

Nazi Propaganda as Linked Open Data: A case study

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Still from Spiegel der Beweging, januari 1944, Filmdienst der NSB





Who are we?



About this presentation

- World War 2 in the Netherlands
- Network War Collections: what and why?
- Using linked open data- why and how?
- The case of Nazi propaganda as Public Domain
- Results and next steps
- Q&A

WW2 in the Netherlands

1932: Founding of the Dutch National Socialist Party (NSB)

1940: Invasion of the Netherlands

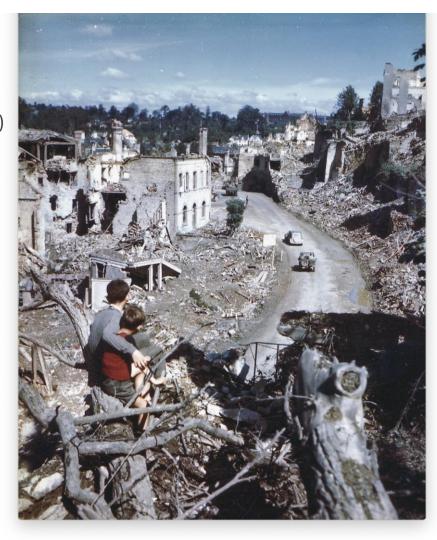
1942: Start Deportation of Jews

1944: Liberation southern part of the Netherlands Hunger winter in the North

May 5th 1945: Liberation of the Netherlands

150.000 collaborators arrested; 39 death sentences

198.000 Dutch were killed during WW2 of which 102.000 Holocaust victims



450+ Organisations with WW2 collections





Dutch Network War Collections



Network War Collections WW2

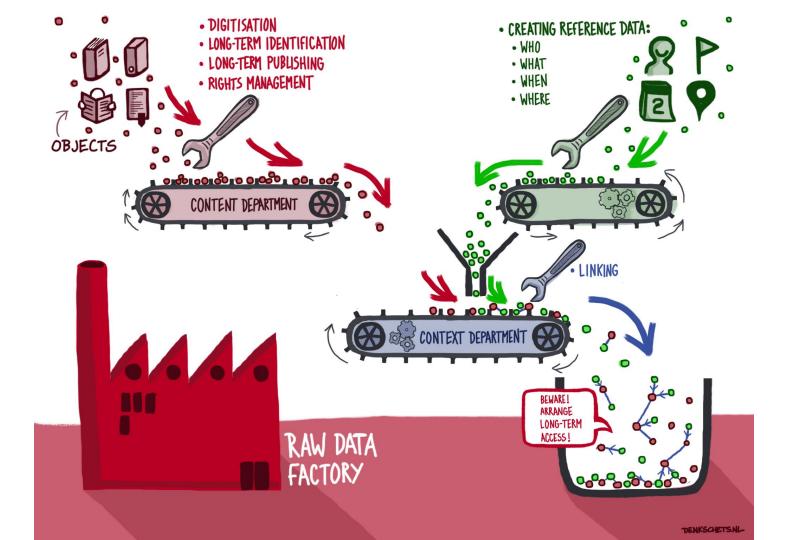
- Partner organisation (contract!)
- Digital Infrastructure
- Expertise center
- Private and government funded



Sound and Vision as a Network partner

- National audiovisual archive & museum
- SOUND AND VISION

- Research projects
- Copyrights and access policies
- Data and metadata (enrichment) for thematic access



