

bots

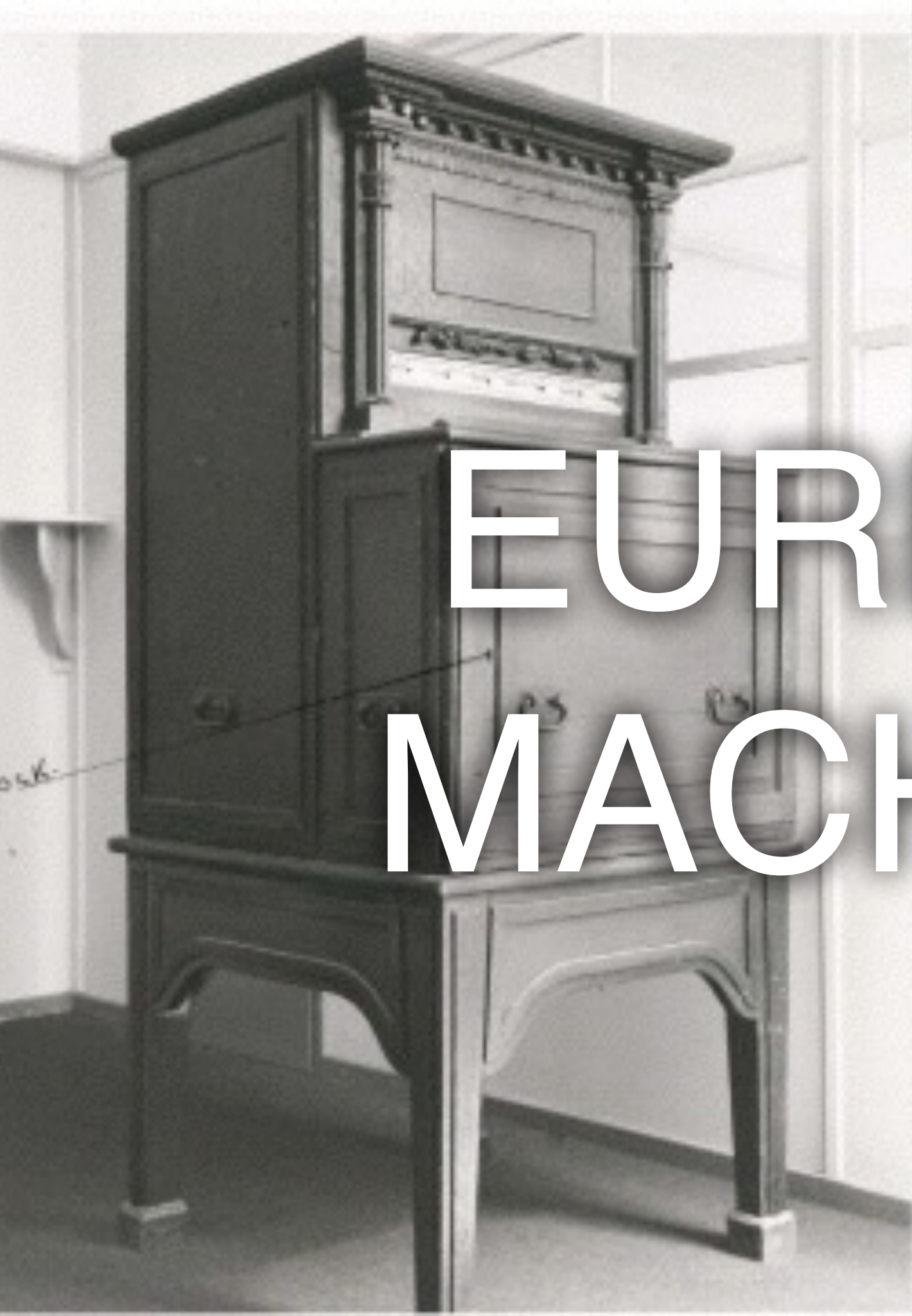
some historical threads

Allison Parrish

bots are

procedural
uncreative
data-driven
graffiti

procedural



EUREKA MACHINE



BARBARA FROENA DOMI PROMITTUNT
FOEDERA MALA

Barbarian bridles at home promise evil
covenants

John Morris, from *Computer Poems* (1973)

Frogling, listen, waters
Insatiable, listen,
The still, scarecrow dusk.

Listen: I dreamed, was slain.
Up, battles! Echo these dusk
Battles! Glittering . . .

Fleas spring far, scarecrow,
Oh scarecrow, scarecrow:
well, far, Scarecrow, oh scarecrow.

