

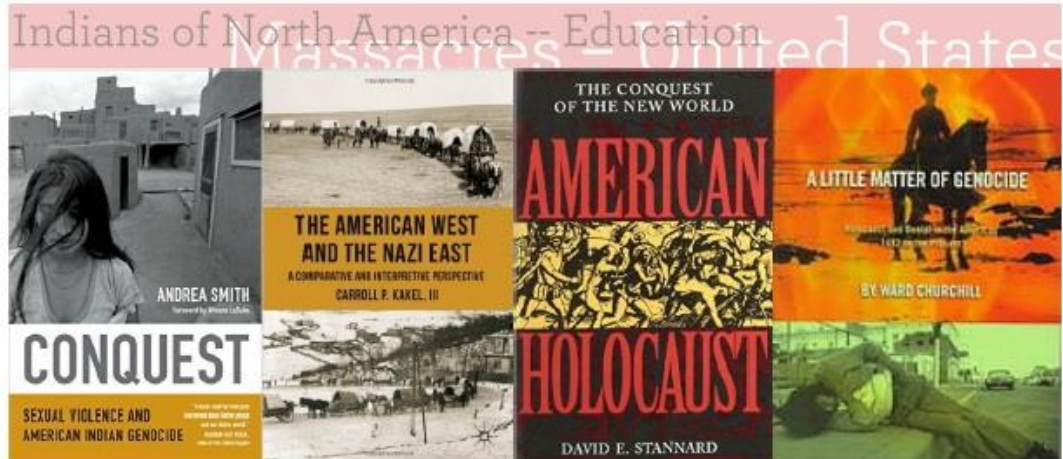
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 Native American Holocaust

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"The nationalist not only does not disapprove of atrocities committed by his own side, he has a remarkable capacity to not even hear about them."

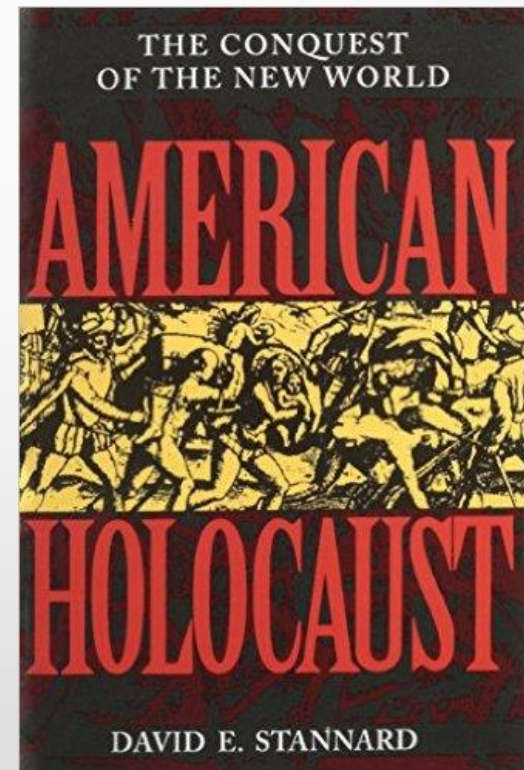
-- George Orwell, *Notes on Nationalism*

Outline

- Research problem: Biased Library of Congress Subject Headings and classification
- Research questions
- Contexts
- Theoretical frameworks
- Methods and limitations
- Description of Sample
- Analysis: Descriptive and Thematic
- Verdict: Indigenous genocides as a marginalized topic in LCSH
- From theory to practice

Biased LC subject Heading and Classification

- Columbus, Christopher – Influence.
- Indians, Treatment of.
- Indians -- First contact with Europeans.
- America -- Discovery and exploration -- Spanish.



Research Questions

- To what extent do the Library of Congress Subject Headings and classifications *and their assignment* accurately represent authorial intent for books concerning the genocides of Indigenous North Americans?
- To what extent do these headings and classification numbers represent a barrier to discovery?
- To what extent do these headings and classification numbers contribute to the marginalization of Indigenous genocides within the field genocide studies?

Contexts

- The marginalization of Indigenous genocides in Genocide Studies
- Treatment of other historical genocides by LC
- LC cataloguing guidelines
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Theoretical Framework

(Foucault/Jackson; Foucault/Radford; Hjørland)

- Subjugated knowledge
- Discursive formations
- Pragmatism

Methods

- WorldCat searches: “Indians of North America” or “Indians” and **title** variations of *Genocide, Holocaust, Extermination*.
- Determined authorial intent through examination, book reviews, publishers’ information
- Sample of 34 titles
- Recorded and compared subject heading treatment and classification
- Occurrences and records
- Noted euphemisms and variation between U. S. and Canadian topics
- Emphasizes feasibility of using LCSH in WorldCat to limit search to genocide in the United States and Canada

Limitations

- Monographs principally concerned with genocide in North America;
- Concepts related to genocide needed to appear in the book's title;
- Representative sample, not percentage of all available titles;
- Did not seek source of the original cataloguing;
- Did not read or physically accessed every book in the sample;
- No claim made as to the quality, scholarship or accuracy of the books in question.

