

JOURNALISM + COMPUTATION
= DEMOCRACY

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The First Amendment

- Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievance

Journalism and the public

- Informed public essential to good government.
- Accountable government essential to democracy
- An independent “press” is most likely to both inform and watch the government
- Investigative reporting, accountability reporting, watchdog reporting are the keystones of journalism, but are not capable of earning enough money to sustain the effort.

What is investigative reporting?

- Information of importance to the public that powerful institutions would prefer to be kept hidden or secret.
- A method of comparing what *ought* to happen with what *actually* happens
 - ▣ Breaking laws or rules
 - ▣ Taking advantage of the helpless
- Comforting the afflicted and afflicting the comfortable.

THE CRUELEST CUTS

Special Report (The series was originally published Feb. 10-15, 2009)

Interactive Graphic: How the hand works
Video: Living with hands that hurt
Hamlet's deadly fire

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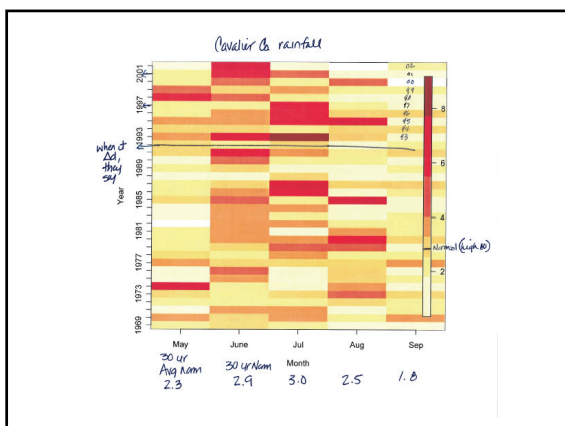
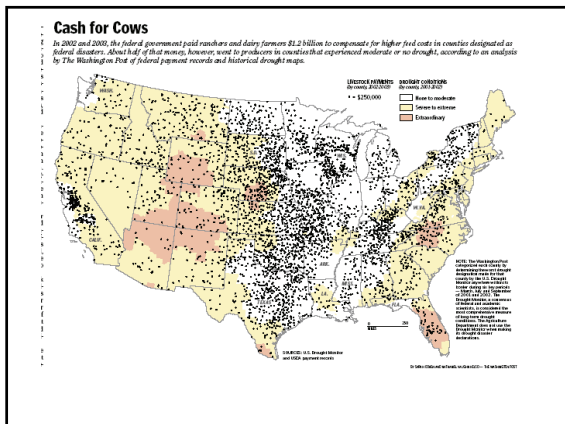
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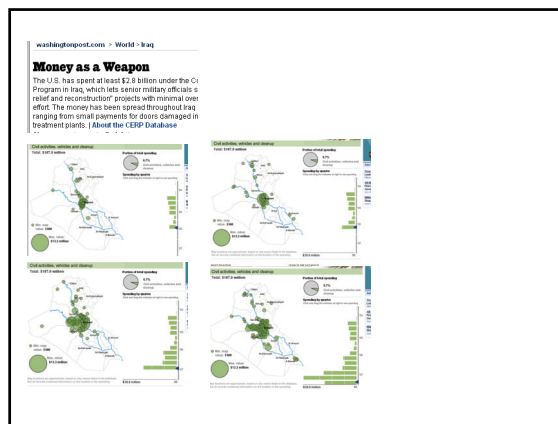
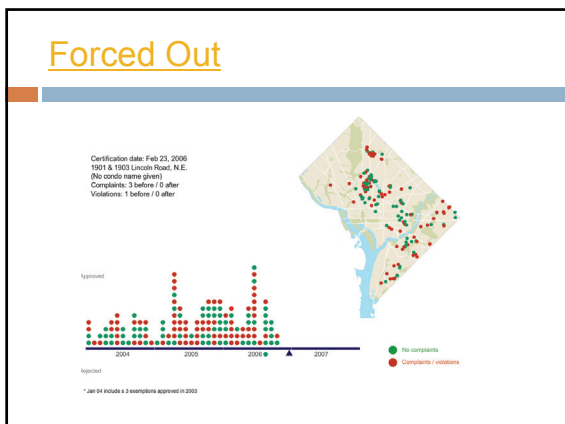
Section 1: Basic subsidy summary

