feder
ation (2004-2005) and a former member of the Community Editorial Board for the Toronto Star. (2003-2004
). Mr. Alghabra is currently a member of the Diversity Council for General Electric Canada and is activ
e in Junior Achievement for the Toronto Region. He was a member of the Multicultural Inter-Agency of Pe
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ENTRE COMMISSIONS YOUR RIDING      Celebrating our National Flag February 15, 2006 February 15 is Nationa
l Flag Day in Canada, which marks the 41st anniversary of the first raising of the maple leaf flag on P
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his great country we call home. The Canadian flag is one of the most recognizable symbols in the world
and flies proudly to remind us all of who we are and where we come from. The maple leaf's symbolic orig
ins date back to the beginning of our nation's history, while the red and white bars on the flag repres
ent strength and unity. Canada's flag was adopted in 1964 under the courageous leadership of Liberal Pr
ime Minister Lester B. Pearson. The idea of changing the Red Ensign which featured the Britain's Union
Jack, was very controversial at the time, with the Conservative Party strongly opposed to changing the
status quo. Facing strong Conservative resistance in the House of Commons, Pearson's minority governme
nt fought hard in the name of national unity and Canada's multicultural future to make the new flag a r
eality. In an impassioned speech to the House of Commons, Pearson said: "Mr. Speaker, it is for this g
eneration, for this Parliament, to give them and to give us all a common flag; a Canadian flag which, w
hile bringing together but rising above the landmarks and milestones of the past, will say proudly to t
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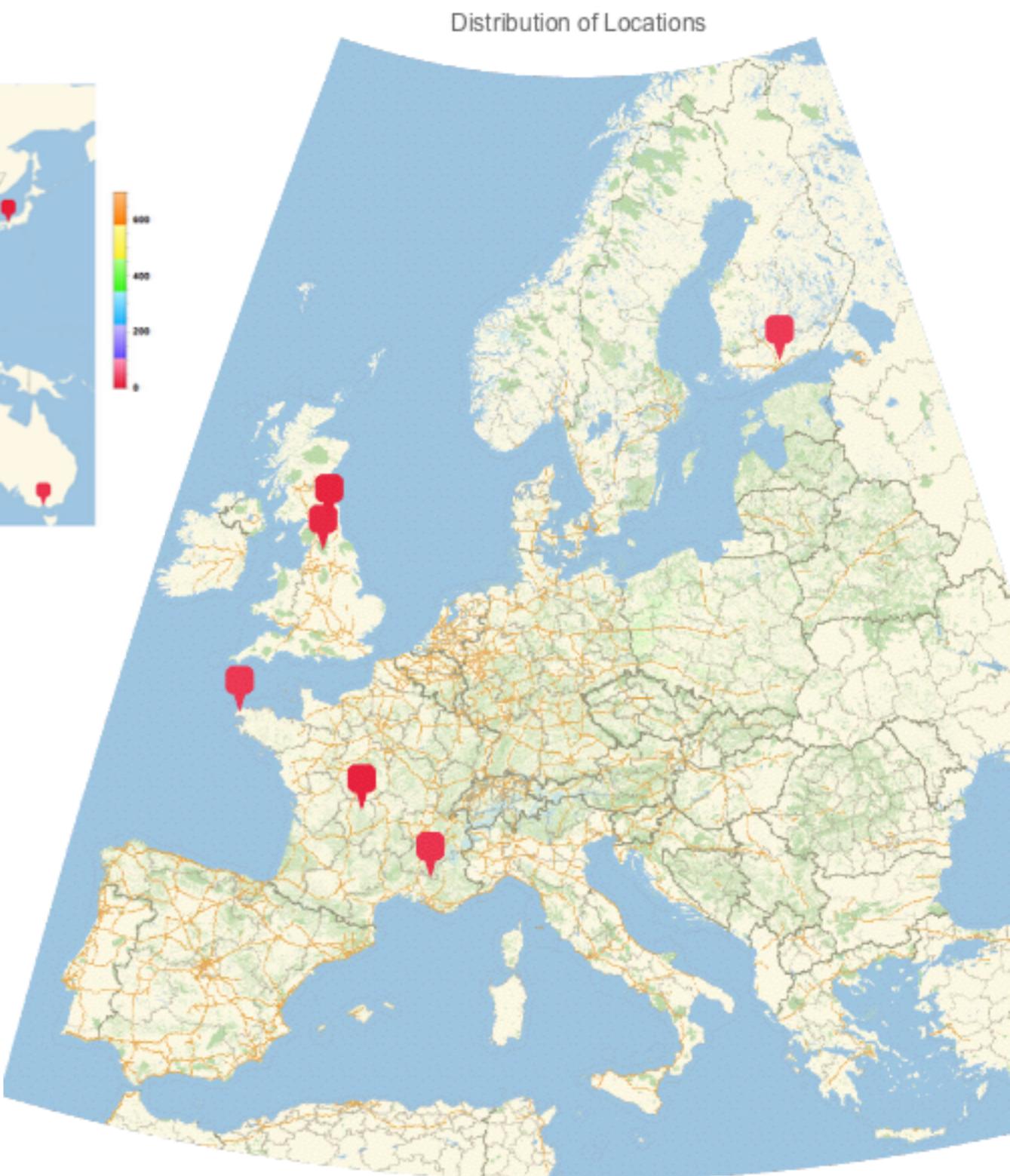