Sample Titles

- A little matter of **genocide** : holocaust and denial in the Americas, 1492 to the present
- Accounting for **genocide** : Canada's bureaucratic assault on aboriginal people
- American **Holocaust**: Columbus and the Conquest of the New World
- Colonial **genocide** in indigenous North America
- Conquest : sexual violence and American Indian **genocide**
- Eating fire, tasting blood: Breaking the great silence of the American Indian **Holocaust**
- **Exterminate** them : written accounts of the murder, rape, and slavery of Native Americans during the California gold rush, 1848-1868
- **Genocide** and the Indians of California, 1769-1873
- **Genocide** and vendetta : the Round Valley wars of Northern California
- **Genocide** in Canada

- **Genocide** in North America : the violation of the land and human rights of native peoples
- **Genocide** in northwestern California : when our worlds cried
- **Genocide** in the Land of the free : the Indians of North America, 1776-1890
- **Genocide** machine in Canada : the Pacification of the north
- Gold, greed and **genocide** : unmasking the myth of the '49ers
- Hidden from history : the Canadian **Holocaust** : the untold story of the **genocide** of Aboriginal peoples by church and state in Canada
- Hidden no longer : **genocide** in Canada, past and present
- **Holocaust** of Native America : an introduction
- Indians are us? : culture and **genocide** in Native North America

- Kill the Indian, save the man : the **genocidal** impact of American Indian residential schools
- Missionary conquest : the Gospel and Native American cultural **genocide**
- Murder state : California's native American **genocide**, 1846-1873
- Native America and the question of **Genocide**
- North American **Genocide**
- Sand Creek and the Rhetoric of **Extermination**
- Struggle for the land : Native North American resistance to **genocide**, ecocide, and colonization
- The American West and the **Nazi** East: A comparative and interpretive Perspective

- The infested blanket : Canada's constitution : **genocide** of Indian nations
- The Missions of California : a legacy of **genocide**
- The smallpox **genocide** of the Odawa tribe at L'Arbre Croche, 1763 : the history of a Native American people
- The state of Native America : **genocide**, colonization, and resistance
- Struggle for the land : Native North American resistance to **genocide**, ecocide, and colonization
- The true story of Canada's "war" of **extermination** on the Pacific, plus the Tsilhqot'in and other First Nations resistance
- This benevolent experiment : Indigenous boarding schools, **genocide**, and redress in the Canada and the United States



Analysis

Figure 1. Records Containing LCSH Heading “Genocide” (14 or 41%)

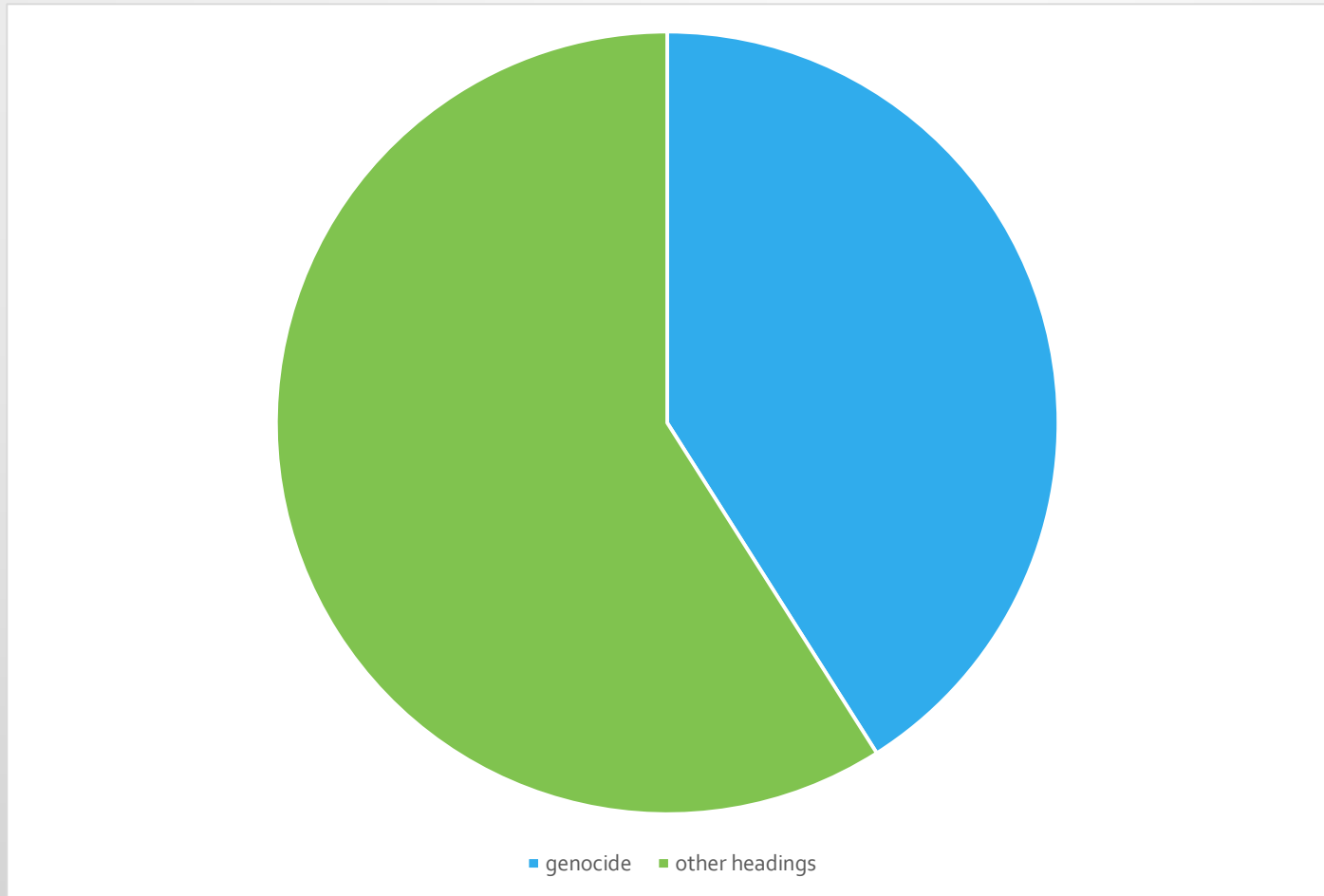


Figure 2: Instances of Key LCSH Terms in Sample, Expressed as % (n=34)

