COLUMBIA INTERVIEW CODING REPORT

Columbia Truth Commission

Abstract
Notes and coding for Columbia interviews discussing the Columbia Truth Commission.

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Researcher Notes

Interviewees:

- Carlos
- Dario
- Sigifredo

Created case classifications and attributes for all interviewees. Information is organized as follows:

- Person
    - Age group
    - Gender
    - Country
    - Education level
    - TRC involvement

Major themes and discussions from the interviews:

- TRC
    - Discussions of the TRC's origins (n=3)
    - The idea that the TRC gave voice to the people (n=1)
    - Wish that the work had been faster (n=1)
    - Disregard for the work of the TRC due to its origins in the peace process (n=1)
    - Function to reveal the truth of the conflict (n=1)
    - Idea TRC's have not been effective in their objectives (n=1)
    - Concern TRC and its members trying to dictate or be selective in the memories of victims (n=1)
    - Idea TRC should stick to facts and not take part in judicial components of the conflict (n=1)
    - Dislike membership from abroad (n=1)
    - TRC not changed understanding of the conflict (n=1)
    - Polarization between TRC and NCHM (n=1)
    - Opinion that a lot of information about the conflict not discussed (n=1)
- Conflict
    - That the conflict in Columbia is complex due to its long term and ongoing nature (n=3)
    - That there were too many instances of human rights violations to address individually (n=1)
    - Unique case because no dictatorship and elected government (n=1)
    - Frustration that the government has not fulfilled peace agreements (n=2)
- Memorialization
    - No public spaces or memorialization of the victims of the conflict (n=1)
- History

- No one history, can be viewed many ways (n=1)
  - Need to record the truth to get it in the history of the country (n=1)
- Truth
  - Idea that the "truth cannot be negotiated" and needs to speak for itself/be objective (n=1)
  - Should not have an official truth – better to have different interpretations (n=1)
  - Skeptical TRC can get to the truth of the conflict (n=1)
  - Truth getting lost because not enough interviews with victims (n=1)
  - Finding the truth is hard (n=1)
- Justice
  - Some crimes to grave for amnesty (n=1)
  - Need different justice for different crimes (e.g., land theft=land restoration) (n=1)
- National Centre for Historical Memory:
  - Function to preserve memories of the victims of the conflict (n=1)
  - Idea new director is right wing (n=1)
  - Idea that the centre is denying the existence of the conflict (n=2)
  - No joint work with TRC (n=1)
- JEP
  - Trying to listen to victims and administer justice (n=1)

Code Book for the Columbia Interviews

The following chart breakdowns the codes and child nodes used for coding the Columbia interviews.

Coding Theme	Description
Commission	Discussions or references to the truth commission - why they were created, mandates, what the interviewee thinks of them, etc.
Funding	Discussions or references to TRC funding
Issues addressed	Discussion or references of issues addressed by the TRC
Mandate	Discussions or references to TRC mandates
Opinion of	Discussions or references of the interviewee's opinion of the TRC
Origin	Discussion or references to the origin or creation of the TRC
Relationship to	Discussions or references to the interviewee's relationship to the Commission
Forgiveness	Discussions or references to forgiveness
History	Discussions or references to history
Human Rights Violations	Discussions or references to human rights violations
Indifference	Discussions or references to indifference
Indigenous Community	Discussion or references to Indigenous communities
JEP	Discussions or references to the JEP
Justice	Discussions or references of justice
Kidnapping	Discussions or references to kidnapping
Memorialization	Discussions or references to memorialization, commemoration, ceremonies of remembrance, etc.
NCHM	Discussions or references of the National Centre for Historical Memory
Paramilitary Groups	Discussions or references to paramilitary groups
Politics	Discussions or references to politics
Reconciliation	Discussions or references to reconciliation
Truth	Discussions or references to truth
Victims	Discussions or references to victims
Violence	Discussions or references to violence
Women	Discussions or references to women

Coding Theme	Description
Youth	Discussions or references to youth

The most referenced themes in the interviews were:

- victims,
- truth commission, and,
- violence.

*It is unsurprising that discussions of the truth commission were prominent as most of the interview questions were about the truth commission (e.g., its origins, mandate, etc.).

