Indian Country’s Changing Landscape: Decolonial Data-Visualizations

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“[The United States] nation was born in genocide when it embraced the doctrine that the original American, the Indian, was an inferior race. Even before there were large numbers of Negroes on our shores, the scar of racial hatred had already disfigured colonial society. From the sixteenth century forward, blood flowed in battles of racial supremacy. We are perhaps the only nation which tried as a matter of national policy to wipe out its indigenous population. Moreover, we elevated that tragic experience into a noble crusade. Indeed even today we have not permitted ourselves to reject or to feel remorse for this shameful episode. Our literature, our films, our drama, our folklore all exalt it.”

-- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

John Gast’s American Progress 1872
Osama Bin Laden: **Dead**

May 2\(^{nd}\), 2011

1030pm 1045pm
Twitter TV News

May 3\(^{rd}\), 2011

10am
40,000 blog posts
2.2 Million Tweets

Many People to One Media

Many Media to One Person

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“to us, American history is how the big sea became little ponds.”
Many People to One Media
Many Media to One
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Original maps produced by Smithsonian Cartographer, Dan G. Cole for the Handbook of North American Indians (vol 7)

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War data parsed from Legends of America

Treaty data parsed from Indian Affairs: Laws and Treaties archived by Oklahoma State University

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