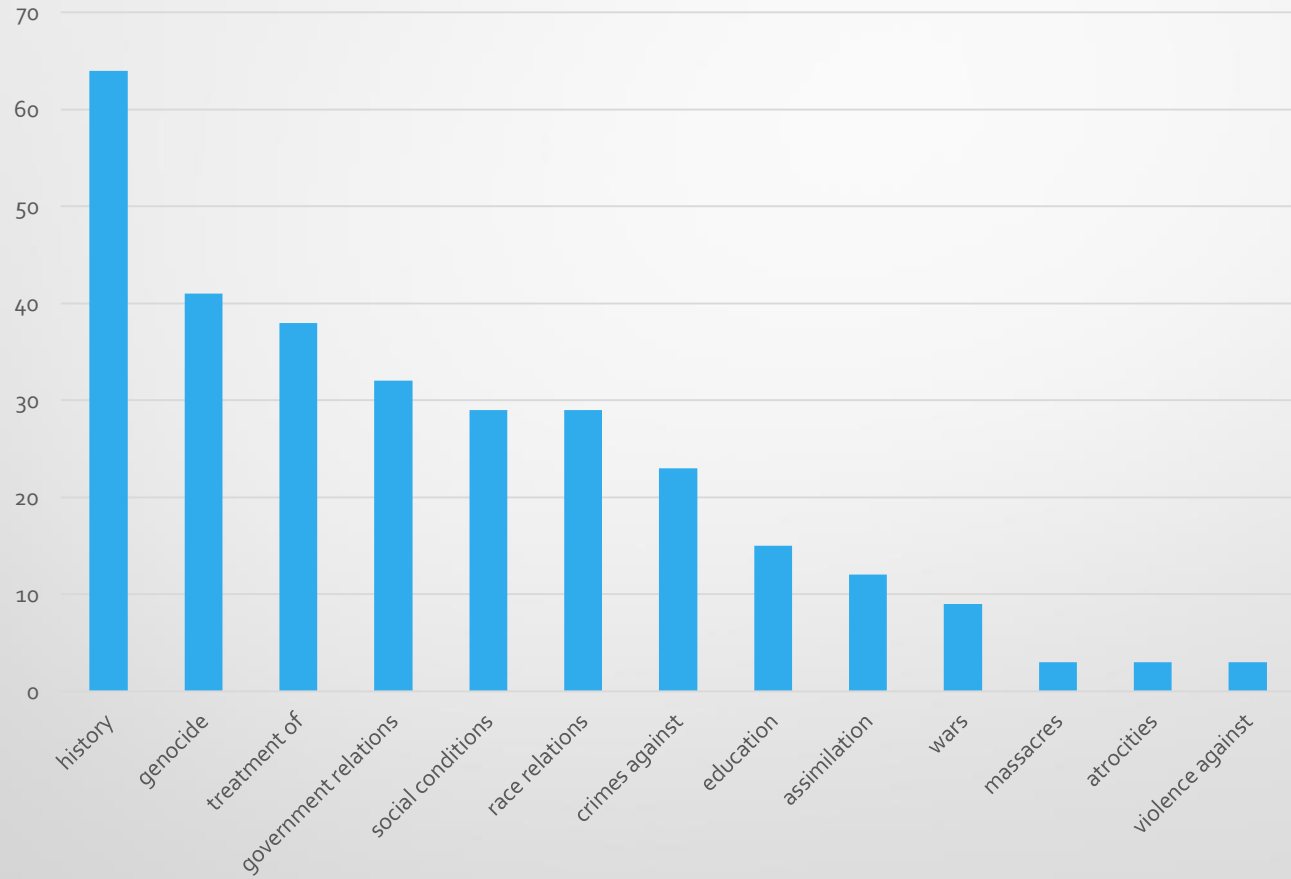
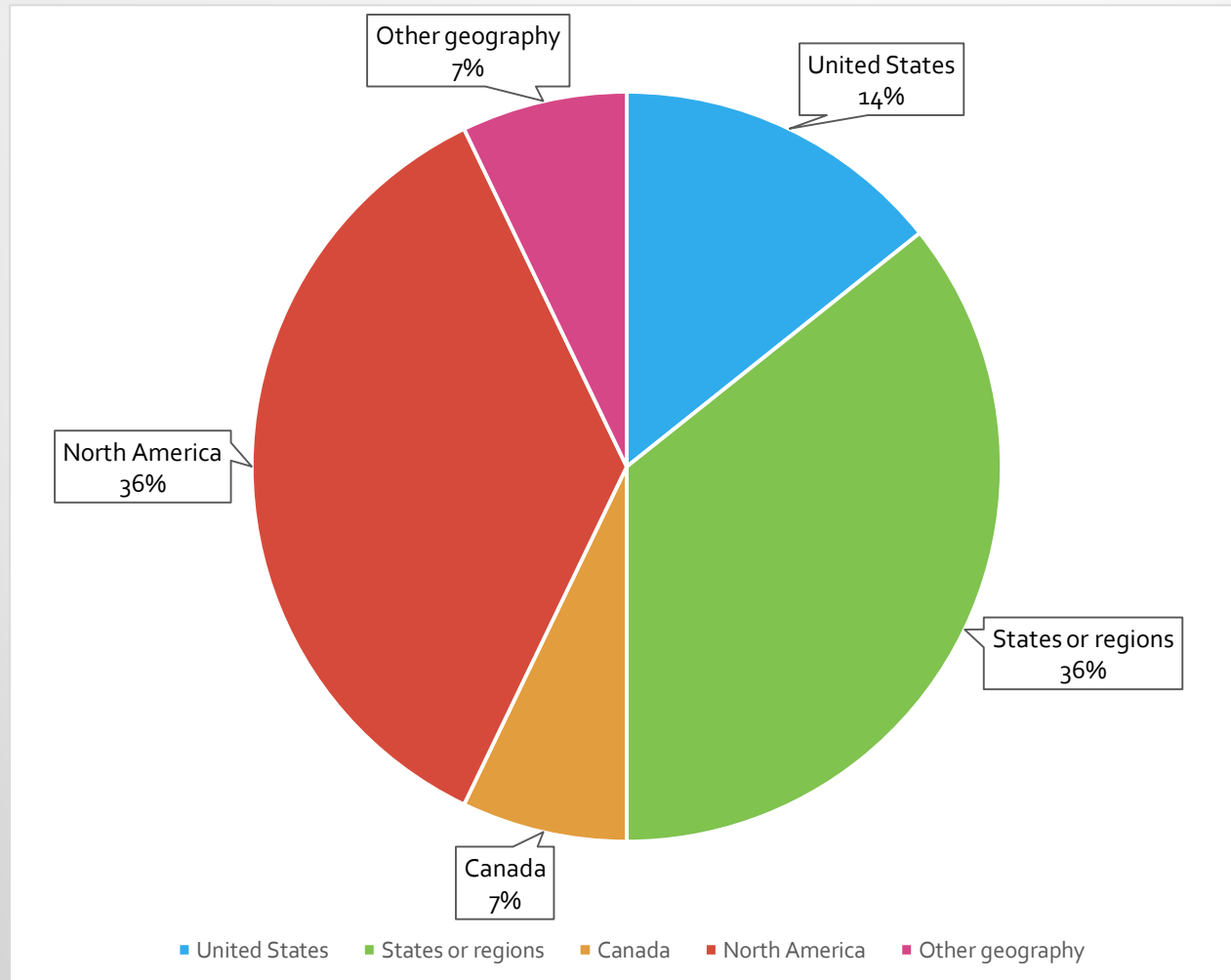
