

# Right HTML, Wrong JSON: Challenges in Replaying Archived Webpages Built with Client-Side Rendering

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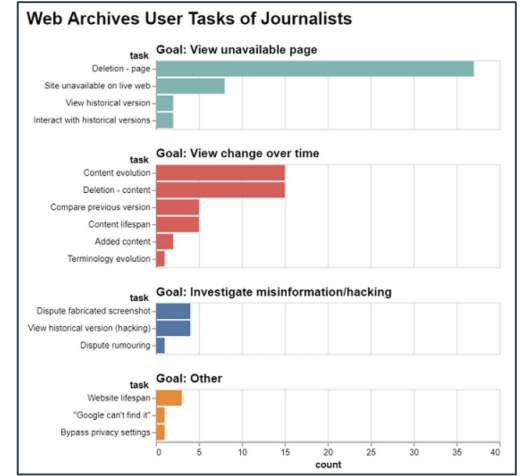
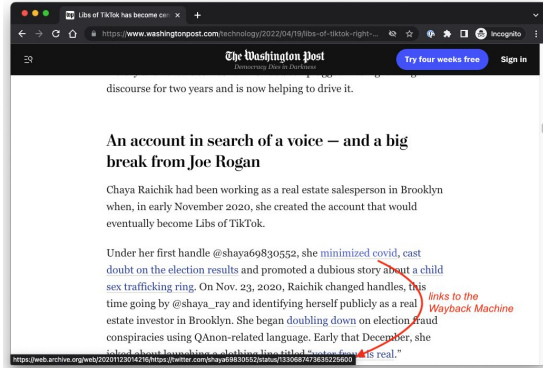


# Web archives have been used for journalistic and legal evidence

Taylor Lorenz, "Meet the woman behind Libs of TikTok", *Washington Post*, April 2022, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2022/04/19/lib-of-tiktok-right-wing-media/>



Last Week Tonight, Mar 18, 2018



Lesley Frew, Web Archiving in Popular Media II: User Tasks of Journalists, <https://ws-dl.blogspot.com/2022/08/2022-08-04-web-archiving-in-popular.html>

**Telewizja Polska USA, Inc. v. EchoStar Satellite Corp. (2004)**

- IAMW used to show advertisement of partner business service after contract expiration
- IAMW evidence admitted

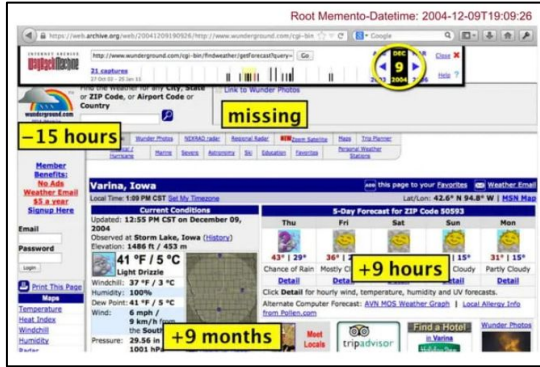
"...Plaintiff has presented no evidence that the Internet Archive is unreliable or biased. And Plaintiff has neither denied that the exhibit represents the contents of its website on the dates in question, nor come forward with its own evidence challenging the veracity of the exhibit. Under these circumstances, the Court is of the opinion that [the IA affidavit] is sufficient to satisfy Rule 901's threshold requirement for admissibility. Plaintiff is free to raise its concerns regarding reliability with the jury."

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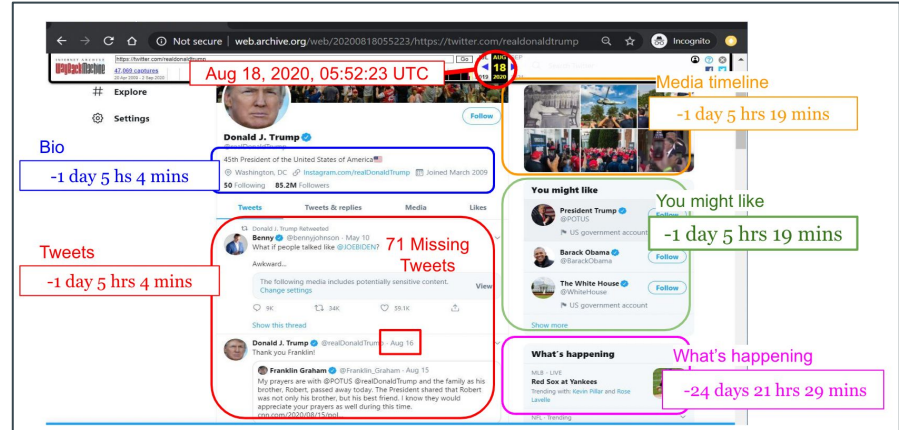
Nicholas Taylor and Joe Dugan, "Evidentiary Use of the Temporal Web", Mar 2022, [https://nullhandle.org/pdf/2023-03-02\\_evidentiary\\_use\\_of\\_the\\_temporal\\_web.pdf#page=74](https://nullhandle.org/pdf/2023-03-02_evidentiary_use_of_the_temporal_web.pdf#page=74)  
 Nicholas Taylor, "A Brief Primer on Using Web-Archived Evidence", June 2023, <https://nullhandle.org/blog/2023-06-07-a-brief-primer-on-using-web-archived-evidence.html>

# However, webpages replayed from web archives are not always exactly what was observed

K. Garg, H.R. Jayanetti, S. Alam, M.C. Weigle, and M.L. Nelson, "Replaying Archived Twitter: When your bird is broken, will it bring you down?," JCDL 2021, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.12092>



S. Ainsworth, M.L. Nelson, H. Van de Sompel, "Only One Out of Five Archived Web Pages Existed as Presented", ACM Hypertext 2015, <https://ws-dl.blogspot.com/2015/12/2015-12-08-evaluating-temporal.html>



On 2018-02-28



On 2018-07-08



On 2018-08-25

same memento (capture),  
replayed on different dates

M. Aturban, M. Klein, H. Van de Sompel, S. Alam, M.L. Nelson, and M.C. Weigle, "Hashes are not suitable to verify fixity of the public archived web", PLOS ONE, June 2023, <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0286879>

