The Nationalities of Issues

Most significant rights types per country according to local Google results of the query for rights in the local languages.

RESEARCH STRATEGY

Employ Google to show most prominent types of rights per country.

METHOD

Query the term “rights” in the local languages in the local Google versions, e.g., “oigused” in Google.ee and “direitos” in Google.pt. Manually, read the results and make lists of the top ten, distinctive rights types, leaving them in the order that Google provided.

Google.se with query “rättigheter” (13.07.09)
Google.fi with query “oikeudet” (13.07.09)
Google.ee with query “oigused” (15.07.09)
Google.lv with query “tiesibas” (16.07.09)
Google.co.uk with query “rights” (13.07.09)
Google.nl with query “rechten” (13.07.09)
Google.be with query “rechten van” (15.07.09)
Google.be with query “droits” (14.07.09)
Google.lu with query “rechte” (15.07.09)
Google.de with query “rechte” (15.07.09)
Google.at with query “rechte” (15.07.09)
Google.ch with query “rechte” (15.07.09)
Google.fr with query “droits” (14.07.09)
Google.pt with query “direitos” (14.07.09)
Google.es with query “derechos” (13.07.09)
Google.it with query “diritto al” OR “diritto alla” (13.07.09)
Google.ro with query “drepturile” (13.07.09)
Google.mo with query “drepturile” (13.07.09)
Google.ru with query “prava” (13.07.09)
Google.com.tr with query “haklari” (17.07.09)
Google.jp with query “権利” (16.07.09)
Google.hk with query “權利” (17.07.09)
Google.com.ph with query “karapatang” (16.07.09)
Google.ca with query “droits” (17.07.09)
Google.ca with query “derechos” (15.07.09)
Google.com with query “derechos” (14.07.09)
Google.com with query “derechos” (15.07.09)
Google.com.mx with query “derechos” (15.07.09)
Google.com.br with query “direitos” (15.07.09)
Google.ar with query “derechos” (15.07.09)
Google.pe with query “derechos” (15.07.09)

DATA STORAGE

The top 100 results per query are stored for validation purposes. In Firefox, save page as, web page, complete. Data sets available at http://wiki.digitalmethods.net/Dmi/NationalityofIssues/.

Note the local Google versions were chosen on the basis of the language skills of the participants of the Digital Methods Summer School, 2009. Note too that when faced with a large quantity of Google versions for a single language, a further selection was made, e.g., the top three Spanish-speaking countries according to population.

For those local Google versions where multiple languages are spoken, the two dominant languages were queried. We queried google.be (Belgium) in Flemish and French, and queried google.ca (Canada) in English and French.

FINDINGS

Countries could be said to have distinctive concerns, compared to other countries, as read from Google results. For example, everyman’s rights in Finland, prostitutes’ rights in the Netherlands, computer programmers’ rights in Japan and the right to oblivion in Italy (not saving everything) are unique to the respective countries. The specific rights language per country has been retained, meaning that LGBT rights in the United States, and homosexual rights in Hong Kong, are not regarded as equivalents. Also, given the limited sample of countries and the method for selection, the most widely shared rights across countries are not the subject of analysis.

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