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Commentary

Access to archival documents intersects critically with human rights, as it enables transparency, accountability, and justice for past atrocities. These instances highlight the role of archives in supporting human rights by ensuring that records of violations are accessible to those who need them.

- The European Court of Human Rights recently underscored this by ruling that [Russia's restrictions on accessing archival documents about Soviet political repression](#) violated freedom of expression and the right to information.
- The [preservation of images from conflict zones](#), such as Gaza, is vital not only for documenting immediate humanitarian crises but also for safeguarding historical records for future accountability.
- Archivists at the University of Houston have preserved [decades of local LGBT radio shows](#), providing a rich tapestry of stories that reflect the diverse experiences of the community from the 1970s onward.
- An Irish university's efforts to help Ukraine [safeguard its cultural heritage](#) against Russia's 'memory war' illustrate the crucial role of archives in protecting national identity.

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- The Smithsonian’s online portal featuring 146 slave badges from Charleston and the Israel State Archives’ public release of Jerusalem population files from 1948 further demonstrate how access to archival records can [illuminate the complexities of historical events and social dynamics](#).
- The Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition’s digital archive offers [a platform for truth and reconciliation](#) regarding the experiences of Native American students in government-run boarding schools.

SAHR News

- Two members of the SAHR Executive Committee, Blanca Bazaco Palacios and Antonio Gonzalez Quintan, provided expert opinion at the request of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in the judgement of the Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina (AMIA) bombing. You can find references to it in the judgement starting on page 79. See the [Press Release](#) for more information.

Events

Central America

[Call for proposals | CFP: Treinta y tres \(Latinx Oral Histories\)](#). [Oestreicher, Cheryl], 2024-07-01, Publishing in the Archives Profession, [Economic, Social and Cultural Rights]

United States of America

[Event | How Does the Inland Empire Strike Back Against Hate?](#). [Zócalo Public Square], 2023-06-20, Zócalo Public Square, [Racism]

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News by heading

Access to Information

[Burkina Faso Junta Again Suspends TV News Broadcasts](#). The decision by Burkina Faso's media regulatory body to suspend broadcasts of the French news network TV5 is the latest attempt to crack down on independent media and access to information in the West African country. [Ilaria Allegrozzi], 2024-06-20, Human Rights Watch, [Burkina Faso]

[Social media companies' removal of abortion-related content may hinder access to accurate health information](#). Removal of abortion-related content on social media platforms with inadequate or unclear justification can contribute to the increasing challenges in accessing abortion care and threatens the right to health and bodily autonomy, according to a new briefing from Amnesty International. In *Obstacles to Autonomy: Post-Roe Removal of Abortion Information Online*, Amnesty International reveals that social [...] [Amnesty International], 2024-06-11, Amnesty International, [United States of America]

Armed Conflict and Groups

[Explosive Weapons Pose Threats to Cultural Heritage: States Have a Tool to Protect It](#). In early May 2022, Russian forces fired a munition that struck a museum complex including the final home of the 18th-century Ukrainian philosopher and poet Hryhorii Skovoroda. The attack sparked a fire that raged for nearly nine hours. By the time the blaze was extinguished, almost all that remained were scorched walls and a pockmarked statue of the national figure. [Docherty, Bonnie], 2024-06-04, Human Rights Watch, [Worldwide]

Business

[Barrick Gold calls United Nations human rights abuses 'unsubstantiated'](#). Barrick Gold disputes UN allegations of human rights violations at its North Mara mine in Tanzania, calling them misconceptions and inaccuracies. [Surran, Carl], 2024-06-21, Seeking Alpha, [Tanzania, United Republic of]

[Freedom of association is a human right. Why are garment workers still denied it?](#). A new report from the Business & Human Rights Resource Centre reveals a concerning trend of suppliers undermining trade unions and blocking meaningful dialogue with workers. Experts say it's time for brands to step up. [Webb, Bella], 2024-06-19, Vogue Business, [Worldwide]

Children's Rights

[Children's Personal Photos Misused to Power AI Tools](#). The personal photos of Brazilian children are being used to create powerful artificial intelligence (AI) tools without the children's knowledge or consent. [Human Rights Watch], 2024-06-10, Human Rights Watch, [Brazil]