10 million+ objects, 225 Collections, 1,146 Films



METADATA &
FULL CONTENT

Ingest metadata

OCR & concept extract

crowdsourcing

NETWERK KENNISCENTRUM GEFACILITEERD DOOR HET NIOD OORLOGS BRONNEN

WHAT



WHERE



WHO



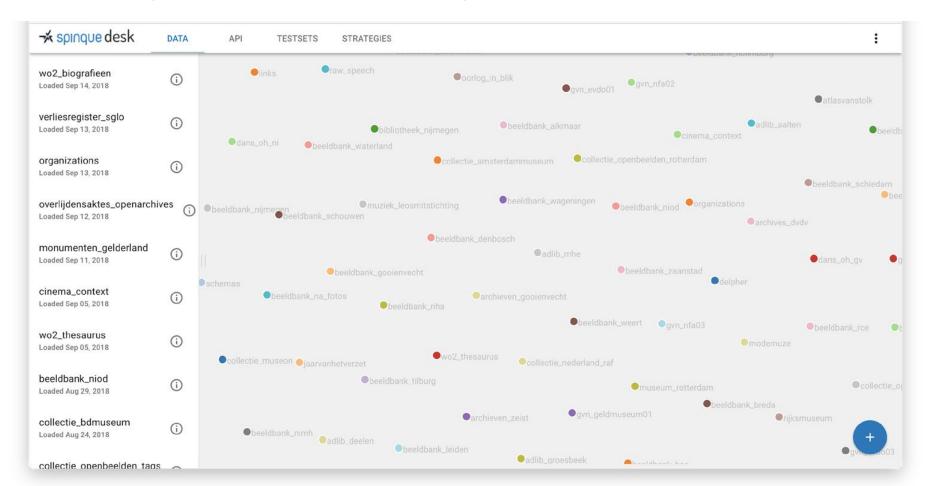
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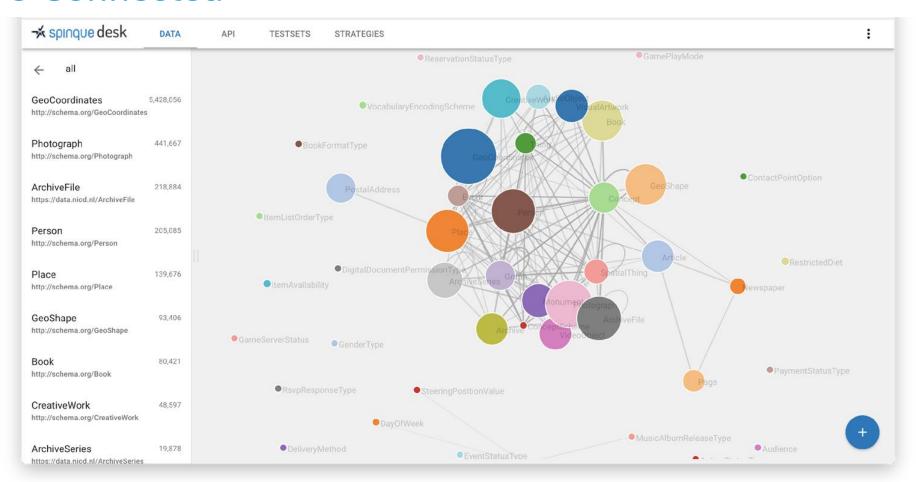
They all have something(s) in common



