

What topics are represented in our scholarly, edited corpora of eighteenth century texts? How do those compare to mass print production in the period?

English Short Title Catalogue

51,860
titles

As perhaps might have been anticipated, the ECCO corpus emphasizes “timeless” literary and philosophical works, whereas the ESTC corpus is dominated by “timely” advertisements, government bulletins, and ephemera.

Thomas Paine is one of the few authors to still be visible at this scale: but, American!

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