LIBERIA INTERVIEW CODING REPORT

Liberia Truth Commission

Abstract

Summary of notes, visualizations, and coding for Liberia interviews discussing the Liberia Truth Commission.

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Researcher Notes

Interviewees:

- Joe
- Mustapha
- Peterson
- RD1
- Rufus

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
    - TRC had good intentions but did not do enough (n=4)
    - Needed to be longer and reach out to the smaller villages and towns (n=2)
    - Victims needed continued support from the commission (n=2)
    - Inclusive of gender, victims, and perpetrators (n=4)
        - BUT men dominated the hearings (n=1)
        - Few perpetrators took part (n=1)
    - Government has not implemented the reports recommendations (n=5)
        - Victims need the reparations recommended and are hurting without them (n=3)
        - Need to implement the war crimes court (n=2)
    - Hope that the TRC would help victim-perpetrators reintegrate into society and get training but it did not (n=1)
    - Should have continued or completed follow-ups (n=2)
    - Issues addressed (e.g., lists of perpetrators and victims, causes of the war, reparations etc.) (n=4)
- Justice
    - Lists of perpetrators and victims a step towards justice (n=3)
    - TRC did not bring total justice because its recommendations have not been implemented (n=4)
        - BUT recommendations show there could be justice in the future (n=1)
    - Perpetrators need to be punished (n=1)
    - Victims suffer while perpetrators have normal lives (n=3)

- o Some justice – people discussing what happened to them and who hurt them (n=2)
- Perpetrators
  - o Some have been celebrated which hurts victims (n=2)
  - o In government roles and preventing TRC recommendations being implemented (n=1)
- Reconciliation
  - o TRC did not bring reconciliation (n=2)
  - o Recommendations that could bring peace but until implemented not real (n=3)
  - o Victim-perpetrators have not been able to reintegrate into society (n=1)
- Victims
  - o Had hope for TRC and it let them down (n=4)
  - o No protections for the people who spoke at hearings putting them at risk (n=2)
  - o Need counselling (n=1)

Code Book for the Liberia Interviews

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

Name	Description
Commission	Discussions or references to the TRC e.g., why it was made, opinions on, issues addressed, etc.
Inclusivity	References or discussions of TRC inclusivity or efforts to be inclusive.
Issues Addressed	References or discussions of issues addressed by the TRC.
Mandate	References or discussions of the TRC's mandate.
Opinion of	References or discussions of the interviewees' opinion of the TRC.
Recommendations	References or discussions of the TRC recommendations.
Relationship to	References or discussions of the interviewees' relationship to and/or involvement in the TRC.
Counselling	References or discussions of counselling.
Forgiveness	References or discussions of forgiveness or forgiving.
Justice	References or discussions of justice.
Perpetrators	References or discussions of perpetrators.
Reconciliation	References or discussions of reconciliation.
Truth	References or discussions of truth.
Victims	References or discussions of victims.
Women	References or discussions of women.

The most referenced themes in the interviews were:

- the commission,
- victim, and,
- reconciliation.

*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:

- truth,
- forgiveness, and,
- counselling.

Data Visualizations

This section contains all data visualization for the Liberia 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

- Joe Interview Word Cloud
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Coding Hierarchy Chart

- Hierarchy coding comparing references
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- Project map interviewee coding Liberia