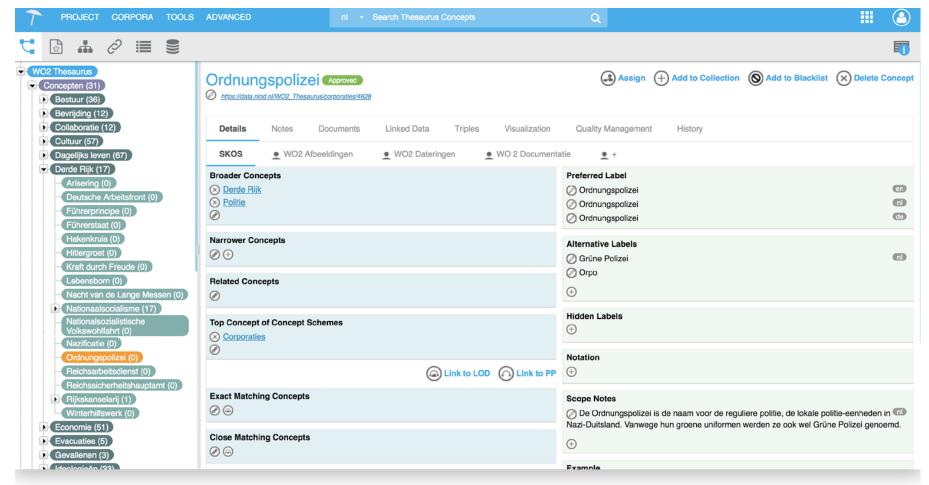
Linked Open Data: from Separated



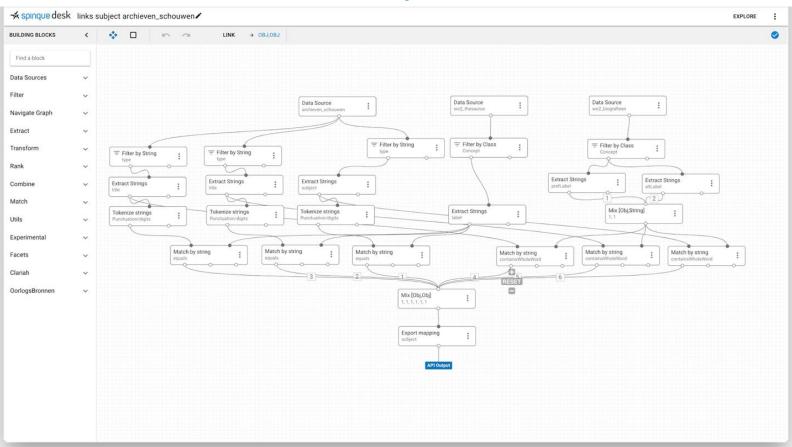
To Connected



Common vocabulary: WW2 thesaurus



Combine, match and improve



New WW2 keywords added



THE LEADER OF NSB VISITS DORDRECHT - MIRROR OF MOVEMENT NO. 6, item 8

Mussert arrives with the car for a visit to Dordrecht. Mussert makes a round trip by car through Dordrecht, while the Jeugdstormers are lined up along the streets. Mussert inspects the WA on the square. Then Mussert takes a parade from the WA.

09.43 Text: The Leader of the NSB visits Dordrecht; projected over vignette NSB 09.51 Mussert's car arrives on square; he steps out, accompanied by his adjutant Van de Arend 10.07 De Bruin, leader of the speaker corps of the NSB, is also present 10.11 The hood of the car is folded down, after which people step on board the Stormers in the streets of Dordrecht 10.20 Mussert inspects the WA on the square 10.34 Mussert greets the Van Geelkerken present on behalf of the Youth Storm 10.36 Mars through the city of the WA, along among others Mussert who uses his car as a podium of honor 10.44 De Bruin set up by the guests of honor 10.55 End

anton mussert





national youth storm

naastricht

Place Dating

Identification number

Organization
Supplied by

Rights

Collection
URL to source

Maastricht 1941-01-01

http://www.oorloginblik.nl/film/niod/2759693

Netherlands Institute for Sound and Vision , Sound and Vision Network War sources Copyright not known

Heritage of the War, Audio Visual Heritage.

Go to website



Photo: Foreman of the Dutch War Museum Overloon



The Netherlands feeds itself. Netherlands Institute for Sound



A song sounds through the Henk van Gelder (1946-),



See number 753. Berlin. Ir NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust



Labor is filmed under the
NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust



In 1981 the NIOD received, via NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust





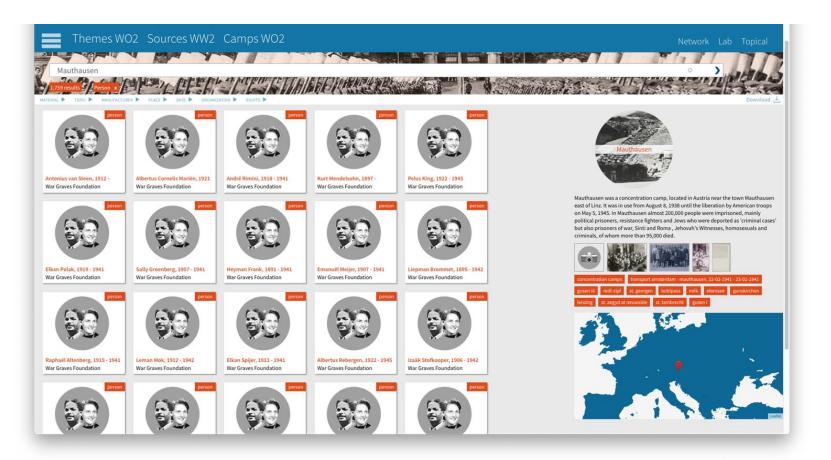






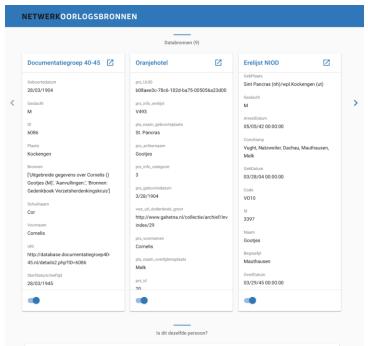


Related objects, places and people



What happens when you Link Personal Data?

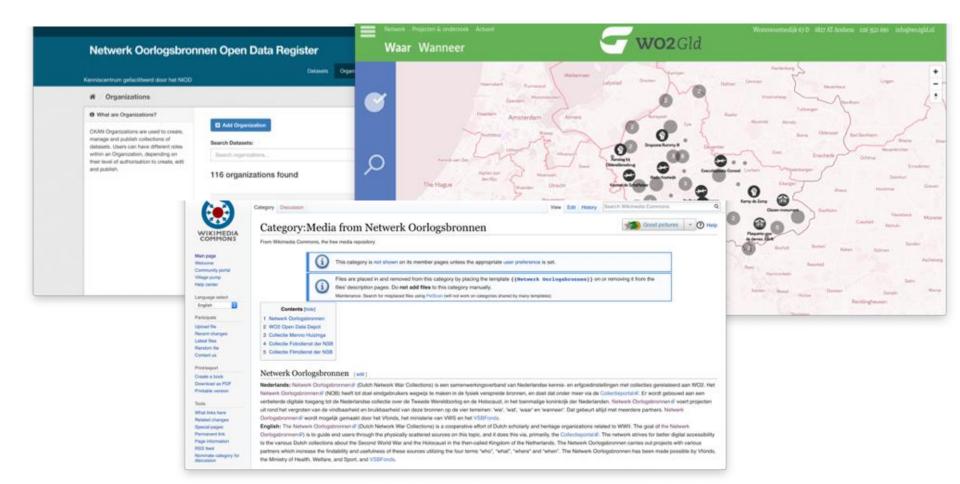




WW2 was rather Eventful

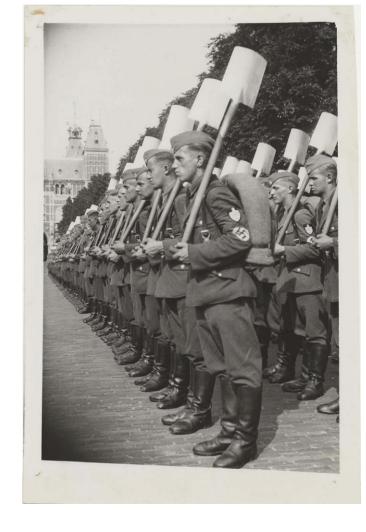


War Resources 4 All



Why Open Data?

