

Researcher Access for Web Archives

Our Experiences

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**Why does a historian
care so much about
web archives?**

Scarcity

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Secretly

Abundance

**You can't
study the**

1990s

and

beyond

without

web

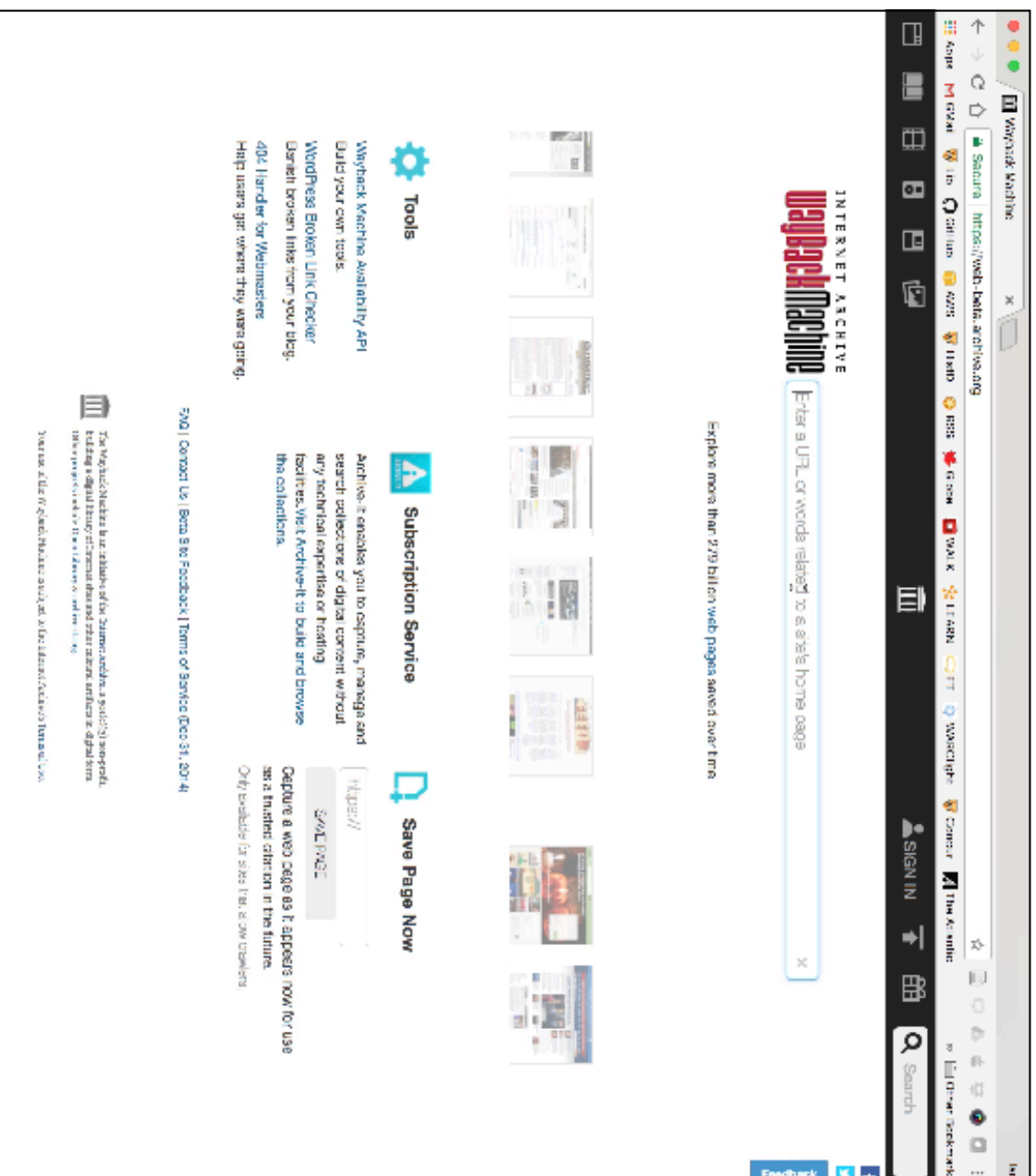
archives!





And the 1990s are
history. The Web is 25
years old.

Current Access Method



This won't be enough!

So what can we do?

Ask Nich Worboy for data



Canadian Political Parties & Political Interest Group Collection

- 50 Websites
- All major political parties
- Minor political parties
- Political interest groups
- Collected quarterly between 2005 & present.



