Indexing the Web Using Solr

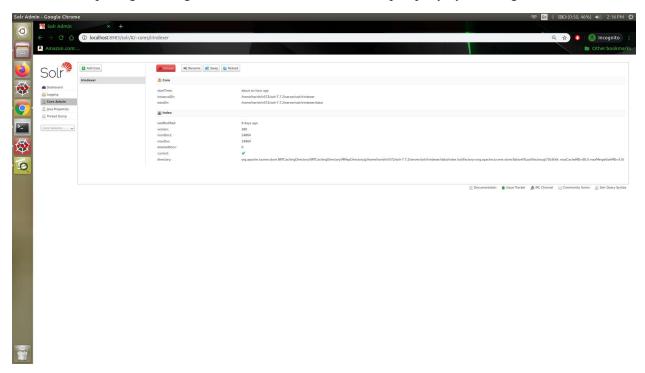
Steps performed

Step 1: Creating Apache Solr Core

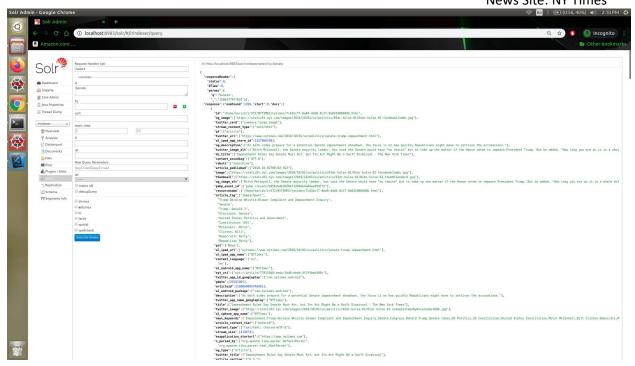
- 1. Downloaded Apache Solr 7.7.2 and unzipped it.
- 2. Downloaded the NYTimes folder and unzipped it.
- 3. Started the Solr Server by running the command *bin/solr start* within the solr-7.7.2 folder.
- 4. Created a Solr core named **irindexer** by running the command *bin/solr create –c irindexer*
- 5. Examined the directory structure of the created core by cd'ing to the folder **server/solr**.
- 6. Edited the **managed-schema** file within the **conf** folder to include the **copyField** element that combines all the fields into **_text**_field.

Step 2: Indexing HTML pages to Solr

- 1. Indexed the HTML pages downloaded by running the command *bin/post -c irindexer -filetypes html crawl_data/* [Here crawl_data/ contains the downloaded HTML pages].
- 2. After completing indexing visited Solr Admin and ran a sample query by selecting **irindexer** core.

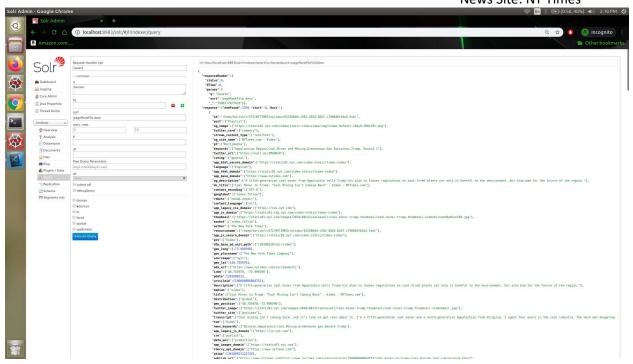


3. Ran a sample query using Lucene ranking method in the Solr UI to check if the pages are indexed properly.



Step 3: Generating External Pagerank values using networkx

- 1. Downloaded the **Jsoup** library JAR to extract outgoing links from HTML pages in Java.
- 2. Created two Hashmaps to map FileID->URL and URL->FileID for generating edge lists.
- 3. For each HTML file in the **crawl_data**/ folder extracted all the outgoing URLS using **Jsoup** library and found the corresponding FileID using Hashmap and added it to a set of tuples.
- 4. Finally stored the list of edges in a file named edgeLists.txt.
- 5. Created a networkx graph from the edgeLists.txt using the python library networkx.
- 6. Ran the networkx pagerank function over the graph by setting the following parameters: [alpha=0.85, personalization=None, max_iter=30, tol=1e-06, nstart=None, weight='weight', dangling=None]
- 7. Stored the pagerank scores generated for all the files as external PageRankFile.txt.
- 8. Added the field in managed-schema indicating this file as external and fieldname as pageRankFile.
- 9. In order to access the file, custom listener tags are set up and the core is reloaded.
- 10. While querying using pagerank, the parameter *sort* = *pageRankFile desc* is included.
- 11. Ran a sample query using PageRank ranking method in the Solr UI to check if the pages are indexed properly.