The least referenced themes in the interviews were:

- youth, and,
- the idea of indifference.

Data Visualizations

This section contains all data visualization for the Columbia interviews. Data visualizations include:

- Word Frequency Clouds - a visual way to show the top 30 words including stems in the interview transcript. More frequently occurring words appear in larger fonts and less frequently appearing words in progressively smaller fonts
- Hierarchy Coding Charts – a diagram that shows hierarchical data as a set of nested rectangles of varying sizes. Here it is used to represent to demonstrate the most to least reference themes in the interview coding. References are scaled by rectangle size – the bigger the rectangle the more references it has compared to smaller rectangles.
- Matrix Coding Charts – chart that can compare what different demographic groups said about an experience, an attitude, or an issue. Data can help reveal coding intersections between individuals.
- Project Maps – a visual way of presenting project data. Can be used to show connections, gaps, and divergences in data.

Word Frequency Clouds

- Carlos Interview Word Cloud
- Excel list of word cloud findings for Carlos
- Dario Interview Word Cloud
- Excel list of word cloud findings for Dario
- Sigifredo Interview Word Cloud
- Excel list of word cloud findings for Sigifredo

Coding Hierarchy Chart

- Hierarchy coding comparing references
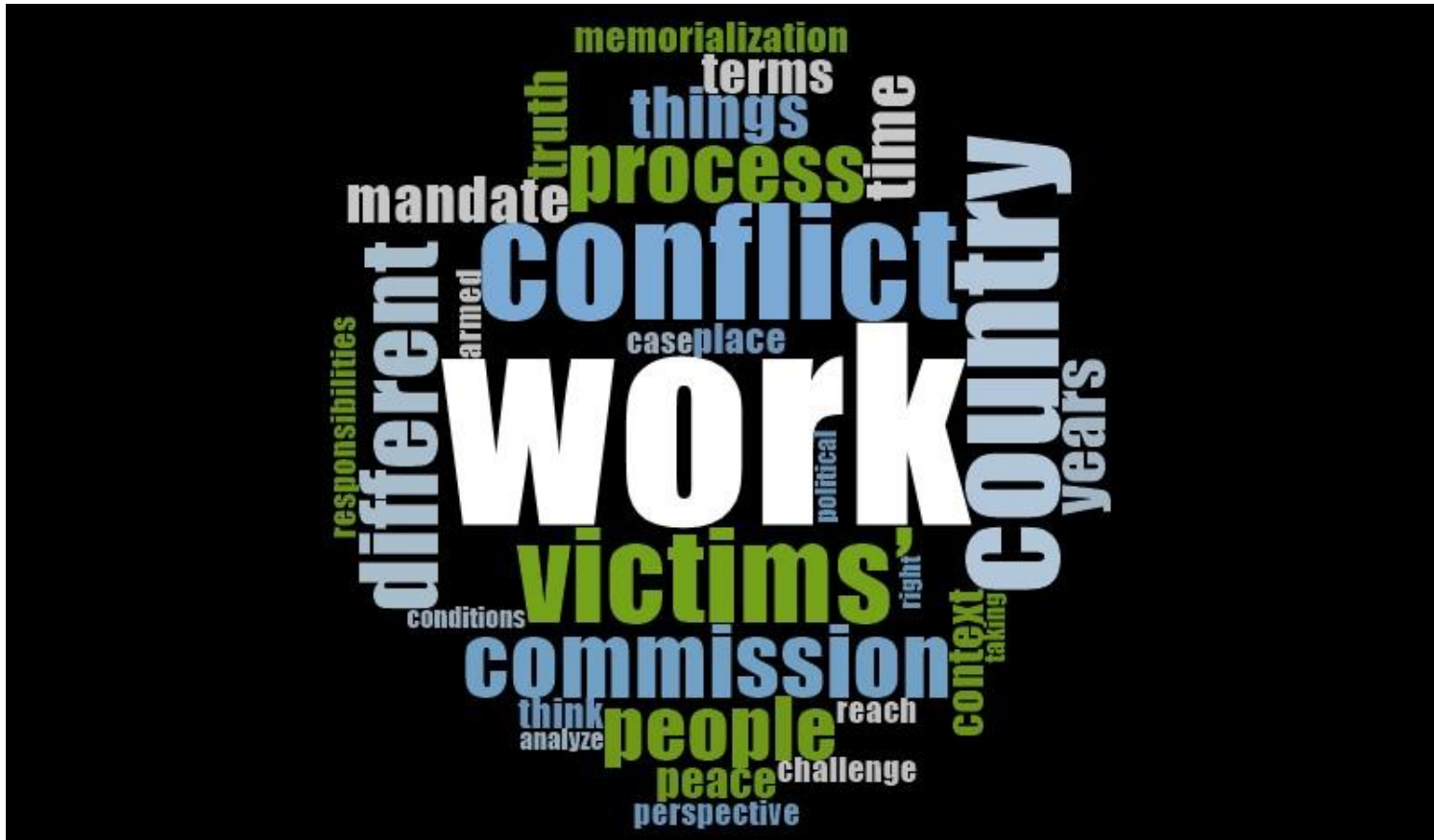- Excel list hierarchy coding comparing references