# We found temporal violations in some CNN.com mementos

Sep 17, 2015



wrong content

Oct 14, 2015



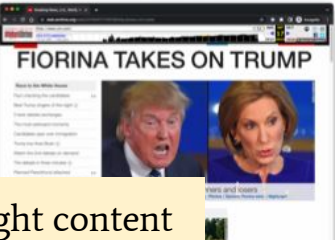
Dec 16, 2015



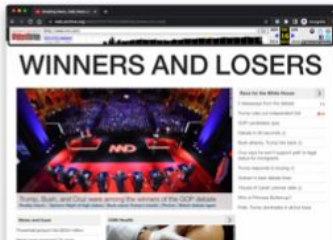
Apr 20, 2016



Jul 29, 2016



right content

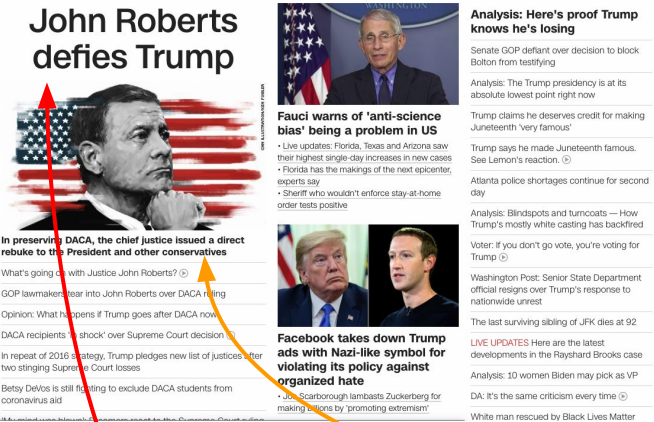


# CNN.com's front page uses client-side rendering, loading many JSON zone-manager.isl files that contain HTML code

Snippet from

[https://wayback.archive-it.org/4887/20200618234850if\\_/https://www.cnn.com/data/ocs/section/index.html:homepage1-zone-1/views/zones/common/zone-manager.isl](https://wayback.archive-it.org/4887/20200618234850if_/https://www.cnn.com/data/ocs/section/index.html:homepage1-zone-1/views/zones/common/zone-manager.isl), which builds the "Hero" headlines.

```
{ "izlData": { "cards": [], "html": "<section class=\"zn zn-homepage1-zone-1 zn-left-flui
zn-left-fluid-share zn-has-multiple-containers zn-has-3-containers\" data-eq-pts=\"X
1100\" id=\"homepage1-zone-1\" data-vr-zone=\"zone-0-0\" data-zone-label=\"Hero\" da
class=\"l-container zn-top_label\"></div><div class=\"l-container zn-top_banner\">
class=\"zn-top_background\"></div></div><div class=\"l-container\"><div class=\"zn
zn_column--idx-0\"><ul class=\"cn cn-list-hierarchical-xs cn--idx-0 cn-container_17
data-layout=\"list-hierarchical-xs\" data-vr-zone=\"home-top-coll1\"><li><article cla
cd--vertical cd--has-siblings cd--has-media cd--media_image cd--has-banner\"
data-vr-contentbox=\"/2020/06/18/politics/john-roberts-supreme-court-daca-legacy/index.html\" data-eq-pts=\"xsmall: 0, small: 300,
medium: 460, large: 780, full16x9: 1100\" data-section-name=\"politics\">a
href=\"/2020/06/18/politics/john-roberts-supreme-court-daca-legacy/index.html\" class=\"link-banner\" ><h2 class=\"banner-text
screaming-banner-text banner-text-size--char-26\" data-analytics=\"_list-hierarchical-xs_article_\">John Roberts defies
Trump</h2></a><div class=\"cd_wrapper\" data-analytics=\"_list-hierarchical-xs_article_\"><div class=\"media\">a
href=\"/2020/06/18/politics/john-roberts-supreme-court-daca-legacy/index.html\" >
...
<span class=\"cd_headline-text\"><strong>In preserving DACA, the chief justice issued a direct rebuke to the President and other
conservatives</strong></span><span
```



# Each zone-manager.izl file builds a separate section of the CNN.com front page

homepage1-zone-1

(Hero)

The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL <https://wayback.archive-it.org/4887/20200327123616/https://www.cnn.com/>. The page content includes a navigation bar with categories like 'U.S.', 'World', 'Politics', 'Business', etc. Below the navigation is a yellow banner with a disclaimer: 'You are viewing an archived web page collected at the request of National Library of Medicine using Archive-It. This page was captured on 12:36:16 Mar 27, 2020, and is part of the Global Health Events web archive collection. The information on this web page may be out of date. See All versions of this archived page. Found 0 archived media items out of 0 total on this page.'

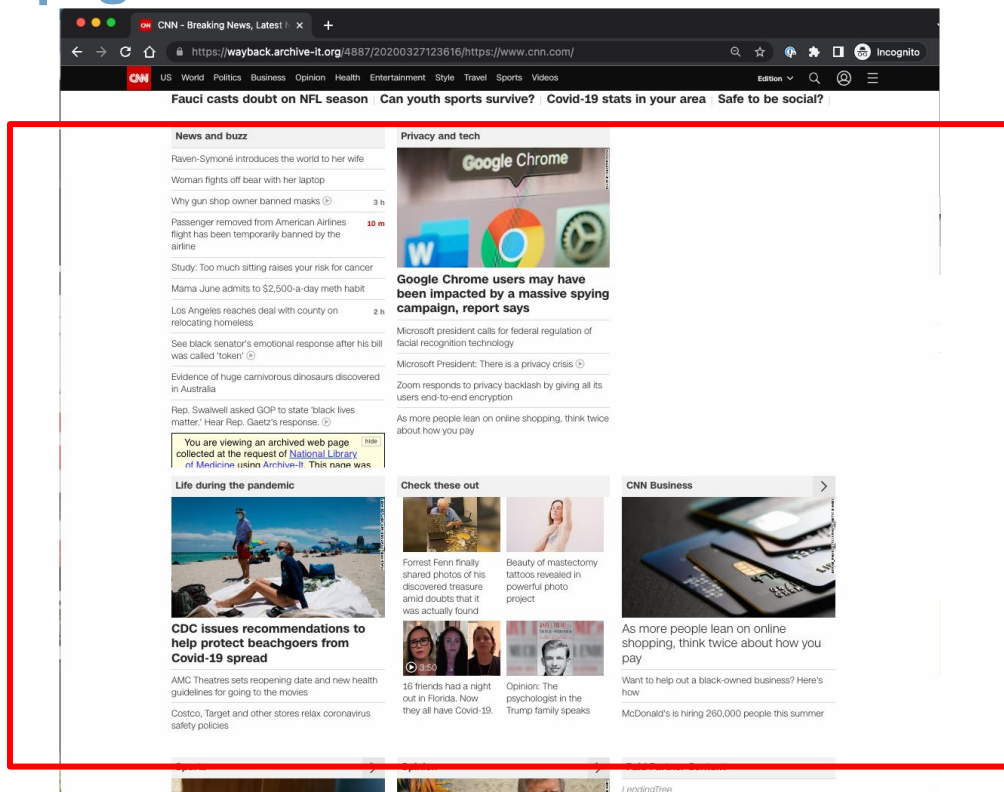
The main headline is 'John Roberts defies Trump' with a sub-headline 'In preserving DACA, the chief justice issued a direct rebuke to the President and other conservatives'. To the right of the headline is a photo of John Roberts. Below the headline is a list of related articles, including 'Fauci warns of 'anti-science bias' being a problem in US', 'Facebook takes down Trump ads with Nazi-like symbol for violating its policy against organized hate', and 'Analysis: Here's proof Trump knows he's losing'. The page also features a 'TRENDING' section at the top with items like 'Breonna Taylor case', 'DACA', 'Solar eclipse', etc.

<https://www.cnn.com/data/ocs/section/index.html:homepage1-zone-1/views/zones/common/zone-manager.izl>

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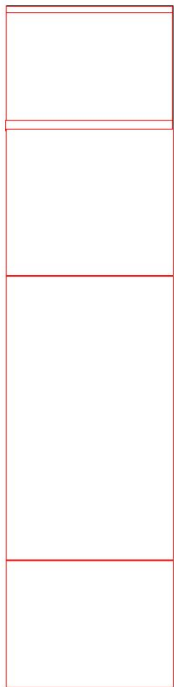
homepage2-zone-1

(News and buzz,  
Privacy and tech, Life  
during the pandemic,  
CNN Business)

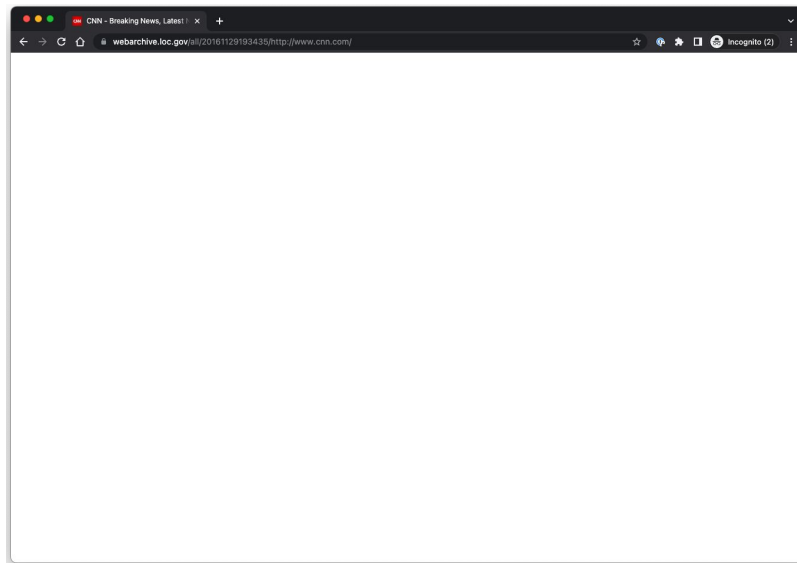


https://www.cnn.com/data/ocs/  
section/index.html:homepage2  
-zone-1/views/zones/common/z  
one-manager.iszl

# Without executing JavaScript, conventional web archive crawlers can't archive the content (just the placeholder)



Archived CNN.com, Library of Congress (uses conventional crawler), Nov 29, 2016

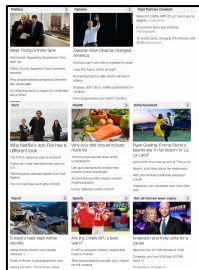
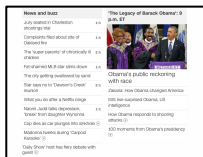
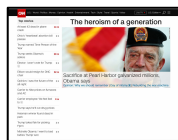
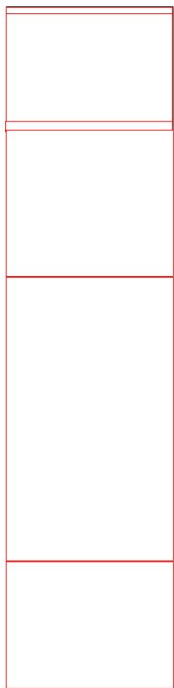


Justin F. Brunelle, Michele C. Weigle, and Michael L. Nelson, "Archival Crawlers and JavaScript: Discover More Stuff but Crawl More Slowly," JCDL 2017.