Jackson Mac Low, *Asymmetry 205* ("There are many ways to use Strayer's Vegetable Soybeans"), 1960-61

To hours, enough. Remove enough
And. Remove enough
Minutes. And not Iowa
Water and Iowa simmer.
To or
Until simmer. Enough
Simmer. To. Remove and Iowa enough. Remove simmer.
Vegetable. Enough good enough to and buttered loaf, enough
Simmer. Or Iowa buttered enough and not simmer.

Tomatoes, hot egg. Roll egg.
Added. Roll egg.
Minutes. Added, nutty in.
Wash added, in soak
Tomatoes, overnight,
Until soak egg,
Soak tomatoes. Roll added, in egg. Roll soak
Vitamins—egg, giving egg, tomatoes, added, beans, largest egg,
Soak overnight, in beans, egg, added, nutty soak

Nick Montfort, *ppg* series

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}sub w{" ".b(cococacamamadebapabohamolaburataamihopod
ito).b(estsns1ldsckregspstedbsnelengkemsattewsntars
hmknd)}{$_ = "\n\nthe".w."\n"; $_ = w." ".b(attoonnoof).w
if $1; s/[au][ae]/a/; print; $1 = 0 if $1++ > rand 9; sleep 1;
redo} #Rev2'
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api_key, api_secret, access_token, token_secret, aus_access_key, \
    aus_secret_key, s3_bucket = sys.argv[1:]
twitter = twython.Twython(api_key, api_secret, access_token, token_

video = generate_video()
title = namegen(video['words']).title()

resp = twitter.update_status_with_media(media=open(video['video'],
    status=title)
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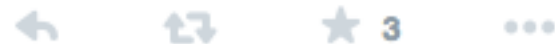
John Burger, @HaikuD2



HaikuD2 @HaikuD2 · Jan 30

The wind is freezing •
My nose flows like a river •
I need a tissue

—@Simply_me_8 #haiku



HaikuD2 @HaikuD2 · Jan 30

Time to unfollow •
Can't believe i'm following •
This many people

—@JohnnyNBA #haiku



HaikuD2 @HaikuD2 · Jan 30

Up all night dreaming •
Learning how to manifest •
My reality

—@NKingram #haiku



Mark Sample, @JustToSayBot



This Is Just to Say @JustToSayBot · 6h

I have rounded
the ferns
that were in
the recall

Forgive me
They were repainted
so fleet
and so ribbed



This Is Just to Say @JustToSayBot · 7h

I have eaten
the dealings
that were in
the sorrow

Forgive me
They were all-caps
so paradisal
and so reportorial



Liam Cooke, @poem_exe



poem.exe @poem_exe · 4h

orion's belt —
dies by the side
envying the butterfly!



1



2



poem.exe @poem_exe · 7h

like colourful birds
i hear myself of
a lonely heart



1



1



poem.exe @poem_exe · 10h

i am envious
the moon reflected
chestnuts in the field



2



uncreative

Kenneth Goldsmith, *Soliloquy*

but that's the sort of crutch that's the crutch side of Cage. I mean we don't know that, maybe he'll be hardcore but... so you've been so you've been to Douglas's web site. I've done that for Douglas. I did that whole. Did you see the picture of two people sleeping? Oh, come now! Really? I'm on the phone with Douglas every day. I... And here's the perk... which you have already... but the perk of working for Douglas is that I get every title he produces. I know you do. I know. I don't read novels. I mean I don't like fiction. Right. But that was that was when it worked. That yeah, well listen I think he makes a lot of money on that stuff he's certainly not going to make. You think when David comes we can throw around opinions like this? Like just totally? I mean... this is gossip I love I mean this is what was missing this is what was missing from Joan's wonderful book on Cage. Why did she why did she I I know her well enough, why did she turn the tape recorder off? The gossip was what I was interested in. Well Cage Cage tends to get that... we are waiting. Yeah. We're just gossiping. We're just gossiping, that's all. We're too busy gossiping. I don't want to put anything in my mouth. This is great. This is great. The one across the street is nice too, the China Grill. It's all business people. No, this was a good move. But I have this I have a problem with the Cage thing. I feel it gets too religious. The name. Oh, from the Cage trust? Yuk. Not wanting to say anything about Marcel. OK. I wanna I wanna I wanna stay on this for a sec-