Step 4: Server and Client Side Programming

- 1. Designed the Client side UI using HTML, CSS, Bootstrap and PHP.
- 2. For the Query box, included a text box for query, dropdown list for choosing the ranking method (Lucene/PageRank) and a button to submit the query.
- 3. For the search results, included a table to display the results and added href links to Title and URL using the og_url data if exists or the sitemap.
- 4. Upon submitting the query, the client sends a request to the PHP server with the query and additional parameters based on the ranking algorithm specified.
- 5. The PHP server sends the request using Apache_Solr_Service to the Solr Server and retrieves the result and sends it to the client for parsing and displaying the results which includes the fields: id, title, og description, og url.
- 6. Additional edge cases for PHP client are included such as handling empty og description, og url.

Step 5: Analysis and Results

- 1. The given set of queries are run using both the ranking methods and results returned are recorded.
- 2. UI output flow for single query is captured for documentation and overlap among results are found.

Why some pages have higher PageRank values than others?

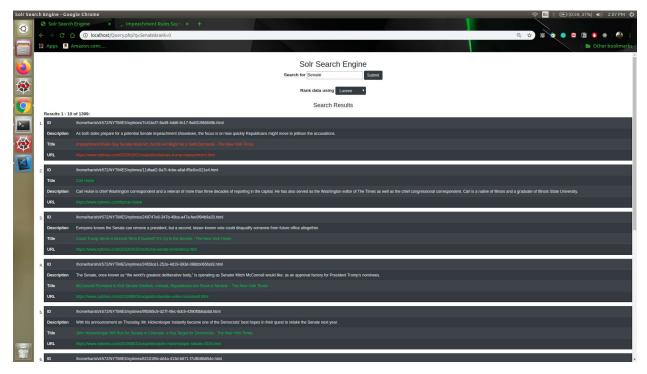
PageRank of a page indicates the significance of a page in terms of the number of incoming links and their relevance to the target page. An incoming link from a page can be interpreted as vote of confidence of that page to the target page that receives the incoming link. Also, if a page P has a high pagerank (based on its incoming links) and it points to page Q, then the pagerank of Q is also higher, thus the pagerank among pages is transmitted in a recursive manner. In this assignment, the incoming links from a set of pages to a page is indicated by a list of edges. We use this edge lists to create a networkx graph and run the pagerank

algorithm. Conclusively, if a page has many incoming links or is being pointed to by a page having high pagerank, the target page will have high pagerank. Hence some pages have higher pagerank than the other.

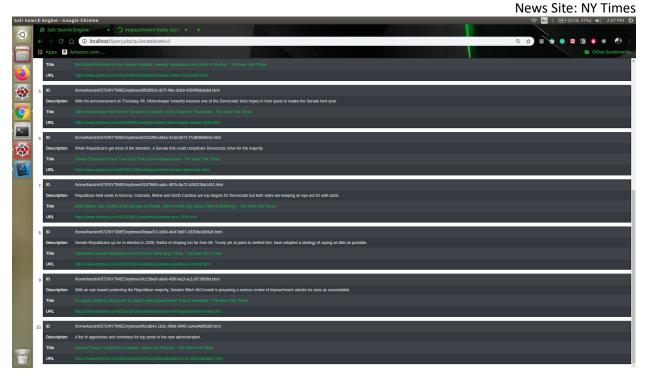
Query Flow



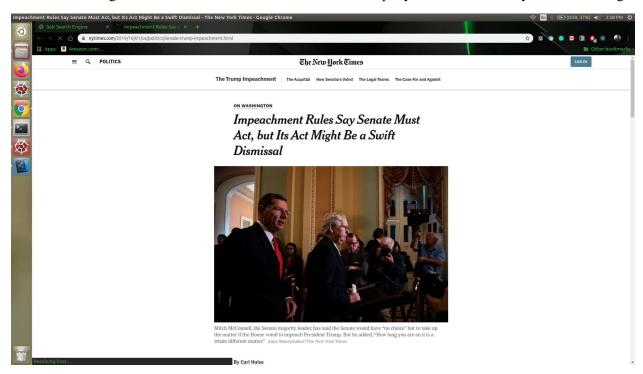
The Search query box is displayed with default ranking method as Lucene.