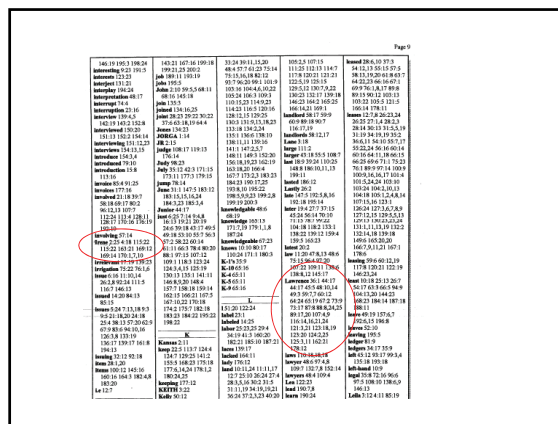
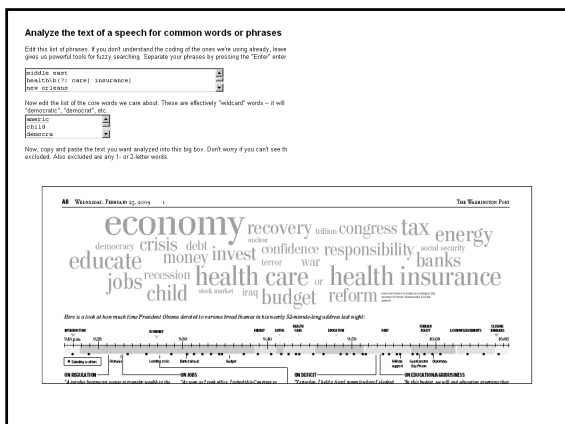
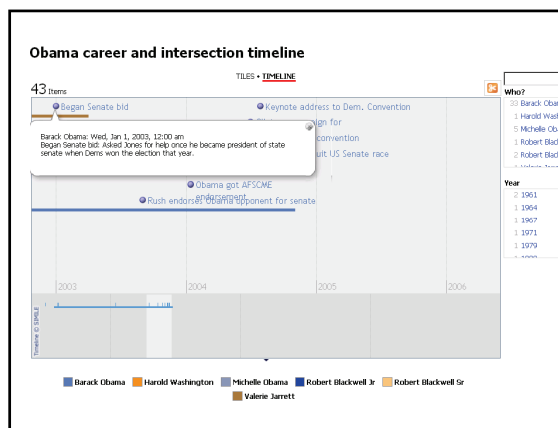
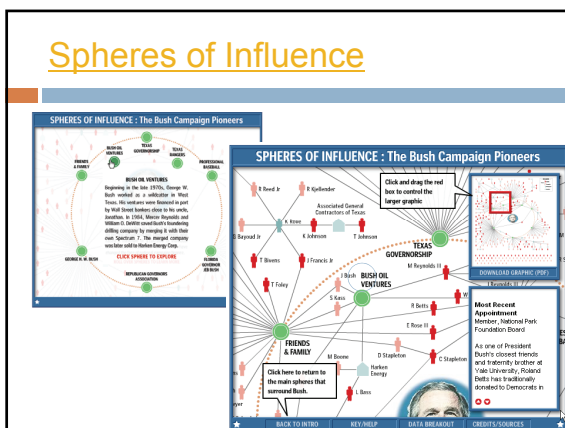
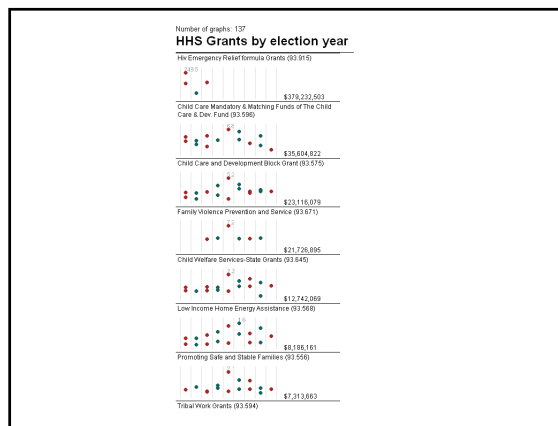
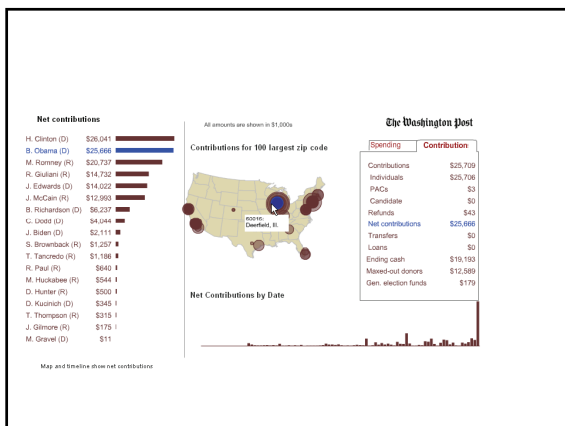
By type of program

