

Safe Spaces, Brave Spaces

**DIVERSITY AND FREE EXPRESSION
IN EDUCATION**

John Palfrey

This microsite of Safe Spaces, Brave Spaces was produced by Datawheel, a data studio founded by César Hidalgo. Datawheel's algorithms semantically analyze the corpus of the text and generate a visual 'data narrative' about the book.

On the index page keywords and phrases can be entered in the input field and their frequency of use, by chapter, will be graphed.

A different display for word frequencies by chapter—rendered as a cloud—can be seen on page four.

Finally, there is a word network visualization available for all 7 chapters. These informational renderings surface the most frequently appearing words for each chapter. The word nets for each chapter graphically express the relationships among word clusters and between individual words. The strength of the relatedness between words is represented by the weight of the line connecting the words.



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Palfrey proposes an innovative way to support both diversity and free expression on campus: creating safe spaces and brave spaces. In safe spaces, students can explore ideas and express themselves without feeling marginalized. In brave spaces—classrooms, lecture halls, public forums—the search for knowledge is paramount, even if some discussions may make certain students uncomfortable. The strength of our democracy, says Palfrey, depends on a commitment to upholding both diversity and free expression, especially when it is hardest to do so.

Safe spaces, trigger warnings, microaggressions, the disinvitation of speakers, demands to rename campus landmarks—debate over these issues began in lecture halls and on college quads but ended up on op-ed pages in the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*, on cable news, and on social media. Some of these critiques had merit, but others took a series of cheap shots at “crybullies” who needed to be coddled and protected from the real world. Few questioned the assumption that colleges must choose between free expression and diversity. In *Safe Spaces, Brave Spaces*, John Palfrey argues that the essential democratic values of diversity and free expression can, and should, coexist on campus.

about the book

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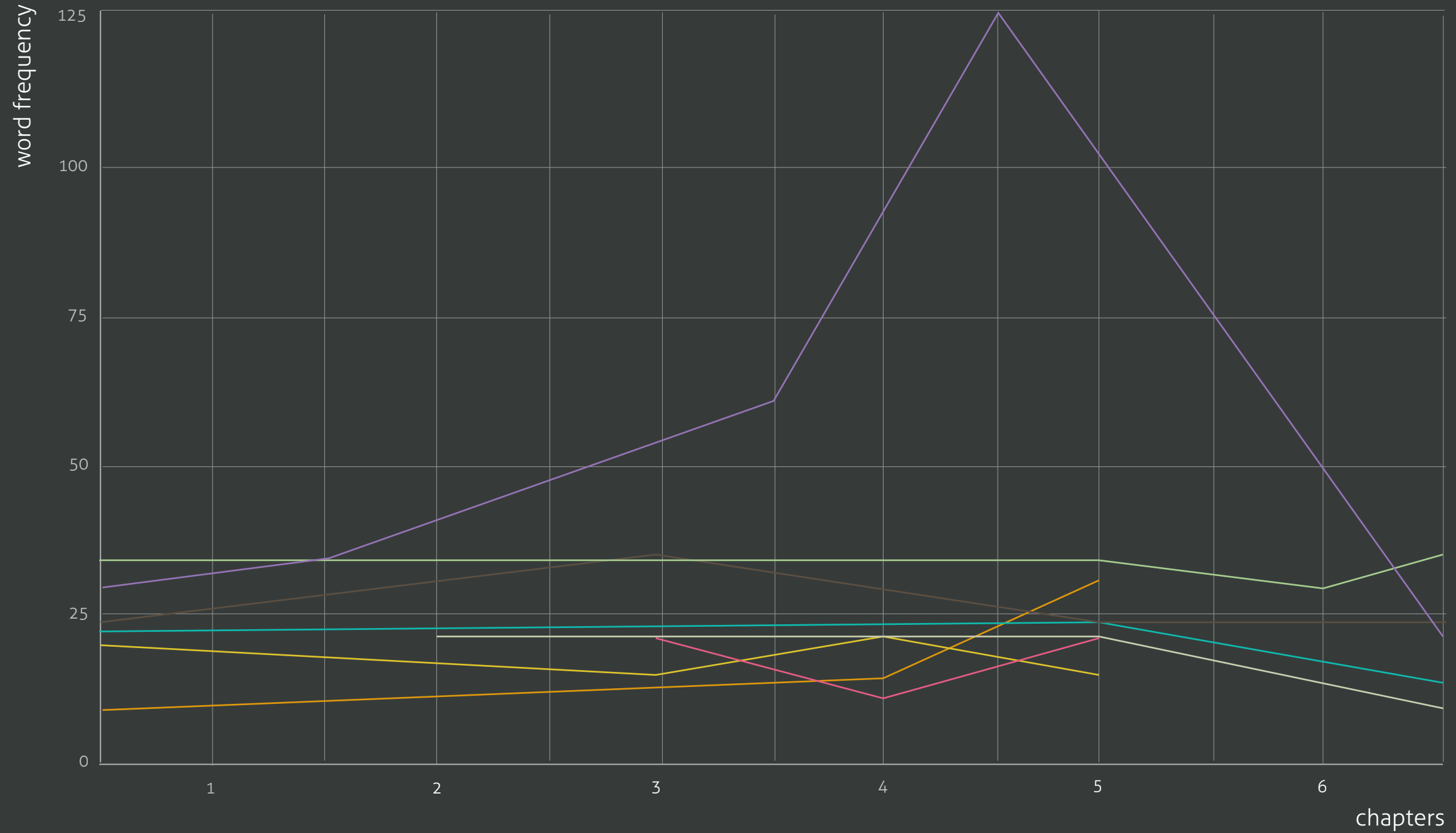
Graph these comma-separated phrases:

autonomy

EXPLORE

Most important words in the book:

ABRAMS | CHAPLINSKY | TAI | ORGANIZATIONS | FISHER | AUTONOMY | JOURNALIST | PROTEST | WARNINGS



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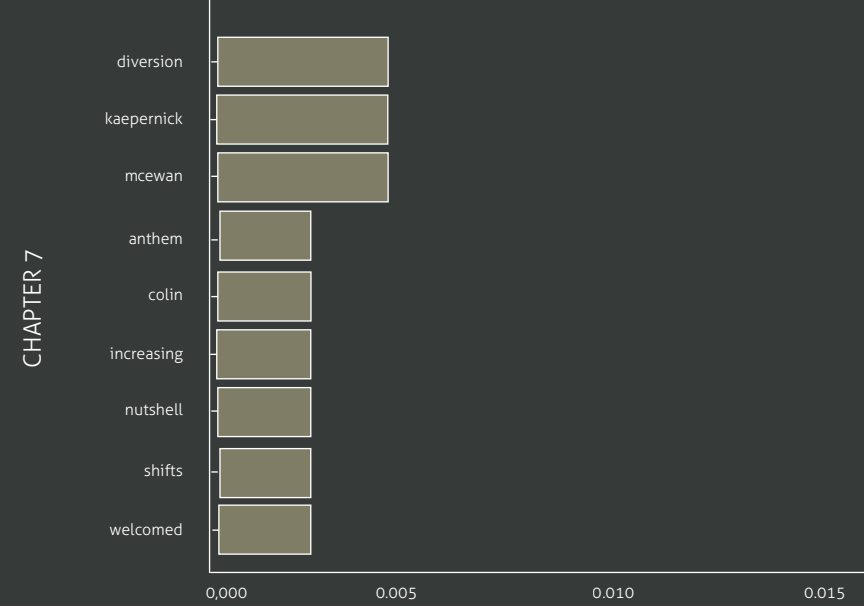
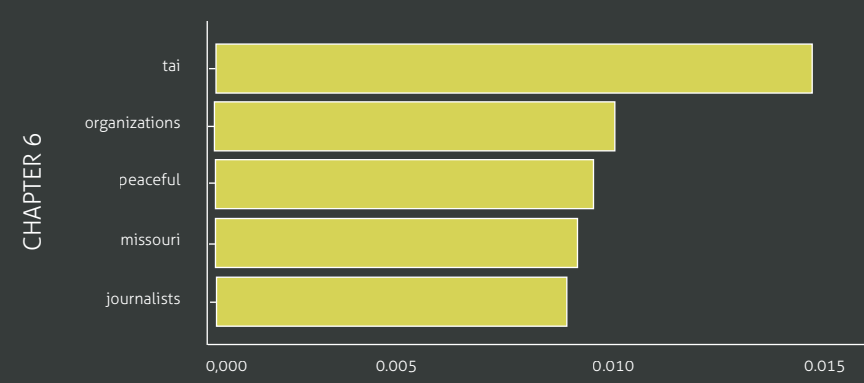
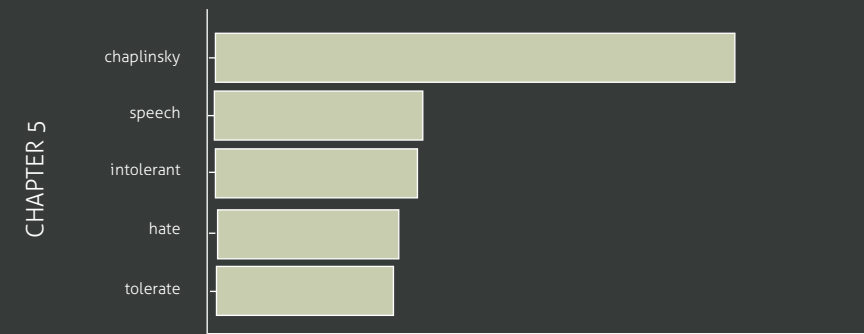
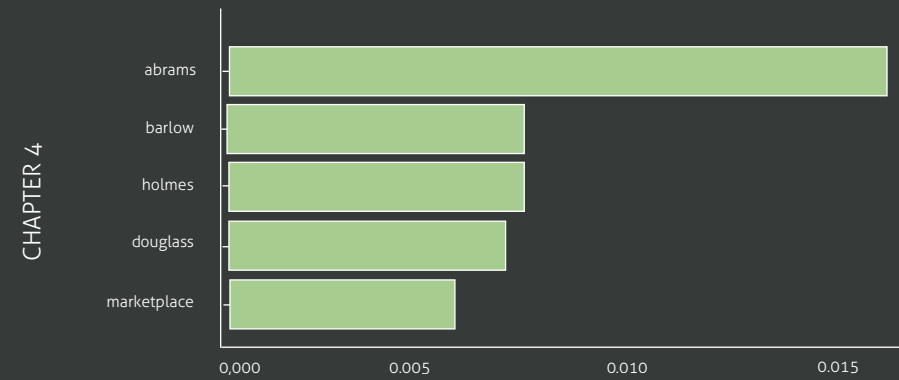
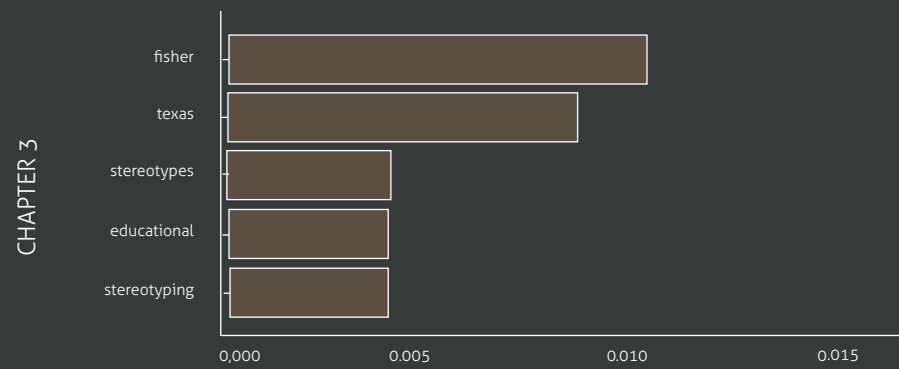
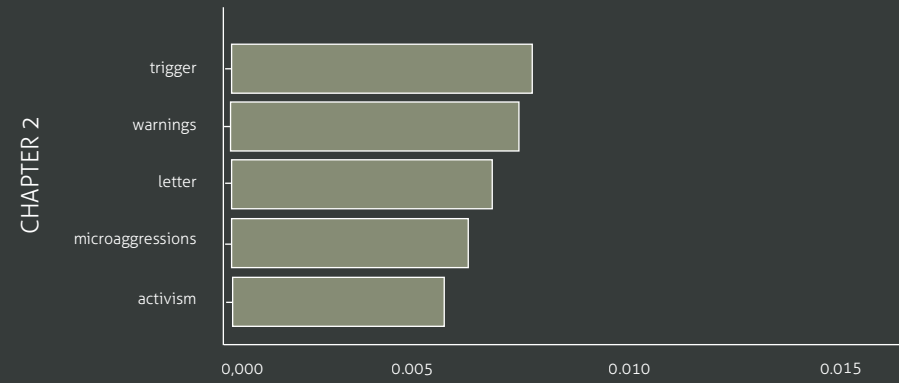
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most relevant words