Matrix Coding Chart

- Matrix coding query - Columbia interview coding
- Excel list matrix coding query - Columbia interview coding

Project Maps

- Project map interviewee classifications and attributes Columbia
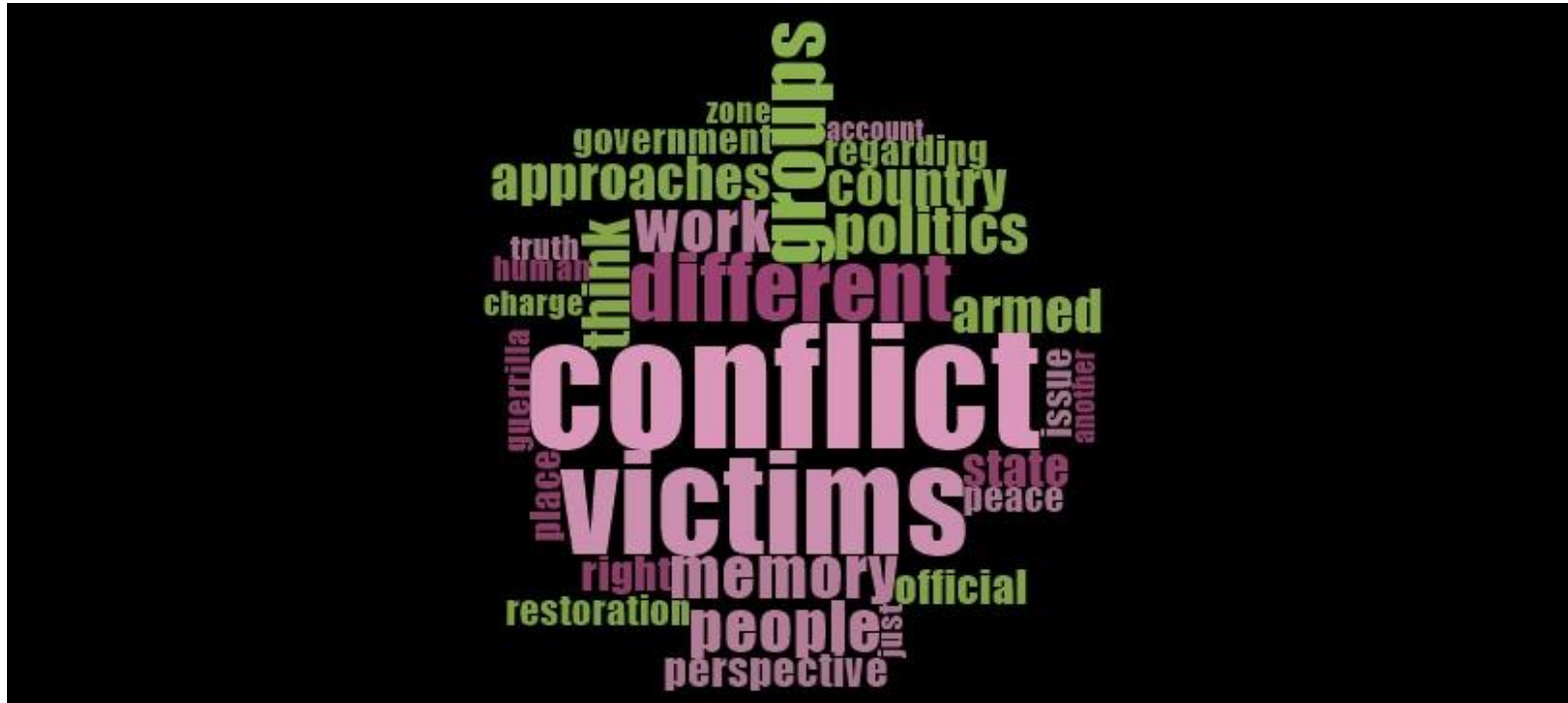- Project map interviewee coding Columbia