Joe Interview Word Cloud

Excel List of Word Cloud Findings for Joe Interview

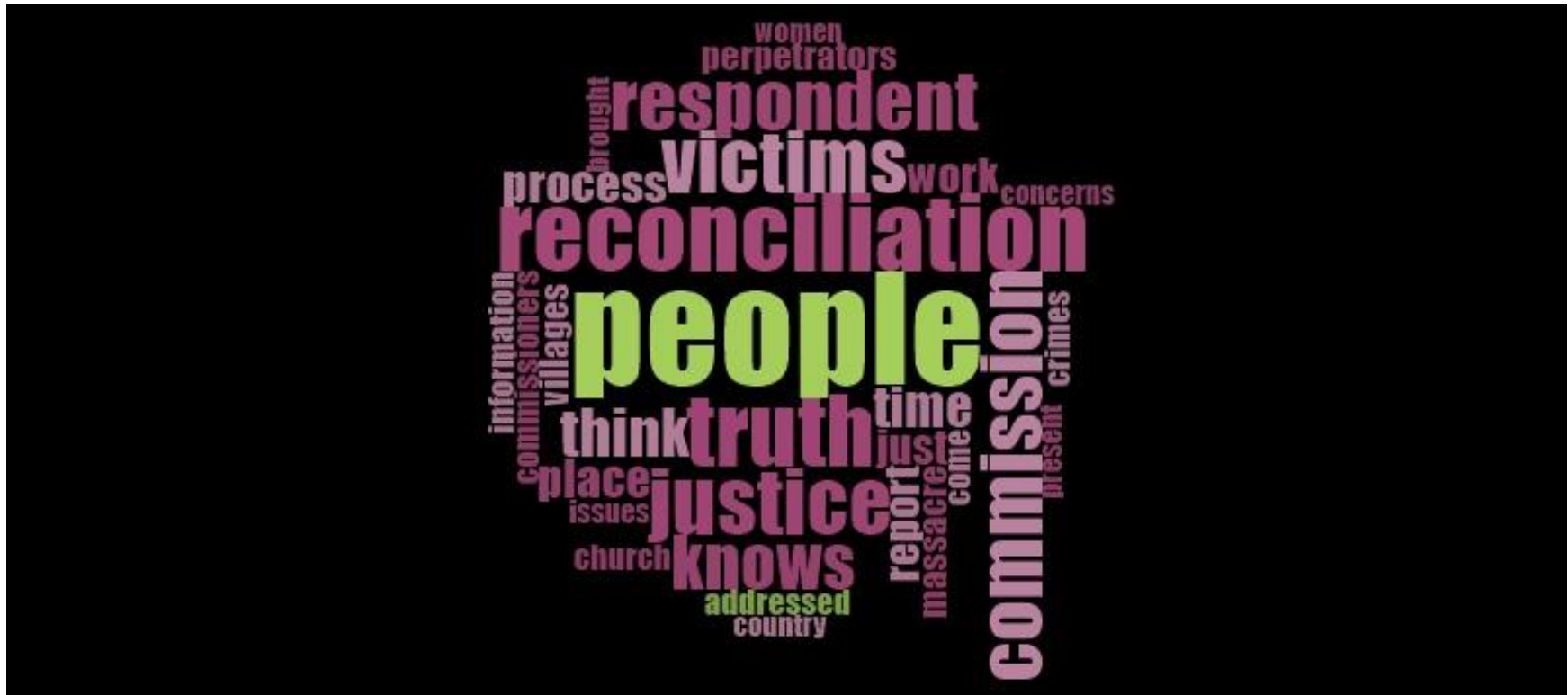| Word	Length	Count	Weighted Percentage (%)	Similar Words
victim	6	21	1.71	victim, victims
people	6	19	1.55	people
reconciliation	14	19	1.55	reconciliation
talking	7	17	1.39	talk, talked, talking
government	10	15	1.22	government
truth	5	15	1.22	truth
commission	10	13	1.06	commission
counseling	10	13	1.06	counsel, counseling
recommendation	14	13	1.06	recommendation, recommendations
think	5	13	1.06	think, thinks
time	4	12	0.98	time, times
president	9	9	0.73	president
process	7	9	0.73	process
things	6	9	0.73	thing, things
appear	6	8	0.65	appear, appeared
justice	7	8	0.65	justice
keep	4	8	0.65	keep
national	8	8	0.65	national
country	7	7	0.57	country
established	11	7	0.57	establish, established, establishing
live	4	7	0.57	live, living
never	5	7	0.57	never
perpetrators	12	7	0.57	perpetrator, perpetrators
report	6	7	0.57	report, reports
best	4	6	0.49	best
case	4	6	0.49	case, cases
central	7	6	0.49	central
implementation	14	6	0.49	implementation, implemented
name	4	6	0.49	name, names
speak	5	6	0.49	speak, speaking