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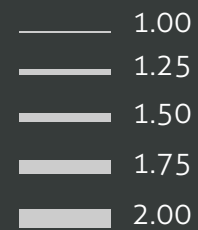
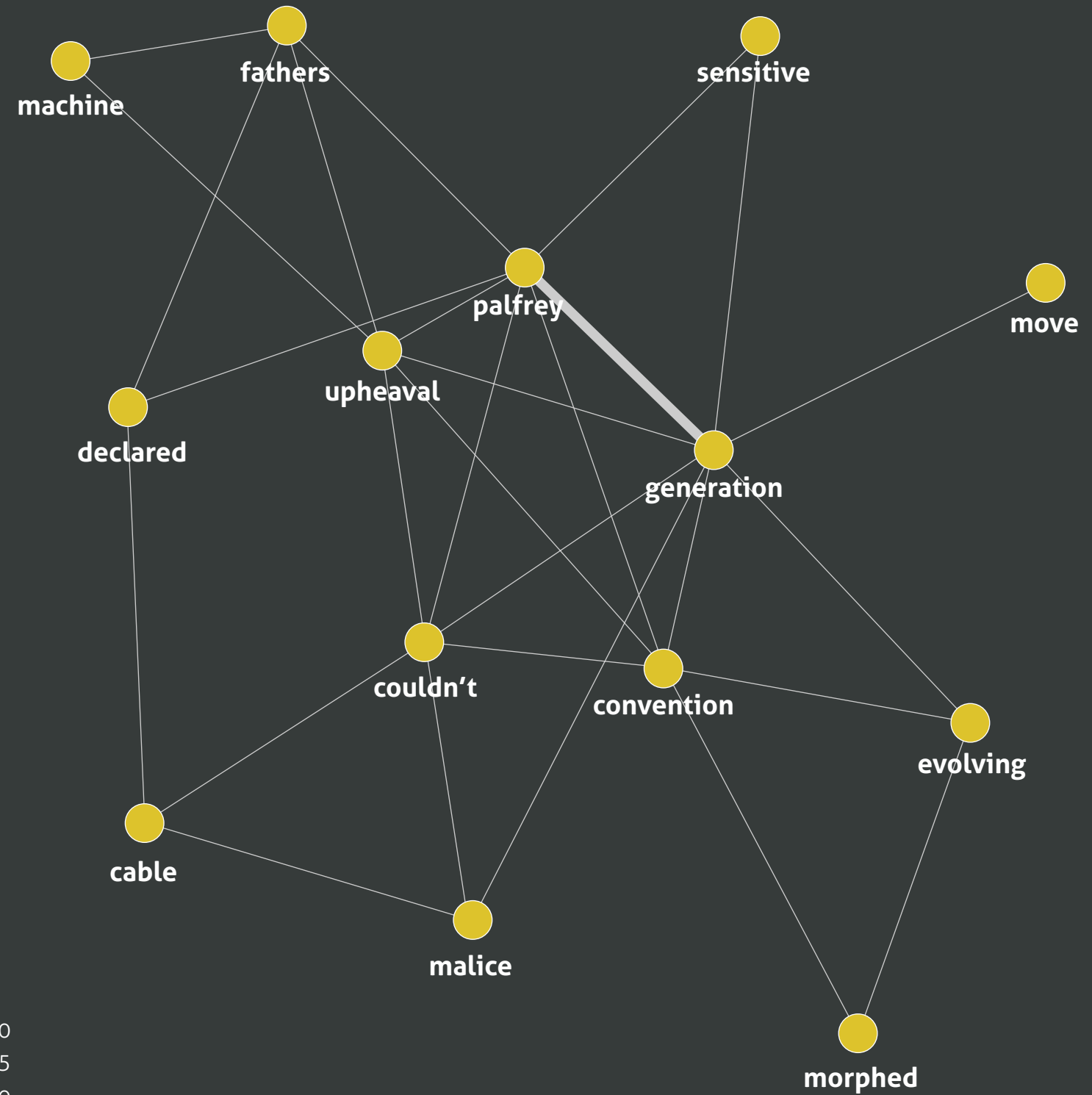
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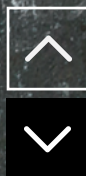