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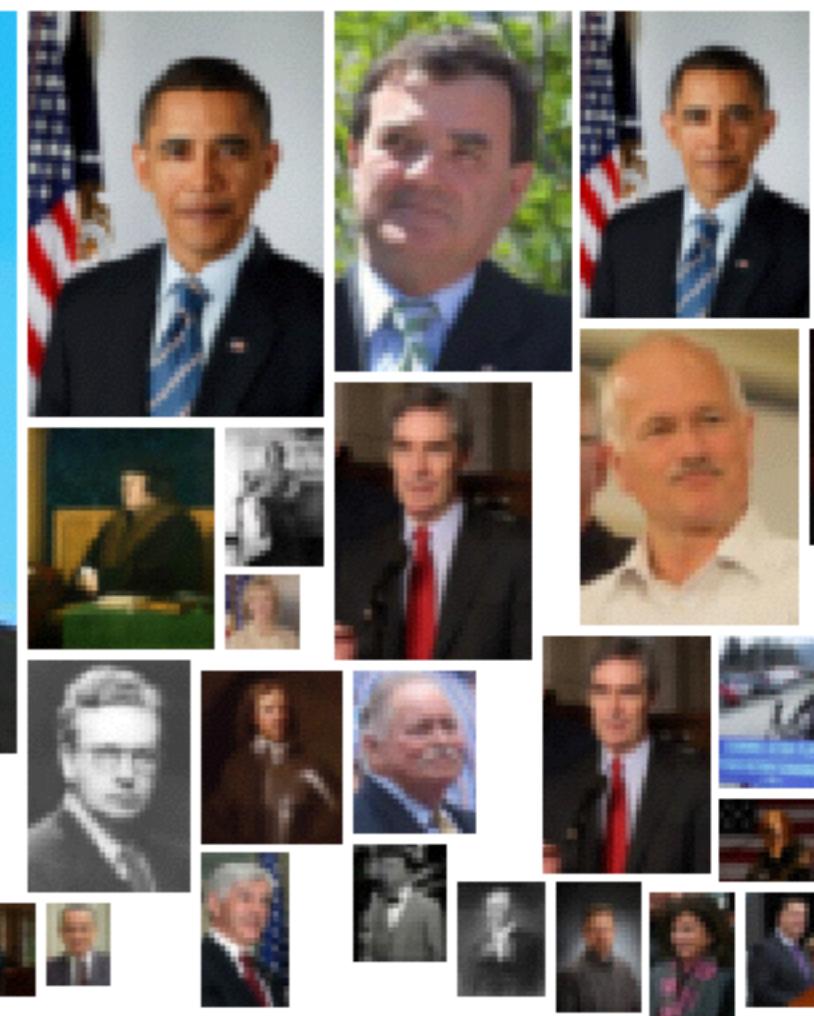
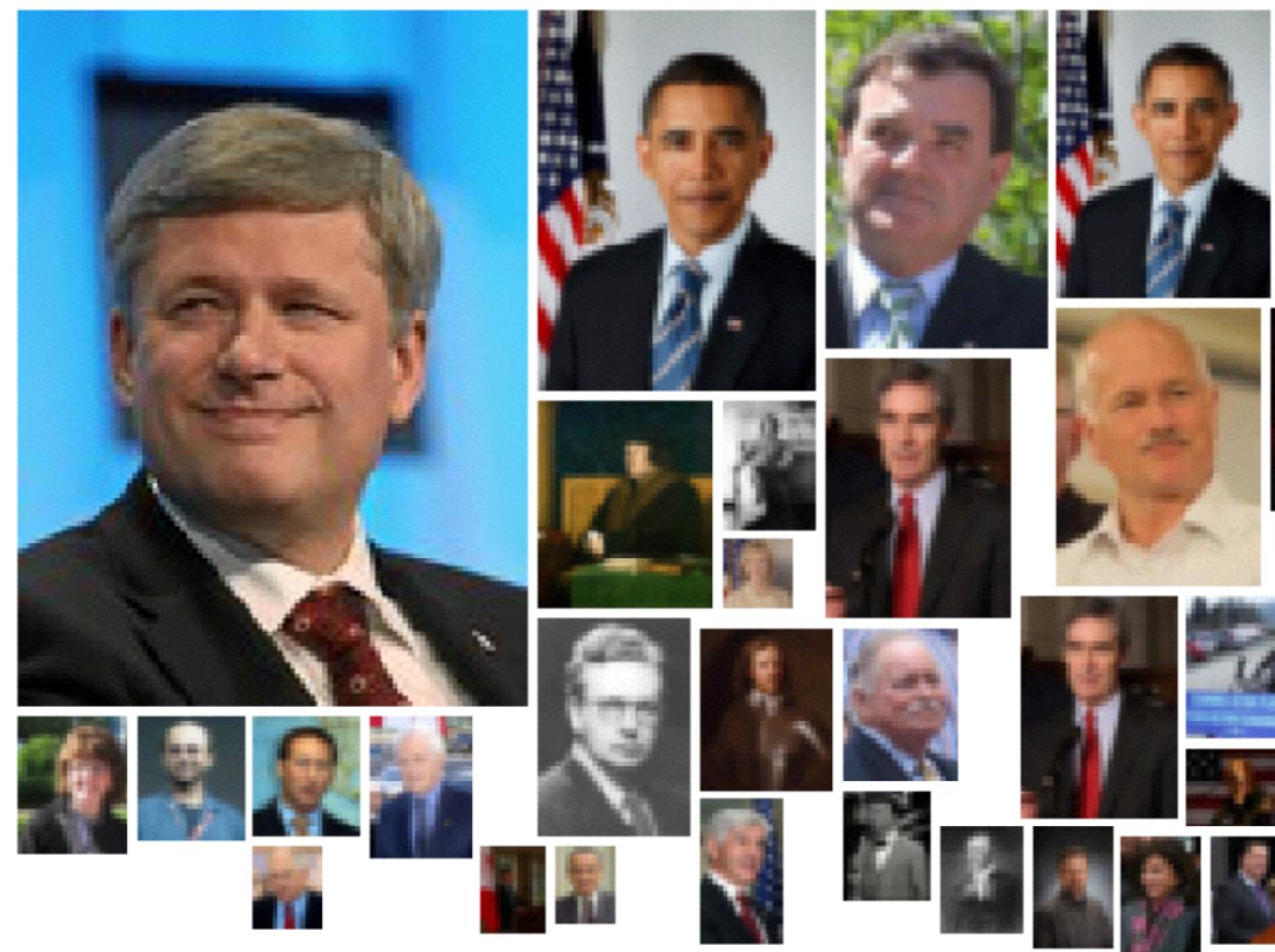
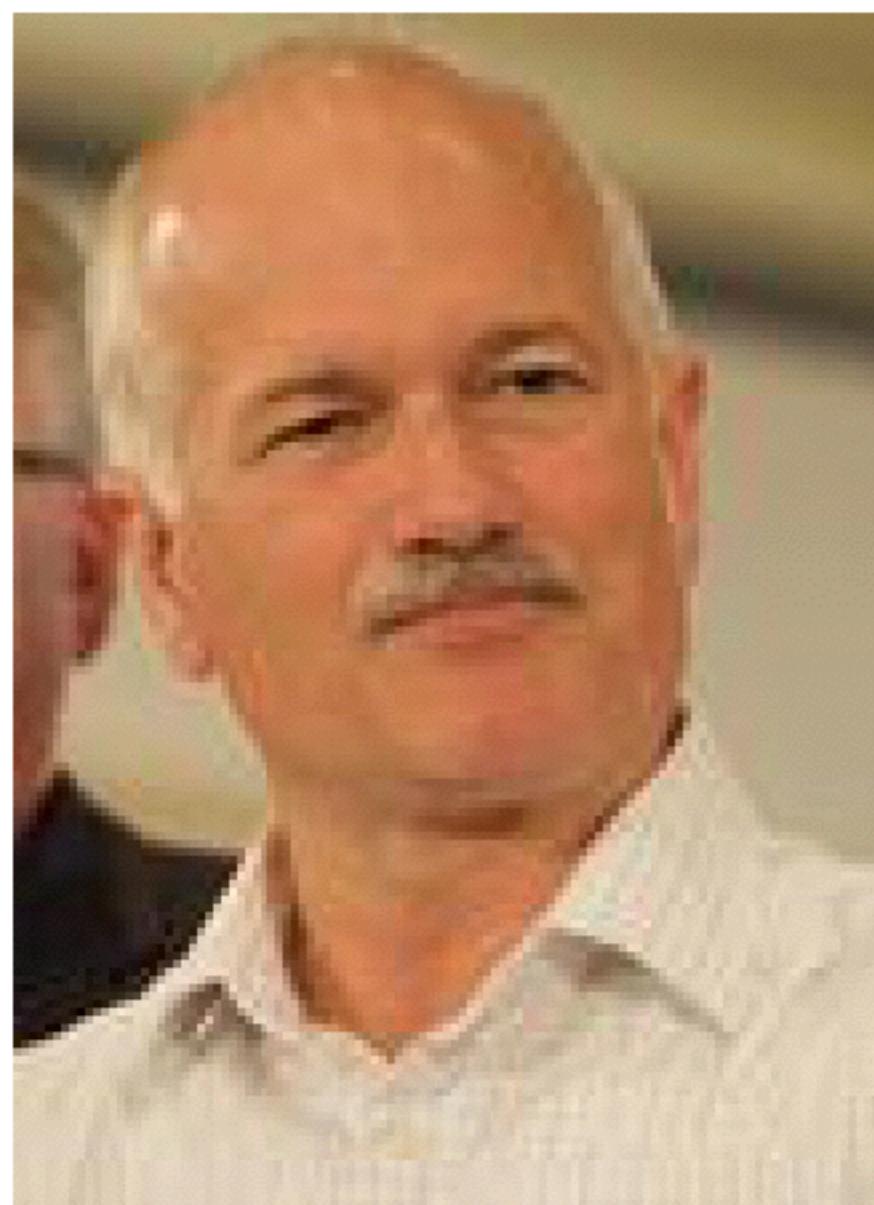
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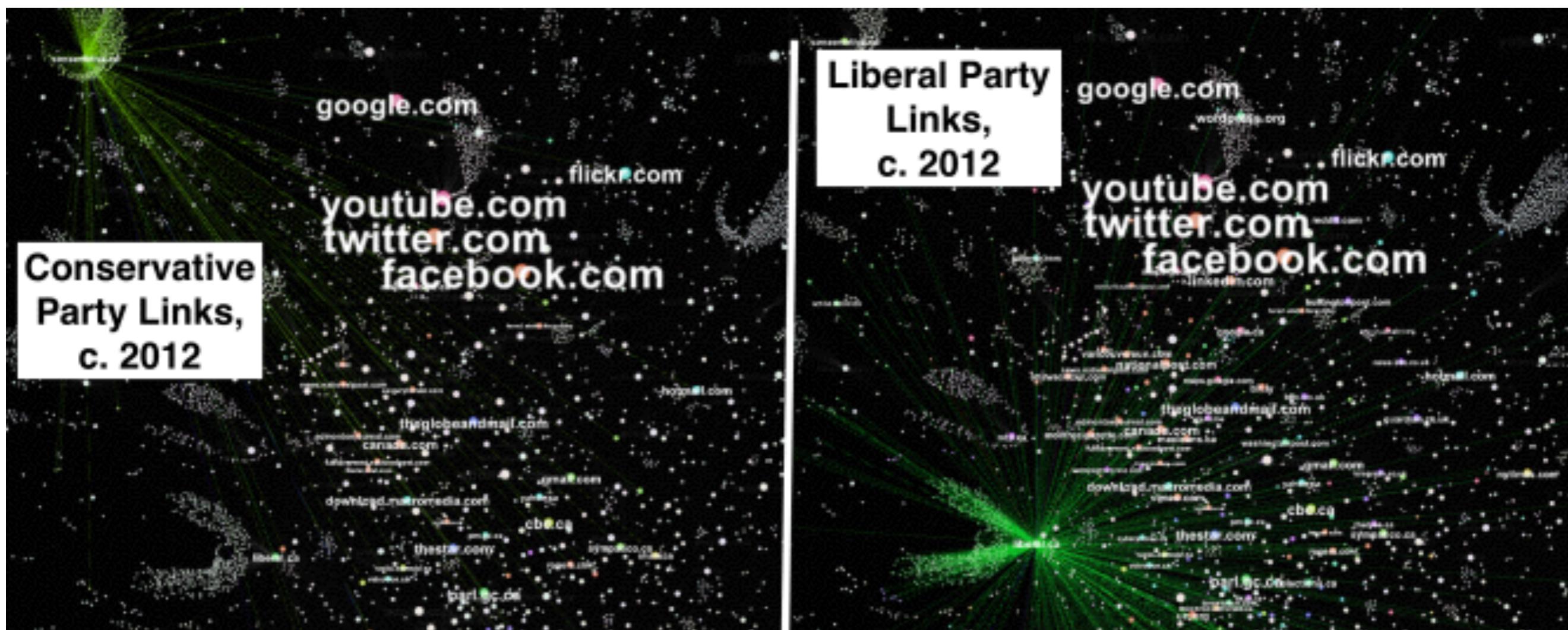
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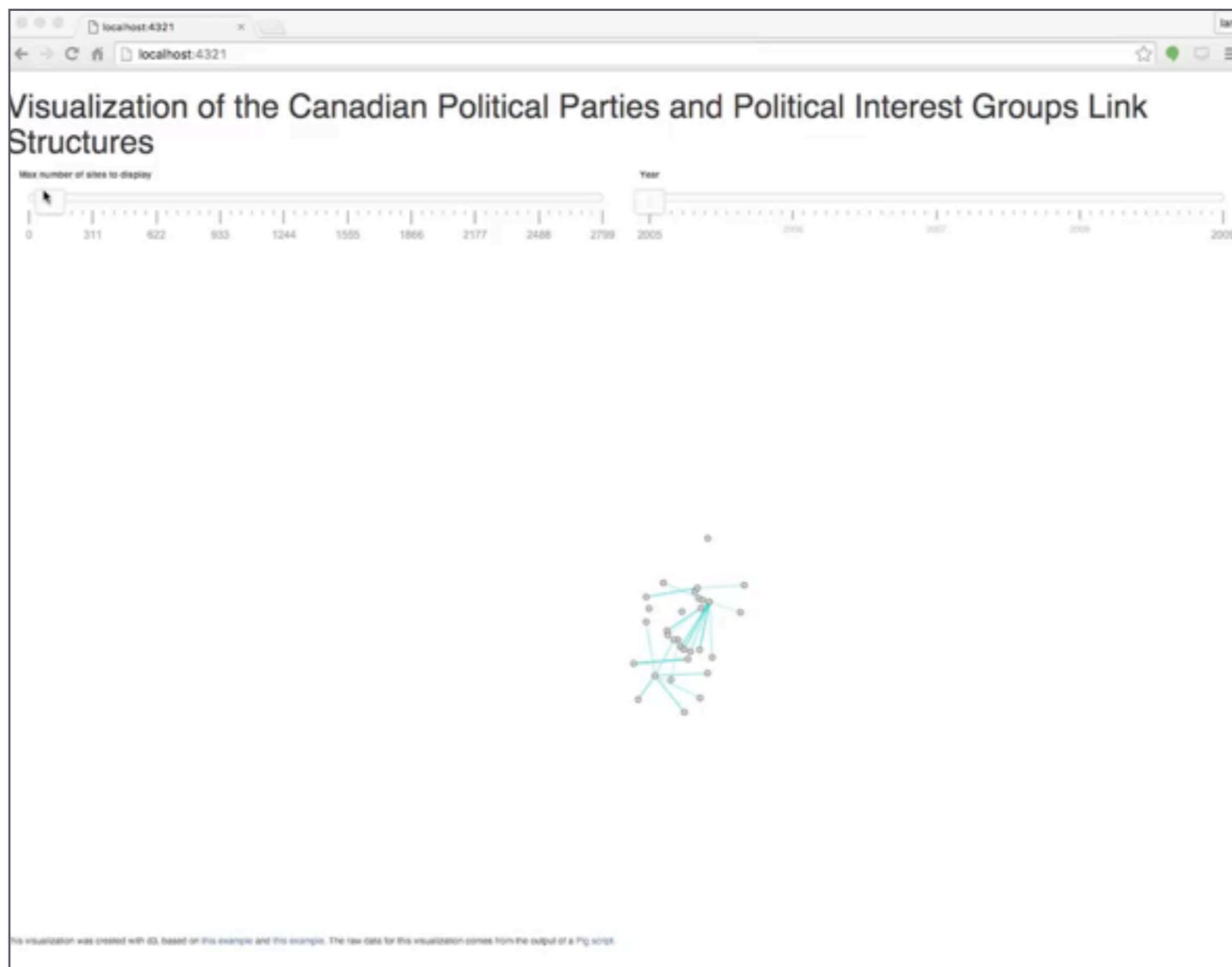
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# Extract Links/Gephi Connector