Ron Padgett, *Creative Reading*

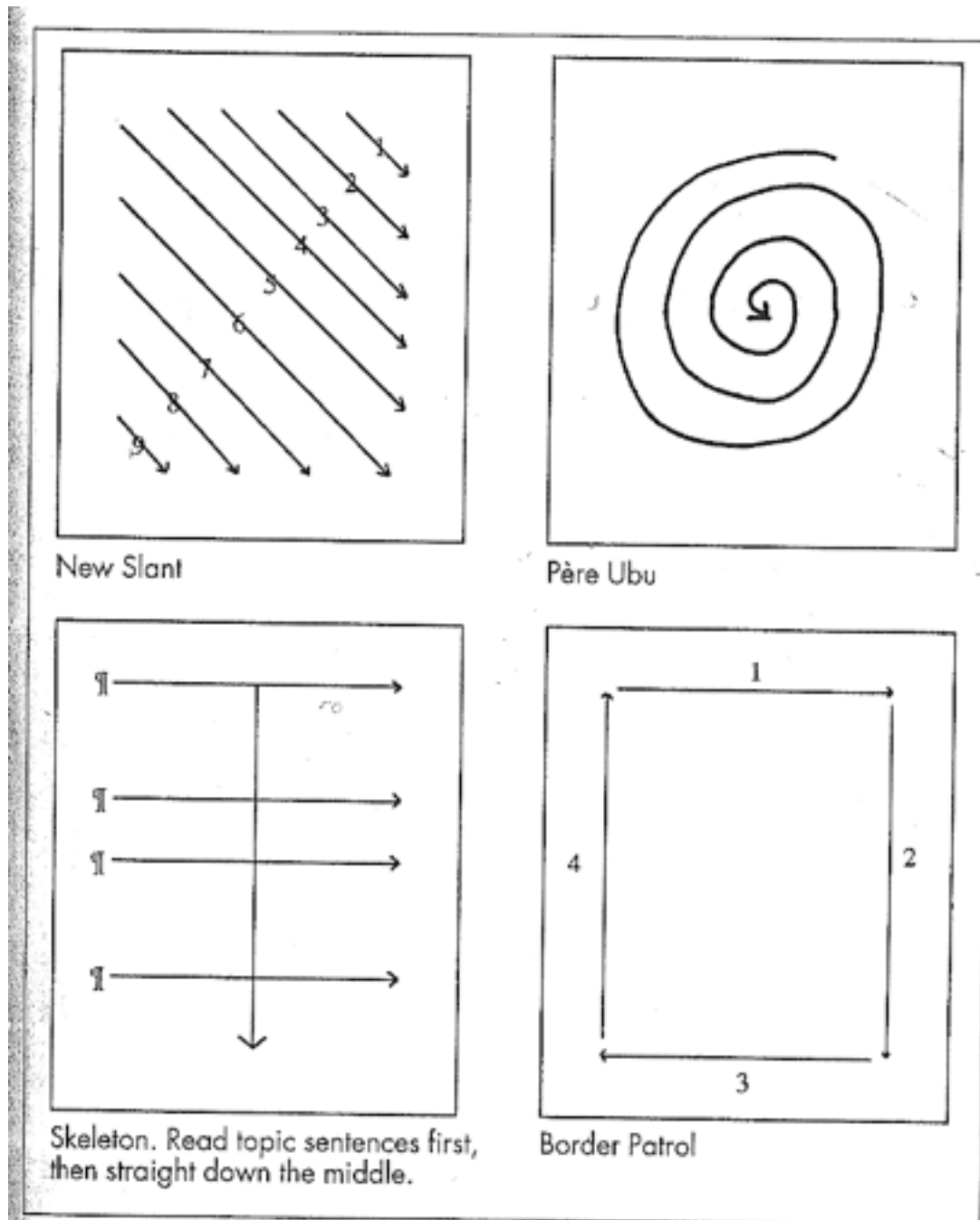


Figure 18. Four reading patterns.