Carlos Interview Word Cloud

Excel List of Word Cloud Findings for Carlos Interview

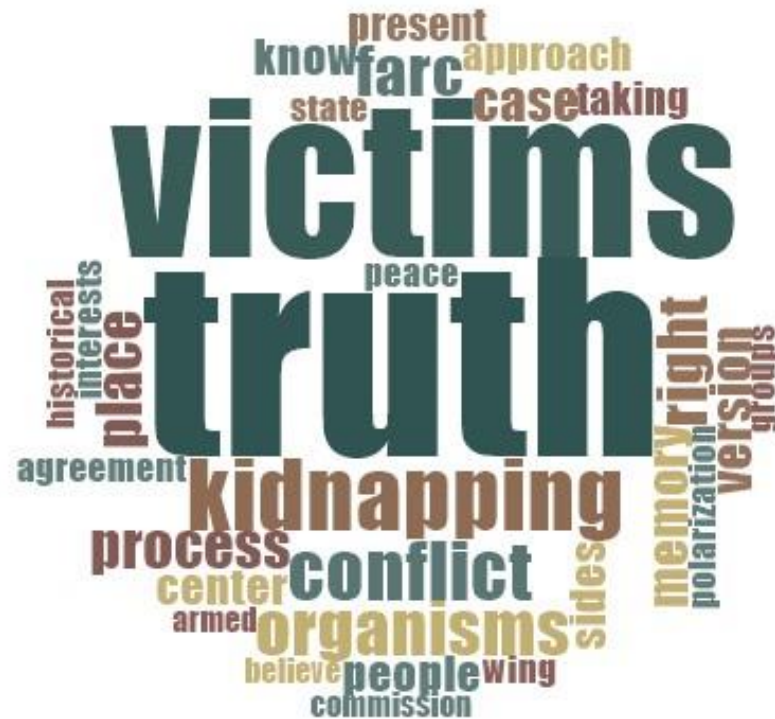| Word	Length	Count	Weighted Percentage (%)	Similar Words
work	4	42	2.51	work, worked, working, works
conflict	8	26	1.55	conflict
country	7	25	1.49	countries, country
victims'	8	22	1.32	victimization, victims, victims'
different	9	19	1.14	differences, different, differently
commission	10	18	1.08	commission, commissions
process	7	17	1.02	process, processes
people	6	16	0.96	people
colombia	8	15	0.90	colombia
time	4	14	0.84	time, times
years	5	14	0.84	year, years
things	6	14	0.84	things
mandate	7	13	0.78	mandate
terms	5	12	0.72	terms
truth	5	12	0.72	truth, truths
context	7	11	0.66	context, contexts
peace	5	11	0.66	peace
memorialization	15	10	0.60	memorialization, memory
place	5	10	0.60	place, places
think	5	10	0.60	think, thinking, thinks
responsibilities	16	9	0.54	responsibilities, responsibility, responsible
armed	5	9	0.54	armed
case	4	9	0.54	case, cases
challenge	9	9	0.54	challenge, challenged, challenges
many	4	9	0.54	many
perspective	11	9	0.54	perspective, perspectives
reach	5	9	0.54	reach, reached, reaching
analyze	7	8	0.48	analyze, analyzed, analyzing
conditions	10	8	0.48	conditioned, conditions
political	9	8	0.48	political, politically, politics