[Increased Attacks on Education During War | Human Rights Watch](#). Attacks on education and military use of schools during armed conflict rose by an alarming 20 percent in 2022 and 2023 compared with the previous two years, according to a new report by the Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack (GCPEA). [Neff, Zama], 2024-06-21, Human Rights Watch, [Worldwide]

[**New UNICEF report reveals severe child food poverty amid world crises.**](#) The UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) released a new report that highlights alarming levels of child food poverty due to inequity, conflict, and climate crises. | [UN News], 2024-06-05, UN News, [Worldwide]

Civil Rights

[**Le tournant antidémocratique en Afrique francophone.**](#) Ni les sanctions internationales ni les médiations régionales n’ont d’effet sur les putschistes. Les “hommes forts” ont tous adopté rapidement des mesures autoritaires, en vue d’asseoir ce qu’ils ont arraché par les armes. Concentration des pouvoirs dans les mains du président autoproclamé, suspension des textes législatifs fondamentaux, restriction des libertés d’expression et de la presse, mise au pas de l’opposition, et reports incessants du projet d’organisation d’élections. [RFI], 2024-05-28, [Africa]

Colonialism

[**Israel’s National Archives Releases 10,000 Files of City Census by Jerusalem’s Civil Guard.**](#) The Israel State Archives – a unit within the Prime Minister’s Office (PMO) – is for the first time revealing to the general public 10,189 population files of Jerusalem residents from 1948, which were collected by the “People’s Guard” in Jerusalem during the War of Independence. [Julian, Hana Levi], 2024-06-05, Jewish Press, [Israel]

Crimes Against Humanity

[**ICC Prosecutor appeals for evidence of Darfur atrocities.**](#) The Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court (ICC) launched a campaign on Tuesday to address the unfolding crisis in the Darfur region of Sudan, amid the going war between rival military forces that erupted last April. [UN News], 2024-06-11, UN News, [Sudan]

[**ICC unseals arrest warrant against Iyad Ag Ghaly.**](#) Today, 21 June 2024, Pre-Trial Chamber I of the International Criminal Court (“ICC” or “the Court”), at the request of the Prosecutor, made public an arrest warrant against Iyad Ag Ghaly for war crimes and crimes against humanity allegedly committed in northern Mali between January 2012 and January 2013. The arrest warrant was initially issued under seal on 18 July 2017. Mr Ghaly is not detained by the ICC. [International Criminal Court (ICC)], 2024-06-21, International Criminal Court News, [Mali]

[**International Criminal Court Members Speak Out.**](#) Ninety-three member countries of the International Criminal Court (ICC) have declared their “unwavering support” for the court in the face of recent threats. [Vignoli, Maria Elena], 2024-06-17, Human Rights Watch, [Worldwide]

Disability Rights

[**Philadelphia’s 200-year-old disability records show welfare reform movement’s early shift toward rationing care and punishing poor people.**](#) Amid rising unemployment, inflation and poverty in the 1830s, Philadelphia taxpayers believed welfare scammers were bleeding coffers dry. Poor lists from 1829 show they were wrong. [Schroeder, Nicole Lee], 2024-06-13, The Conversation, [United States of America]

Disinformation

[A battle against disinformation was won.](#) We may like or dislike the results of the European elections, but we can safely say that no major incidents involving propaganda and disinformation took place in the days of 6-9 June, which amounts to a victory for those who are busy countering this threat. [Gotev, Georgi], 2024-06-13, Euractiv, [Europe]

[Deluge of 'pink slime' websites threaten to drown out truth with fake news in US election.](#) US sites pushing misinformation are proliferating, aiming to look like reliable sources as local newspapers close down. [Berger, Eric], 2024-06-20, The Guardian, [United States of America]

[From beef noodles to bots: Taiwan's factcheckers on fighting Chinese disinformation and 'unstoppable' AI.](#) Taiwan is the target of more disinformation from abroad than any other democracy. [Chan, Elaine], 2024-06-05, The Guardian, [East Asia]