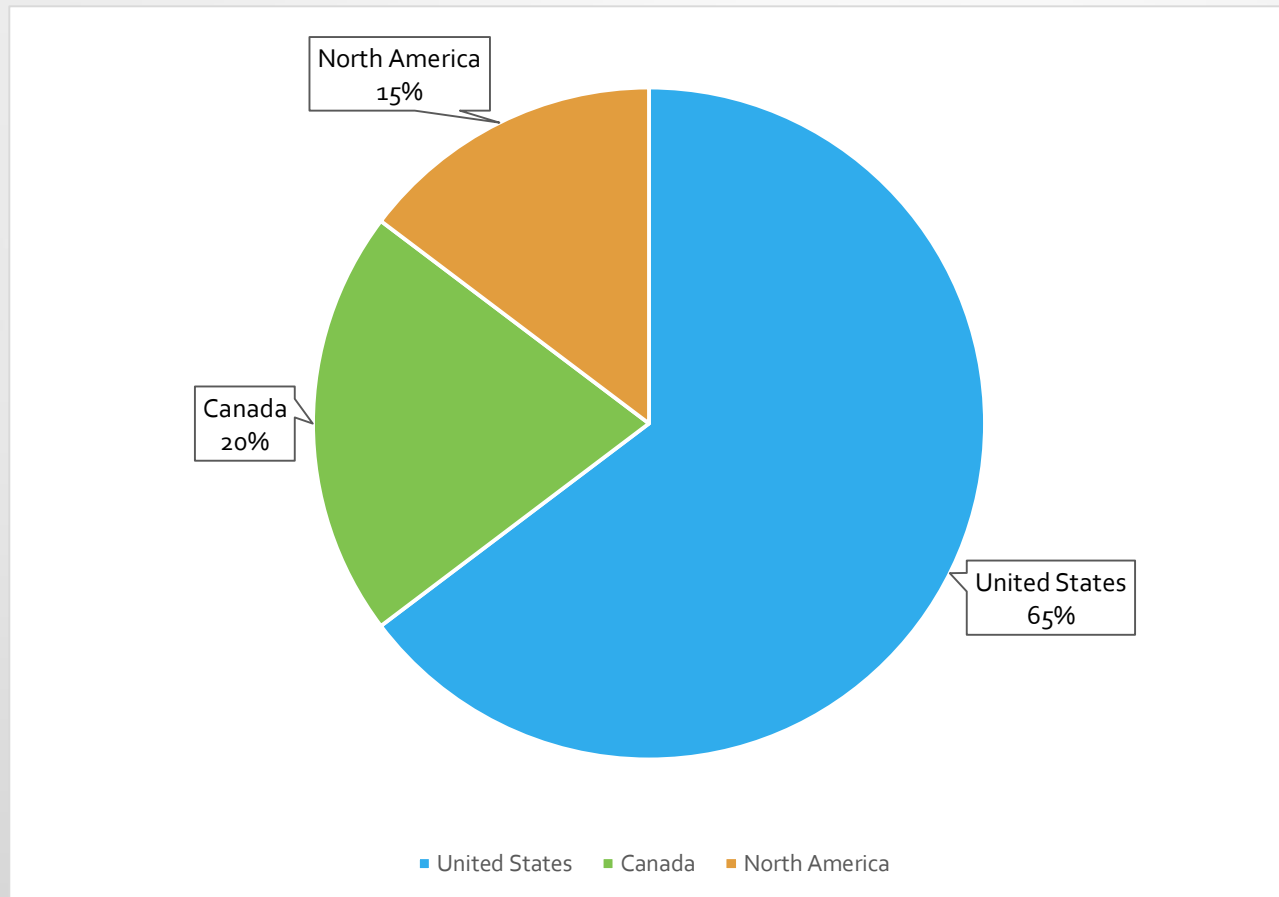