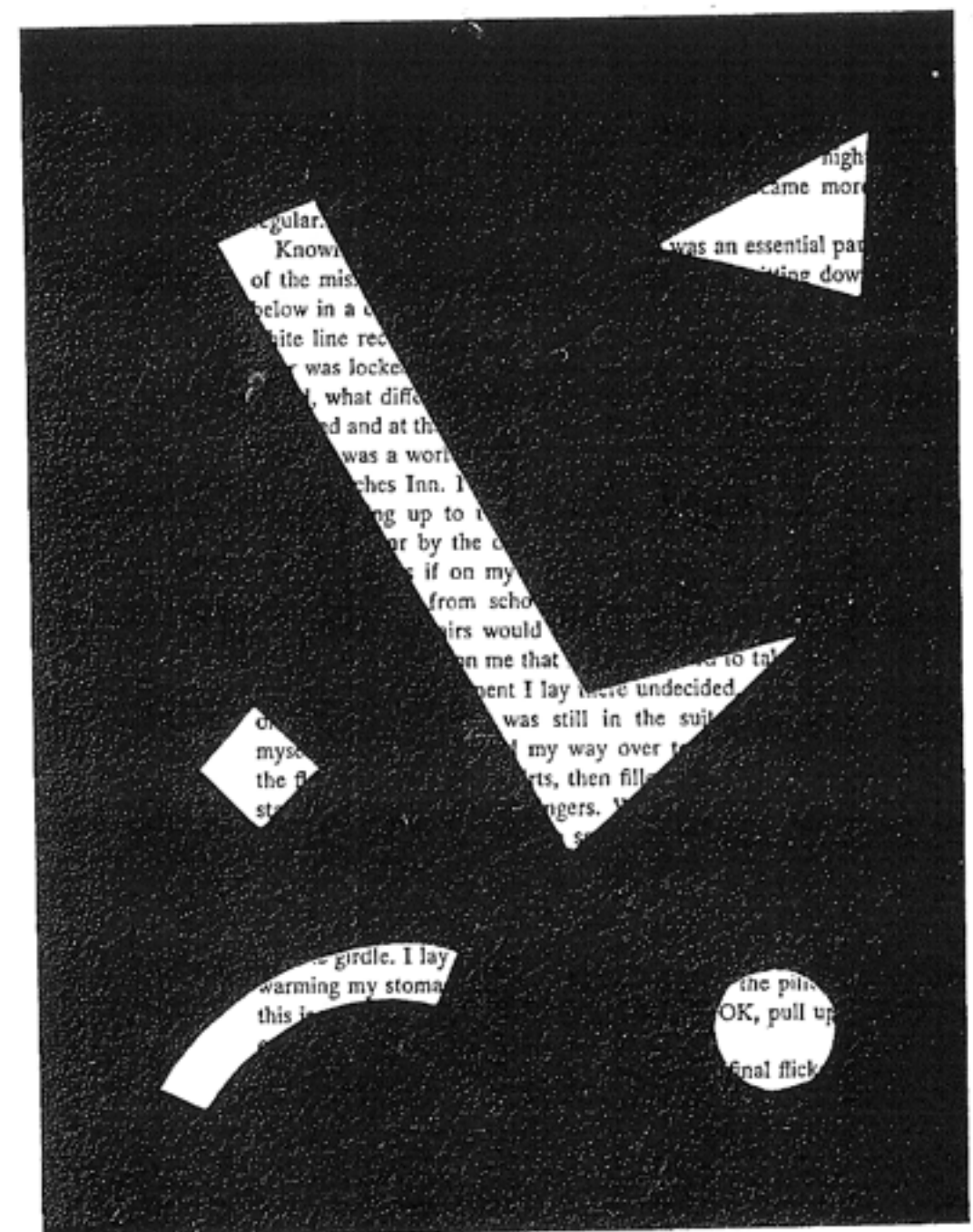


Figure 17c.

Caroline Bergvall, *Via*

1. Along the journey of our life half way
I found myself again in a dark wood
wherein the straight road no longer lay
(Dale, 1996)
2. At the midpoint in the journey of our life
I found myself astray in a dark wood
For the straight path had vanished.
(Creagh and Hollander, 1989)
3. HALF over the wayfaring of our life,
Since missed the right way, through a
night-dark wood
Struggling, I found myself.
(Musgrave, 1893)
4. Half way along the road we have to go,
I found myself obscured in a great forest,
Bewildered, and I knew I had lost the way.
(Sisson, 1980)
5. Halfway along the journey of our life
I woke in wonder in a sunless wood
For I had wandered from the narrow way
(Zappulla, 1998)
6. HALFWAY on our life's journey, in a wood,
From the right path I found myself astray.
(Heaney, 1993)

Simon Lawrence and Michele Lent Hirsch, *@stopandfrisk*



Stop and Frisk @stopandfrisk · Jan 29

02/24/11: Police use force to stop a 15-year-old in the Bronx, citing "suspect acting as a lookout." No weapon is found.



Stop and Frisk @stopandfrisk · Jan 29

02/24/11: Police stop a 23-year-old in the Bronx, citing "furtive movements." No weapon is found.



Stop and Frisk @stopandfrisk · Jan 29

02/24/11: Police stop a 36-year-old in Brooklyn, citing "fits a relevant description." No weapon is found.



Stop and Frisk @stopandfrisk · Jan 29

02/24/11: Police stop a 44-year-old in Queens, citing "suspect acting as a lookout." No weapon is found.



Stop and Frisk @stopandfrisk · Jan 29

02/24/11: Police stop a 20-year-old in Brooklyn, citing "furtive movements." No weapon is found.



Darius Kazemi, *Very Old Tweets*



Very Old Tweets retweeted



Ev Williams @ev · 30 Apr 2006

at warfield for yeah yeah yeah's



2



2



Very Old Tweets retweeted



noah glass @noah · 6 Apr 2006

talking talking talking. No more talking.