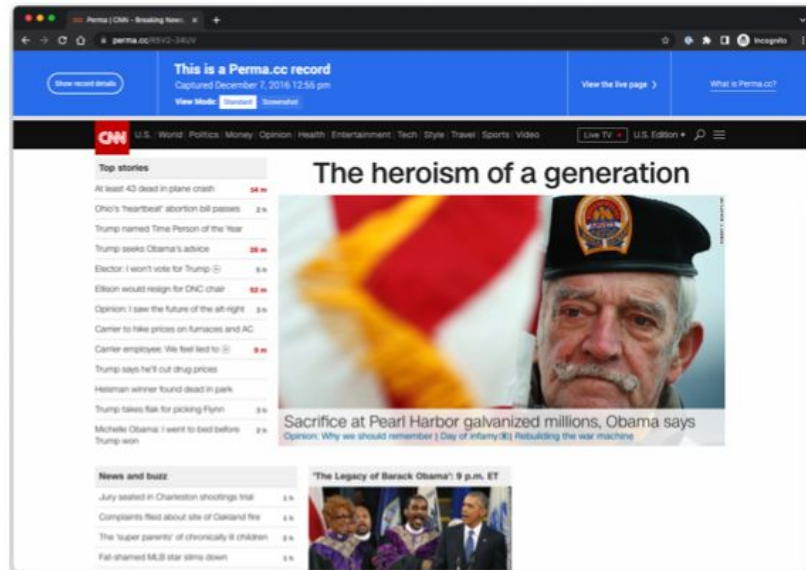
<https://webarchive.loc.gov/all/20161129193435/http://www.cnn.com/>



# Browser-based crawlers can capture both the placeholder and the content



Archived CNN.com, Perma.cc (uses browser-based crawler), Dec 7, 2016



<https://perma.cc/R5V2-34UV>

# Mixing the results of conventional and browser-based crawling can cause temporal violations

## Archive-It

- 2020 - subscribers can use either Heritrix (conventional crawler) or Brozzler (browser-based crawler)
- subscribers can upload captures created with other tools (like Conifer, a browser-based crawler)

## IA Wayback Machine

- Jun 2016 - incorporating captures from perma.cc
- Oct 2019 - Save Page Now service begins using Brozzler
- Large crawls still use Heritrix

<https://blogs.harvard.edu/perma/2016/06/27/perma-v0-67-collaboration-internet-archive/>  
<https://blog.archive.org/2019/10/23/the-wayback-machines-save-page-now-is-new-and-improved/>

# When did CNN start using client-side rendering (CSR)?

- Used Internet Archive's CDX API to identify 200,000 CNN.com mementos with HTTP 200 OK since 2010
- Used selenium-wire headless browser to replay over 1100 CNN.com mementos from Internet Archive's Wayback Machine (IAWM) between 2013-2020 and logged requests for zone-manager files

<https://github.com/internetarchive/wayback/blob/master/wayback-cdx-server/README.md>

<https://pypi.org/project/selenium-wire/>

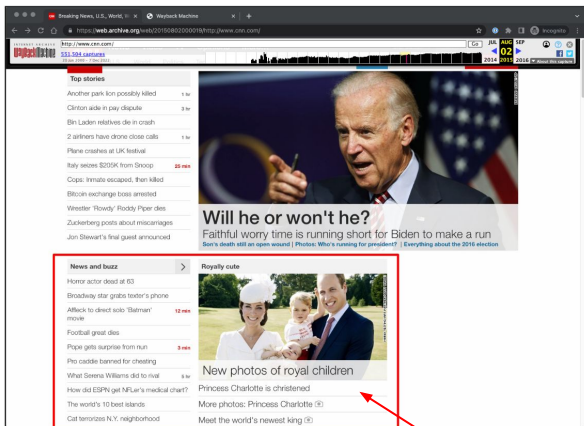
# Apr 2015: Everything but Hero zone requested via CSR

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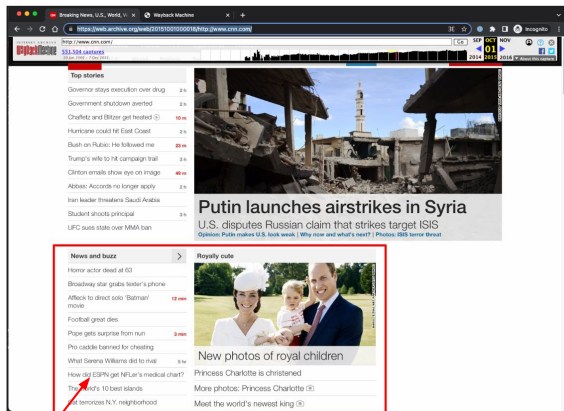
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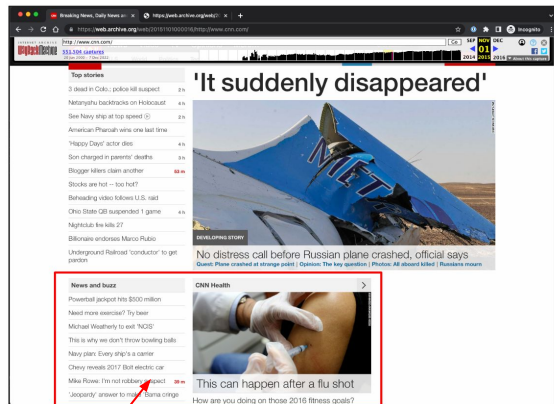
# Hero story in base HTML, but temporal violations in 2nd level content



Aug 2, 2015



Oct 1, 2015



Nov 1, 2015

from Jul 10, 2015

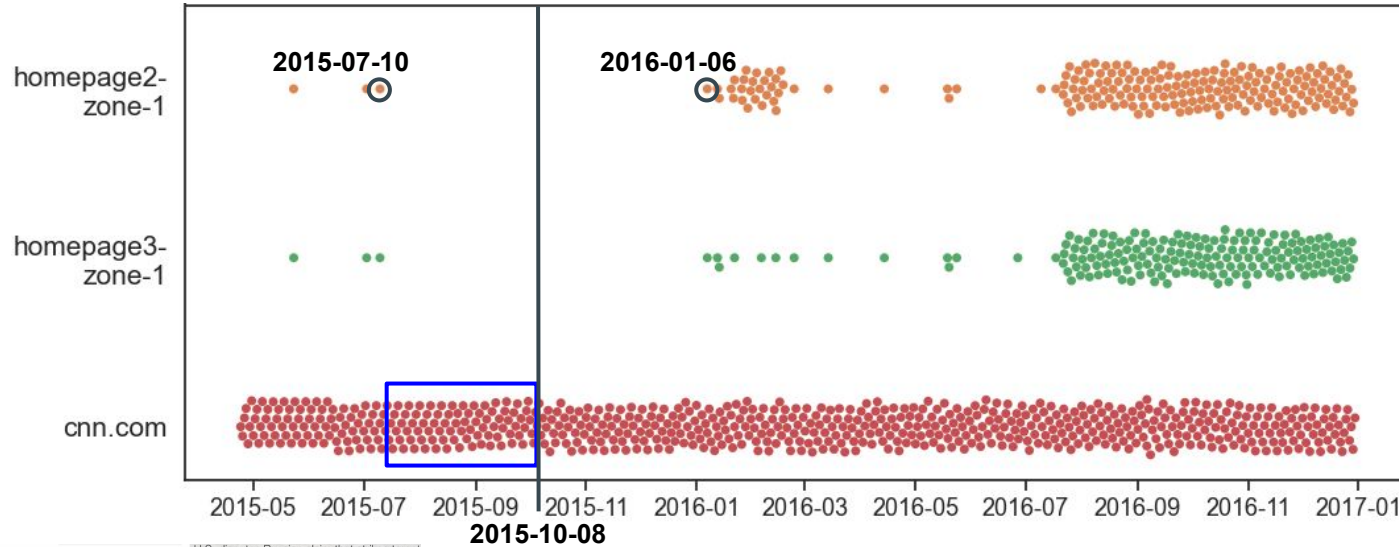
from Jan 6, 2016

<https://web.archive.org/web/20150802000019/http://www.cnn.com/>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20151101000016/http://www.cnn.com/>

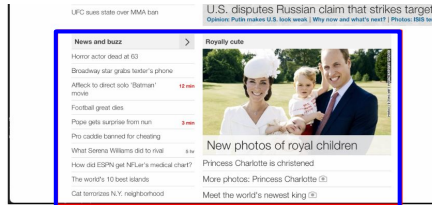
<https://web.archive.org/web/20151001000018/https://www.cnn.com/>