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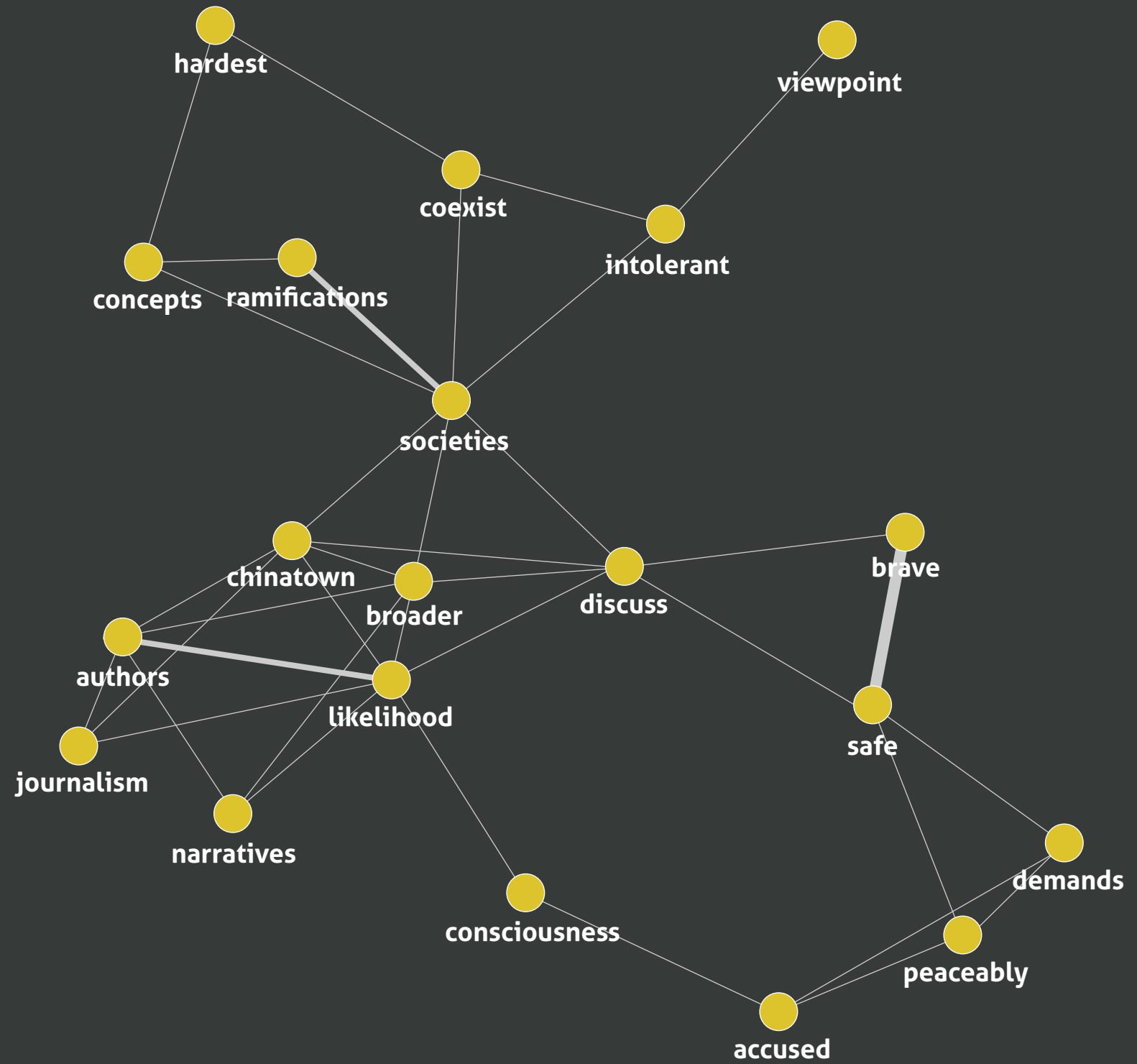
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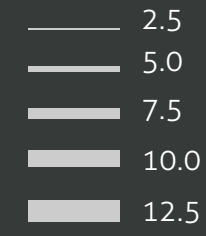
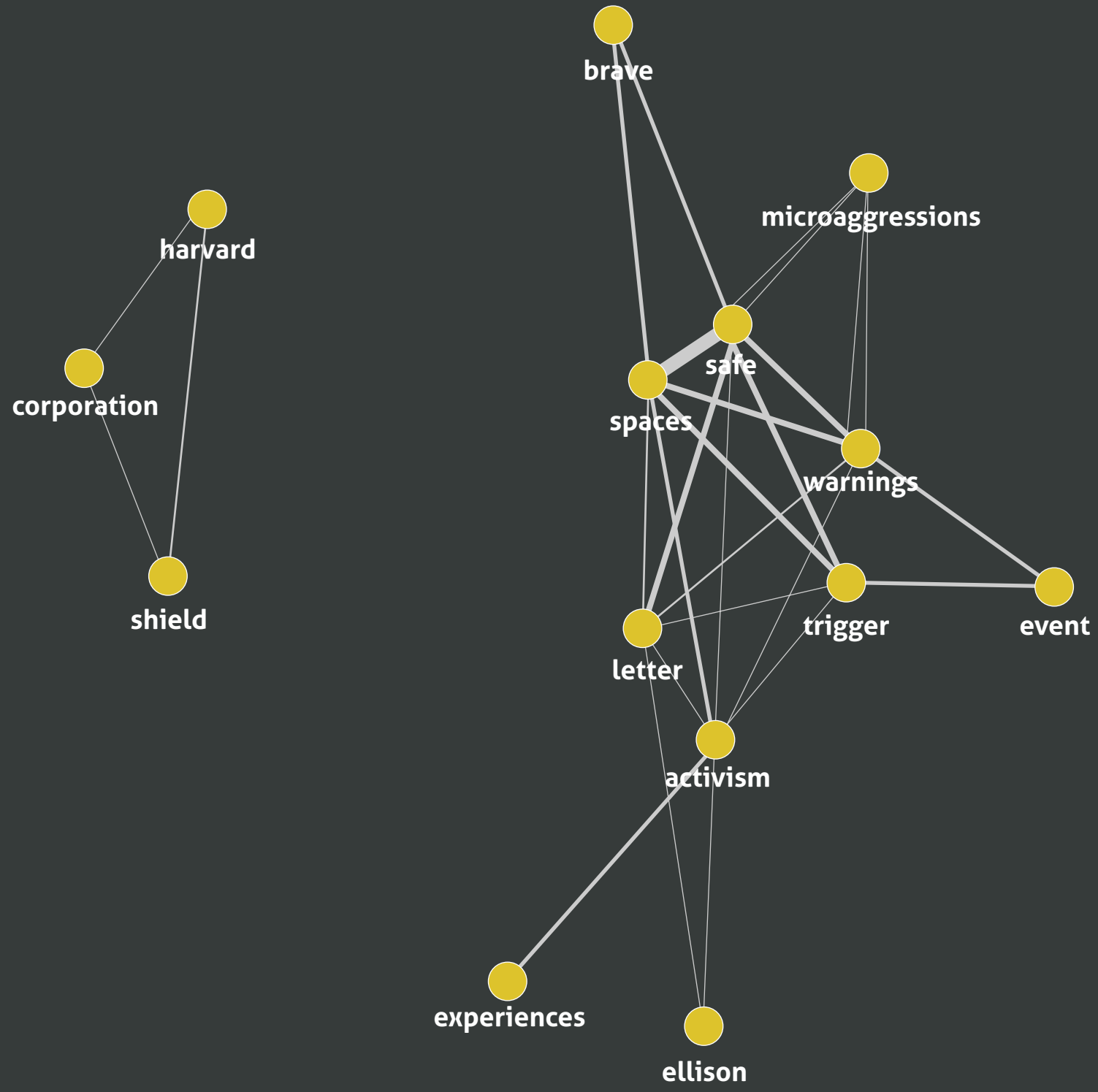