2



1



Very Old Tweets retweeted



Jack @jack · 27 Mar 2006

off to yoga



218



14



Very Old Tweets retweeted



Tim Roberts @timroberts · 9 Apr 2006

going to look at apartments with anne



2



2



Very Old Tweets retweeted



Biz Stone @biz · 15 May 2006

going to have drinks with a friend from high school and her husband who are coincidentally here from nyc and staying at my hotel



3



2



Joe Fox, @AndromedaBot



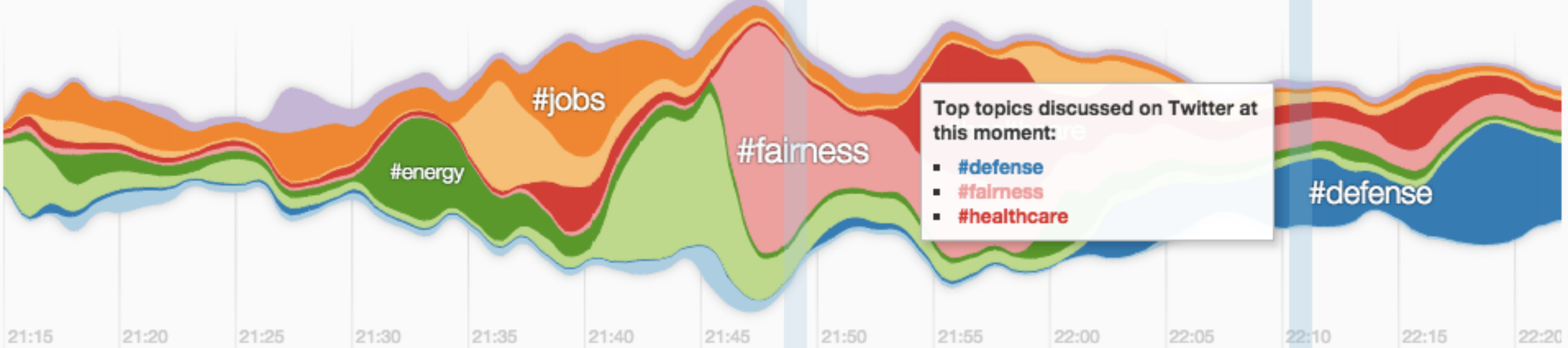
data-driven

i got with this guy who was my best friends boyfriends bestfriend if that makes any since but see he never talked and it was so awkward when we were together so i dumped him and then i realized he was so sweet and i have no clue what to do cuz i feel really bad cuz hes so sweet what should i do

14 mins ago / from someone

WE FEEL FINE



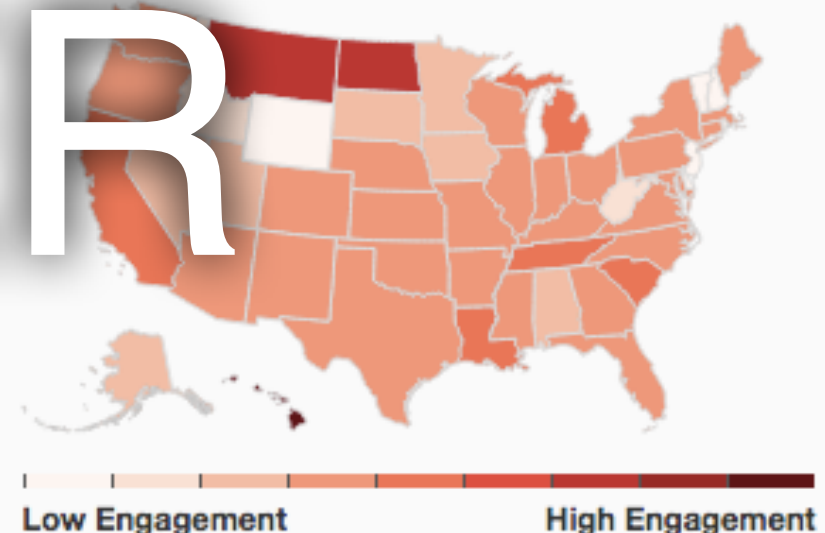


their morale.

Tonight, I ask more of America's business leaders to follow John's lead and do what you can to raise your employees' wages. To every mayor, governor, and state legislator in America, I say, you don't have to wait for Congress to act; Americans will support you if you take this on. And as a chief executive, I intend to lead by example. Profitable corporations like Costco see higher wages as the smart way to boost productivity and reduce turnover. We should too. In the coming weeks, I will issue an Executive Order requiring federal contractors to pay their federally-funded employees a fair wage of at least \$10.10 an hour – because if you cook our troops' meals or wash their dishes, you shouldn't have to live in poverty.

Of course, to reach millions more, Congress needs to get on board. Today, the federal minimum wage is worth about twenty percent less than it was when Ronald Reagan first stood here. Tom Harkin and George Miller have a bill to fix that by lifting the minimum wage to \$10.10. This will help families. It will give businesses customers with more money to spend.