[How Taiwan fights the disinformation war.](#) Newly inaugurated president Lai Ching-te will need to collaborate inside and outside the state to counter China's cognitive warfare. [Huynh Tam Sang; Tong Thai Thien; Le Thi Yen Nhi], 2024-06-20, The Interpreter, [East Asia]

[U.S. and Colombia Should Purge False Information on NGOs from Intelligence Archives.](#) Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA) calls upon the Colombian president and the U.S. president to review and purge intelligence archives containing false information that could cause security problems and other consequences. The statement refers to the impact false information has had on the lives of Colombians. [Washington Office on Latin America], 2024-06-20, WOLA, [Colombia]

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

[Call for proposals | CFP: Treinta y tres \(Latinx Oral Histories\).](#) The Center for Latino and Latin American Studies at Northern Illinois University invites you to submit proposals for its sixth annual interdisciplinary conference, Treinta y tres, to be held on November 21-22, 2024. [Oestreicher, Cheryl], 2024-07-01, Publishing in the Archives Profession, [Central America]

[Turkey rejects claim Lord Elgin had permission to take Parthenon marbles.](#) Official says no sign of permit in Ottoman archives, in blow to British Museum, which defends legal right to statuary [Smith, Helena], 2024-06-07, The Guardian, [Europe]

Elections

[Donald Trump found guilty of hush-money plot to influence 2016 election.](#) Former president calls verdict 'a disgrace' after being convicted in New York on all 34 counts of falsifying business records [Lowell, Hugo; Bekiempis, Victoria], 2024-05-31, The Guardian, [United States of America]

[How data shapes political narratives amid the 2024 super-elections.](#) The age of data might seem like a modern concept, but the notion of using information for political advantage has a long history. [Rafaela Landikusic], 2024-06-20, Global Voices, [Worldwide]

Environment

[Stories from the UN Archive: BBC legend and UN Earth Champion.](#) As communities across the planet celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June, we are taking you back to the 1950s when

broadcaster extraordinaire Sir David Attenborough went from zoologist to climate activist, winning the UN's highest environmental award. | [UN News], 2024-06-05, UN News, [Worldwide]

Environment and Land Defender

[**Ancient farming system and campesino livelihoods at risk in Mexico City.**](#) XOCHIMILCO, Mexico — In the 70 years Miguel del Valle has worked on his family's chinampa in Xochimilco, a neighborhood in the south of Mexico City, he has witnessed a huge change in the environment and the attitudes of his neighbors. "Xochimilco was always famous for its vegetables and flowers," the 80-year-old farmer. [Gabay, Aimee], 2024-06-12, Mongabay Environmental News, [Mexico]

Freedom of Expression

[**New Mass Media Law Threatens Freedom of Speech, Information in Kazakhstan.**](#) Although Kazakhstan's new mass media law has some amendments that should improve the status quo, its ambiguity and the restrictive nature of other provisions threaten to create obstacles to the work of local and foreign journalists. [Hugh Williamson], 2024-06-22, Human Rights Watch, [Kazakhstan]

[**Russia denial of access to archives on Soviet political repression violates freedom of expression.**](#) The European Court of Human Rights ruled on Tuesday that Russia had violated the right to freedom of expression by refusing access to archival documents about the history of Soviet political repression. [Emma Burns], 2024-06-19, JURISTnews, [Europe]

[**Witnesses Describe Police Killing Protesters.**](#) Kenyan security forces shot directly into crowds of protesters on June 25, 2024, including protesters who were fleeing. [Human Rights Watch], 2024-06-28, Human Rights Watch, [Kenya]

Freedom of Information

[**Algorithms should not control what people see, UN chief says, launching Global Principles for Information Integrity.**](#) The United Nations launched new Global Principles for Information Integrity on Monday, emphasizing the need for immediate action to address the harms caused by misinformation, disinformation and hate speech. [UN News], 2024-06-24, UN News, [Worldwide]

[**China tightens law on handling disasters including information flows.**](#) Legal revisions aim to "improve the ability for emergency prevention and response" and refine how information is disseminated about natural disasters, accidents and public health emergencies. [Ethan Wang; Liz Lee], 2024-06-29, Reuters, [China]