Figure 3. LCSH for "Genocide -- [Geography]" (n=14)

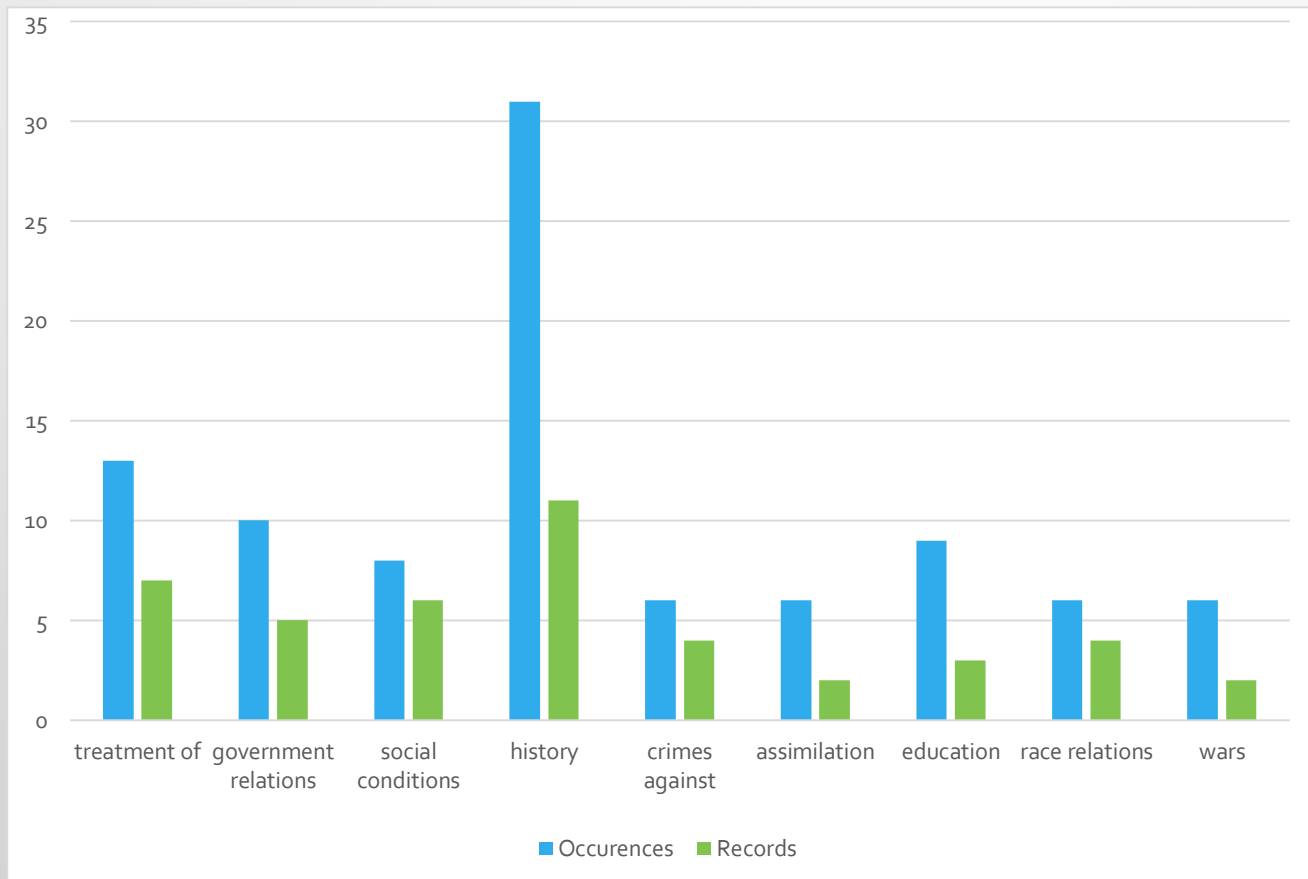


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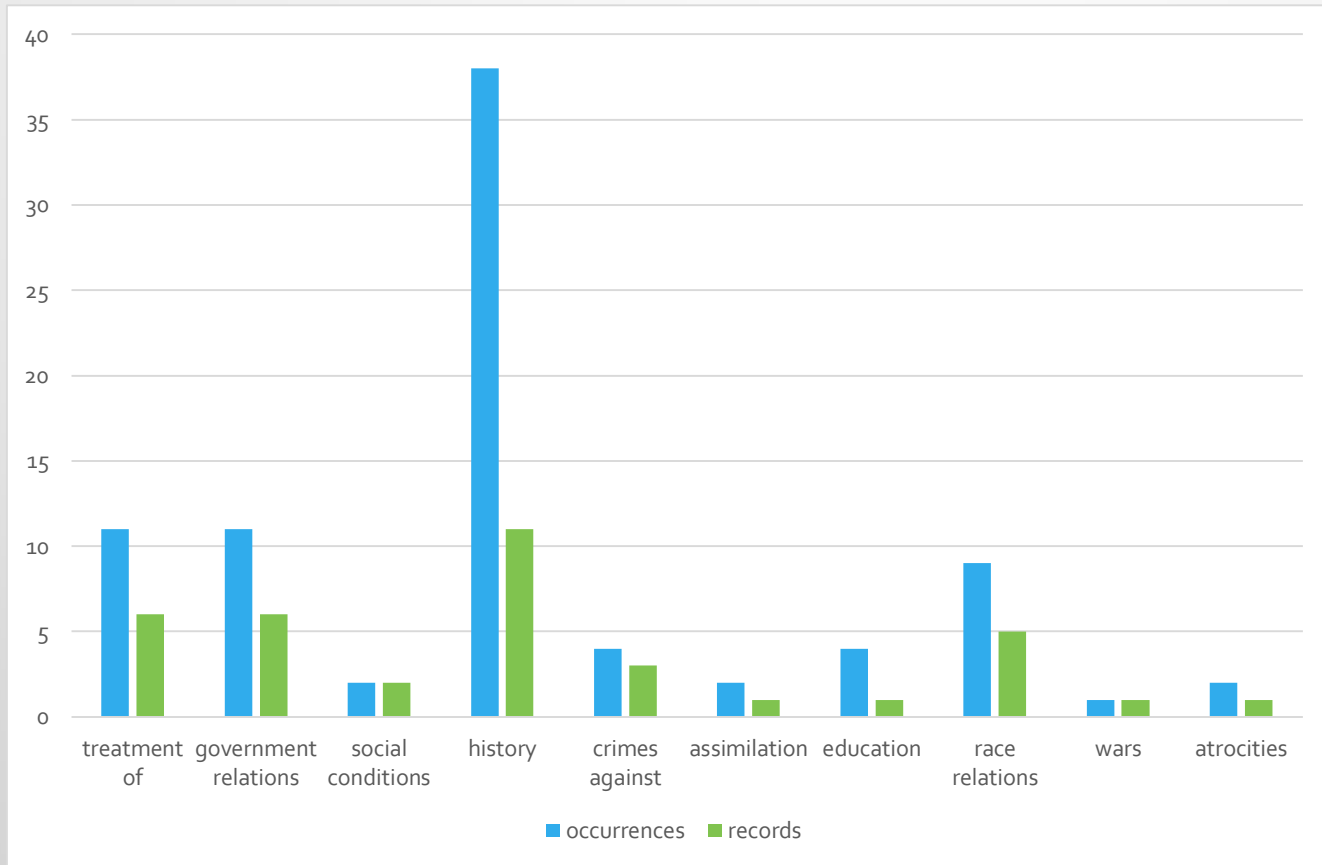


“Genocide-United States” x2; “Genocide-Canada” x1

Figure 5: Euphemisms in Records Excluding Heading for Genocide (Records n=20)



**Figure 6. Headings associated with LC Heading Genocide
(Records n=14)**



Summary

- Genocide absent in 59% of records