Mustapha Interview Word Cloud

Excel List of Word Cloud Findings for Mustapha Interview

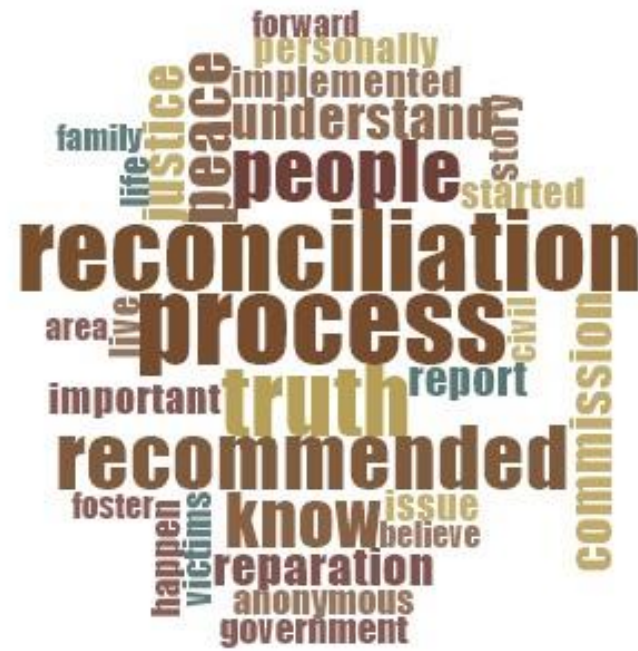| Word	Length	Count	Weighted Percentage (%)	Similar Words
think	5	27	2.69	think, thinking
people	6	22	2.19	people
whole	5	13	1.30	whole
used	4	12	1.20	used, using
heard	5	10	1.00	heard
process	7	10	1.00	process
help	4	9	0.90	help, helped, helping
perpetrator	11	8	0.80	perpetrator, perpetrators
report	6	8	0.80	report, reports
right	5	8	0.80	right
talk	4	8	0.80	talk, talking
told	4	8	0.80	told
addressed	9	7	0.70	address, addressed
fighting	8	7	0.70	fight, fighting
court	5	6	0.60	court
crime	5	6	0.60	crime
truth	5	6	0.60	truth
question	8	6	0.60	question, questions
recommend	9	6	0.60	recommend, recommendation, recommendations, recommended
explain	7	5	0.50	explain, explained, explaining
happen	6	5	0.50	happen, happened, happens
nobody	6	5	0.50	nobody
nothing	7	5	0.50	nothing
protect	7	5	0.50	protect, protected
started	7	5	0.50	start, started
thought	7	5	0.50	thought
asked	5	4	0.40	asked, asking
come	4	4	0.40	come, coming
country	7	4	0.40	countries, country
everybody	9	4	0.40	everybody

Peterson Interview Word Cloud

Excel List of Word Cloud Findings for Peterson Interview

Word	Length	Count	Weighted Percentage (%)	Similar Words
people	6	35	3.16	people
reconciliation	14	24	2.16	reconciliation
truth	5	22	1.98	truth
justice	7	20	1.80	justice
commission	10	19	1.71	commission
victims	7	19	1.71	victim, victims, victims'
respondent	10	18	1.62	respondent
knows	5	16	1.44	know, knows
think	5	14	1.26	think, thinking
time	4	12	1.08	time
place	5	11	0.99	place, places
process	7	11	0.99	process
just	4	10	0.90	just
report	6	10	0.90	report
work	4	10	0.90	work, working, works
massacre	8	8	0.72	massacre, massacres
perpetrators	12	8	0.72	perpetrator, perpetrators
villages	8	8	0.72	village, villages
addressed	9	7	0.63	address, addressed
commissioners	13	7	0.63	commissioner, commissioners
church	6	7	0.63	church
come	4	7	0.63	come
crimes	6	7	0.63	crime, crimes
information	11	7	0.63	information
brought	7	6	0.54	brought
country	7	6	0.54	country
issues	6	6	0.54	issue, issues
present	7	6	0.54	present
women	5	6	0.54	women
concerns	8	6	0.54	concern, concerns

RD1 Interview Word Cloud

Excel List of Word Cloud Findings for RD1 Interview

Word	Length	Count	Weighted Percentage (%)	Similar Words
process	7	22	2.71	process
reconciliation	14	21	2.58	reconciliation
truth	5	18	2.21	truth
recommended	11	16	1.97	recommendation, recommendations, recommended
people	6	15	1.85	people
know	4	13	1.60	know
peace	5	12	1.48	peace
commission	10	9	1.11	commission
justice	7	9	1.11	justice
understand	10	9	1.11	understand
reparation	10	8	0.98	reparation
report	6	7	0.86	report
implemented	11	6	0.74	implement, implemented
important	9	6	0.74	important
issue	5	6	0.74	issue, issues
live	4	6	0.74	live, lives, living
personally	10	6	0.74	person, personal, personally
started	7	6	0.74	started, starting
story	5	6	0.74	story
anonymous	9	5	0.62	anonymous
civil	5	5	0.62	civil
government	10	5	0.62	government
life	4	5	0.62	life
victims	7	5	0.62	victims
happen	6	5	0.62	happen, happening
area	4	4	0.49	area, areas
believe	7	4	0.49	believe
family	6	4	0.49	family
forward	7	4	0.49	forward
foster	6	4	0.49	foster, fostered, fostering