**How could we provide
better access?**

ukwa/shine

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GitHub, Inc. [US]

https://github.com/ukwa/shine

This repository

Search

Pull requests

Issues

Gist

Unwatch

13

Unstar

7

Fork

2

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

637 commits

1 branch

0 releases

5 contributors

Branch: master

shine / +

gitHoggarth

Added trailing slash to web archive url

Latest commit 11ace26 on Sep 18

python

jisc ssd ~506k ~optimized to 7 segments

2 months ago

shine

Added trailing slash to web archive url

2 months ago

gitattributes

gitattributes file

2 years ago

gitignore

Prevent cache being versioned.

a year ago

modules

Initial "chook-in" of the bootstrap submodule

2 years ago

travis.yml

Locks like it's simpler than I expected.

a year ago

README.md

Added Travis-CI status and a brief outline.

2 years ago

README.md

Code

Issues

40

Pull requests

0

Wiki

Pulse

Graphs

HTTPS clone URL

<https://github.com>

You can clone with [HTTPS](#), [SSH](#), or [Subversion](#).

Clone in Desktop

Download ZIP

Shine

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

Build passing



Trend results 1996-2013 for X

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https://www.webarchive.org.uk/shine/graph?query=cat+OR+kitten+OR+moggy+OR+kitty%2C+dog+OR+puppy+OR+mutt

UK Web Archive

Search

Trends

Login

Warning! This is a research prototype for a web archive search service, and may be taken down at any time.

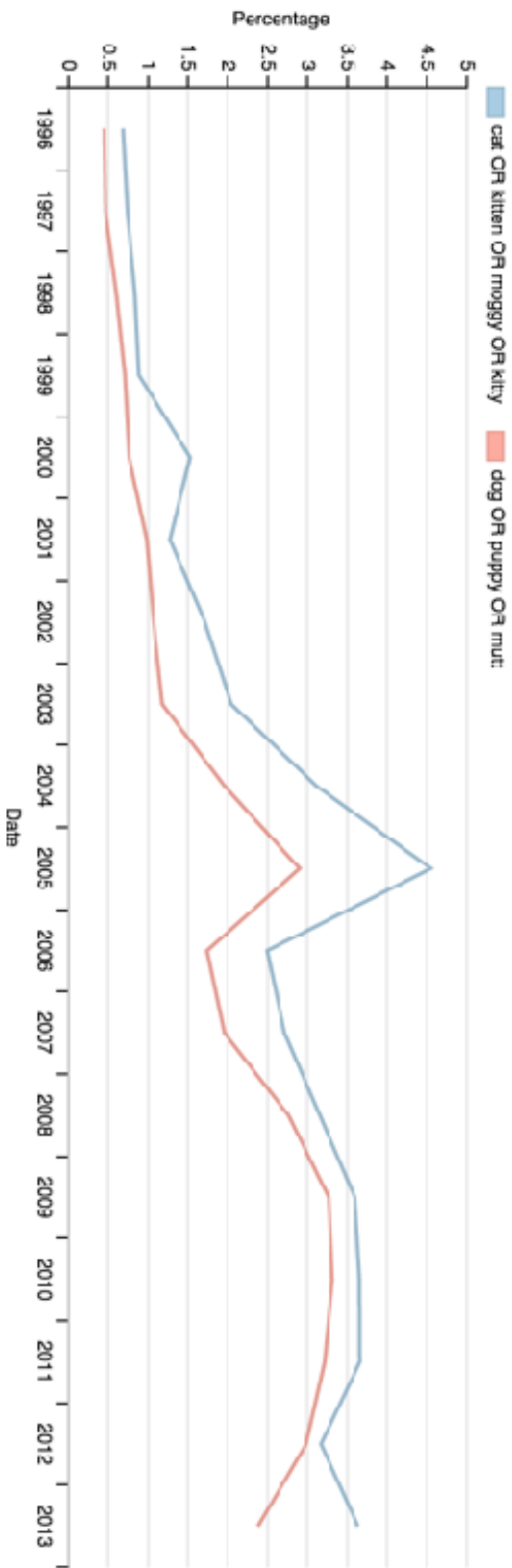
cat OR kitten OR moggy OR kitty, dog OR

1996

2013

Update Graph

Reset All



Click on a point on the graph to show a random sample of the matching records from that year...