[**Comment bien évaluer l'impact de la désinformation en ligne, pour mieux riposter?**](#) Le public s'informe de plus en plus sur les réseaux sociaux. La tendance est mondiale, comme on le constate cette année encore dans la grande enquête du Digital news report de Reuters. Cela nous expose de plus en plus fréquemment à des contenus toxiques et trompeurs. Six personnes sur dix se disent préoccupées par cette évolution. Pour autant, surréagir est aussi nocif que de minimiser les risques. D'où l'importance des travaux visant à cerner au mieux la réalité de la menace informationnelle. [Malibeaux, Sophie], 2024-06-21, [Worldwide]

[**Le Burkina Faso suspend de nouveau des émissions d'information télévisées.**](#) La décision prise par l'organe de régulation des médias au Burkina Faso de suspendre les émissions de la chaîne de

télévision française TV5, est une nouvelle tentative de museler les médias indépendants et l'accès à l'information dans ce pays d'Afrique de l'Ouest. [Ilaria Allegrozzi], 2024-06-20, Human Rights Watch, [Burkina Faso]

[Stella Assange urges journalists to FOI the US government to get case details](#). Stella Assange says it's now up to others to dig out information after ban imposed on WikiLeaks founder [Middleton, Karen], 2024-06-27, The Guardian, [United States of America]

Freedom of the Press

[L'état se resserre sur la liberté de presse en Inde](#). Vanessa Dognac a été expulsée d'Inde pour avoir fait une couverture jugée trop critique du gouvernement. Valentin Hénault a été arrêté pour s'être intéressé à un groupe de femmes violentées. Le traitement des deux Français révèle les nombreuses entraves au travail de la presse étrangère en Inde. [Leblanc, Philippe], 2024-06-02, Radio-Canada, [India]

Genocide

[A conversation with Elyse Semerdjian, author of "Remnants: Embodied Archives of the Armenian Genocide"](#). "This photograph was never meant to be a precious artifact." That is the first line in historian Elyse Semerdjian's Remnants: Embodied Archives of the Armenian Genocide, a 300-page ground-breaking, corpse-gathering mission to re-member the dis-membered. [Torosyan, Lilly], 2024-06-12, The Armenian Weekly, [Armenia]

[China has renamed hundreds of Uyghur villages and towns, say human rights groups](#). Report finds that religious, historical and cultural references have been removed by Beijing. [Davidson, Helen], 2024-06-18, The Guardian, [China]

Human Rights

[Gender apartheid must be recognized as a crime under international law](#). Gender apartheid must be recognized as a crime under international law in order to strengthen efforts to combat institutionalized regimes of systematic oppression and domination imposed on the grounds of gender, said Amnesty International. [Amnesty International], 2024-06-16, Amnesty International, [Worldwide]

Human Rights Defenders and Activists

[22 Ida B. Wells Quotes About Injustice, Truth and Virtue](#). Ida B. Wells was a remarkable human: a groundbreaking African American journalist, civil rights leader and anti-lynching activist. Born into slavery in Holly Springs, Mississippi in 1862 (just before the Emancipation Proclamation), Wells went on to dedicate her life to passionately campaigning against lynching and fighting for racial justice. It's no wonder there are so many powerful Ida B. Wells quotes to share. [Beck, Laura], 2024-06-15, Parade, [United States of America]

[Bryan Stevenson, l'histoire comme arme juridique](#). Bryan Stevenson a passé sa carrière à défendre des condamnés à mort, des innocents injustement incarcérés ou ayant eu des peines de prison qu'il juge disproportionnées. Avec son organisation Equal Justice Initiative, il cherche désormais à commémorer et raconter la violence dont ont été victimes les Afro-américains. Il vient

d'ouvrir en mars un parc commémoratif en Alabama consacré à l'esclavage. [Maille, Edward], 2024-06-23, RFI, [United States of America]

E. Ewoulé Lobé (Cameroun): «Les espaces que l'État laisse aux communautés autochtones sont limités». Ils sont les peuples autochtones. On les connaît aussi sous le nom de Pygmées. En Afrique centrale, ce sont les gardiens de l'immense forêt du bassin du Congo. Mais aujourd'hui, ils font face à deux problèmes majeurs, la déforestation et la création d'aires protégées, auxquelles ils n'ont plus accès. Au Cameroun, Estelle Ewoulé Lobé se mobilise en leur faveur. [Ewoulé Lobé, Estelle], 2024-06-15, [Africa]

