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Guide to the Web Archive on the October 1, 2017 Shooting in Las Vegas, Nevada

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Summary Information

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Title:	Web Archive on the October 1, 2017 Shooting in Las Vegas, Nevada
ID:	MS-00866
Date [inclusive]:	2017-2018
Physical Description:	171 Gigabytes
Physical Description:	226 Websites
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The collection is comprised of captured websites and Twitter data related to the mass shooting that occured at the Route 91 Harvest Festival in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 1, 2017. Captured websites are primarily comprised of articles and news stories from local, national, and international news media outlets. Websites were captured periodically from 2017 to 2018. The collection also includes Twitter data associated with the October 1 shooting that were captured via concurrent queries to the Twitter API for all Tweets containing the term "vegas" occuring September 29, 2017 to October 7, 2017.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

On October 1, 2017, a gunman opened fire on a crowd of over 22,000 people in attendance at the Route 91 Harvest country music festival in Las Vegas, Nevada, resulting in the deaths of 58 people and injuries to over 500 people. The gunman, Stephen Paddock, fired down upon the crowd for over ten minutes from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino on Las Vegas Boulevard and then fatally shot himself as law enforcement officers closed in on him.

Source:

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, "LVMPD Preliminary Investigative Report: 1 October/Mass Casualty Shooting" Last modified January 18, 2018. https://www.lvmpd.com/en-us/Documents/1_October_FIT_Report_01-18-2018_Footnoted.pdf

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

The collection is organized into two series:

I. Web Archive;

II. Twitter Dataset.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

The archived websites in Series I is available for access at: https://n2t.net/ark:/62930/w1159p.

The public Tweet identifiers in Series II are available for access at: https://n2t.net/ark:/62930/d12v2ch23. At this time, Tweet identifiers can be used to reconstitute the datasets via Twitter's API with the "hydrate" function of twarc.

In accordance with Twitter's Terms of Service, the full dataset of Twitter data is accessible only to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Data can be used for educational purposes. IP-restricted access is provided via UNLV University Libraries at: https://n2t.net/ark:/62930/d1z31nv8w. Due to the size of

the dataset, direct file transfer is also available at the UNLV Lied Library during Special Collections and Archives hours of operation. Visit the Special Collections and Archives Reading Room located on the third floor of the Lied Library to receive a direct transfer of files. For specific questions, please contact special.collections@unlv.edu.

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In adherence to Twitter's Terms of Service, the full Twitter dataset in Series II is only accessible onsite at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Acquisition Note

The Twitter data was collected by the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Libraries in 2017 using twarc; the archived websites were collected by the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Libraries in 2017 and 2018.

Processing Note

The content in this collection was identified using two methods: Twitter datasets were captured in 2017 by Thomas Padilla who used used twarc to search for and capture all Tweets containing the term "vegas" occurring between September 29 to October 7, 2017 before 5:00 PM PT.

UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives staff selected websites to archive based on a list of frequently shared links represented from the Twitter dataset. Archived websites were captured, preserved, and managed using Archive-It, a web archiving subscription service. Archived website captures were managed periodically by Tammi Kim from 2017 to 2018. Descriptive metadata for the finding aid was created by Tammi Kim in 2018.

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Names and Subjects

- 1 October shooting, Las Vegas, Nev., 2017
- Social media
- Mass shootings
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Web archives
- Datasets

Technical Requirements

The Tweet identifiers can be used to retrieve the full tweet data from Twitter. Hydrator, an Electron based desktop application, was created for that purpose. Users can download Hydrator at the following URL: https://github.com/DocNow/hydrator

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Collection Inventory

Series I. Archived websites, 2017-2018

Physical Description: 226 Websites

Scope and Contents Note: The series is comprised of archived captures of websites and social media sites related to the October 1, 2017 mass shooting that occurred at the Route 91 Harvest Festival in Las Vegas, Nevada. UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives staff selected websites that represent immediate news coverage of the event from established and alternative news media. The majority of content on these sites is comprised of articles and news stories from local, national, and international news media outlets. Established news media sources include the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, *Las Vegas Sun*, Fox News, The New York Times, and CNN. Alternative news media sources include the Las Vegas Weekly, Buzzfeed, and Truthfeed News. Websites and social media sites were also selected based on the most frequently shared URLs on Twitter related to the shooting in Las Vegas. The websites in this collection were crawled and captured using Archive-It from October 2017 to October 2018.