Welcome to the Web Archives for Historical Research political parties portal. Before diving in, we encourage you to visit our [about](#) page.

The Canadian Political Parties and Political Interest Groups Portal

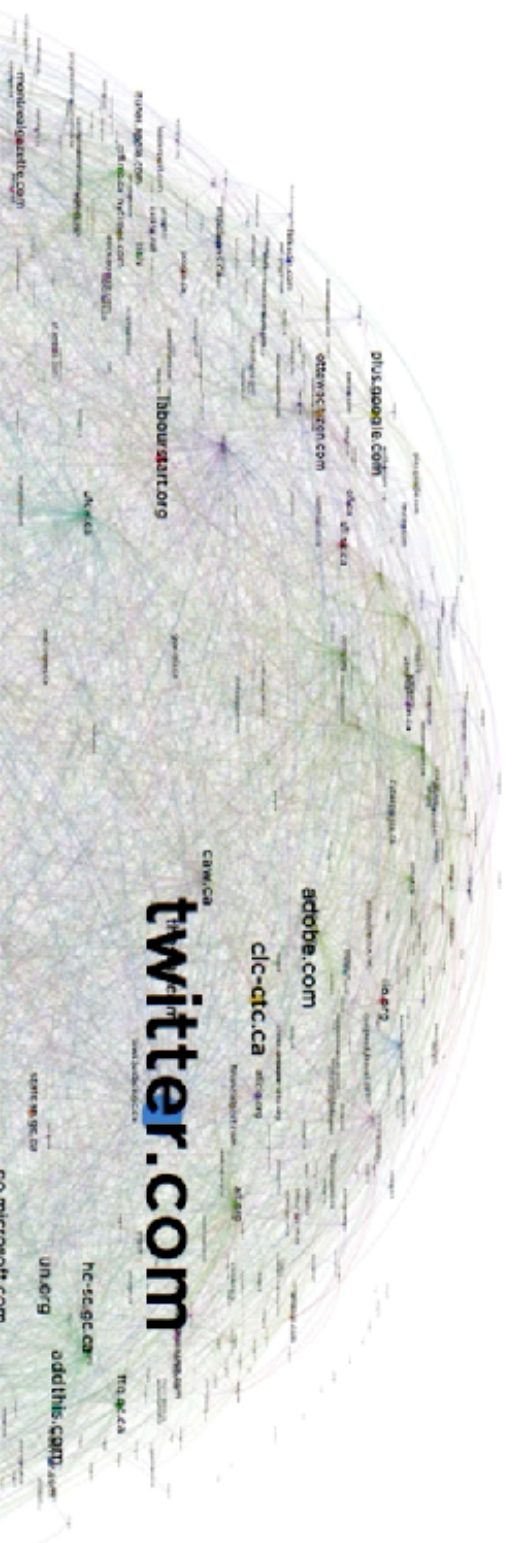
On this website, you can search web archived content from 50 political parties and political interest groups, from October 2005 to March 2015.

Curious how the Liberal Party of Canada responded to the 2008 financial crisis (a search for "recession" in 2008, liberal.ca)? How the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives reacted to Michael Ignatieff? Now you can check it all out.

Options include:

- **Basic keyword searching** [Example: "Rob Ford", only Liberal.ca]
- **Graphing trends over time** [Example: Liberal Opposition Leaders, 2005-2015]
- **Advanced search, including words in proximity to each other** [Example: environmental and tax within 25 words of each other]

Below, here are all of the links for the entire time period, visualized below:



***We also wanted to explore
derivative datasets for researcher
access with our new project.***

Extract all Text

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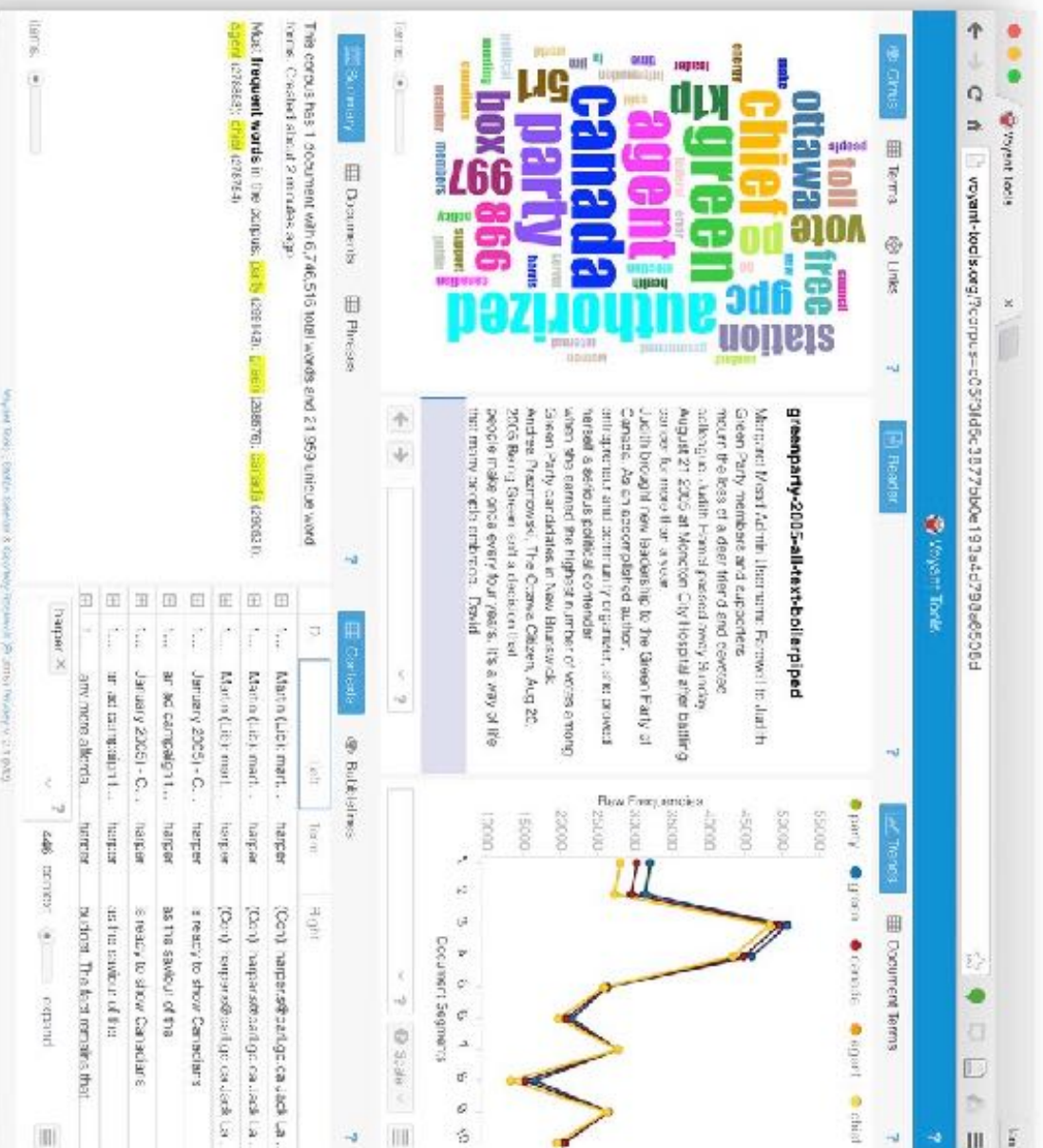
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corporation, carrying out different responsibilities including quality assurance, project management, s
ales, contract management and management of a complete department handling a global mandate. Mr. Alghab
ra is an active member of his community. 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
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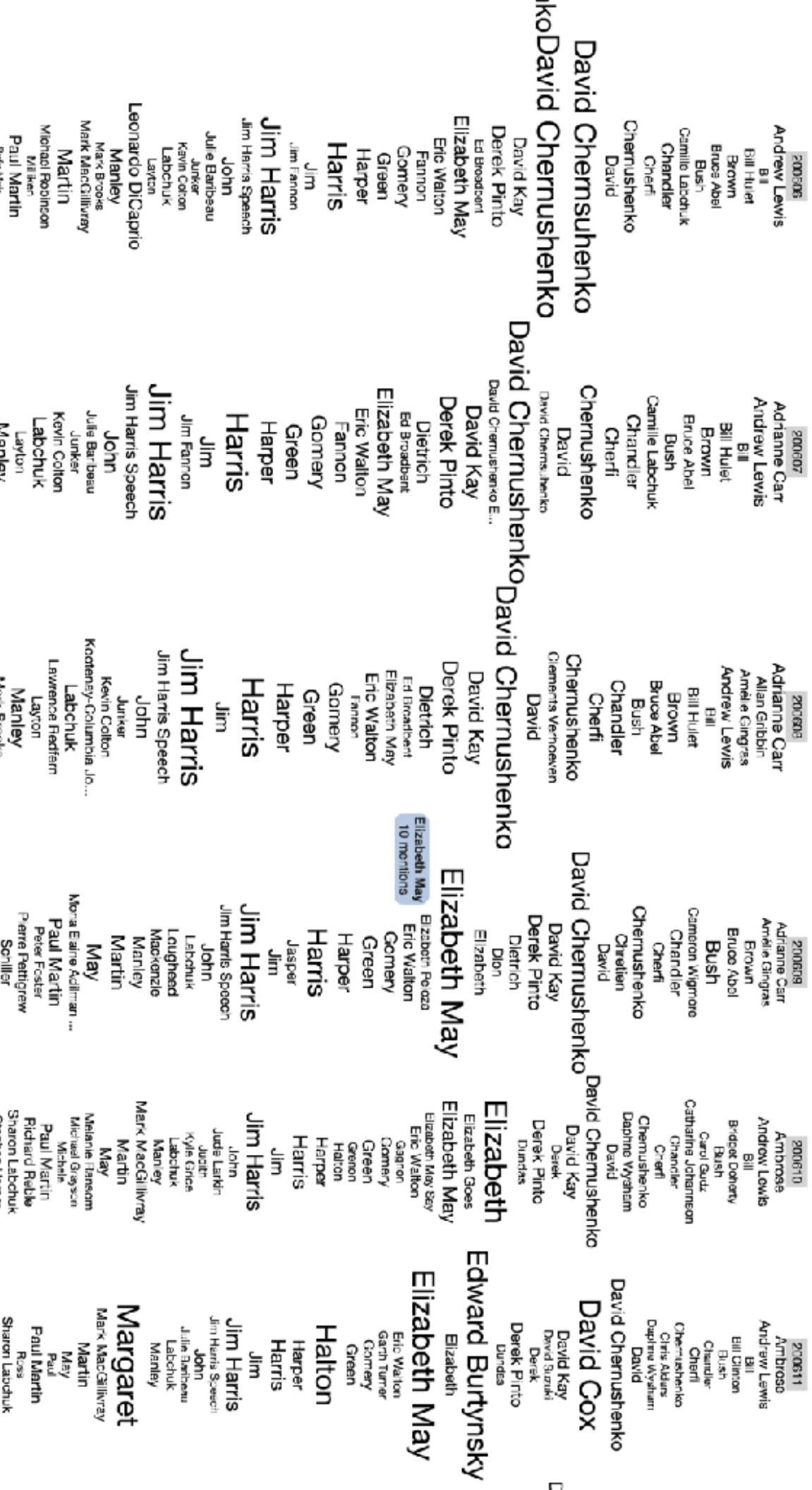
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ENTRE COMMISSIONS YOUR RIDING Celebrating our National Flag February 15, 2006 February 15 is Nationa
l Flag Day in Canada, which marks the 41st anniversary of the first raising of the maple leaf flag on P
arliament Hill. Today is a celebration of our shared values, common citizenship and sense of pride in t
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
he world and to the future: I stand for Canada." Thanks to Pearson's courageous leadership, Canadians a
cross this great nation celebrate our flag and what it stands for – a country and a citizenship that ar
e the envy of the world.