# Every replay between July 10, 2015 and Oct 8, 2015 will use same homepage2-zone-1

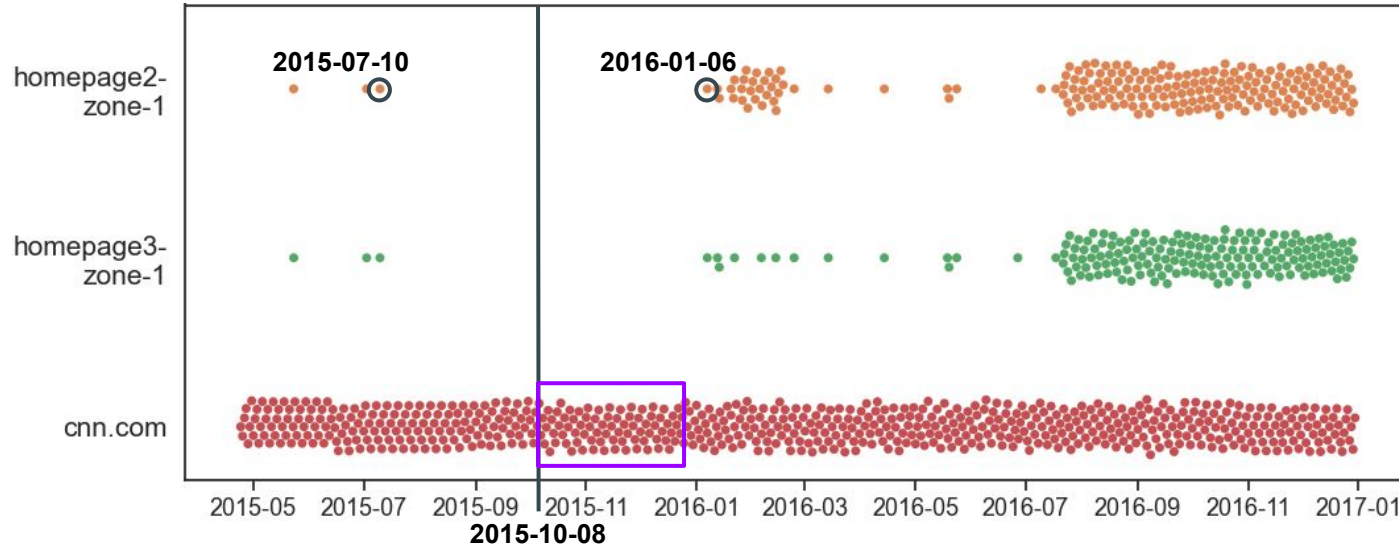


mementos for  
zone-manager files  
(captured via  
browser-based  
crawler)

mementos for  
CNN.com base HTML

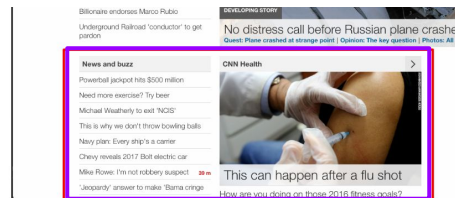


# Every replay between Oct 8, 2015 and Jan 6, 2016 will use same homepage2-zone-1



mementos for  
zone-manager files  
(captured via  
browser-based  
crawler)

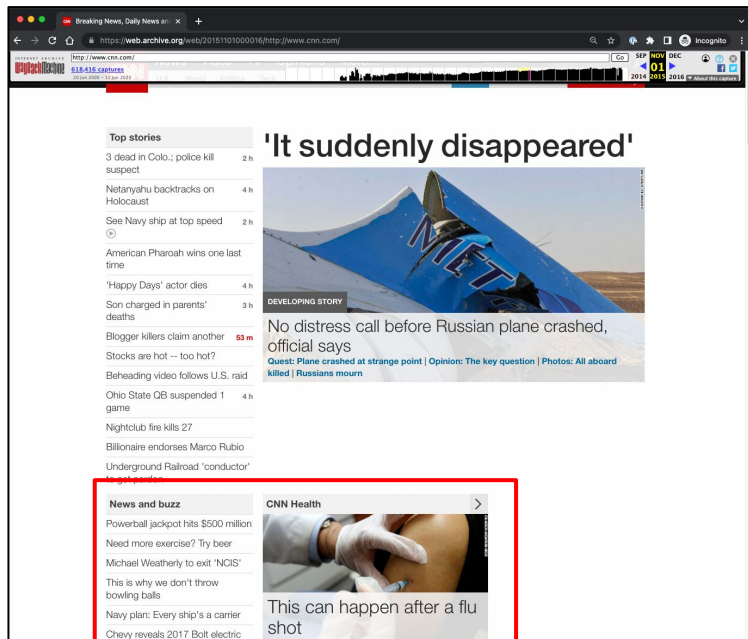
mementos for  
CNN.com base HTML



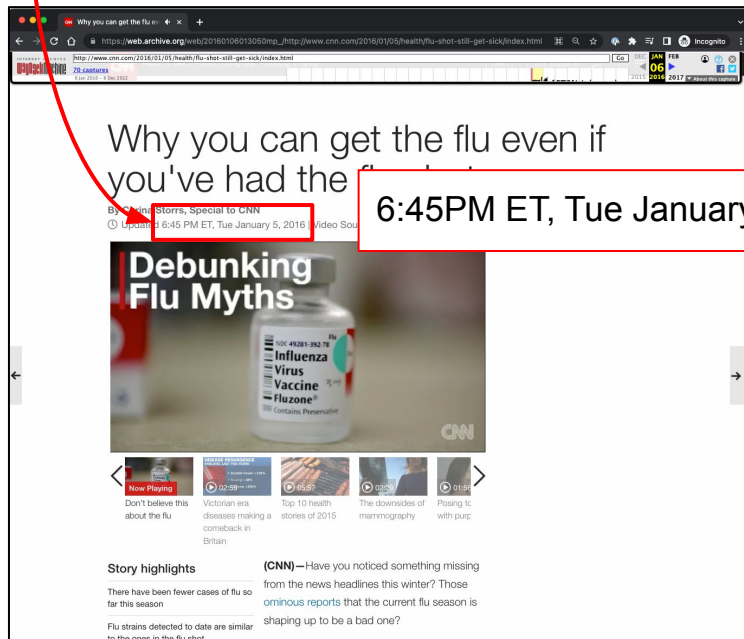
# Temporal violations are especially hard to detect on CNN.com

No date displayed on front page, even though individual articles do contain the date.

Nov 1, 2015



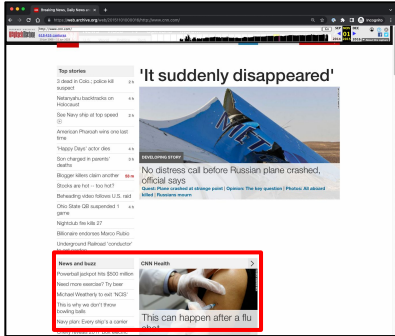
<https://web.archive.org/web/20151101000016/http://www.cnn.com/>



[https://web.archive.org/web/20160106013050mp\\_/http://www.cnn.com/2016/01/05/health/flu-shot-still-get-sick/index.html](https://web.archive.org/web/20160106013050mp_/http://www.cnn.com/2016/01/05/health/flu-shot-still-get-sick/index.html)



# IAWM's "About this capture" lists temporal differences



The screenshot shows a web.archive.org page for a CNN article. The URL is <https://web.archive.org/web/20151101000016/http://www.cnn.com/>. The page title is "618,416 captures" and it shows a calendar for 2015 with a peak in November. A red arrow points to the "About this capture" link in the top right corner.

**COLLECTED BY**

Organization: **Internet Archive**  
The Internet Archive discovers and captures web pages through many different web crawls. At any given time several distinct crawls are running, some for months, and some every day or longer. View the web archive through the [Wayback Machine](#).

Collection: **Live Web Proxy Crawls**  
Content crawled via the [Wayback Machine](#) Live Proxy mostly by the Save Page Now feature on [web.archive.org](#).