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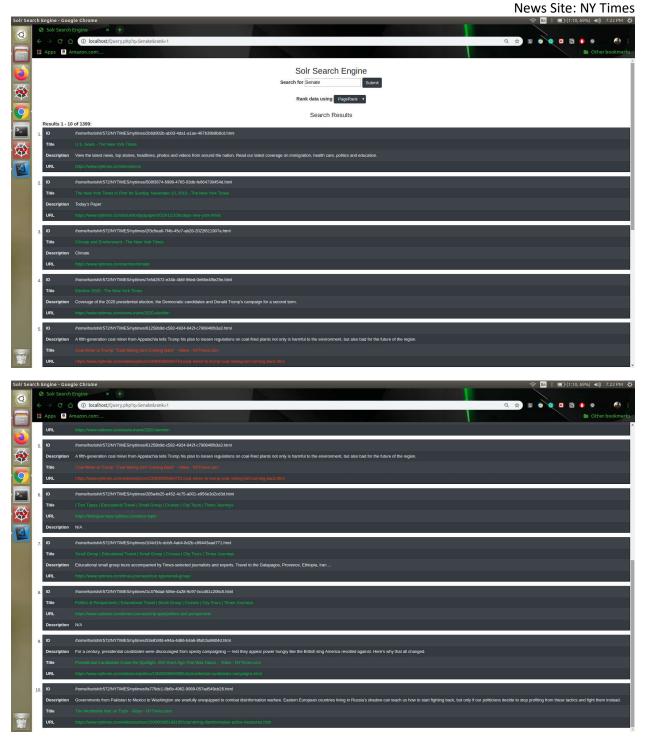


The above 2 images indicate the first ten search results for the query "Senate" ranked by Lucene ranking.



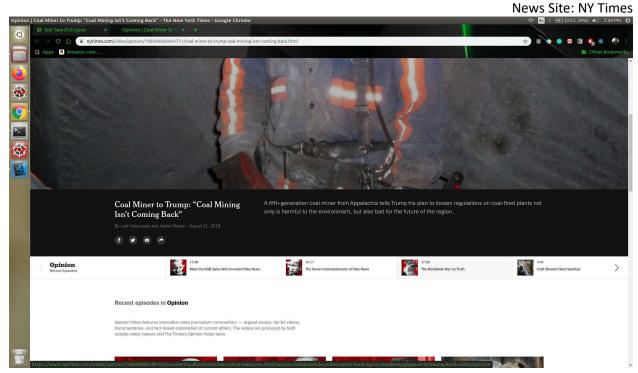
This is the resulting page that loads when we click the first result of the above results.

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The above 2 images indicate the first ten search results for the query "Senate" ranked by PageRank ranking.

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This is the resulting page that loads when we click the fifth result of the above results.

URL Results

Query - Cannes

Lucene Results	Pagerank Results
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/25/movies/cannes-film-festival-winners-parasite.html	https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/07/movies/nyc-this-weekend-film-series.html
https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/12/movies/cannes-lineup-netflix-boycott.html	https://www.nytimes.com/news-event/awards-season
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/24/movies/cannes-almodovar-kechiche.html	https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/10/15/t-magazine/nick-cave-artist.html
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/25/movies/cannes-film-festival-winners-parasite.html	https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/10/15/t-magazine/nicolas-ghesquiere-louis-vuitton.html
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/16/movies/cannes-film-festival-jim-jarmusch.html	https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/10/15/t-magazine/rachel-weisz-acting-movies.html
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/21/movies/cannes-film-festival-antonio-banderas-pedro-almodovar.html	https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/30/movies/bong-joon-ho-parasite.html
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/27/movies/cannes-oscars.html	https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/01/movies/taika- waititi.html
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/20/arts/cannes-film-festival-black-director.html	https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/10/15/t-magazine/shigeru-ban.html
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/22/movies/quentin-tarantino-margot-robbie.html	https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/10/15/t-magazine/the-greats.html
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/22/movies/dicaprio-pitt.html	https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/10/movies/parasite-review.html