Dario Interview Word Cloud

Excel List of Word Cloud Findings for Dario Interview

Word	Length	Count	Weighted Percentage (%)	Similar Words
conflict	8	30	1.73	conflict, conflicting, conflicts
victims	7	25	1.44	victim, victims
different	9	17	0.98	difference, differences, different, differently
groups	6	16	0.92	group, groups
work	4	13	0.75	work, working
memory	6	13	0.75	memorialization, memories, memory
people	6	13	0.75	people
politics	8	12	0.69	politic, political, politics
think	5	12	0.69	think, thinking
approaches	10	11	0.63	approach, approaches
armed	5	11	0.63	armed
country	7	11	0.63	country
state	5	10	0.58	state, states
official	8	9	0.52	official, officials
perspective	11	9	0.52	perspective, perspectives
right	5	9	0.52	right, rights
government	10	8	0.46	governed, government
issue	5	8	0.46	issue, issues
peace	5	8	0.46	peace
place	5	8	0.46	place
regarding	9	8	0.46	regarding
restoration	11	8	0.46	restoration
charge	6	7	0.40	charge
guerrilla	9	7	0.40	guerrilla
human	5	7	0.40	human
just	4	7	0.40	just
truth	5	7	0.40	truth, truths
zone	4	7	0.40	zone, zones
account	7	6	0.35	account, accounts
another	7	6	0.35	another

Sigifredo Interview Word Cloud

Excel List of Word Cloud Findings for Sigifredo Interview

Word	Length	Count	Weighted Percentage (%)	Similar Words
truth	5	49	2.44	truth, truths
victims	7	40	1.99	victim, victims, victims'
kidnapping	10	20	1.00	kidnapped, kidnapping, kidnappings
conflict	8	17	0.85	conflict
organisms	9	16	0.80	organism, organisms, organized
farc	4	15	0.75	farc
right	5	15	0.75	right, rightfully, rights
place	5	14	0.70	place
process	7	14	0.70	process
case	4	13	0.65	case
memory	6	13	0.65	memory
version	7	13	0.65	version, versions
center	6	12	0.60	center, centered
people	6	12	0.60	people
sides	5	12	0.60	side, sides
approach	8	11	0.55	approach, approached
present	7	11	0.55	present, presented, presenting
agreement	9	10	0.50	agreement, agreements
groups	6	10	0.50	group, groups
historical	10	10	0.50	historical
interests	9	10	0.50	interest, interested, interesting, interests
peace	5	10	0.50	peace
polarization	12	10	0.50	polarization, polarizations, polarized, polarizes
state	5	10	0.50	state, states
wing	4	10	0.50	wing
armed	5	9	0.45	armed
believe	7	9	0.45	believable, believe, believing
commission	10	9	0.45	commission, commissions
committed	9	9	0.45	committed
currently	9	9	0.45	current, currently