Liveweb proxy is a component of Internet Archive's wayback machine project. The liveweb proxy captures the content of a web page in real

**TIMESTAMPS**

- <http://i2.cdn.turner.com/cnnnext/dam/assets/160105141207-0b-pulitzer-tease-0105-2016-medium-tease.jpg> +4 years 10 months
- <http://i2.cdn.turner.com/cnnnext/dam/assets/160106000214-car-dealership-kidnapping-pkg-00011009-medium-tease.jpg> +4 years 10 months
- <http://i2.cdn.turner.com/cnnnext/dam/assets/160105192952-california-boy-mauled-to-death-by-pitbulls-dnt-00000510-medium-tease.jpg> +2 months 15 days
- <http://i2.cdn.turner.com/cnnnext/dam/assets/160105101002-bed-bugs-ny-hotel-2-medium-tease.jpg> +2 months 15 days
- <http://i2.cdn.turner.com/cnnnext/dam/assets/160105205517-gondola-helicopter-rescue-caught-on-camera-orig-vstan-bb-00005310-medium-tease.jpg> +2 months 15 days
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- <http://i2.cdn.turner.com/cnnnext/dam/assets/160105225048-16th-century-pirate-skeleton-remains-found-edinburgh-scotland-vstopt-orig-bb-00003020-small-11.jpg> +2 months 6 days
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- <http://i2.cdn.turner.com/cnnnext/dam/assets/160105000735-ted-cruz-ian-4-large-tease.jpg> +2 months 6 days

**DEVELOPING STORY**

**'Happy Days' actor dies** 4 h

**Son charged in parents' deaths** 3 h

**Blogger killers claim another** 53 m

**Stocks are hot -- too hot?**

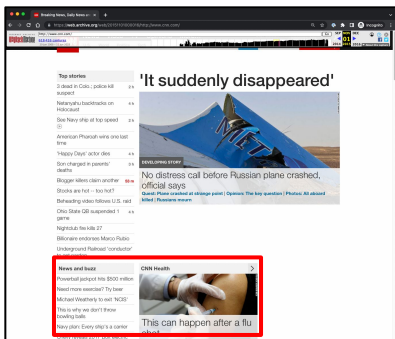
**Behaving video follows U.S. raid**

**Ohio State QB suspended 1**

**No distress call before Russian plane crashed, official says**  
[Question: Plane crashed at strange point](#) | [Opinion: The key question](#) | [Photos: All aboard killed](#) | [Russians mourn](#)

<https://web.archive.org/web/20151101000016/http://www.cnn.com/>

# But "About this capture" does not include zone-manager files



The screenshot shows a web.archive.org page for <http://www.cnn.com/> from 2015. The page displays a list of timestamps for various assets. A red circle highlights the entry: `http://i2.cdn.turner.com/cnnnext/dam/assets/150715163117-shanghai-disneyland-design-treasure-cove-large-tease.jpg +2 months 6 days`. Below the list, a news article snippet is visible with the headline "No distress call before Russian plane crashed, official says" and sub-headline "Question: Plane crashed at strange point | Opinion: The key question | Photos: All aboard killed | Russians mourn". A red box highlights the sub-headline: "This can happen after a flu shot".

zone-manager.html files should appear as +2 months 6 days

<https://web.archive.org/web/20151101000016/http://www.cnn.com/>

# Sep 2015 - Nov 2016: Hero zone sometimes requested via CSR

We downloaded raw HTML (using "id\_") of 1316 mementos between 2010-2022 to investigate when Hero story delivered via base HTML vs. CSR.

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<https://web.archive.org/web/20130806040521/http://faq.web.archive.org/page-without-wayback-code/>

# Hero story temporal violations

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wrong content

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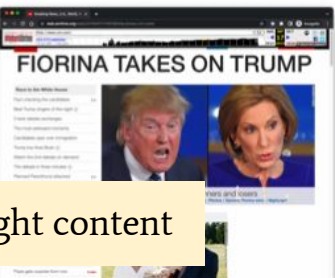
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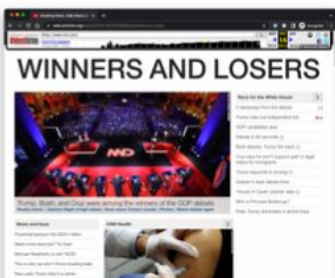
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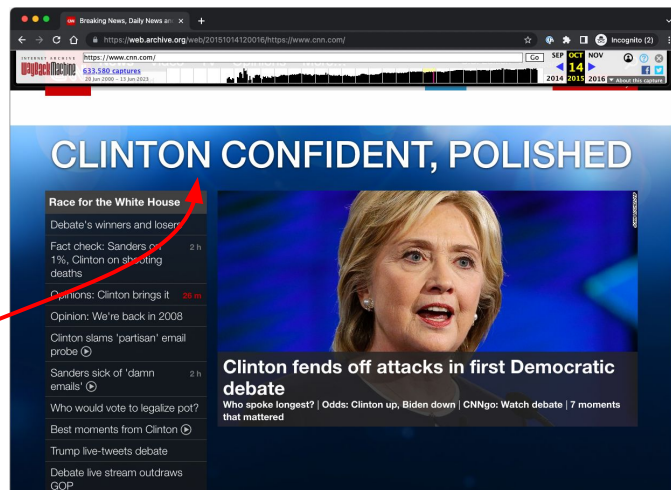
right content



# Hero stories *sometimes* in the base HTML

If the base HTML contains a `<section>` with `id="homepage1-zone-1"`, then Hero content is in the HTML.

```
<section class="zn zn-homepage1-zone-1
zn-left-fluid-right
-stack zn--idx-0 t-light zn-loaded zn-left-fluid-
right-stack zn-has-multiple-containers zn-has-3-
containers" data-eq-pts="xsmall: 0,
medium: 460, large: 780, full116x9: 1100"
id="homepage1-zone-1" data-vr-zone="zone-0-0"
data-zone-label="Hero" data-containers="3">
[...]  
<h2 class="banner-text js-screaming-banner-text
screaming-banner-text">CLINTON CONFIDENT, POLISHED</h2>
[...]
```



Oct 14, 2015

<https://web.archive.org/web/20151014120016/https://www.cnn.com/>

# Hero stories *sometimes* loaded via CSR

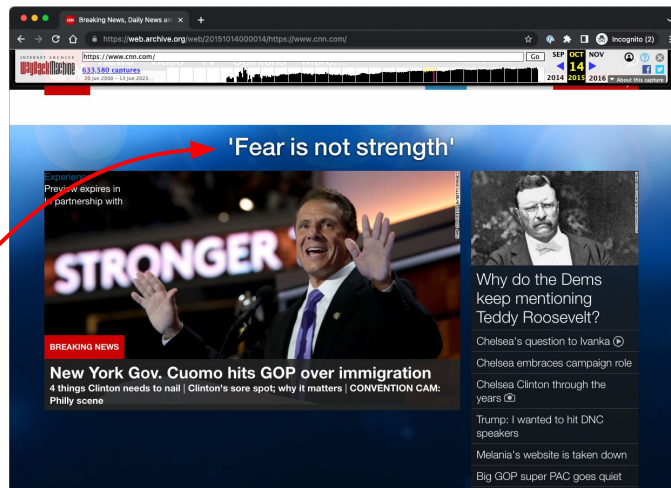
If there is no `id="homepage1-zone-1"` in the base HTML, then Hero content is in the zone-manager file.

```
[...]  
<h2 class="banner-text banner-text--maximized  
banner-text-size--char-23">'Fear is not  
strength'</h2>  
[...]
```

Content loaded from

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verified by examining raw HTML of 1069 mementos between Apr 24, 2015 - Nov 1, 2016 and comparing to the requests logged by the headless browser