- Often portrayed as an aspect of history, social conditions or “government relations”
- Mostly geographically vague (“North America”) or overly-specific



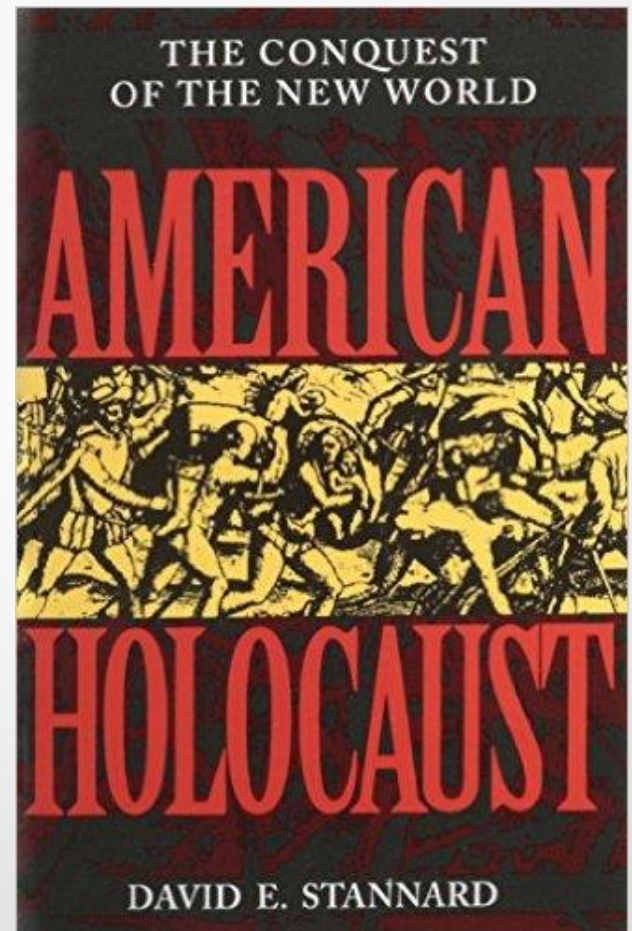
Colonial Narratives, Double Standards and Erasures

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Colonial Narratives

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- Indians, Treatment of.
- Indians -- First contact with Europeans.
- America -- Discovery and exploration -- Spanish.