Excel List of Word Cloud Findings for Rufus Interview

Word	Length	Count	Weighted Percentage (%)	Similar Words
people	6	21	2.19	people
nothing	7	15	1.56	nothing
talked	6	15	1.56	talk, talked, talking
victim	6	11	1.15	victim, victims
explain	7	10	1.04	explain, explained, explaining
happen	6	10	1.04	happen, happened
living	6	10	1.04	live, lives, living
started	7	9	0.94	start, started, starting
compound	8	8	0.83	compound
process	7	8	0.83	process
reconciliation	14	8	0.83	reconciliation
town	4	7	0.73	town
truth	5	7	0.73	truth
dying	5	6	0.63	died, dying
commission	10	6	0.62	commission
reparation	10	6	0.62	reparation
think	5	6	0.62	think, thinking
wife	4	6	0.62	wife
recommendation	14	5	0.52	recommendation, recommendations, recommended
address	7	5	0.52	address, addressed
brought	7	5	0.52	brought
everything	10	5	0.52	everything
involved	8	5	0.52	involve, involved
know	4	5	0.52	know
lutheran	8	5	0.52	lutheran
report	6	5	0.52	report
told	4	5	0.52	told
working	7	5	0.52	work, working
born	4	4	0.42	born, borne, borning
coup	4	4	0.42	coup