Hierarchy Coding Comparing References

The chart is a diagram that compares coding themes by number of interviewee references. References are scaled by rectangle size – the bigger the rectangle the more references it has compared to smaller rectangles.
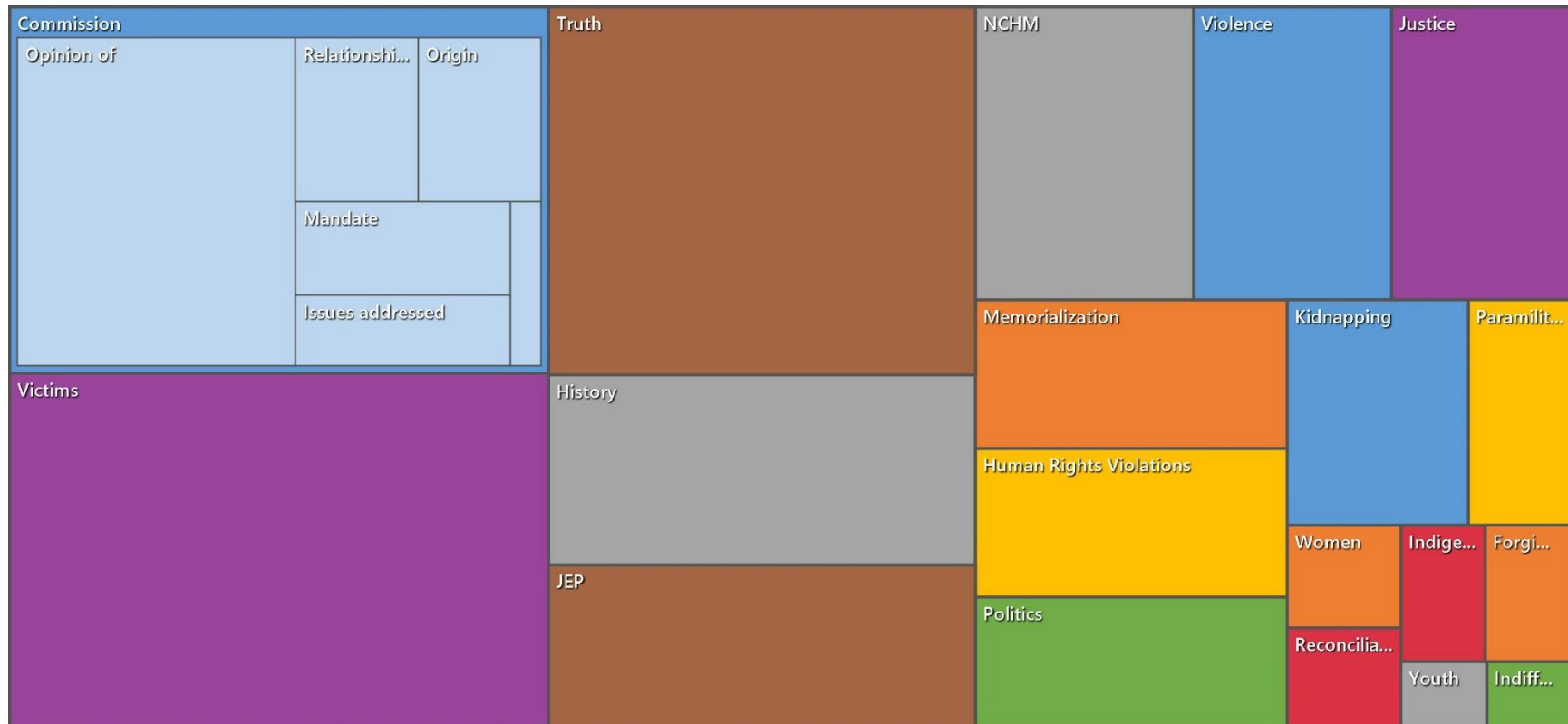
Excel List Hierarchy Coding Compared by References per Interviewee

Codes	Number of coding references
Nodes\\Columbia\\Commission\Funding	1
Nodes\\Columbia\\Commission\Issues addressed	3
Nodes\\Columbia\\Commission\Mandate	4
Nodes\\Columbia\\Commission\Opinion of	18
Nodes\\Columbia\\Commission\Origin	4
Nodes\\Columbia\\Commission\Relationship to	4
Nodes\\Columbia\\Forgiveness	2
Nodes\\Columbia\\History	14
Nodes\\Columbia\\Human Rights Violations	8
Nodes\\Columbia\\Indifference	1
Nodes\\Columbia\\Indigenous Community	2
Nodes\\Columbia\\JEP	12
Nodes\\Columbia\\Justice	9
Nodes\\Columbia\\Kidnapping	7
Nodes\\Columbia\\Memorialization	8
Nodes\\Columbia\\NCHM	11
Nodes\\Columbia\\Paramilitary Groups	4
Nodes\\Columbia\\Politics	7
Nodes\\Columbia\\Reconciliation	2
Nodes\\Columbia\\Truth	27
Nodes\\Columbia\\Victims	33
Nodes\\Columbia\\Violence	10
Nodes\\Columbia\\Women	2
Nodes\\Columbia\\Youth	1

Matrix Coding Query - Columbia Interview Coding

The following chart provides a breakdown of the number of coding references per interviewee (n=3). The y-axis represents the coding themes, and the x-axis represents the number of references the interviewees made to those themes during their interviews. The chart shows that the interviewees referenced victims, the truth commission, and violence the most in their interviews. The least discussed themes of the interviews were youth and indifference.