- Outreach and education
- Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe (LOCKSS)
- Linking Data impossible without Open Data
- Thematic approach = beyond institution scope
- We are all owners of these collections



Audiovisual collections from WW2

- Most WW2 footage in copyright
- Propaganda films are probably out of copyright
- Forgotten collections
- Little research about Dutch Nazis









The Nazi propaganda collection

NSB: the Dutch National Socialist Movement 1931-1945



Still from Vormingsdag te Roermond, Filmdienst der NSB, 1943

The Nazi propaganda collection

- National Socialist Movement Photo & Film service
- Propaganda, 'confiscated war material'
- 170 films, 33 films in HD1080i
- **1**940 1944

Scientific and social value

- 'Ideal world' according to National Socialist Movement
- Order, discipline, patriotism, people's interest before individual interest
- Unanimity, togetherness, solidarity
- First large scale use of propaganda on film

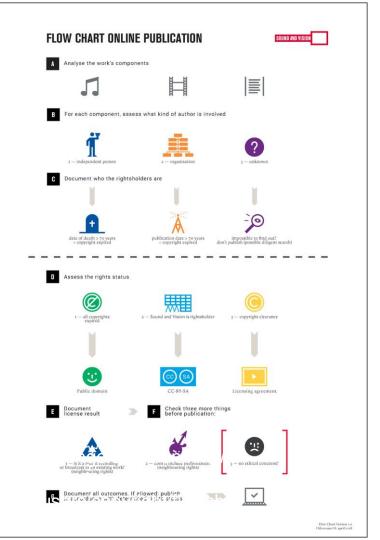
Importance of recognizing propaganda



Crowds on the National Mall just before Donald Trump's inauguration in 2017 (left) and Barack Obama's in 2009. Photograph: Reuters

Public domain status

- Films: 1940-1944
- Flowchart online publication
- Author = organisation
- Dismantled: "Besluit Ontbinding Landverraderlijke Organisaties" (BOLO, September 17th, 1944)
- 70 years after 1st publication → public domain
- Risk assessment



Find it online here: http://www.beeldengeluid.nl/en/knowledge/knowledge -themes/users/copyright/flowchart

Benefits of publication as open data

- Complete, authentic material from a reliable resource
- Expert knowledge
- New metadata
- Thematic, contextual information
- Scientifical use- digital humanities
- Showing the complete story
- Sharing on Wikimedia and other places

Ethical risks: persons



Still from "Aanleg van een vliegveld", Spiegel der Beweging nr 27., item 7, 1943

Ethical risks: naive and idealistic image



Still from "Houdt uw stad schoon," 1942

Ethical risks: possible misuse



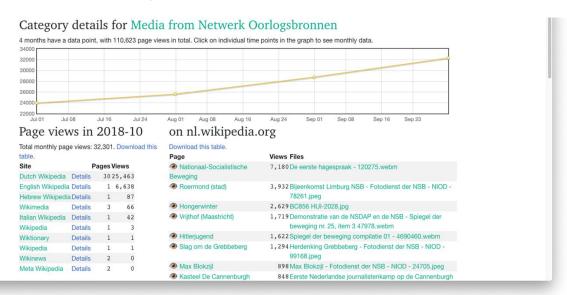
Sill from 'Filmverslag van het officiële bezoek van Mussert aan de provincie Noord Holland." Spiegel der Beweging 1942

Diligent research

- Reaching out to the CIDI (Israeli representative organisations)
- Putting together Q&A and factsheets
- Communication plans

Publication channels

- Symposium
- Media attention: 50 websites, national TV & 2 radio shows
- Wikimedia → Wikipedia
- Social media: Twitter, FaceBook



Reception on social media



'This is history. History isn't always smart or pretty. It is what it is."

Reception in newsmedia

'Van NSB-propagandafilms werd je niet meteen

extreemrechts

Propagandafilms NSB zijn online besch

Auteur: Marjolein Overmeer | 1 juni 2018



NSB-propagandafilms komen online beschikbaar. Beeld en Geluid en het Netwerk Oorlogsbronnen NSB-propagandafilms publiceren het propagandamateriaal om zo grootschalig en laagdrempelig onderzoek mogelijk te maken en te stimuleren. Net bin

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De plek

Publicity and marketing



Next steps



- Extending rights research to clear more collections
- Keep on monitoring response and use

want to find this material yourself?

- openbeelden.nl, openimages.eu
- in.beeldengeluid.nl
- oorlogsbronnen.nl
- Wikimedia → Wikipedia

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