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The Case for Diversity



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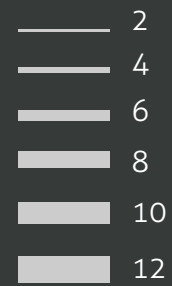
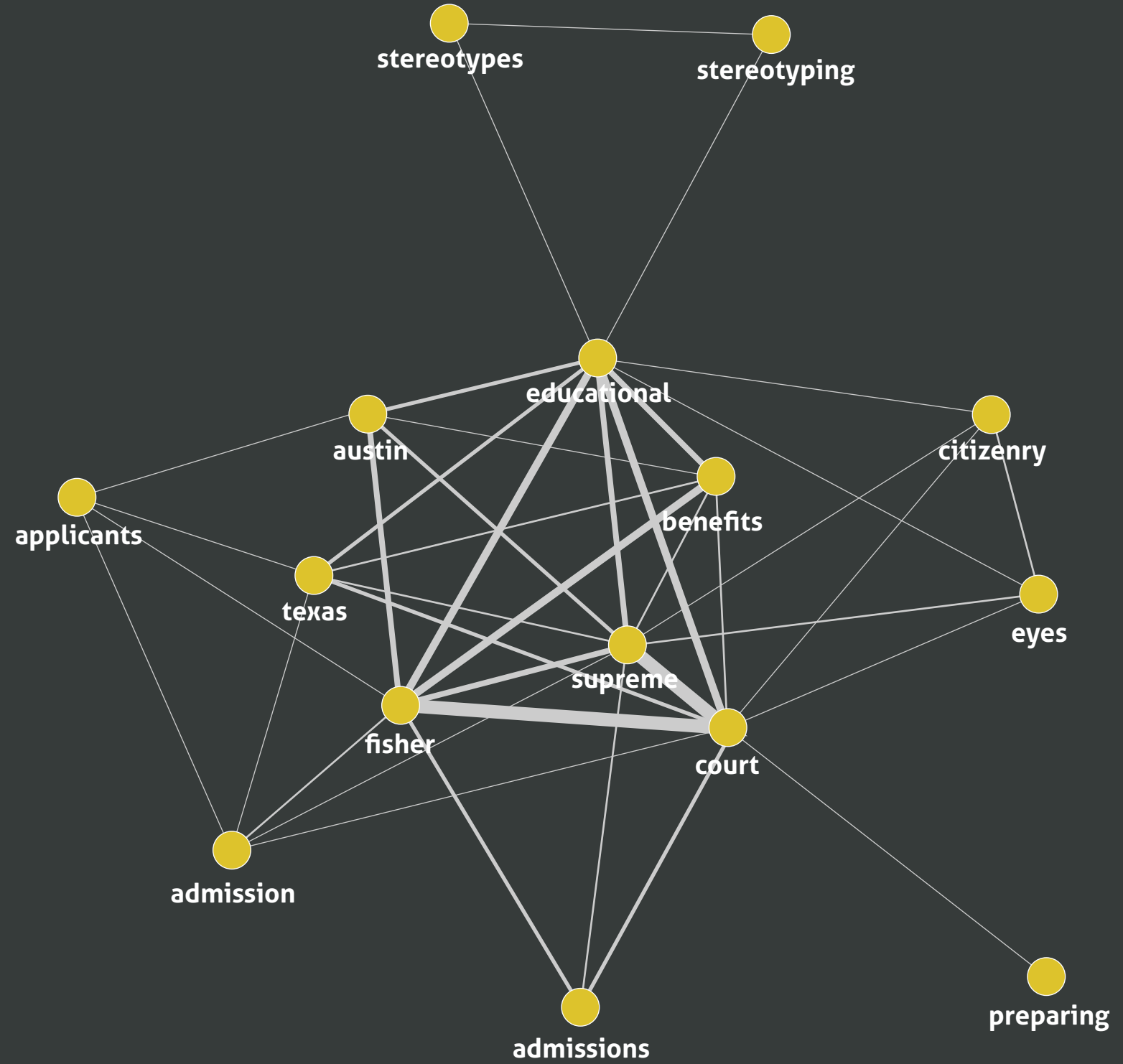


