

Borderlands Archives Cartography

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Introduction

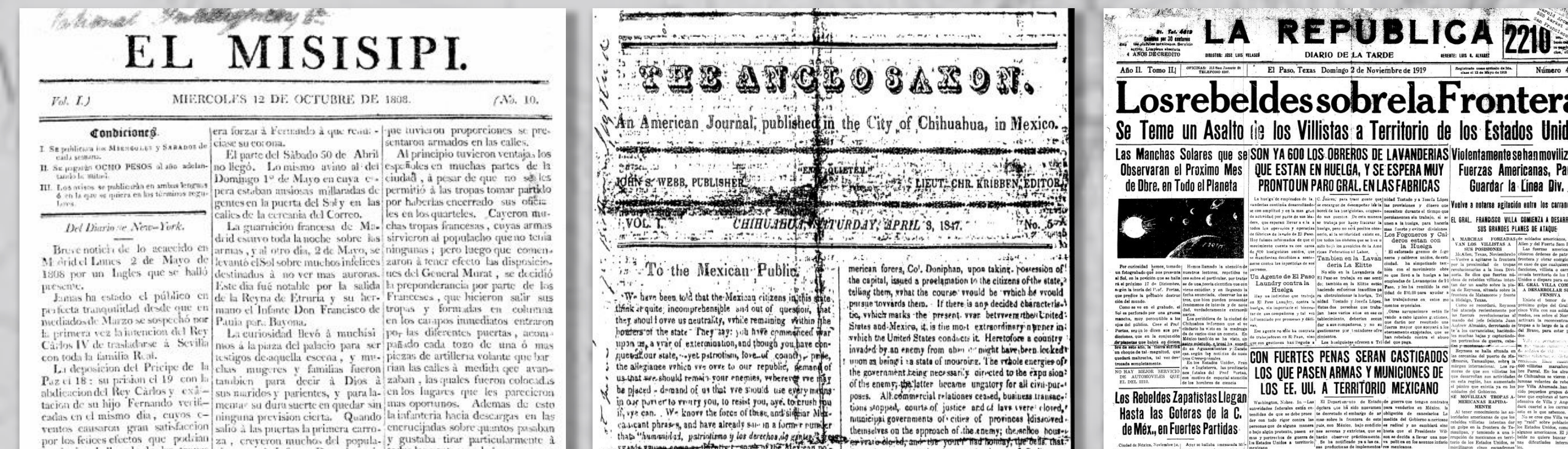
- BAC emerges from the constant aggressive political rhetoric that displays the geographic and ideological border between the United States and Mexico as a threat.
- The objective is to uncover newspapers published on the U.S.-Mexico border from 1808-1930.

Historical Context

- The U.S.-Mexico border went over a geographical and political transition that established the current division line.
- The periodicals included are categorized in three historical periods, according to the year published:
 - Period One (Colonial ruling) 1808 to 1846.
 - Period Two (Mexican-American War) 1847 to 1854.
 - Period Three (Transition to the current division line) 1855 to 1930.

Material

- The data collected from newspapers comes from U.S. and Mexican archives

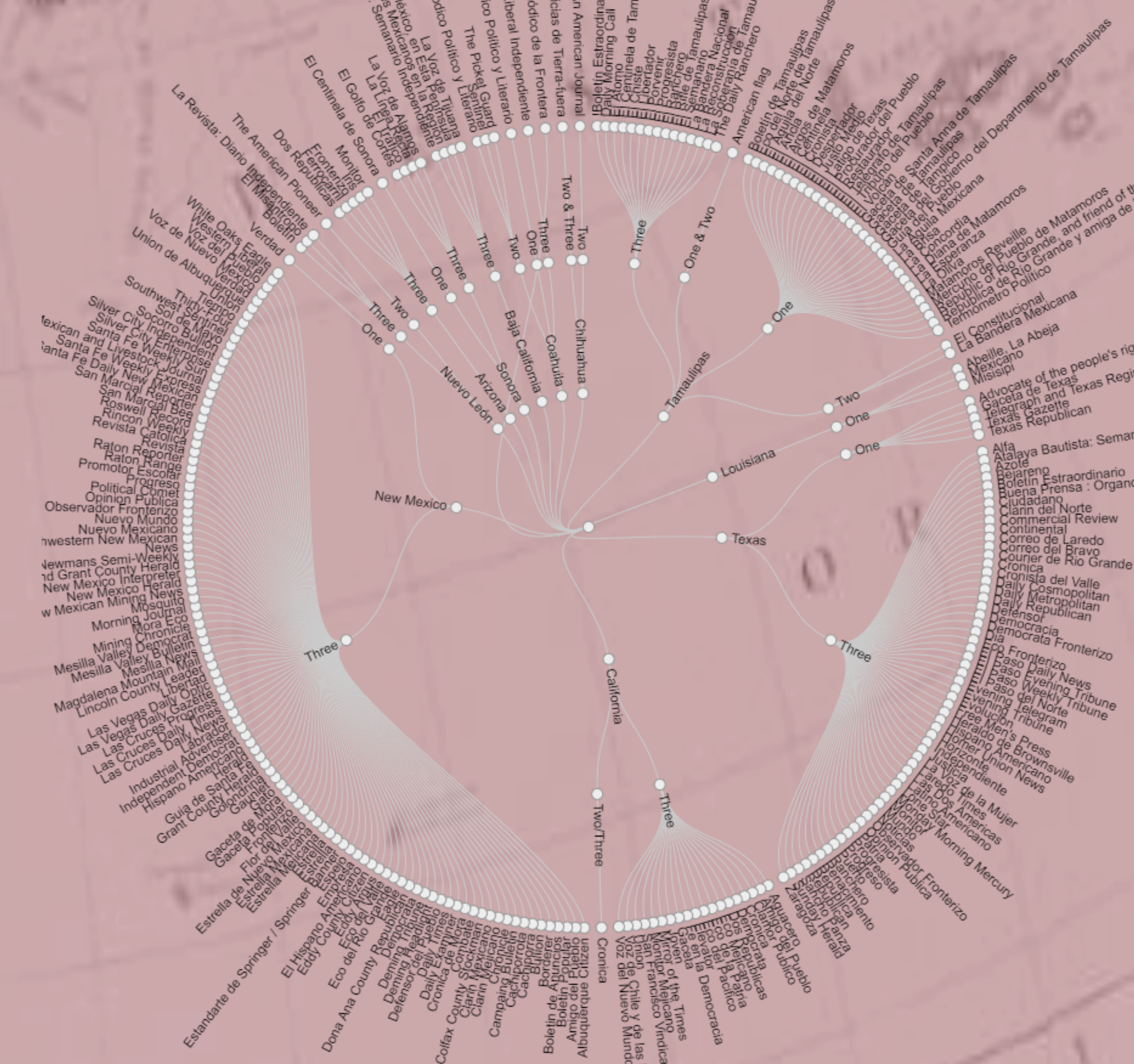


Approach

- The project takes a digital humanities platform to expand the notion of methodologies and data analysis of borders.
- The digital map displays the geographical location of newspapers.
- This approach facilitates the access to the material recovered and promotes diverse forms of research.

Results

- Borderlands communities have been practicing literary production and self-documentation continuously from the nineteenth to the twentieth century.



Conclusion

- Bacartography.org emerges as the first U.S-Mexico borderlands newspaper digital archive.
- The project makes newspapers information visible to others to deconstruct political discourses.



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