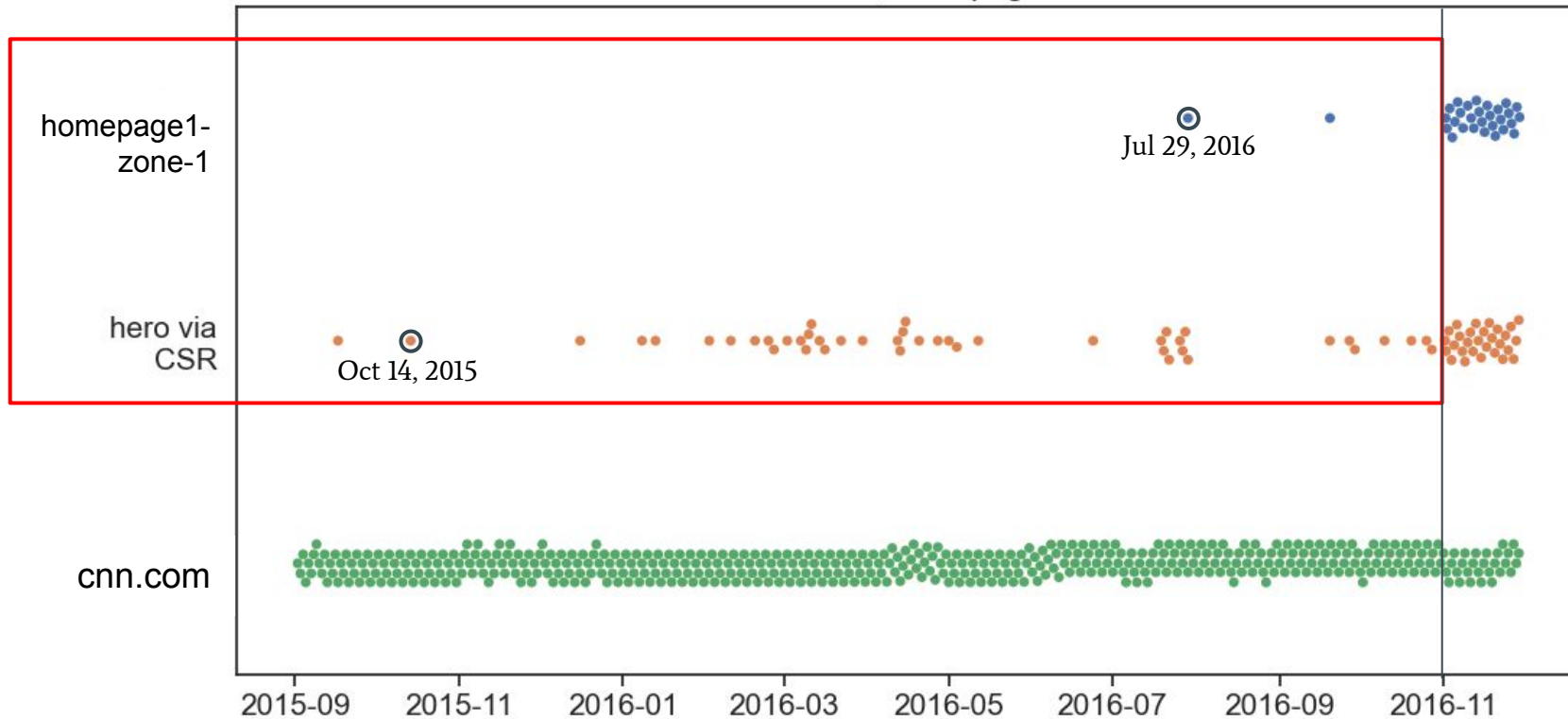


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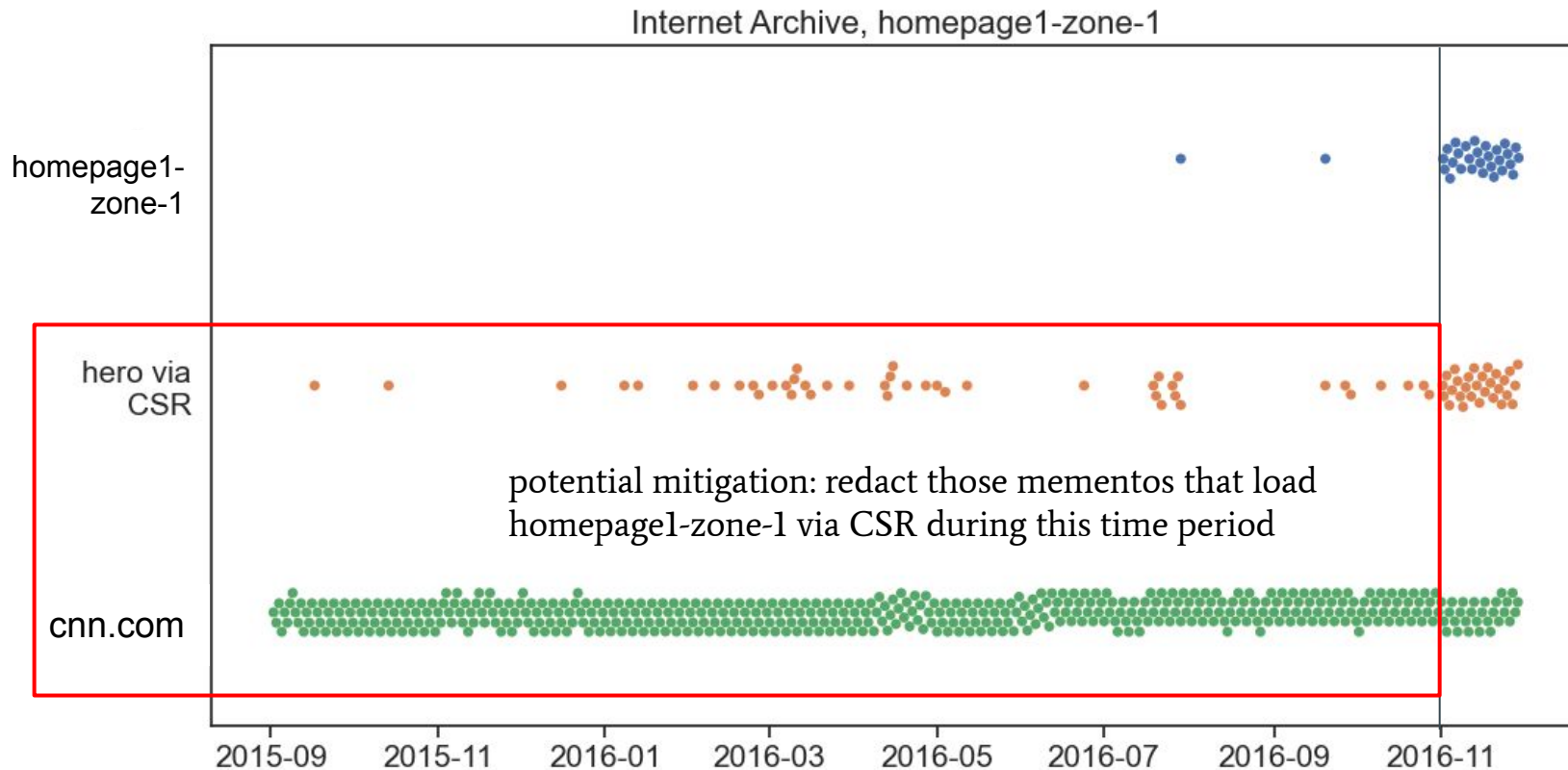
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# Hero story violation if requested via CSR and no hero memento