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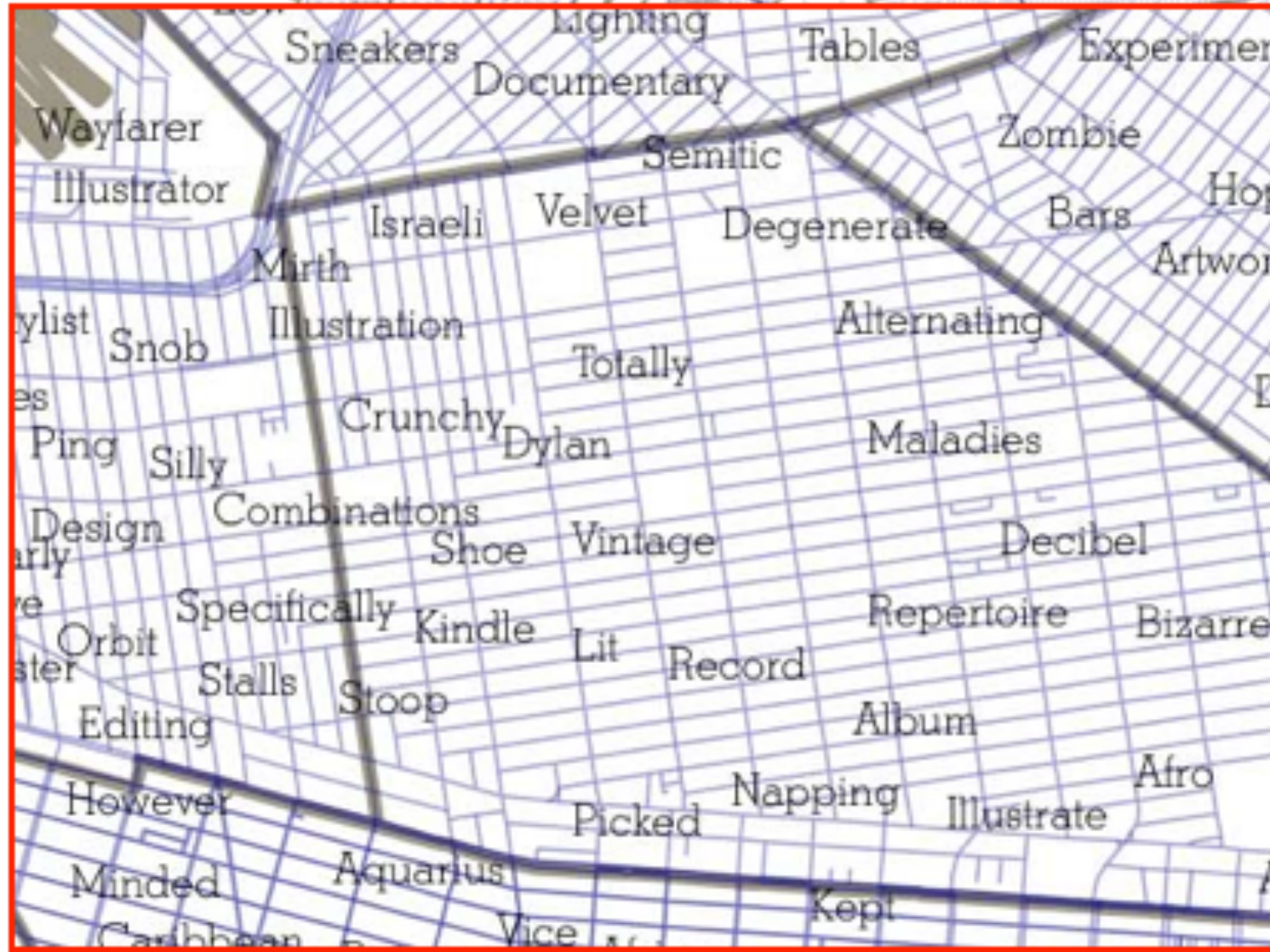


Map for #fairness

#budget
#defense
#education
#energy
#fairness
#healthcare
#immigration
#jobs
#taxes



DUBOIS



Ivy Baumgarten, *And Now Imagine*



And Now Imagine @AndNowImagine · 20h

Imagine what most coffee-drinkers are like before their morning brew. Now imagine stabbing someone with this knife lol



1



And Now Imagine @AndNowImagine · 21h

Imagine reading a book of all the lies youve told. Now imagine being a bud tender



And Now Imagine @AndNowImagine · 21h

Imagine getting into a food fight with your boyfriend. Now imagine being a Villa fan, jesus



And Now Imagine @AndNowImagine · 22h

Imagine me cooking for four men. Now imagine everyone on /int/ just looks like their country stereotypes


Ranjit Bhatnagar, *Pentametron*

 Pentametron retweeted



savannah skelton 🌟 @gotchalk06 · 12h

the Super Bowl commercials are the best 🍷

  3  1 ...