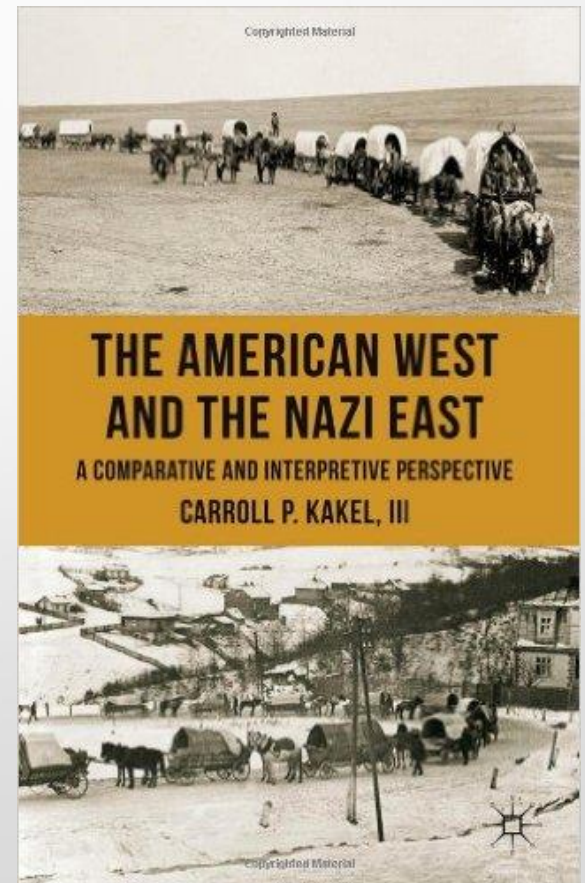
**E 112 - Christopher
Columbus in American
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- **Germany -- Territorial expansion -- History -- 20th century.**
- **Manifest Destiny.**
- **Lebensraum.**

Double Standards

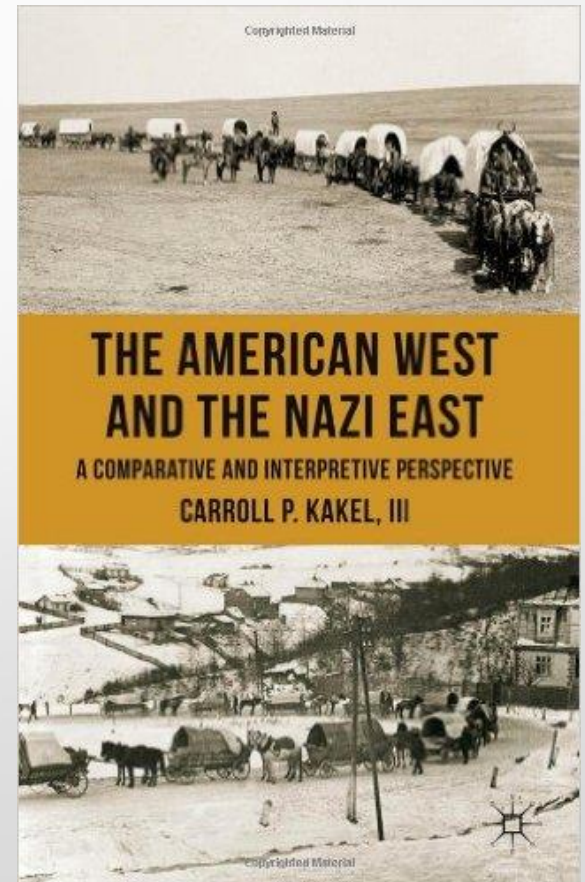
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- Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945) -- Europe, Eastern.
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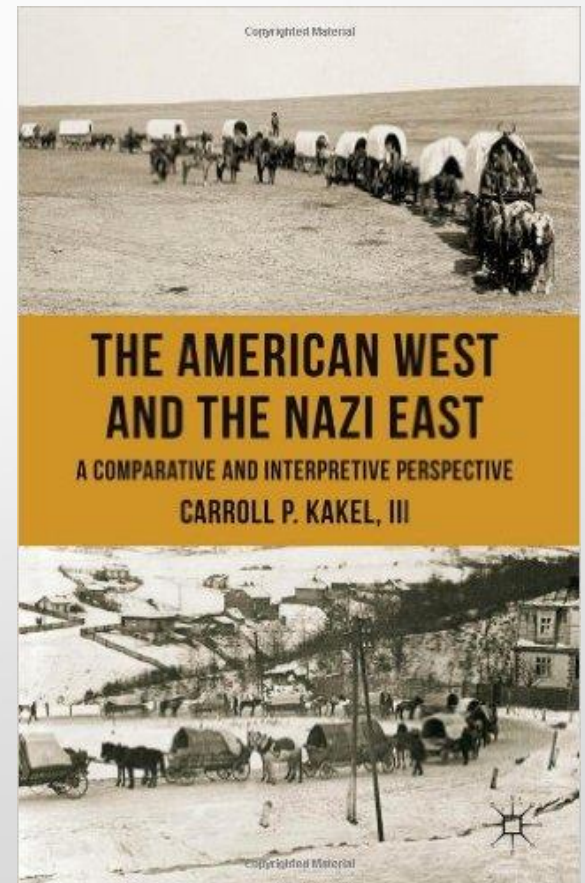
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- **HISTORY -- United States -- Civil War Period (1850-1877)**
- HISTORY -- Europe -- Germany.
- **HISTORY -- Native American.**
- Atrocities.
- Genocide.
- **Indians, Treatment of.**
- Massacres.
- Territorial expansion.