Matrix Coding Query - Columbia Interview Coding
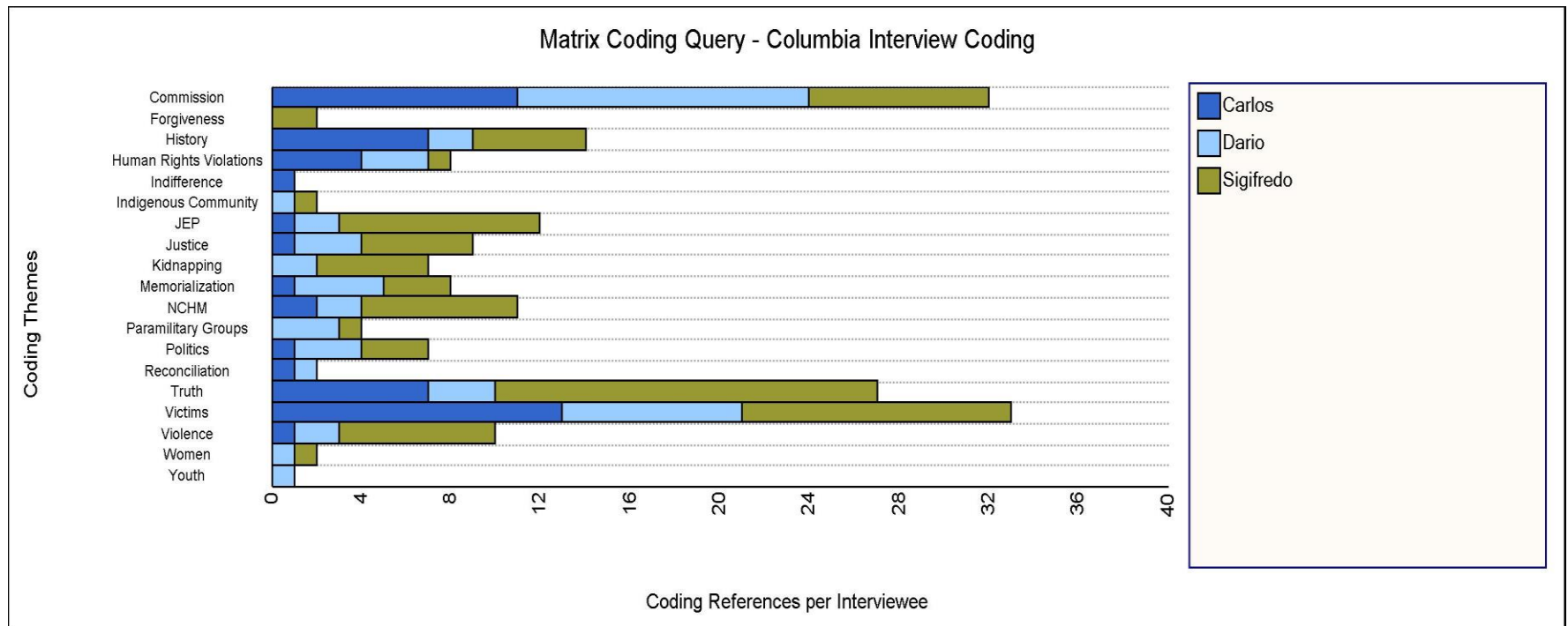
Excel List Matrix Coding Query - Columbia Interview Coding

	A : Carlos	B : Dario	C : Sigifredo
1 : Commission	11	13	8
2 : Forgiveness	0	0	2
3 : History	7	2	5
4 : Human Rights Violations	4	3	1
5 : Indifference	1	0	0
6 : Indigenous Community	0	1	1
7 : JEP	1	2	9
8 : Justice	1	3	5
9 : Kidnapping	0	2	5
10 : Memorialization	1	4	3
11 : NCHM	2	2	7
12 : Paramilitary Groups	0	3	1
13 : Politics	1	3	3
14 : Reconciliation	1	1	0
15 : Truth	7	3	17
16 : Victims	13	8	12
17 : Violence	1	2	7
18 : Women	0	1	1
19 : Youth	0	1	0

