

Data Wells: Race and State Violence in the United States from 1892

Quantitative Histories Workshop

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0.1 *Data + Ida Bell Wells-Barnett*

- We use “Data Wells” to describe the planning, input, and storage of historical data.
- We begin our analysis with Ida B. Wells-Barnett’s development of a lynching database.
- We describe other “Data Wells” on race and U.S. state violence via quantitative history.

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1 Quantitative Histories Workshop

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1.1 Quantitative history

- Quantitative history considers methods in the quantification of historical information.
- Historians like Pierre Chanu, author of the text to the right, are often centered but highlight more conservative historical narratives¹.
- Despite long-standing critiques, fewer historical narratives focus on the computational and data aspects of critical histories.



Figure 1: *Histoire Quantitative* by Pierre Chanu

¹Vovelle, Michel (1987). *Bourgeoisies de province et Revolution*. Presses Universitaires de Grenoble. p. quoted in Féhér.

1.2 Slide