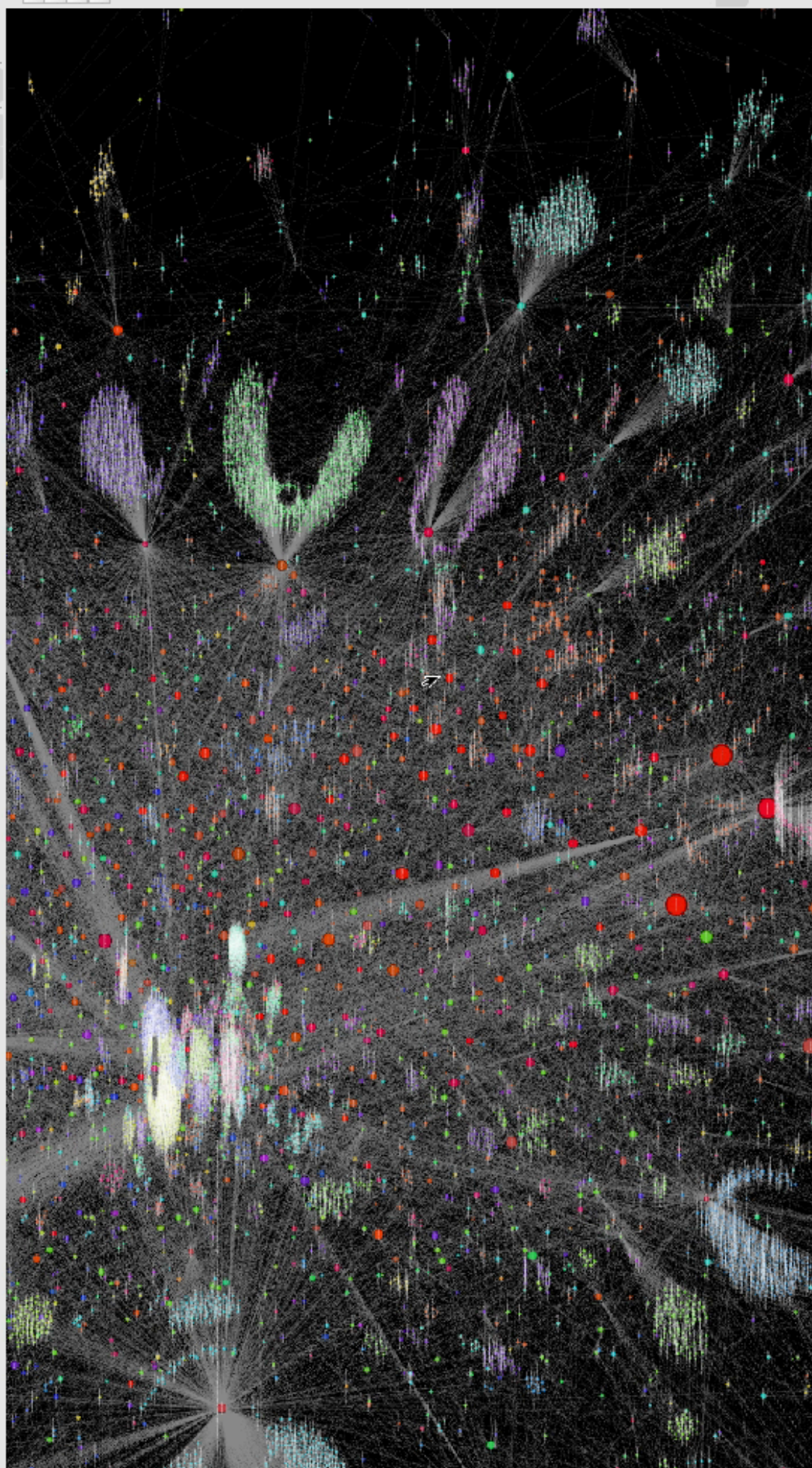
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Extract all Text



