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Alternative Cartographies: Dismantling Borders’ Toxic Discourses & Colonial Cultural Records

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U.S.-Mexico Border Cartography
Torn Apart & BAC: Initiatives that create alternative cartographies that challenge colonialist and toxic impositions.
Borderlands Archives Cartography

A transborderlands project that records nineteenth and twentieth century U.S.-Mexico borderlands newspapers available in digital format. Dedicated to:

- Locate
- Map
- Facilitate access

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Borderlands Newspapers’ Archives

ARCHIVES SOURCES

FONDOS DOCUMENTALES JOAQUÍN MEADE
Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas

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Universidad Autónoma Nacional de México

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University of Austin

HISPANIC AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS, 1808-1930
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Período uno: Colonial

Período dos: Guerra México – EE.UU.

Período tres: Relaciones transnacionales
Borderlands Archives Cartography is a bridge that works toward a deeper analysis of the US-Mexico border, its political tensions and transnational/transborder dynamics. This counter discourse visibilizes a shared history of this region between the Global North and South. BAC creates an alternative form of documenting the historical memory of the U.S.-Mexico geopolitical border by inquiring the content of newspaper archives with the aim of new interpretations of the past for a deeper understanding of the present in order to challenge toxic discourses.
Volume 1 intervened in United States’ immigration debates with data narratives illuminating the effects of the government’s policy of separating families, which began at the Mexico-U.S. border but, as TA/S revealed, is, in fact, a national landscape of immigrant detention.

Volume 2 launched two months later, datamined and visualized U.S.-government contracts awarded by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, following the money behind the vast infrastructure subtending immigration enforcement.

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What We Know: Family Separation And 'Zero Tolerance' At The Border

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CAMILA DOMONOSKE RICHARD GONZALES

A photo provided by U.S. Customs and Border Protection shows the interior of a CBP facility in McAllen, Texas, on Sunday. Immigration officials have separated thousands of families who crossed the border illegally. Reporters taken on a tour of the facility were not allowed by agents to interview any of the detainees or take photos, the AP reported.

Which Politicians are Taking Money from Immigrant Detention Profiteers?

by Kevin Connor and Derek Seidman

JULY 5, 2018
Humanities Approach = Ethical Data

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TA/S Cartographies
Dismantling the “border crisis”

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TA/S Transnational Alliances

Torn Apart / Separados Allies Directory

The list below was curated by our research team and is by no means exhaustive.

International

- Kino Border Initiative
  Nogales, Arizona
  ☎ (520) 287-2370
  @KinoBorder

- Hope Border Institute
  Las Cruces, El Paso, Cd. Juárez, New Mexico, Texas, Chihuahua
  ☎ (915) 8428400
  @HopeBorder

- Pueblo Sin Fronteras
  @pueblosf

- Detained Migrant Solidarity Committee
  El Paso, Texas
  ☎ (915) 329-6086

http://xpmethod.plaintext.in/torn-apart/volume/2/
TA/S is more than information. It is a living resource, one the team hopes migrants will use to find their families and that researchers will build upon. Much of the project's power is in its archival potential. "Not many are documenting to what is happening in everyday life of migrants… This is a digital historical record" (WIRED). “The work of Torn Apart demonstrates a committed and engaged team of researchers that can intervene in the most pressing social justice issues of our day.” (Fronteras)
BAC and Torn Apart digital maps and visualizations pose new questions contest established narratives, creates alternative forms of mapping and activate a knowledge production shaped from the ground-up. With this in mind, these alternative cartographies function as a historical and cultural record of the present and become resources to resist impositions in the future.
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