Internet Archive, homepage1-zone-1



# But, each day had mementos with the Hero story in the HTML



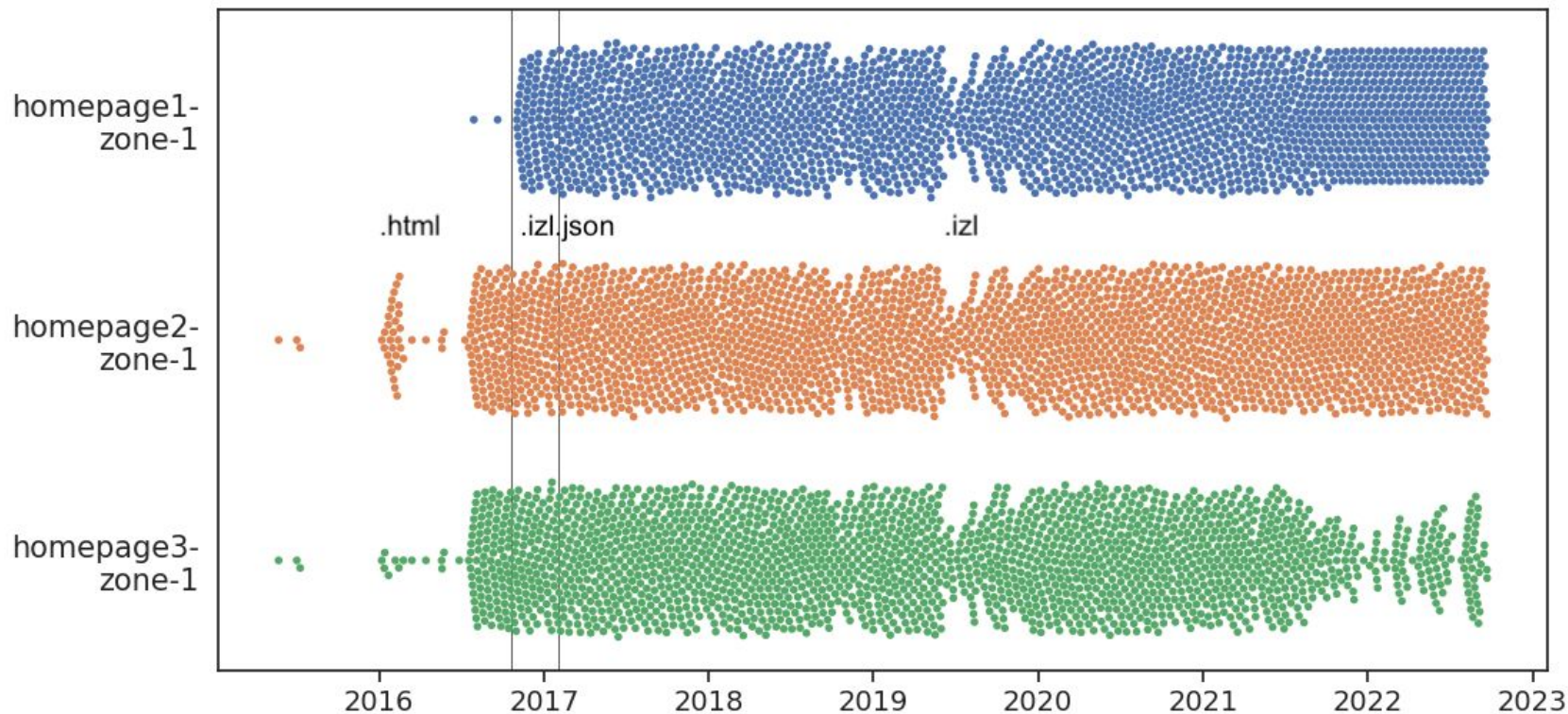


# Nov 1, 2016: All content requested via CSR

Date	Zone Content Delivery
Feb 18, 2015	content in base HTML divided into zones
Apr 24, 2015	content other than Hero zone requested via CSR in zone-manager.html files
Sep 17, 2015	Hero zone (homepage1-zone-1) <i>sometimes</i> requested via CSR
Oct 18, 2016	zone-manager format changed to .izl.json
Nov 1, 2016	all zones requested via CSR
Jan 31, 2017	zone-manager extension changed to .izl

# Starting in 2017, good coverage of mementos of the top 3 CNN zones

Internet Archive

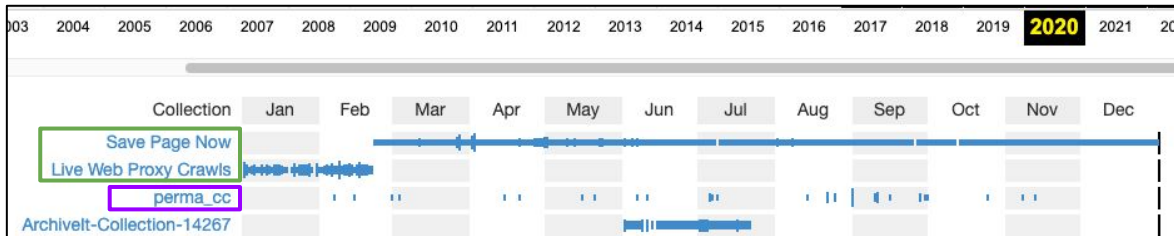
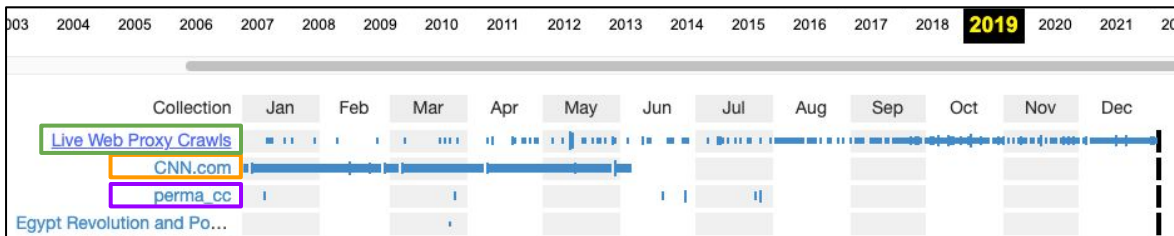
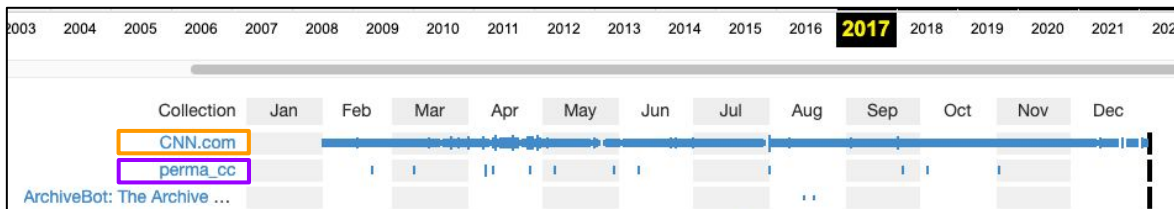


# Contributions of homepage1-zone-1 zone-manager files from browser-based ALT collections, perma.cc, and Save Page Now

CNN.com - Archive-It collection 7678, Jul 2016 - Sep 2019

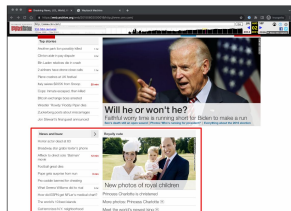
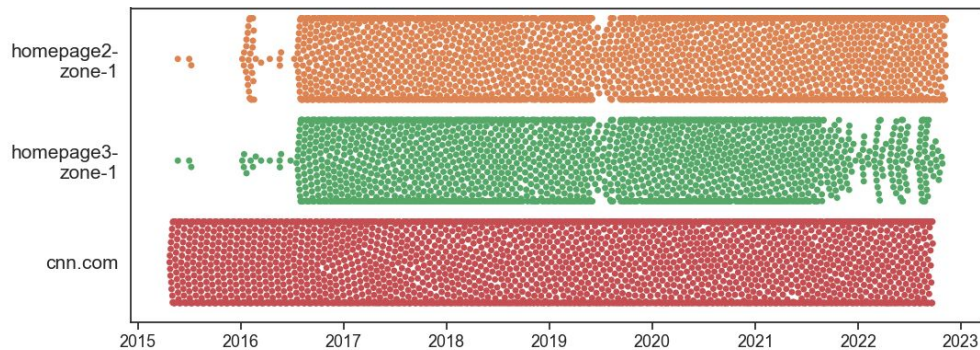
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Live Web Proxy Crawls, Save Page Now

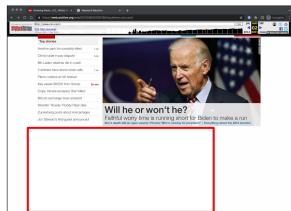


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# How many days would have missing content if IAWM limited the allowed distance between replayed HTML and JSON?

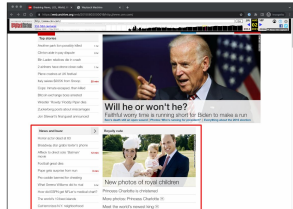
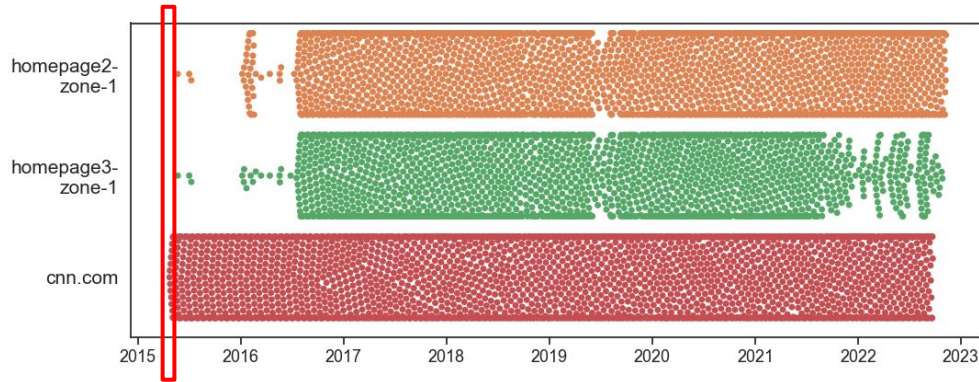


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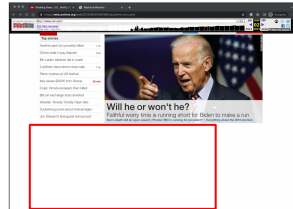


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	Mementos	Days		Mementos	Days
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			2 hrs	785	29
			6 hrs	780	28
			24 hrs	754	27
(none)			48 hrs	724	26
			1 hr	16,863	425
			2 hrs	16,738	425
			6 hrs	16,244	410
May 23, 2015– Jul 21, 2016	17,017	425	24 hrs	15,142	370
			48 hrs	14,178	342
			1 hr	95,009	1826
			2 hrs	67,992	1425
Jul 21, 2016– Sep 23, 2022	154,917	2256	6 hrs	13,893	190
			24 hrs	1812	37
			48 hrs	526	8
			(dense)		