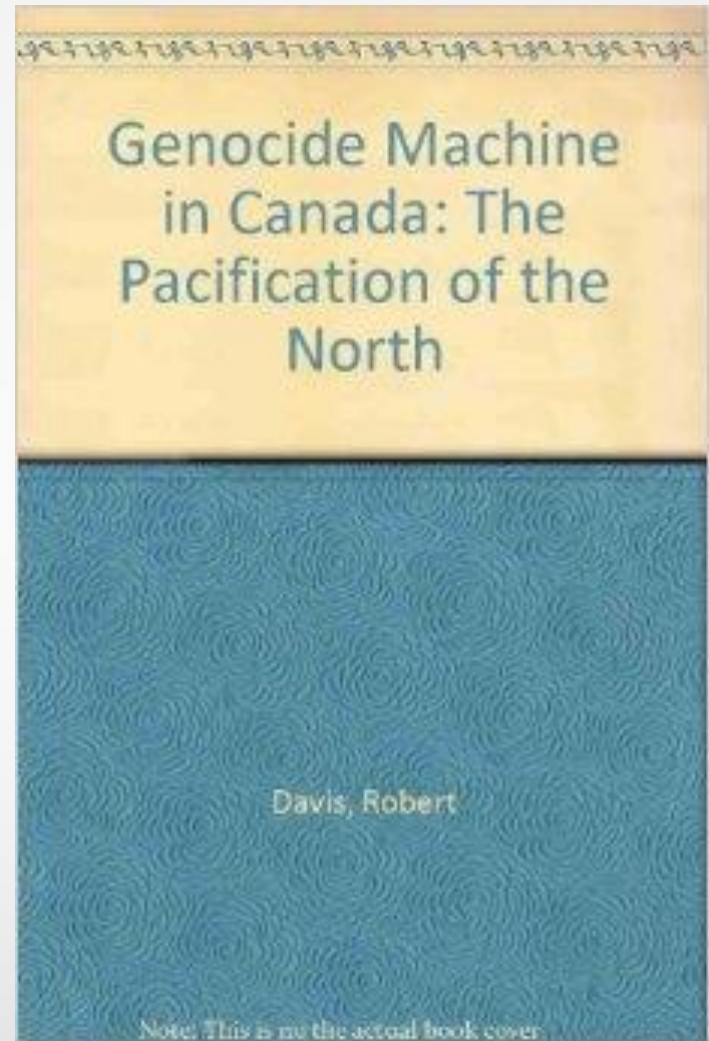
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Double Standards



Erasures

- Environmental policy -- Canada, Northern.
- Canada, Northern -- Economic policy.
- Economic policy.
- Environmental policy.
- Canada, Northern.



HC 117 -- Economic development



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- E 179.5 – United States History “General special”
- F 868 – California, regions
- HC 117 – Economic history, Canada
- HQ 767.7 – Sterilization as birth control
- KE 7709 – Native peoples, Treaties

Cataloguing and Classification of Marginalized topics

(Olson and Schlegl 1999).

- Treated as an exception to the presumed norm,
- physically ghettoized away from the materials with which they should be associated;
- depicted with an inappropriate structure that misrepresents the field;
- assigned biased terminology, often with pejorative overtones; or
- omitted altogether



From theory to practice

Researching Native American Genocide

The topic of genocide in the Americas is considered a controversial one: within the field of genocide studies there is considerable debate as to whether or not what was inflicted on the continent's Indigenous peoples qualified as "genocide." The government of Canada does not recognize the use of this term in this context. As such, researching Native American genocide poses some difficulties, as standard subject headings related to genocide rarely apply. A small percentage of titles have been assigned the subject headings "Genocide - Canada" or "Genocide - United States." More often, however these are the commonly used headings:

Indians of North America --

- Treatment of
- Violence against
- Crimes against
- Assimilation
- Government relations
- Relocation
- Education
- Wars

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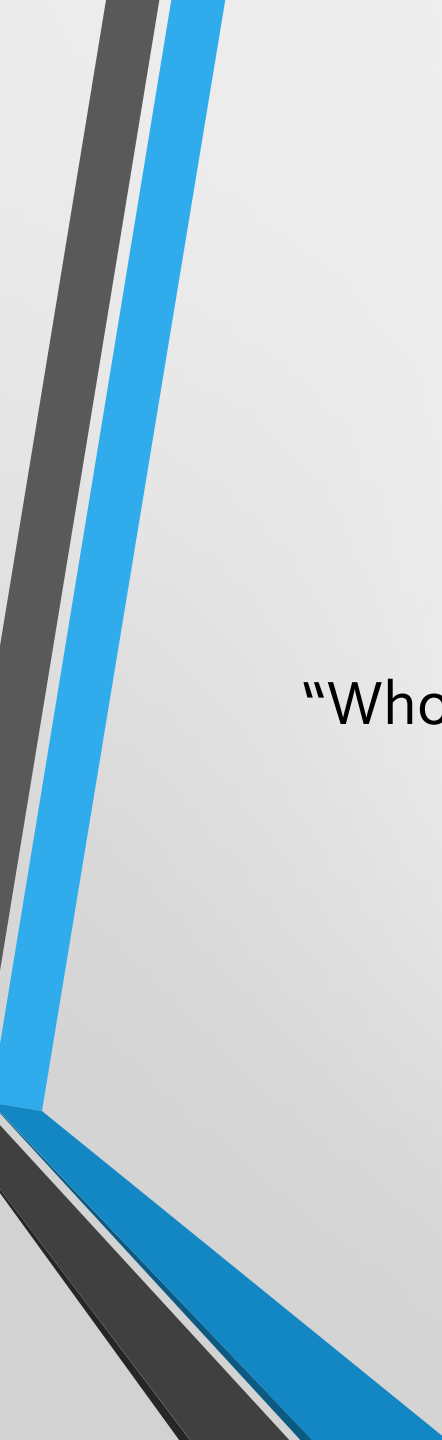
- United States -- Ethnic Relations
- United States -- Race relations
- Columbus, Christopher -- Influence
- Forced migration - United States
- Massacres -- United States
- California -- Gold Discoveries -- social aspects

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Conclusions

- Biased terminology and classification are barriers to researching Indigenous genocides
- Limitations of keyword searching
- Historiographic implications of cataloguing
- Pragmatic cataloguing would recognize claims of Indigenous genocides.



“Who control[s] language and its values controls history
and its interpretation.”

-- Daniel Moody



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