



# Visual History Archive®

Enable unparalleled learning and research opportunities with first-hand video testimonies

**The Visual History Archive** is an invaluable primary source repository, containing over 56,000 audio-visual interviews with survivors and witnesses of genocides globally. This vast collection grants access to the personal stories and individual experiences that embody the far-reaching impact of genocide, providing essential context to researchers and learners worldwide. Equipped with a user-friendly interface, advanced search capabilities, and a growing collection of transcripts, this ever-growing database empowers users to explore, analyze, and gain deep insights into the complexities and consequences of historical atrocities.

*"No matter how our civilization advances, there are certain values that define us as individuals and as a society... The content of the Visual History Archive is priceless material to teach those core values to our students."*

*—C.L. Max Nikias, President, University of Southern California*

ProQuest is proud to collaborate with USC Shoah Foundation to provide access to the full archive, while also facilitating the creation of transcripts in more than 40 languages. This monumental undertaking not only expands the Visual History Archive index but also expands the search possibilities within testimonies, fostering enhanced research and discovery.

The Visual History Archive provides first-hand testimonies of survivors, witnesses, and those impacted by the historical tragedies:

- **1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda:** Immerse yourself in the stories of elders, Hutu power opponents, liberators, rescuers, Tutsi survivors, and victims' spouses, offering unique perspectives on this devastating genocide.
- **Anti-Rohingya Mass Violence (August-October 2017):** Witness the accounts of Rohingya survivors, shedding light on the tragic events that unfolded on the borders between Myanmar and Bangladesh.
- **Armenian Genocide (1915-23):** Delve into the experiences of Armenian survivors, descendants, foreign witnesses, rescuers and aid providers, scholars, Yazidi survivors.
- **Cambodian Genocide (April 1975-January 1979):** Gain insights from Cambodian genocide survivors as they share their stories of resilience and survival.
- **Central African Republic Conflict (2012-2013):** Explore the narratives of witnesses who experienced the Central African Republic conflict, offering valuable perspectives on the complexities of this ongoing conflict.

- **Contemporary Antisemitism:** Listen to the firsthand accounts of interviewees who have faced contemporary antisemitism, fostering understanding and awareness of this persistent issue.
- **European Holocaust (1939-45):** Engage with survivors, liberators, forced laborers, political prisoners, rescuers and aid providers, Sinti and Roma survivors, and more, as they recount their experiences during the European Holocaust.
- **Guatemalan Genocide (1978-96):** Gain insights into the lives of Guatemalan genocide survivors and learn about the atrocities committed during this period of intense violence.
- **Nanjing Massacre (1937):** Witness the testimonies of survivors who endured the Nanjing Massacre, shedding light on this tragic event in Chinese history.
- **South Sudan Civil War (2013-present):** Hear the voices of conflict witnesses and survivors, providing firsthand accounts of the ongoing civil war in South Sudan.
- **War and Genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina (1992-1995):** Explore the experiences of Bosnian Muslim survivors and others impacted by the war and genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina, uncovering the lasting effects of this conflict.

*"Nowhere in the world is there a company with wider reach, proven longevity and a better reputation for good stewardship and dissemination of such vast amounts of information," said Sam Gustman, the Visual History Institute's chief technology officer. "In ProQuest, customers have a galaxy of documentation at their fingertips, and yet are able to seek and find information with granular precision."*



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Uncover untold stories, gain diverse perspectives, and humanize historical narratives through the exploration of these first-hand accounts.

*"From the viewpoint of historians, the most important benefit of using testimonies is that they bring into history events that would otherwise remain completely unknown, since they are missing from conventional documentation found in archives—most of which was written by perpetrators and organizers of genocide. Testimonies can save events from oblivion, but they can also provide very different perspectives of events known through conventional documentation."*

—Omer Bartov, John P. Birkelund

*Distinguished Professor of European History and Professor of History and Professor of German Studies, Brown University*

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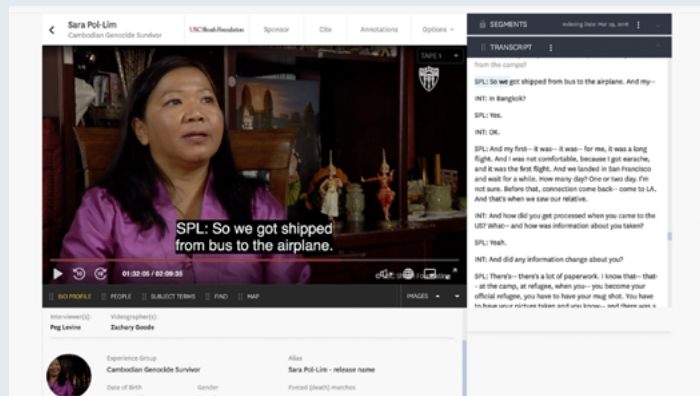
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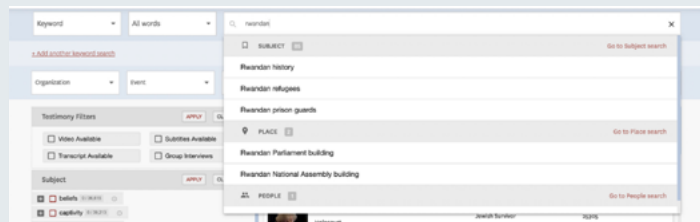
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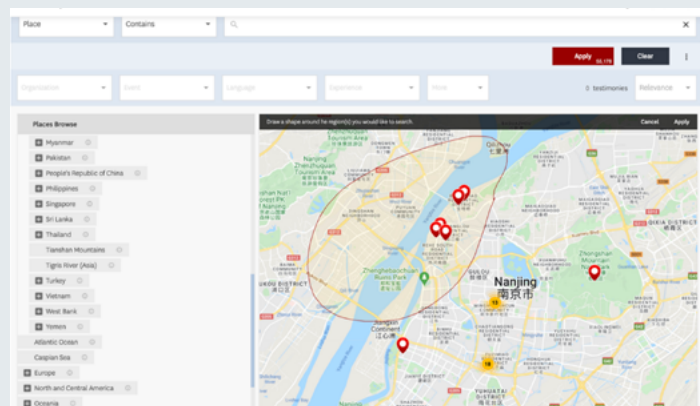
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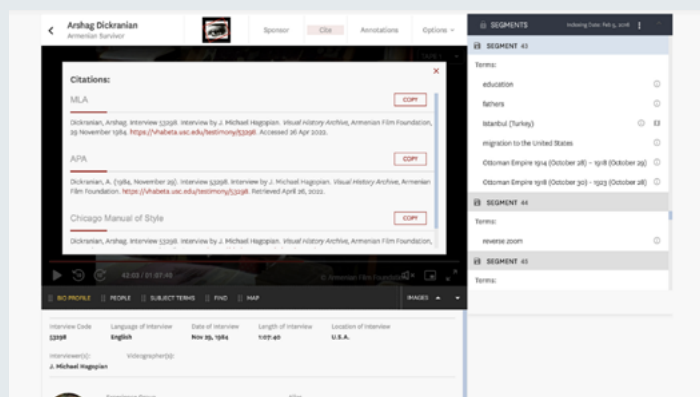
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The citation generator makes integrating testimony into scholarship easier than ever.

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