# 48 hrs: Only 3/29 days would have 2nd level and lower content

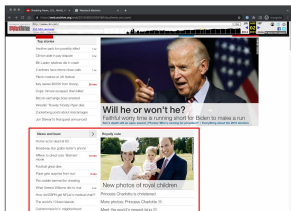
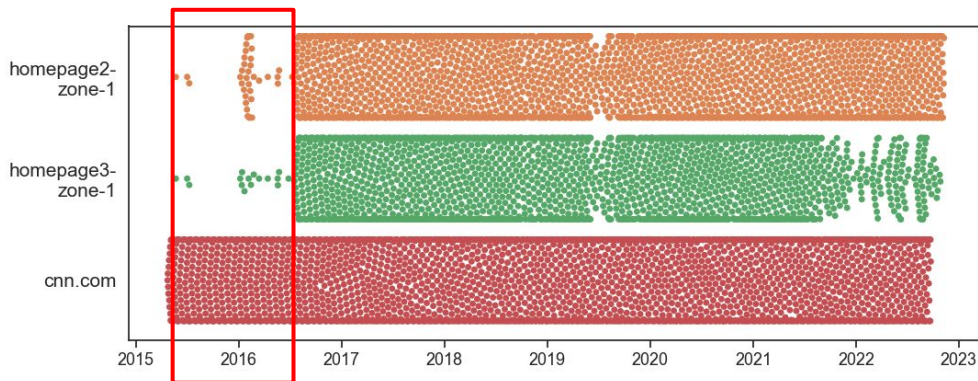


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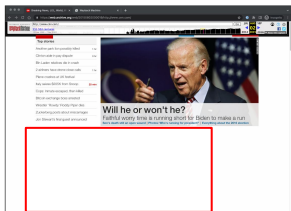


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# 48 hrs: Only 83/425 days would have 2nd level and lower content

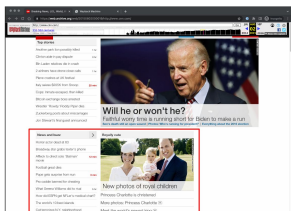
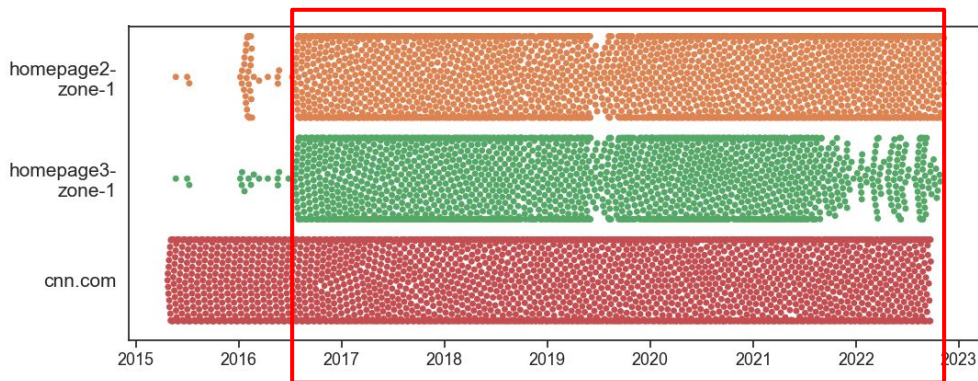


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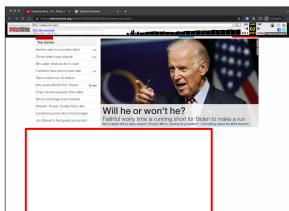


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# 48 hrs: Only 8 days would be *missing* 2nd level and lower content



VS.



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# Archive-It collections can be sparse, could have continuing issues

Mar 27, 2020



Archive-It collection 4887  
National Library of Medicine's Global Health Events  
<https://archive-it.org/collections/4887>



Internet Archive Wayback  
Machine (IAWM)

Analysis: Here's proof Trump knows he's losing

Senete GOP defiant over decision to block Bolton from testifying

**Hero story content from Jun 18, 2020**

Fauci warns of 'anti-science bias' being a problem in US

- Live updates: Florida, Texas and Arizona saw their highest single-day increases in new cases
- Florida has the makings of the next epicenter, experts say
- Sheriff who wouldn't enforce stay-at-home order tests positive

Analysis: Blindspots and turncoats — How Trump's mostly white casting has backfired

Voter: If you don't go vote, you're voting for Trump

Washington Post: Senior State Department official resigns over Trump's response to nationwide unrest

TRUMP TOUTS SUCCESS AS US BECOMES VIRUS EPICENTER

House set to vote Friday on \$2 trillion stimulus as coronavirus crisis worsens

Boris Johnson tests positive for coronavirus

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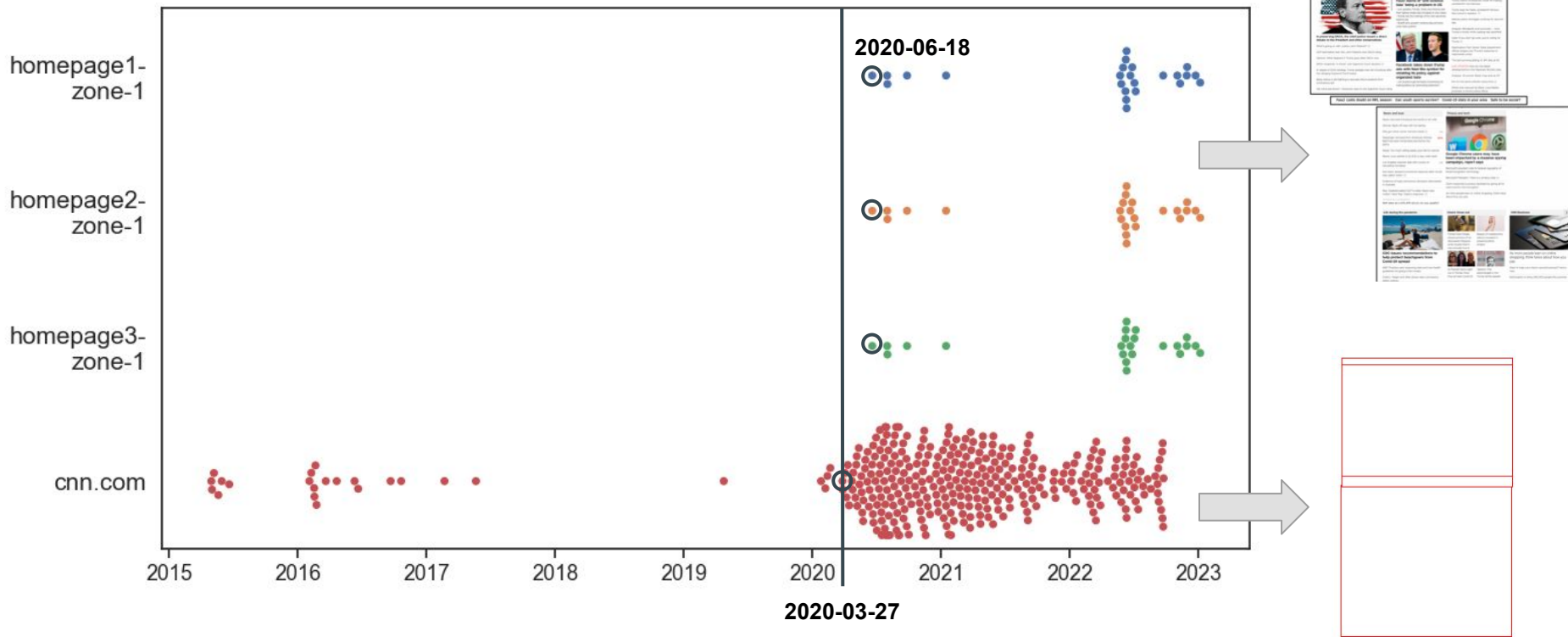
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# March 27 replay contains placeholder from March 27 and content from June 18

Archive-It collection 4887



# Recommendations

- Use browser-based crawling for websites with heavy CSR, like CNN.com
- Develop crawling methods that can detect when CSR being used, nominate sites for browser-based crawls
- Be aware of implications of mixing mementos from conventional and browser-based crawls, audit replay of previous captures
- Develop replay methods that can highlight temporal violations on the page
- Potential mitigations
  - redact mementos between Sep 2015-Nov 2016 with temporal violations in the Hero story
  - increase the MIME types/file extensions included in "About this Capture"
  - include alerts for (or don't load) JSON files with a temporal gap greater than some threshold
  - allow Archive-It collections to borrow certain resources (like JSON) from other collections

# Summary



- Since 2015, CNN.com has used client-side rendering (CSR) to build its front page
- CNN.com's CSR model conflicts with standard web archiving models (i.e., load content from closest memento)
- For webpages built with CSR (not only CNN.com), the mix of captures from conventional (Heritrix) and browser-based crawlers can result significant temporal violations upon replay
- We found over 15,000 mementos of CNN.com in the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine with temporal violations greater than 2 days
- We have documented the issue, but more work should be done in detecting these types of problems in real-time