Query - Congress

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https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/us/politics/trump-impeachment-congress-list.html	https://www.nytimes.com
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/05/magazine/congress-president-impeachment.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/magazine
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/05/magazine/congress-president-impeachment.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/t-magazine
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/25/us/politics/mueller -impeachment.html	https://www.nytimes.com/issue/todayspaper/2019/11/10/todaysnew-york-times
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/26/us/politics/donald-trump-impeachment.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/jobs
https://www.nytimes.com/2018/09/17/us/politics/bloomberg-president-2020-democrat.html	https://www.nytimes.com/video/us/politics/100000006067682/pr esident-trump-impeach-questions-answers-michael-cohen.html
https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/21/obituaries/jamesbillington-dead.html	https://www.nytimes.com/video/us/politics/100000005524412/pa ul-manafort-fraud-laundering-scandal.html
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/07/us/politics/congres s-assault-weapons-ban.html	https://www.nytimes.com/video/us/politics/100000006639814/pr esidential-candidates-campaigns.html
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/07/us/politics/foreignaid-freeze-congress.html	https://www.nytimes.com/video/opinion/100000006210828/russia-disinformation-fake-news.html
https://www.nytimes.com/1973/05/13/archives/constitutional-ervin-ah-thi-nk-the-senate-is-determined-to-recover.html	https://www.nytimes.com/video/opinion/100000006188105/coun tering-disinformation-active-measures.html

Query – Democrats

Lucene Results	Pagerank Results
https://www.nytimes.com/2018/09/04/us/politics/ayanna-	
pressley-massachusetts.html	https://www.nytimes.com
https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/07/us/politics/election-	
history-firsts-blackburn-pressley.html	https://www.nytimes.com/video
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/16/us/politics/democrats-	
impeachment.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/magazine
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/29/us/politics/pelosi-	
trump-impeachment.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/politics
https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/23/us/politics/impeach-	
trump-democrats-tom-steyer.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/us
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/24/us/politics/trump-	
democrats.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/opinion
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/28/us/politics/trump-	https://www.nytimes.com/issue/todayspaper/2019/11/10/tod
impeachment-subpoena-house.html	ays-new-york-times
https://www.nytimes.com/issue/magazine/2019/06/25/the-	
61619-issue	https://www.nytimes.com/section/opinion/columnists
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/05/opinion/trump-	
democrats-2020.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/upshot
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/11/opinion/black-voters-	
democrats-2020-election.html	https://www.nytimes.com/news-event/2020-election

Query – Patriot Movement

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https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/14/opinion/joe-walsh-	
trump-primary.html	https://www.nytimes.com
https://www.nytimes.com/1976/08/27/archives/lewis-michaux-	
92-dies-ran-bookstore-in-harlem.html	https://www.nytimes.com/video

https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/15/us/politics/us-iraq-	
embassy-evacuation.html	https://www.nytimes.com/video/opinion
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/07/obituaries/moshe-arens-	
dead.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/t-magazine
https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/29/obituaries/shehu-shagari-	
dead.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/opinion
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/27/obituaries/john-conyers-	
jr-dead.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/technology
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/22/sports/football/jets-	https://www.nytimes.com/issue/todayspaper/2019/11/10/to
patriots.html	days-new-york-times
https://www.nytimes.com/by/jaclyn-peiser	https://www.nytimes.com/section/lens
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/23/opinion/democrats-	https://www.nytimes.com/video/opinion/100000006525694
republicans.html	/stonewall-the-making-of-a-monument.html
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/30/opinion/alexander-	https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/01/arts/television/new-
vindman-trump-ukraine.html	to-stream-netflix.html

Query - Republicans

Lucene Results	Pagerank Results
https://www.nytimes.com/by/catie-edmondson	https://www.nytimes.com
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/24/us/politics/senate-republicans-trump.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/politics
https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/08/14/magazine/republicans-racism-african-americans.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/us
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/31/us/politics/house-impeachment-partisan-vote.html	https://www.nytimes.com/issue/todayspaper/2019/11/10/today s-new-york-times
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/04/us/politics/trump-republicans-impeachment.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/upshot
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/04/us/politics/trump-republicans-impeachment.html	https://www.nytimes.com/news-event/2020-election
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/04/us/politics/republican s-trump-defense.html	https://www.nytimes.com/video/us/politics/100000006067682/president-trump-impeach-questions-answers-michael-cohen.html
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/09/us/politics/republican- strategy-impeachment-trump.html	https://www.nytimes.com/video/us/elections/10000000681011 4/kentucky-election-bevin-beshear.html
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/30/opinion/republicanstrump-impeachment.html	https://www.nytimes.com/video/us/politics/100000006812485/hillary-clinton-medicare.html
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/06/us/trump-senate-republicans-courts.html	https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/09/us/politics/virginia-elections-democrats-republicans.html