 Pentametron retweeted



Josh @Joshx13_ · 12h

Why these commercials making me depressed?

  30  18 ...

 Pentametron retweeted



Maria Collinso @ijamesuq29 · 12h

I have an older sister, David said.

  1  ...

 Pentametron retweeted



elvis presley @elvisrock247 · 12h

Id rather watch the puppy bowl instead

  3  1 ...

Thricedotted, *Wikisext*

how 2 sext @wikisext · Feb 1

xx.

sext: you spend time moving your bristles at and below the gum line, where it is most important to clean while i find my fluoride mouthwash

  2  5 ...

how 2 sext @wikisext · Feb 1

xx.

sext: you gradually find my file or folder that you want to hide while i set hidden items to display

  7  6 ...

how 2 sext @wikisext · Feb 1

xx.


sext: i carelessly tell goofy jokes as you desperately spend more time learning from kids

  7  11 ...

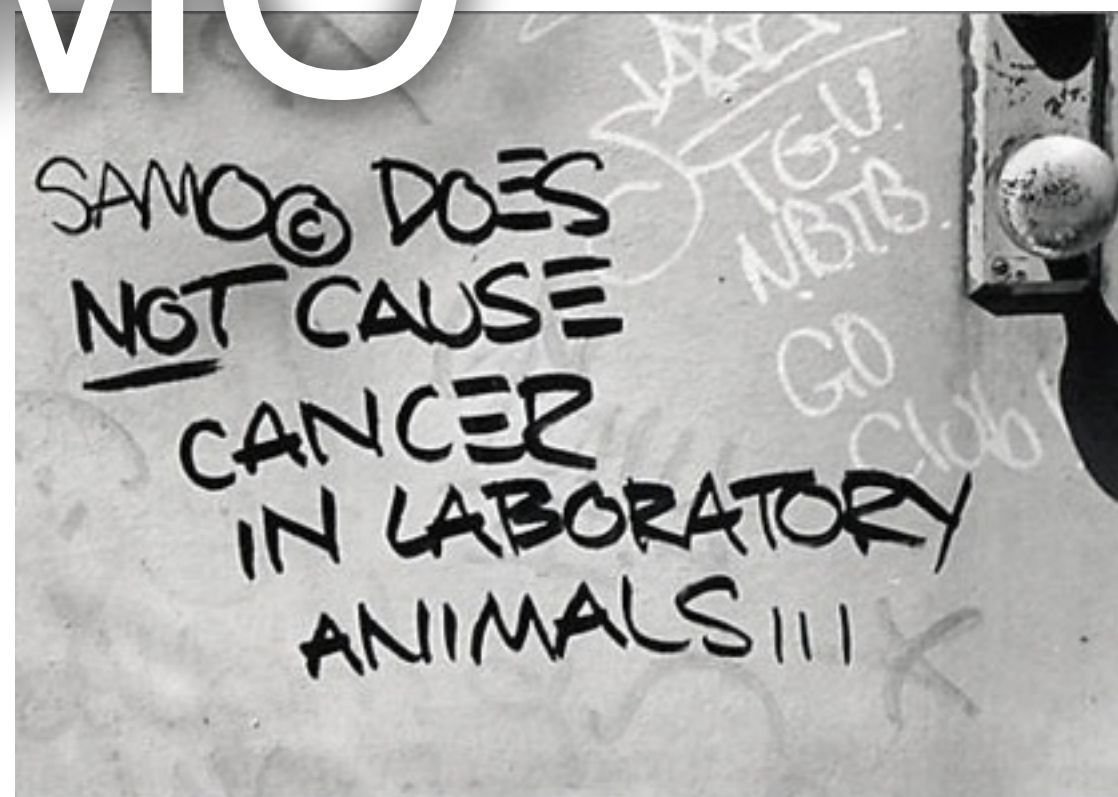
how 2 sext @wikisext · Jan 31

xx.