Title/Description	Containers

Websites selected by UNLV staff, 2017-2018

Physical Description: 101 Websites

Scope and Contents Note: The websites archived in this series were selected by UNLV Special Collections and Archives staff to represent public reaction to the shooting that occured at the Route 91 Harvest Festival on October 1, 2017. The majority of the links in this series are comprised of local and national news coverage of the incident.

Access Note: These archived websites are open to the public and available online at: https://n2t.net/ark:/62930/w1f59d

Websites and Tweets collected via twarc, 2017-2018

Physical Description: 125 Websites

Scope and Contents Note: The websites archived in this series represent a sampling of the most frequently shared links on Twitter using the keyword "vegas" between September 29 and October 7, 2017. The series also includes Tweets from individual and news media accounts that were publicly available. Links to web content were selected from a list generated from twarc, a command line tool and Python library for archiving Twitter JSON data. Websites primarily represent mainstream and alternative news media sites, both domestic and foreign.

Access Note: These archived websites are open to the public and available online at: https://n2t.net/ark:/62930/w1qp45

Series II. Twitter datasets, 2017

Scope and Contents Note: This series contains data collected from the Twitter microblogging platform. The dataset was captured as a part of a range of efforts to capture Twitter data associated with the October 1, 2017 mass shooting that occured at the Route 91 Harvest country music festival in Las Vegas, Nevada. Data were gathered via concurrent queries to the Twitter API for all Tweets containing the term "vegas" occurring September 29 and October 7, 2017 before 5:00 PM PT. The full Twitter datasets (restricted to use on campus) is expressed in the JSON (javascript object notation) format structured text files and represents de-duplicated Tweets, shared and re-tweeted URLs, and shared and re-tweeted image URLs. The dataset also includes the images that were associated with the collected Tweets. The public Twitter dataset includes a list of Tweet identifiers for public distribution in accordance with Twitter's Terms of Service.

Title/Description	Containers

Tweet identifiers, 2017

Scope and Contents Note: This dataset contains the identifiers for the Tweets in the full dataset in accordance with Twitter's Terms of Service for public distribution. All JSON files in the dataset are sorted chronologically.

Access Note: Tweet identifiers are open to the public and are available online at: https://n2t.net/ark:/62930/d12v2ch23. The Tweet identifiers can be used to retrieve the full Tweet data from Twitter. Hydrator, an Electron based desktop application was created for that purpose. Users can download Hydrator at the following URL: https://github.com/DocNow/hydrator By downloading these data you agree to Twitter's Terms of Service. This dataset is intended for academic purposes (non-commercial research) only. Twitter policies do not allow publicly posting or sharing data retrieved from the Twitter API. However, they do allow the sharing of Tweet ids, direct message ids, and/or user ids. Twitter's Terms of Service can be read at the following URL: https://twitter.com/en/tos

Twitter datasets, 2017

Scope and Contents Note: This is comprised of all the Tweets captured and the images that were associated with the collected Tweets. The Tweets are expressed in JSON and have been separated into zip files representing 24-hour intervals.

Access Note: This dataset is intended for academic purposes (non-commercial research) only. Access to these data is restricted to UNLV faculty, staff, and students. These data are accessible online at: https://n2t.net/ark:/62930/d1z31nv8w. Due to the size of the dataset, direct file transfer is also available at the UNLV Lied Library during Special Collections and Archives hours of operation. Visit the Special Collections and Archives Reading Room located on the third floor of the Lied Library to receive a direct transfer of files. For specific questions, please contact special.collections@unlv.edu.Twitter's Terms of Service can be read at the following URL: https://twitter.com/en/tos