# Or D3.js link networks in browser



All walkthroughs at:  
[docs.warcbase.org](https://docs.warcbase.org)

Bringing it all together in  
a notebook environment



Spark Notebook    Government Information Day - Demo (unsaved changes)    Ian

localhost:9000/notebooks/Government%20Information%20Day%20-%20Demo.snb#

**SPARK NOTEBOOK**    Government Information Day - Demo (unsaved changes)

File Edit View Insert Cell Kernel Help    Scala [2.10.4] Spark [1.3.0] Hadoop [2.6.0]

In [1]: :cp /Users/ianmilligan1/dropbox/warcbase/target/warcbase-0.1.0-SNAPSHOT-fatjar.jar

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Out[2]: 161 milliseconds

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Out[3]: /Users/ianmilligan1/dropbox/warcs-workshop 961 milliseconds

In [4]: val r =  
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sc)  
.keepValidPages()  
.map(r => ExtractTopLevelDomain(r.getUrl))  
r.count()

# Where to learn?



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [programminghistorian.org](http://programminghistorian.org) in the address bar. The page title is "The Programming Historian". Below the title are navigation links: "About · Lessons · Contribute · Project Team · Blog". The main section features a large heading "About the Programming Historian" and a historical illustration of a person working at a desk with a computer monitor. To the right of the illustration is a descriptive text block. Further down, there is another text block with a call to action for reviewers and contributors.

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*The Programming Historian* offers novice-friendly, peer-reviewed tutorials that help humanists learn a wide range of digital tools, techniques, and workflows to facilitate their research.