Human Trafficking

Smithsonian Museum Debuts Online Portal of Slavery Artifacts. The Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture has launched an online portal featuring 146 slave badges from Charleston, South Carolina, that it acquired in 2022. [Article, Adam Schrader ShareShare This], 2024-06-20, Artnet News, [United States of America]

Société arabo-musulmane et esclavage. Afrique, mémoires d'un continent remonte à nouveau dans le temps, plus précisément à partir du VII^{ème} siècle, et suit les caravanes traversant le Sahara avec des convois d'esclaves. Quand cette pratique a-t-elle véritablement débuté dans les pays d'Afrique du Nord ? Comment a-t-elle façonné les sociétés maghrébines ? Pour quelles raisons l'esclavage dans les sphères musulmanes est parfois mis en opposition avec la traite transatlantique ? [Traoré, Kpénahi], 2024-06-07, [Africa]

Humanitarian Aid

Reflecting on Ten Years of HDX. HDX is an integral platform for the humanitarian data community: 206 organizations are sharing over 20,000 datasets, covering every active humanitarian crisis, with users in 230 countries and territories. [HDX Team], 2024-06-12, The Centre for Humanitarian Data, [Worldwide]

Indigenous Matters

"Traitées comme des déchets": les féminicides d'autochtones, un drame occulté du Canada.

Depuis deux ans, dans le centre du Canada, les restes de femmes amérindiennes croupissent dans une décharge où un tueur en série les a jetés après les avoir assassinées. Cette affaire est le dernier chapitre marquant d'une longue histoire de violences contre les femmes autochtones du Canada: souvent cibles de meurtriers, elles sont mal protégées par les autorités accusées de faire peu de cas de leurs dossiers. [AFP], 2024-06-24, Orange Actualités, [Canada]

Concern over Indigenous identity fraud heightened by government definitions: minister. The Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations says a lot of talk about the issue of so-called Indigenous identity fraud is based around apprehensions people have about the government defining who is -- and who isn't -- a rights-holder. [Passafiume, Alessia], 2024-06-21, CTVNews, [Canada]

Destruction de 140 habitations au sein d'une communauté autochtone. Les forces de sécurité de la Malaisie ont détruit près de 140 habitations d'une communauté autochtone vivant sur le littoral de l'État de Sabah dans l'île de Bornéo, dans le cadre d'une opération de « répression de la criminalité ». Pour l'ONG locale de défense des droits humains Pusat KOMAS, les Bajau Laut « font l'objet d'une

discrimination systémique ». « Leur déplacement forcé soulève de sérieuses questions quant au traitement équitable des minorités ethniques en Malaisie. [Agence France-Presse], 2024-06-07, La Presse, [Malaysia]

[Indian boarding home settlement approved by federal court.](#) The Indian boarding home class action settlement was officially approved by a Federal Court justice. [Needham, Fraser], 2024-05-31, APTN News, [Canada]

[L'Église catholique américaine s'excuse pour les « traumatismes » infligés aux Autochtones.](#) Les évêques catholiques américains ont reconnu vendredi leur rôle dans « les traumatismes » infligés aux Autochtones et présenté leurs excuses, notamment concernant les enfants retirés de leurs familles pour être assimilés de force dans des pensionnats. [Agence France-Presse], 2024-06-14, La Presse, [United States of America]

[La Cour autorise l'exhumation d'une enfant crie qui pourra être inhumée chez elle.](#) Le corps d'une enfant de la nation crie décédée en 1966 sera exhumé à la demande de sa famille afin que sa dépouille puisse être rapatriée et inhumée dans sa communauté, 58 ans plus tard, pour qu'elle repose enfin chez elle. [Saint-Arnaud, Pierre], 2024-06-18, La Presse, [Canada]

[Nation's First Online Boarding School Records Repository Launched by NABS.](#) The Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) has launched the nation's first online records repository and research tool for Indian boarding school records. The database, called The National Indian Boarding School Digital Archive (NIBSDA), was nearly five years in the making, and contains records collected from National Archives in Seattle and Kansas City, Mo. Those records contain case files, administrative records, enrollment registers, and health information about Native American students who attended Indian boarding schools operated by the federal government for more than a century. [Kunze, Jenna], 2024-06-07, Native News Online, [United States of America]

