I Know What You Hid Last Summer

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Data

Dataset: UK elections 2015
(hashtags #ge2015, #ge)

Timespan: February 27th - May 8th

Scope: Tweets from MPs currently in Office

Proces

- Grab MP Tweets ONLY
- Parse JSON, extract URLs, de-duplicate
- Grab URL status codes (online)
- Searched Internet Archive CDX for URLs, return status codes and bytes
Metrics

UK General Election 2015

12,357 tweets

7,819 URL tweets

6,782 URLs (1158 processed)

X deleted tweets

200 OK 1035

404 113

27 Feb. 8 May

# of captures

# archived

# non archived

date of capture

# archived

# non archived
Descriptive Findings

- Linking pervasive practice by UK MPs
  - Often linking back to party page, party Twitter account, page supporting agenda
- ~10% of linked content no longer available (in line with existing research)
  - Can see the page 404 in WayBack

Future Work

- Look at the capture presence/absence over time (outside the scope of the election season)
- Investigate (qualitatively) the change in URLs over time - are they substantive changes or reflect errors in crawling/capture behaviour?
- Who archived the links/captures at the IA - were they crowdsourced? Comparison between British Library UK General Election Archive 2015?
- How do metrics compare across parties/other thematic identifiers within the election dataset?

Tweet time: Sat Mar 07 19:16:11 +0000 2015
http://fb.me/1w4HkgqQu http://www.clivelewis.org/target_311_norwich_south_big_weekend 404