



Indexing Human Rights Information

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What is the Freedom Index?



The **Freedom Index** is a proposed international standard for the classification of human rights information.

One universal indexing system designed to catalogue all data relating to human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Why?

An increasing amount of human rights information is becoming inaccessible and even invisible.

Search engines are not optimal, particularly across language and discipline boundaries.

Discovery of crucial information is often random and accidental.

How do we archive information for later (possibly: generations)?

How?

Think Dewey Decimal System, but instead of one index number for one document (e.g., in a library), we group closely-related documents.

Numeric index system assigns unique subject reference codes. Precise enough so that only closely-related documents can be found.

Cut across language spheres, so that related information can be more easily found if not in the searchers' own linguistic/geographical area.

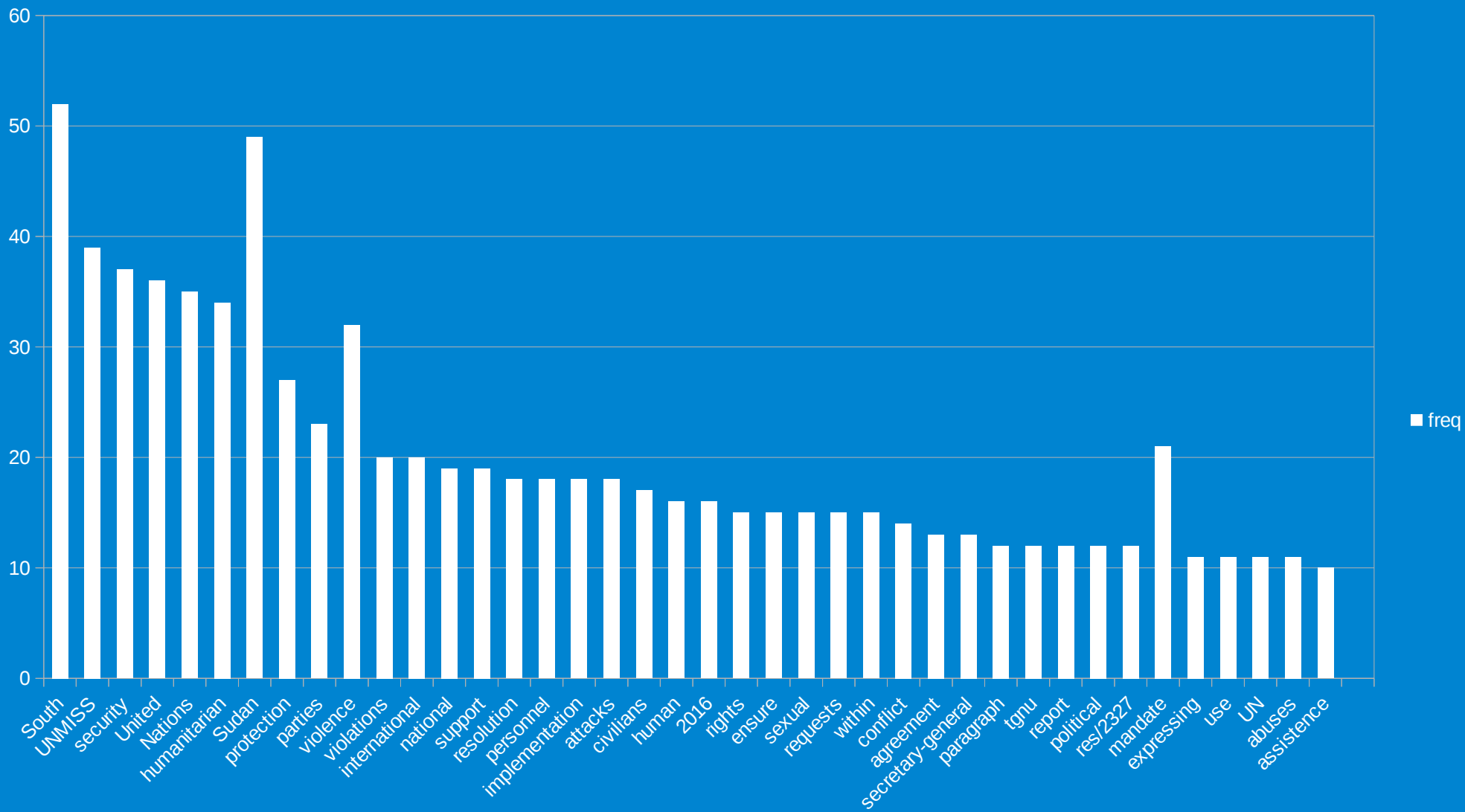
Hypothetical Example:

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All publicly available United Kingdom online judicial decisions in the English language relating to appeals against prosecutions arising from alleged interference with communications surveillance for national security purposes.

Quick Demo: Proof of Concept

Figuring out what
a single document is about.



The Future:

Expand to groups of documents based on demoed predictor, and figure out relations between different documents, and how the index number should change.

Find out ways to safeguard documents for future generations and make this easily searchable, cross-reference etc.

Questions?