[Stunning map shows the extent of Native Title control in Australia.](#) Native Title, a legal recognition of Aboriginal rights over an area, is set to cover 60 per cent of Australia's landmass in the next 15 years. [Southwell, David], 2024-06-06, Mail Online, [Australia]

[Unrecognized in California: Federal Acknowledgment and the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians.](#) An inside account of one Luiseño tribe's history and their efforts to be recognized by the United States. In Unrecognized in California, Olivia M. Chilcote, member of the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians of San Diego County, demonstrates how the state's colonial history is foundational to the ongoing crisis over tribal legal status. [Chilcote, Olivia], 2024-06-12, [United States of America]

Internet and Social Media

[Facebook et Instagram vont utiliser vos données personnelles pour entraîner l'IA de Meta \(sauf si vous refusez\).](#) Textes, photos, commentaires, stories... Les contenus publiés par les internautes européens seront bientôt utilisés par l'entreprise pour entraîner ses programmes d'intelligence artificielle. Il est possible, théoriquement, de s'y opposer. [Tual, Morgane], 2024-06-07, Le Monde, [Europe]

Israel-Gaza Crisis

[**The Power of the Image: Preserving UNRWA's Past and Present for the Future**](#). As the war in Gaza rages, causing unprecedented death and destruction, telling its story is a moral imperative. Preserving images from Gaza matters more than ever. Not just to document the spiraling humanitarian tragedy right now but also to preserve it for posterity. [Jonathan Fowler], 2024-06-13, UNRWA Newsroom, [Western Asia]

LGBTQ+ Rights

[**All the places where it's illegal to be LGBTQ+ - and why it's colonialism's fault**](#). We take a look at all the countries and territories where it is still illegal to be gay or LGBTQ+ - and examine the role colonialism played. [Kelleher, Patrick], 2024-06-21, PinkNews, [Worldwide]

[**President Biden pardons veterans convicted under regulation used to keep LGBTQ members from serving**](#). President Biden has pardoned veterans who were convicted by the military under a regulation that allowed people to be kicked out for being gay. [Wang, Selina; Martinez, Luis; Haslett], 2024-06-27, ABC News, [United States of America]

[**Queer Legends: An Oral History Podcast**](#). Discover the true story of Canada's LGBT Purge in a landmark, eight part documentary series. This is the first documentary to examine the full extent of Canada's anti-homosexual campaigns using newly declassified documents released by the LGBT Purge Fund. From ridiculous to shocking, you'll hear amazing true stories from courageous survivors; academics; researchers; former MPs, cabinet ministers and a retired Chief of Defence Staff. [Dearn, Shawn], 2024-06-01, [Canada]

[**Saving Houston's LGBTQ history through thousands of hours of radio archives**](#). Archivists at the University of Houston have saved decades-worth of episodes of local LGBT radio shows that started in the 1970s. Together they tell the story of a complex, diverse community. [Ulaby, Neda], 2024-06-04, NPR, [United States of America]

Medical Records

[**London NHS hospitals revert to paper records after cyber-attack**](#). Disruption has affected wider range of health providers than first thought, including GPs and community and mental health services [Campbell, Denis; Milmo, Dan], 2024-06-05, The Guardian, [United Kingdom]

[**UK government weighs action against Russian hackers over NHS records theft**](#). National Crime Agency may take retaliatory measures after Qilin gang steals data covering 300m patient interactions. [Campbell, Denis; Milmo, Dan], 2024-06-21, The Guardian, [United Kingdom]

Migration

[**Coming clean? EU cleaning industry exploitation exposed**](#). The cleaning industry across Europe is increasingly under scrutiny for its treatment of employees and disregard for the European standard of fair labour laws. A six-month-long investigation into the European cleaning industry shed light on a complex network across Europe and exploitative business practices. [EUobserver], 2024-06-06, EUobserver, [Europe]