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The Case for Free Expression



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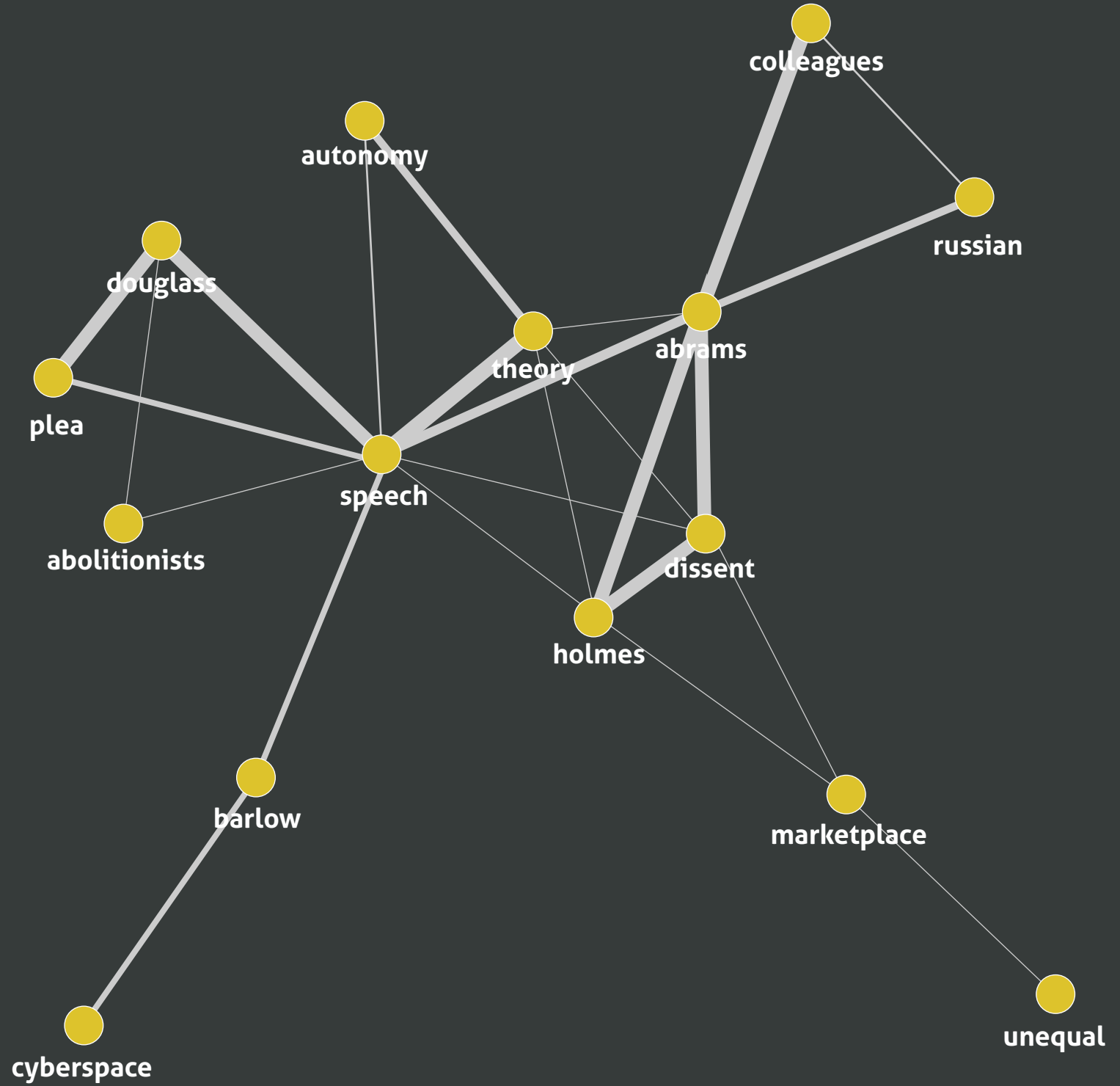


