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

(UK Parliament website:

http://bit.ly/1XpOIK9)

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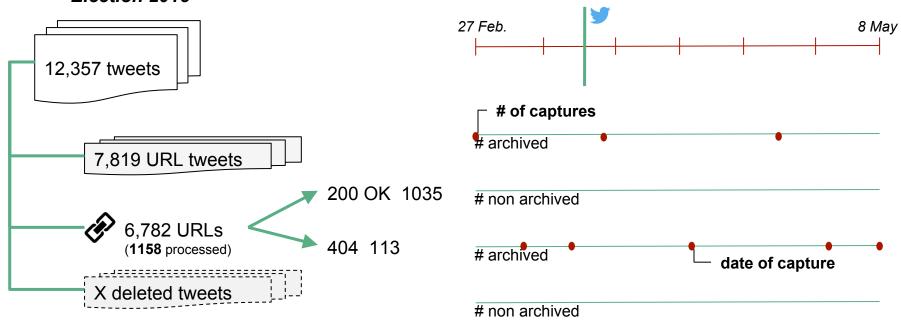
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- Grab MP Tweets ONLY
- Parse JSON, extract URLs, de-duplicate
- Grab URL status codes (online)
- Searched Internet Archive CDX for URLs, return status codes and bytes

Metrics







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

I Know What You LOST Last Summer?

- 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

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