Privacy

[Chang orders review of rules on release of information on sex offenders](#). The National Security Ministry's legal team is reviewing existing legislation to determine whether it allows for wider sharing of information on convicted sex offenders. [The Gleaner], 2024-06-07, The Gleaner, [Jamaica]

[Google to start permanently deleting users' location history](#). Tech firm earlier committed to storing less data about individuals in response to privacy concerns [Hern, Alex], 2024-06-06, The Guardian, [Worldwide]

[Indian Temples Are Scanning Visitors' Faces](#). Data privacy advocates fear a testing ground for mass religious surveillance. [Bhandari, Bibek], 2024-07-02, Foreign Policy, [India]

[Privacy Technologies and Policy](#). The conference proceedings APF 2023 focuses on the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Security and Privacy and much more. [], 2024-06-26, [Worldwide]

Racism

[Event | How Does the Inland Empire Strike Back Against Hate?](#). In the 1920s, Southern California's Inland Empire was a bucolic place, dotted with small towns set amid orange groves. It was also a growing outpost for the Ku Klux Klan, whose members subjected the region's minority residents to exclusion, harassment, and violence in following decades. Today, antisemitic, anti-Muslim, anti-Black, anti-Latino, anti-Asian, and anti-LGBTQ movements persist, with hate crimes again on the rise, alongside a new generation of domestic extremist groups. Can the region's battles against discrimination chart a path forward for the rest of the state, and nation? The event is held Tuesday, July 16, 2024 6:30 PM PDT Riverside In-Person | Streaming Online [Zócalo Public Square], 2023-06-20, Zócalo Public Square, [United States of America]

[Great science, uncomfortable history: Sir Gustav Nossal and the long tail of eugenics](#). Book says one of Australia's most eminent scientists promoted discussion of eugenics in the 1960s and 70s, but not that he supported racist ideas – and researchers praise his thorough commitment to reconciliation and racial justice. [Shepherd, Tory], 2024-06-29, The Guardian, [Australia]

[Juneteenth, Jim Crow and how the fight of one Black Texas family to make freedom real offers lessons for Texas lawmakers trying to erase history from the classroom](#). For the formerly enslaved Black people in Texas, Juneteenth meant more than freedom. It meant reuniting families and building schools and developing political power. [Littlejohn, Jeffrey L.; Montz, Zachary], 2023-06-16, The Conversation, [United States of America]

[Quelle place pour les musulmans dans l'Inde de Narendra Modi ?](#). En 10 ans à la tête de l'Inde, Narendra Modi a mis en œuvre une politique très hostile aux musulmans, qui constituent quelque 15 % de la population. [Ortis, Delphine], 2024-06-04, The Conversation, [India]

Reparation

[Oklahoma court dismisses bid for Tulsa Race Massacre reparations](#). Some 300 black people were killed in the 1921 massacre - but nobody has been held responsible. Survivors of one of the

biggest race massacres in US history have consequently lost their historic legal bid for reparations over the attack. [Cabral, Sam], 2024-06-13, BBC News, [United States of America]

[Paying reparations for slavery is possible – based on a study of federal compensation to farmers, fishermen, coal miners, radiation victims and 70 other groups](#). Since the 1930s, the US federal government has made payments to victims of financial hardships and social injustices. But for those suffering from the harms of slavery, the US remains silent. [Brooks, Cornell William; Bimes, Linda J.], 2024-06-19, The Conversation, [United States of America]

Restitution

["La politique mémorielle d'Emmanuel Macron avec l'Algérie nous place dans une impasse"](#). Alors qu'a éclaté une polémique sur la restitution à l'Algérie par la France de biens qu'elle réclame depuis des années, nous avons interrogé Sébastien Ledoux et Paul Max Morin, auteurs du récent « L'Algérie de Macron : les impasses d'une politique mémorielle » (PUF). [Campion, Etienne], 2024-06-05, Marianne, [France]

Sexual Violence

[In Iraq, a New Tool Helps Forensic Doctors Document Sexual Violence and Torture](#). Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) in partnership with medical-legal professionals in Iraq have developed a new forensic medical form. The new tool is expected to standardize survivor-centered documentation and improve access to justice. [Haddad, Maram], 2024-06-18, Physicians for Human Rights, [Iraq]

Spying

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