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The hard problem of Hate Speech



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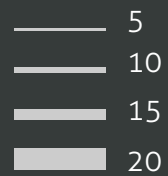
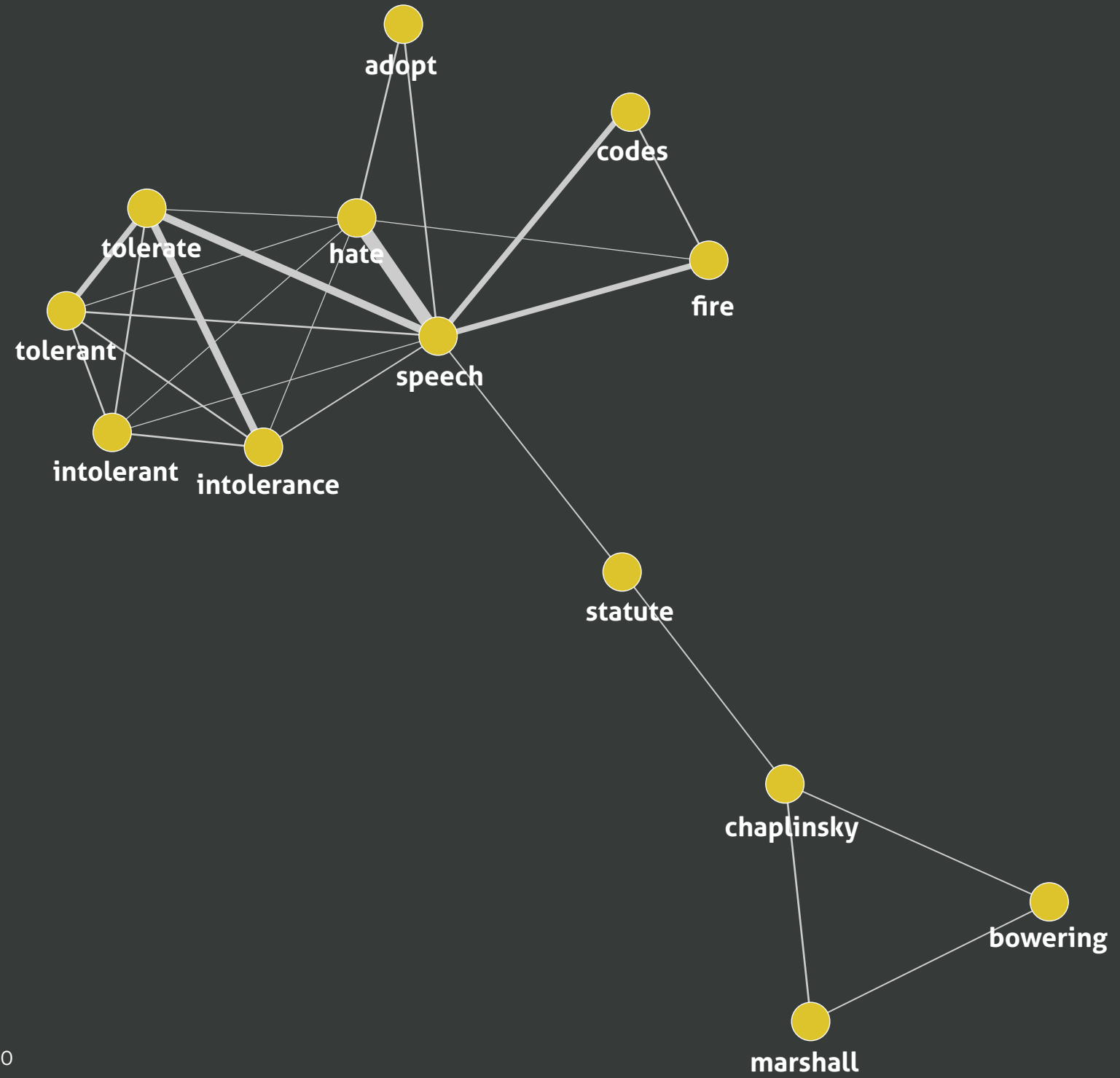


