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Why should we care about web archives?
First, more data than ever before is being preserved...
Second, it’ll be saved and delivered to us in very different ways.
Farmers Join Occupy Wall Street, Calling for Food Justice

As Wall Street's corrupt influence on the economy has grown, the corporate ownership of our food system has hurt the health and livelihood of some of our most vulnerable communities. This Sunday, December 4th food justice activists and occupiers will be traveling from as far as Colorado, Iowa, Maine and Upstate New York to join together for the Occupy Wall Street FARMERS MARCH. Through a day of dialogue, musical performances, and a march, farmers and their urban allies working for food justice in their communities will form alliances to fight and expose corporate control of the food supply.

Events throughout the day will call and inspire participants to fight against the corporate manipulation of the agriculture system. An industry that is responsible for using chemical toxins tied to soaring obesity rates, heart disease and diabetes and limiting access to affordable, wholesome food to the country's poorest citizens.

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Occupy Wall Street Goes Home

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NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION DEC. 6, 2011

On December 6th Occupy Wall Street will join in solidarity with a Brooklyn community to re-occupy a foreclosed home. The day of action marks a national kick-off for the 2011 challenge to the nation's housing crisis, demanding an end to foreclosures. This is the next
Scarcity
Abundance
Could one study the 1990s or beyond without web archives?
And the 1990s are history (as painful as it is to say..)
But right now you have to use the Wayback Machine - requiring you know the URL!
October 1996

Welcome Cybernauts!

You have arrived at the home page of the Liberal Party of Canada. Perhaps you know who we are?

In fact, you may have read about us in your local newspaper, heard about us on your local radio or seen stories about us on your TV (especially if you’re from Canada). We do get lots of exposure in the traditional media... unfortunately, it’s all one-way communication. We Liberals are excited about the potential of the World Wide Web... the potential for interactive communication with you!

We are hoping that you will find our site interesting... we are certainly trying to make it so. And we are using your suggestions to improve as we grow. So please keep those e-mails coming!

On behalf of our leader Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, our President Senator Daniel Hays and our National Executive, welcome... enjoy your visit... and come back again!

Yours in surfing,
The WebMaster at LPC

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The Case Study: Canadian Politics
Ian McKay and Jamie Swift, *Warrior Nation*
Pivotal Changes in Canadian Politics

- Militarization of Canadian society?
- Change from ‘natural governing party’ of Liberals to Conservatives
- Major policy changes on foreign policy, environment, etc.
- Sweeping change to how we understand our history
- How to measure?
Canadian Political Parties & Political Interest Group Collection

● 50 Websites
  ○ All major political parties
  ○ Many minor political parties
  ○ Political interest groups
● Collected quarterly between 2005 and present
The Current Interface..

- Very limited - simple search engine, some advanced options; no facets
- Great collection.. But nobody uses them.
Enter Open Source Software:
Shine
What is it?
UKWA++
Play Framework; MVC w/Scala

https://www.playframework.com/
Apache Solr

http://lucene.apache.org/solr/
14M+ Solr docs!
webarchive-discovery

https://github.com/ukwa/webarchive-discovery
Shine

https://github.com/ukwa/shine/
The NDP still fighting to save Canada Post

In order to bring the drastic restructuring at Canada Post back to the spotlight, the NDP held a press conference this morning to condemn the Conservatives' new price hikes for stamps, which will bring the cost to a record $1 and affect consumers across the country.

Conservatives leaving municipalities behind

The New Building Canada plan will in no way reverse the infrastructure and public transit deficiencies that communities are facing throughout the country. The NDP is urging the Conservative government to take immediate action to ensure that the plan meets the needs of municipalities.

Official Opposition statement on Earth Hour

Official Opposition Environment Critic Megan Leslie (Halifax) made the following statement on Earth Hour:

"On Saturday night (8:30-9:30 PM local time), New Democrats will join millions of people and businesses around the world in turning off our lights to raise awareness about the need to tackle climate change. Despite the upcoming federal election, I'm calling on Stephen Harper to join millions of people around the world in committing to acting on climate change on Earth Hour.

"Joining millions of people and businesses around the world in turning off our lights for one hour is a simple way to raise awareness about the importance of acting on climate change. The Harper government still hasn't set any tough targets on climate change, which is why New Democrats are calling for a climate change action plan that would put Canada back on track to stopping climate change.

"Canadians expect the government to act on climate change and no one is acting tougher than the NDP. I'm calling on Stephen Harper to join millions of people around the world in committing to acting on climate change on Earth Hour."

"By joining millions of people and businesses around the world in turning off our lights for one hour on September 26th, Stephen Harper can show that he is at least willing to join the fight against climate change."

The NDP supports the important work of groups like Earth Hour, which raises awareness of the need to act on climate change. "Together, we can strengthen the case for meaningful action on climate change. By joining millions of people and businesses around the world in turning off our lights for one hour, we can show that we care about the planet we share," Leslie said.
Five Things We Learned

- Political parties delete content
- User-generated comments were more common in political parties
- Absences can be more informative than presences
- We can see the rise/fall of prominent people
- Enabling user access is truly transformative
...and the fascinating thing about all this is
...the realization that you’re basically doing what search engines are doing.
Wait! I’m not done!
What if we made Shine talk to Voyant Tools?
Jack Layton | Leadership(ndp.ca)

Jack Layton | Leadership
INSPIRE awards honour Jack Layton - YouTube(youtube.com)
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