Extract Entities





Next Step

- The **Archives Unleashed Cloud**
- Under development - moving Shine to a Blacklight-based system for community involvement;
- A GUI-based workbench for uploading WARC or using Internet Archive APIs to extract derivatives from your collections to do text analysis, networks, other DH work.
- **Set of regional events and workshops - with travel funding - stay tuned!**

The screenshot shows the Warclight search interface. At the top, there's a search bar with the text "warclight" and a search button. Below the search bar, there are several filters: "Text" (set to "suzuki"), "Start Over", "General Content Type" (set to "html"), and "Limit your search". The "Limit your search" section shows "General Content Type" with a count of 349. Below this, there are two tables: "Crawl Year" and "Public Suffix".

Crawl Year	Count
2016	317
2017	32

Public Suffix	Count
com	226
org	59
ca	58
media	3
com.ar	1
com.au	1
ll	1

Navigation links: « Previous | 1 - 10 of 349 | Next »

1. [Who does David Suzuki think he is, David Su](#)

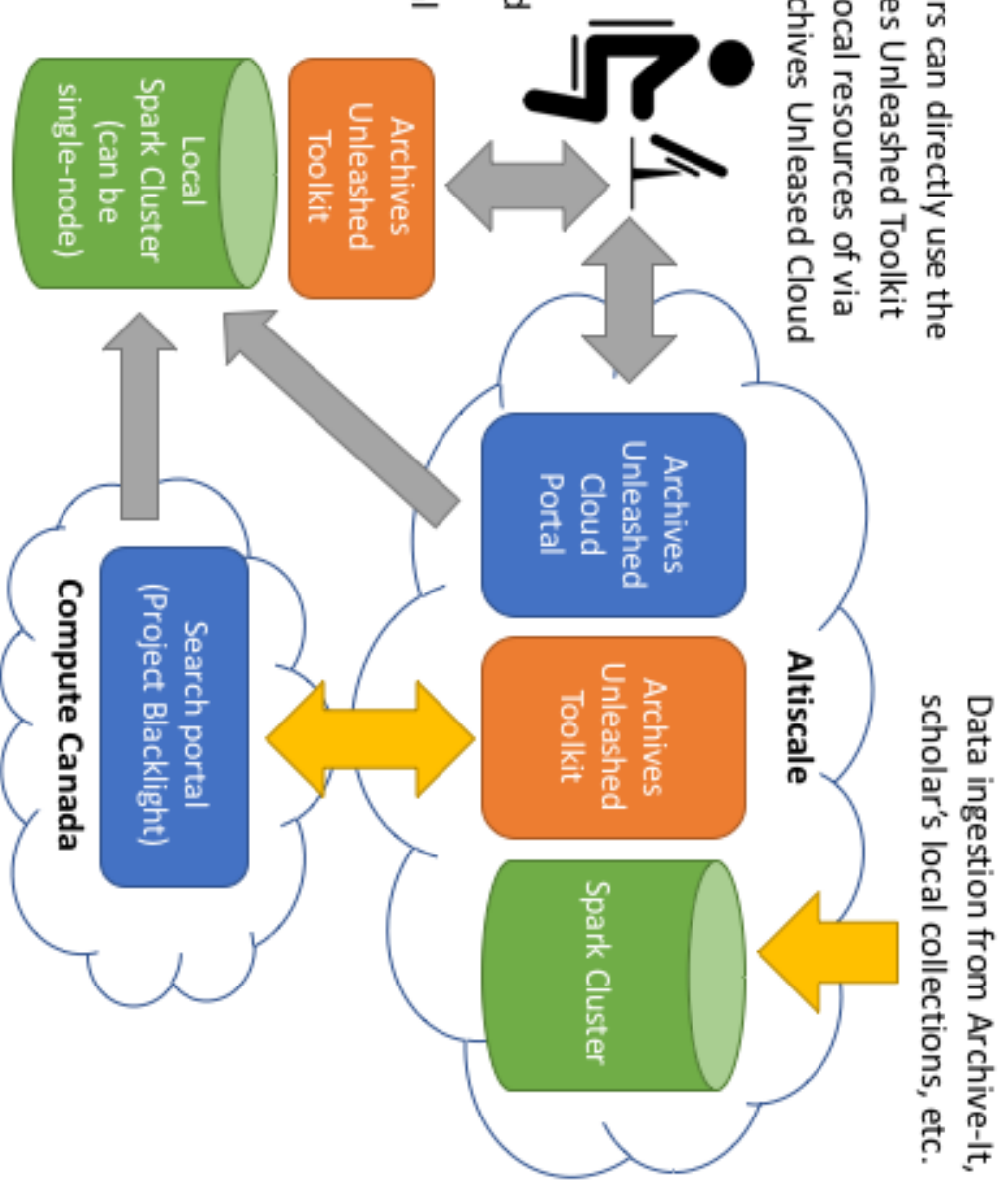
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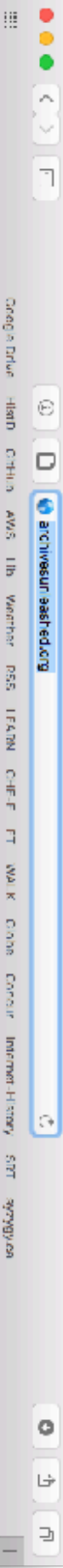
- Title: Who does David Suzuki think he is, David Suzuki
- Host: shd.ca
- Crawl Date: 2016-01-29T22:21:47Z
- General Content Type: html
- Content Language: en
- Domain: shd.ca
- Institution: Web Archives for Historical
- Collection: #akm42

Footer: This name links to: [twitter.com/tumblr.com/ps](#)

Scholars can directly use the Archives Unleashed Toolkit using local resources of via the Archives Unleashed Cloud

Scholars can download results, derived data, etc. for additional local analyses if desired





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Our goal is to make petabytes of historical internet content accessible to scholars and others interested in researching the recent past.



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