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Free Press and Freedom of Assembly



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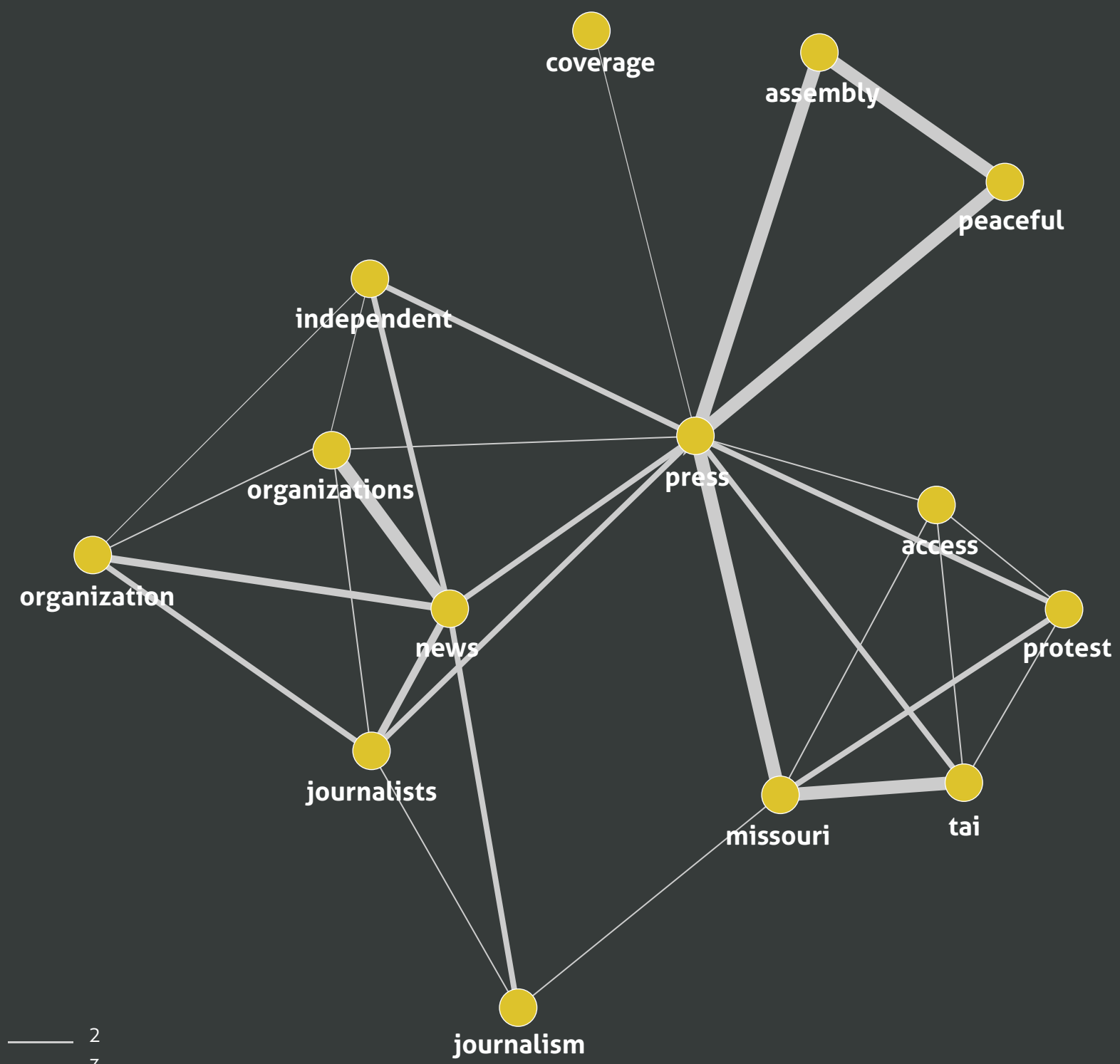


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Why the Diversity and Free Expression Debate



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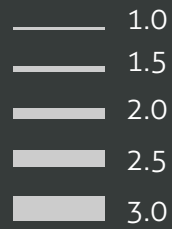
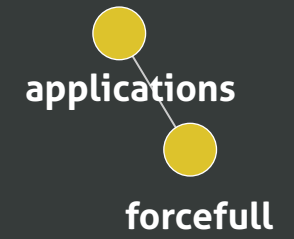
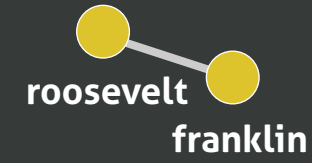
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