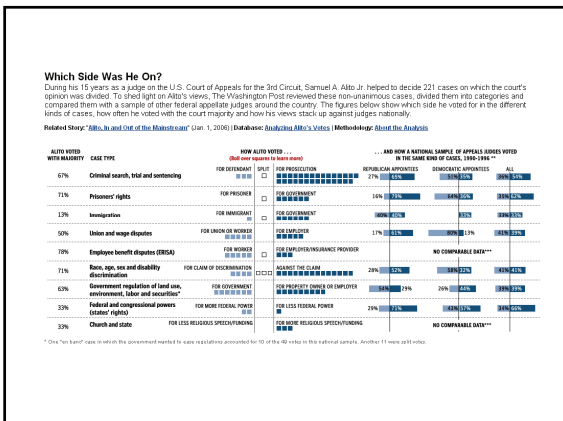
Program	1996-2000	1996-2003	1997-2002	1998-2003	1999-2004	1999-2004
Subsidies	\$19,229,467	\$17,853,325	\$28,644,241	\$39,759,949	\$52,256,811	\$141
Direct payments	\$17,853,325	\$14,570,736	\$16,292,075	\$16,378,121	\$16,372,077	\$81
Counter Cyclical / Market loss	\$1,376,142	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,884,734	\$60
Marketing loan programs	\$19,221,579	\$16,440,026	\$12,352,173	\$2,329,828	\$7,368,927	\$56
LCP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation	\$46,304	\$56,322	\$33,522	\$33,038	\$276,609	\$1
Disaster	\$175,077	\$121,040	\$0	\$69,297	\$0	\$0
Insurance premium subsidy	\$74,406	\$70,974	\$3,274	\$6,227,598	\$1,558,119	\$6
Other programs	\$2,560,438	\$8,836	\$19,793	\$1,130,124	\$397,171	\$4
Nonrecourse loans	\$42,227	\$291,431	\$467,298	\$1,003,784	\$901,749	\$2
Other programs	\$449,241	\$466,286	\$316,548	\$1,127,637	\$649,028	\$1
Other programs	\$6,250	\$700	\$3,004	\$1,492	\$67,484	\$0
Nonrecourse loans	\$199,274	\$1,728,796	\$3,795,269	\$19,628,741	\$4,863,334	\$22
Other programs	\$2,826,194	\$2,683,693	\$1,792,747	\$7,444,273	\$2,750,771	\$17

Subsidies by crop (No insurance losses included)

Crop	1996-2000	1996-2003	1998-2003	1999-2004	1999-2004
Wheat	\$126,347	\$126,245	\$38,903	\$9,284,703	\$1,867,892
Wheat	\$2,769,615	\$131,201	\$1,162,938	\$1,196,772	\$395,567
Wheat					\$6,626,083







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Theories of open data

- Governments prefer to lead you to the “right” answer, so they like colorful and “user-friendly” websites that convey their message.
- Transparency advocates look for government to first “wholesale” data, then work on their own website. They’ve had little luck.

Unexplored data

- [Your seat at the table](#) documents
- [Recovery.gov](#) data on the stimulus, esp the xml-format data on the detailed spending.
- [Federal lobbying](#) records
- Federal [regulatory](#) records
- Data.gov catalog lists others, though there is little in there that is something other than precompiled studies.