Project Map Interviewee Classifications and Attributes Columbia

This project map shows connections, gaps, and divergences in the project's interview transcriptions, classifications (persons), and attributes (e.g., age).
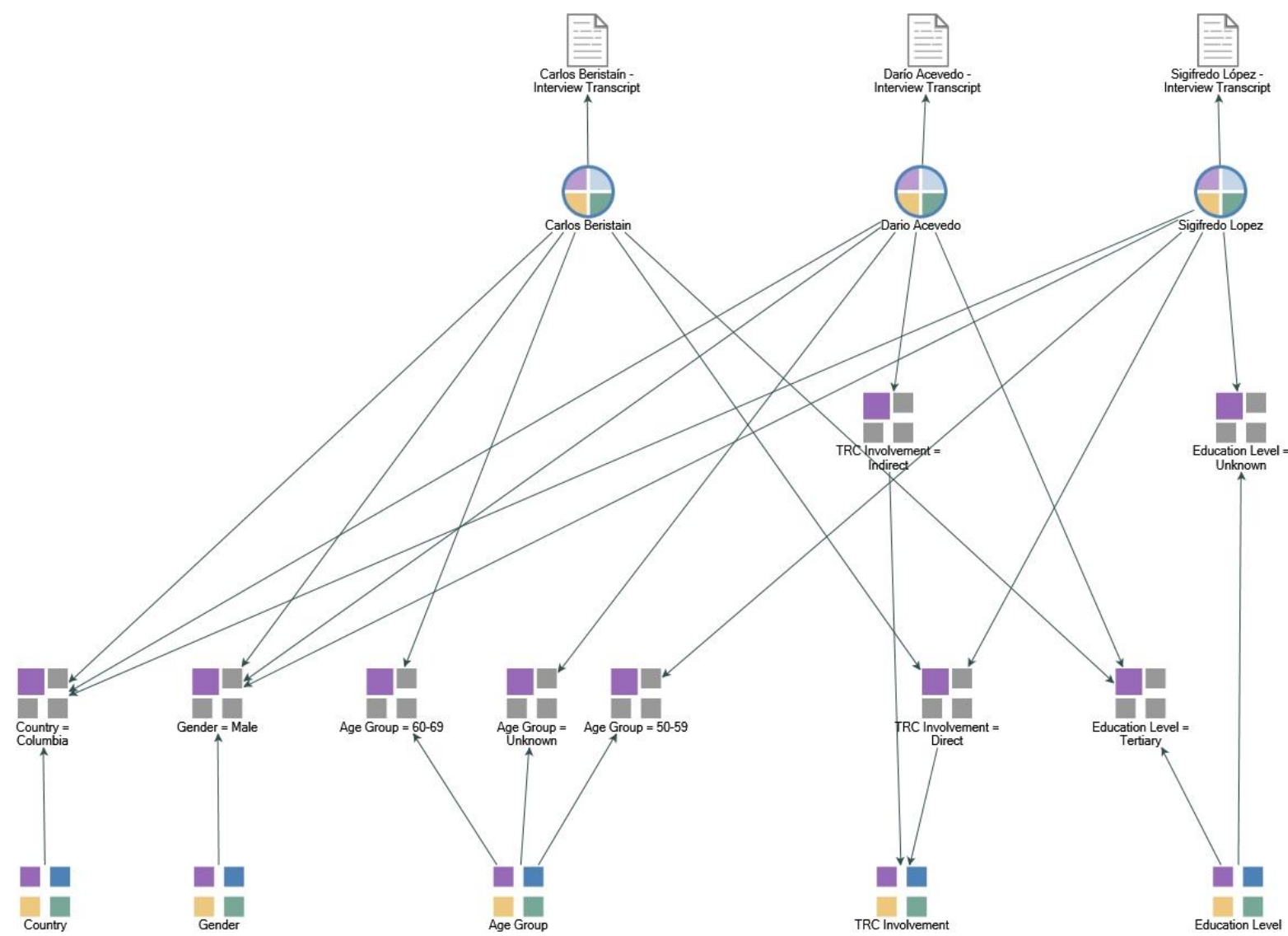
Project Map Interviewee Coding Columbia

This project map shows connections, gaps, and divergences in the project's interview transcriptions and coding references.