Query – Senate

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https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/01/us/politics/senate-trump-impeachment.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/us
https://www.nytimes.com/by/carl-hulse	https://www.nytimes.com/issue/todayspaper/2019/11/10/today s-new-york-times
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/26/us/trump-senate-presidency.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/climate
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/03/us/politics/senate-votes-mcconnell.html	https://www.nytimes.com/news-event/2020-election
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/22/us/politics/john-hickenlooper-senate-2020.html	https://www.nytimes.com/video/opinion/100000006064751/co al-miner-to-trump-coal-mining-isnt-coming-back.html
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/08/us/impeachment-senate-democrats.html	https://timesjourneys.nytimes.com/tour-type/
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/31/us/politics/senate-race-2020.html	https://www.nytimes.com/times-journeys/tour-type/small-group/

https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/24/us/politics/senate-republicans-trump.html	https://www.nytimes.com/times-journeys/trip-type/politics-and-perspective/
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/18/us/politics/mcconnell-impeachment-senate.html	https://www.nytimes.com/video/us/politics/100000006639814/presidential-candidates-campaigns.html
https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2016/us/politics/donal d-trump-administration.html	https://www.nytimes.com/video/opinion/100000006188105/co untering-disinformation-active-measures.html

Query – Olympics 2020

Lucene Results	Pagerank Results
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/01/travel/what-you-need-to-know-	
the-tokyo-2020-olympics.html	https://www.nytimes.com
https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/15/learning/should-technology-in-	
sports-be-limited.html	https://www.nytimes.com/video
https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/15/learning/should-technology-in-	
sports-be-limited.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/movies
https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/05/sports/olympics/ioc-russia-	
winter-olympics.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/arts/television
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ohnny-weir-tara-lipinski-figure-skating.html	https://www.nytimes.com/video/opinion
https://www.nytimes.com/video/sports/olympics/100000005750317/j	
ohnny-weir-tara-lipinski-figure-skating.html	https://www.nytimes.com/es/
https://www.nytimes.com/video/sports/olympics/100000005752444/s	
outh-korea-speedskaters.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/magazine
https://www.nytimes.com/video/sports/olympics/100000005752444/s	
outh-korea-speedskaters.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/realestate
https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/23/sports/breakdancing-	
olympics.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/politics
https://www.nytimes.com/video/sports/football/100000005827420/nfl	
-cheerleaders-and-the-gender-gap.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/obituaries

Query - Stock

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https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/10/04/us/bump-	
stock-las-vegas-gun.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/world
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/02/business/tesla-stock-	
fundraising.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/business
https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/16/technology/tech-	https://www.nytimes.com/issue/todayspaper/2019/11/10/today
workers-company-stock-shareholder-activism.html	s-new-york-times
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/10/technology/uber-	
stock-price-ipo.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/automobiles
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/04/business/under-	
armour-stock-investigation.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/upshot
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/20/technology/airbnb-	https://www.nytimes.com/video/opinion/100000006616246/th
employees-ipo-payouts.html	e-king-of-fish-and-chips.html
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/24/style/rebag-clair-	
handbag-stock-market.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/fashion
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/30/technology/uber-	
stock-earnings.html	https://www.nytimes.com/times-journeys/travel/egypt/
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pearson-nascar-dead.html	g-sex-work.html
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Query - Virus

Lucene Results	Pagerank Results
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/09/science/seals-	
distemper.html	https://www.nytimes.com/es/
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/25/health/predict-usaid-	
viruses.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/us
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/28/us/politics/kay-	
hagan-dead.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/world
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/05/us/politics/trump-	
hiv-aids-plan.html	https://www.nytimes.com/section/science
https://www.nytimes.com/by/donald-g-mcneil-jr	https://www.nytimes.com/section/health
https://www.nytimes.com/by/tariro-mzezewa	https://www.nytimes.com/section/climate
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/23/neediest-	https://www.nytimes.com/video/opinion/100000006210828/rus
cases/daughter-cmv.html	sia-disinformation-fake-news.html
https://www.nytimes.com/by/denise-grady	https://www.nytimes.com/video/opinion/100000006188102/wh
	at-is-pizzagate.html
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/27/well/live/when-is-	https://www.nytimes.com/video/opinion/100000006188105/cou
the-best-time-to-get-your-flu-shot.html	ntering-disinformation-active-measures.html
https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/06/health/crispr-cancer-	https://www.nytimes.com/video/opinion/100000006188102/wh
leukemia.html	at-is-pizzagate.html

Overlap

There are no overlaps for any of the queries for the first 10 search results.