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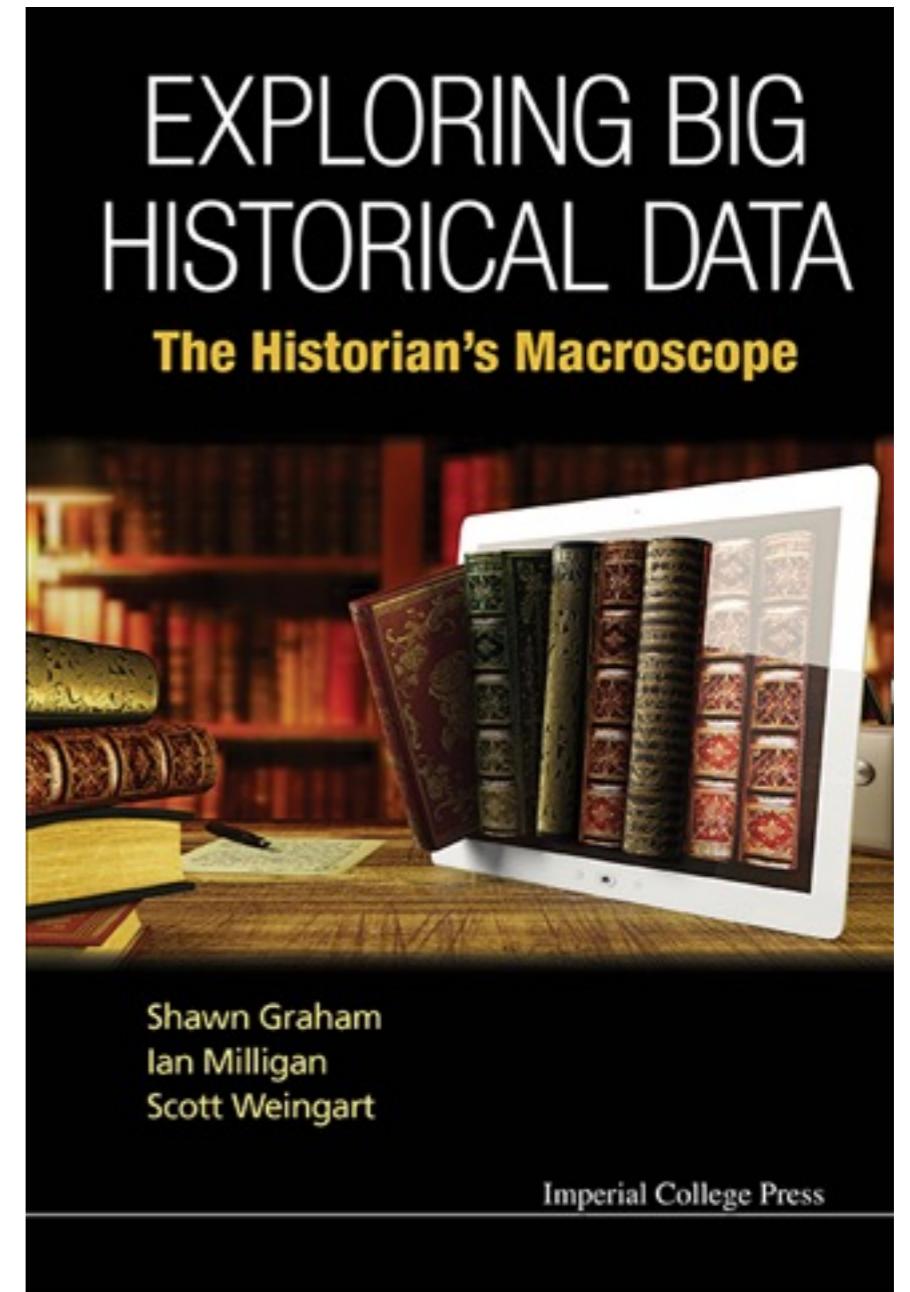
Our [Project Team](#) and peer reviewers work collaboratively with authors to craft tutorials that illustrate fundamental digital and programming principles and

# Programming Historian

- Network Analysis Lessons
- Topic Modeling Lessons
- Command Line Lessons
- etc.

# Exploring Big Historical Data

- Check out our draft at **macroscope.org**
  - Conceptual introduction to topic modelling
  - Network analysis
  - Visualizations
  - Field of digital humanities



# Events

- **Software Carpentry** – in-person events, looking into building connections with *Programming Historian*
- **Interdisciplinary hackathons** - Archives *Unleashed* (Toronto, March 2016; Washington, June 2016 - TBA)
- **Conferences** - Like this one, or others

... but most of all, a  
willingness to learn and  
fail.

Because, as I hope I can  
show today.. **it's worth it.**



**More voices, more  
people, the promise of  
social history achieved.**

# Thanks very much!

## Questions?

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