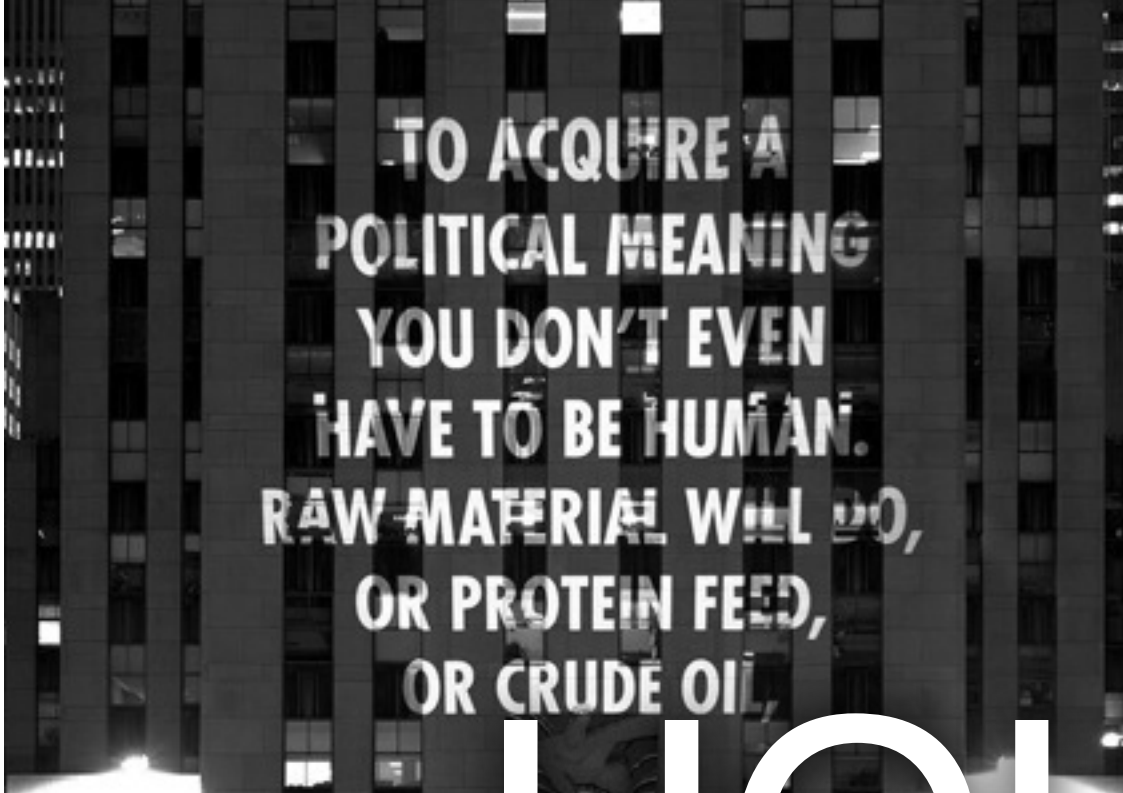
sext: you daringly learn to recognize your feelings while i daringly interpret my emotional response to events

  34  36 ...

graffiti



SAMO



TO ACQUIRE A
POLITICAL MEANING
YOU DON'T EVEN
HAVE TO BE HUMAN.
RAW MATERIAL WILL DO,
OR PROTEIN FEED,
OR CRUDE OIL,



I FIND MY SKIN
A COVER OF SENSE
THE ORDAINED EDGE

HOLZER



MORE PEOPLE
AND NEW OFFENSES
AVE SPRUNG UP BESIDE
THE OLD ONES —
REAL, MAKE-BELIEVE,
SHORT-LIVED



SKIN FAILS

I GAPE

FULL OF YOU



JACKSON

Darius Kazemi, *Am I Rite Bot*



AmlRite Bot @AmlRiteBot · Jan 31

Drinks On Us Remix? More like Drinks On Acquiesce Remix, amirite?



AmlRite Bot @AmlRiteBot · Jan 31

NFL Hall of Fame? More like NFL Hall of Same, amirite?



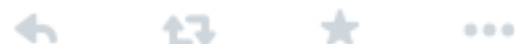
AmlRite Bot @AmlRiteBot · Jan 31

Uncle Creepy? More like Uncle Sleepy, amirite?



AmlRite Bot @AmlRiteBot · Jan 31

#ReedOnYouNow? More like Reed Dhahran You Now, amirite?



AmlRite Bot @AmlRiteBot · Jan 31

NFL Honors? More like NFL Conners, amirite?



Casey Kolderup, *wow rude*

**Allison Parrish**
@aparrish

today in poetic conceptnet lemmatization errors,

← ↻ ★ ⋮

grind — *Antonym* → sky
ground is not sky

RETWEETS 3 FAVORITES 11



5:02 PM - 15 Dec 2014



**wow rude** @wowwwwrude · Dec 15
@aparrish wow rude

← ↻ ★ 7 ⋮



**Allison Parrish**
@aparrish

I feel like cats do very little architecture and what architecture they DO engage in should be encouraged

← ↻ ★ ⋮

FAVORITES 12



4:38 PM - 9 Aug 2014



**wow rude** @wowwwwrude · Aug 9
@aparrish wow rude

← ↻ ★ 4 ⋮



Katie Rose Pipkin, *Tiny Star Fields*

•*tiny star fields*• @tiny_star_field · Feb 1



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bots are not
(necessarily)

interactive
intelligent
visual
twitter-specific

<https://twitter.com/ckolderup/lists/the-fall-of-humanity/members>

<http://www.decontextualize.com/>