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.
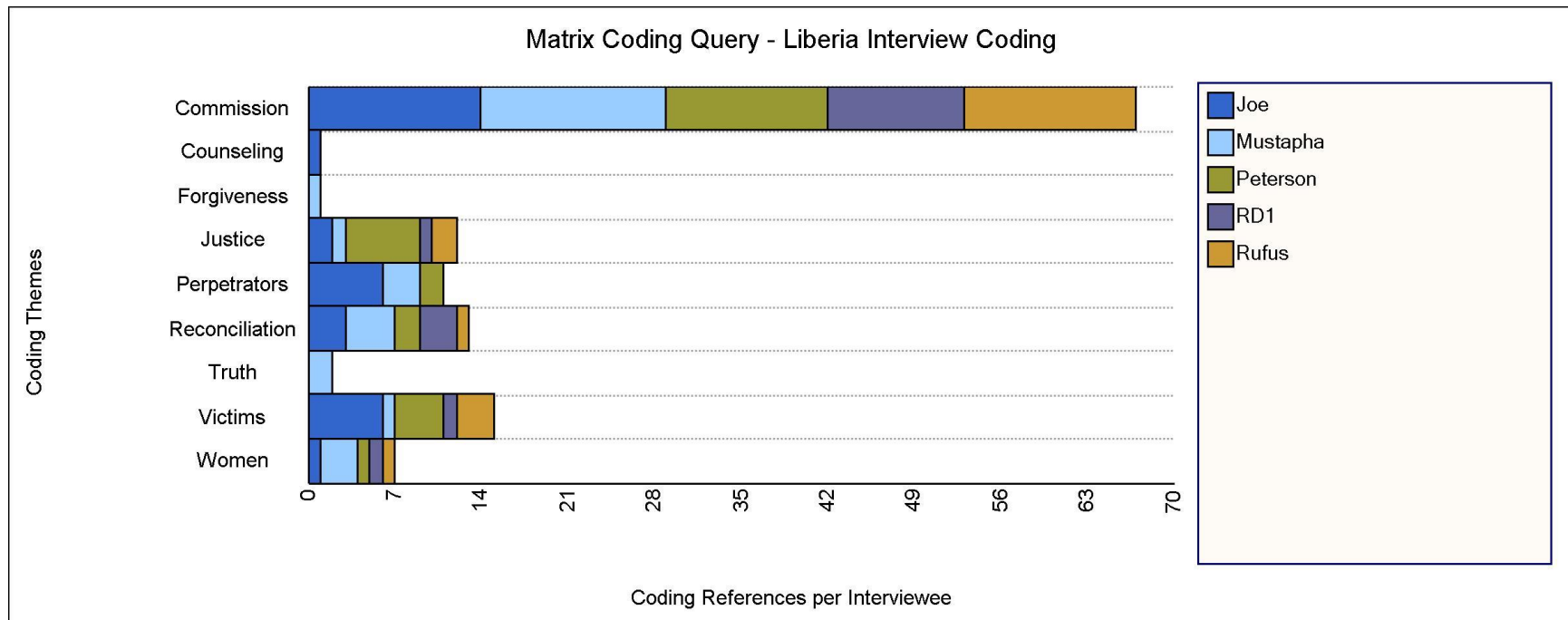
Commission			Victims	Reconciliation	Justice
Opinion of	**Relationship to**	**Issues Address...**			
Recommendations	**Inclusivity**		**Perpetrators**	**Women**	**Truth**
					For...
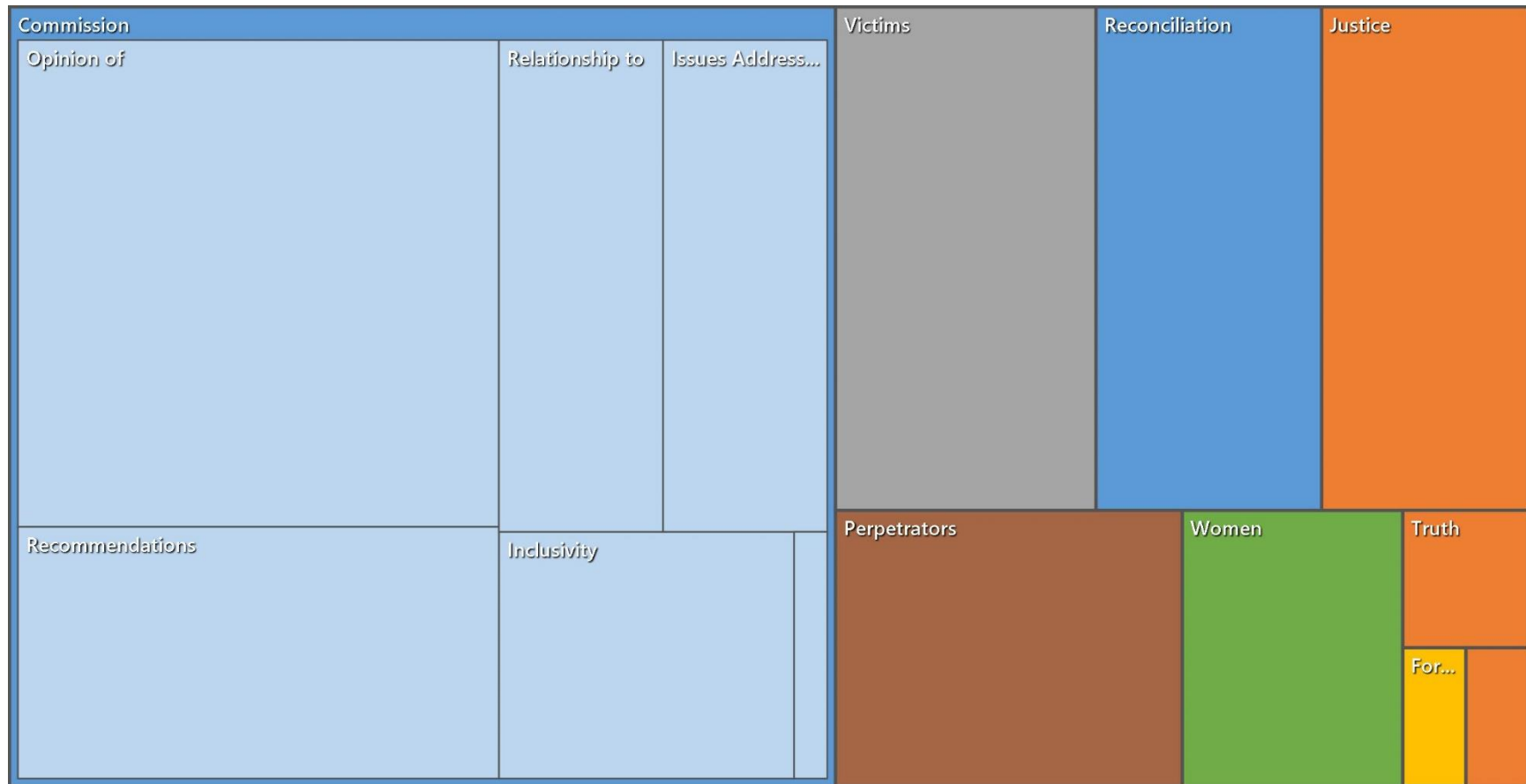
Excel List Hierarchy Coding Comparing References

Codes	Number of coding references
Nodes\\Liberia\\Commission\Inclusivity	9
Nodes\\Liberia\\Commission\Issues Addressed	10
Nodes\\Liberia\\Commission\Mandate	1
Nodes\\Liberia\\Commission\Opinion of	29
Nodes\\Liberia\\Commission\Recommendations	15
Nodes\\Liberia\\Commission\Relationship to	10
Nodes\\Liberia\\Counseling	1
Nodes\\Liberia\\Forgiveness	1
Nodes\\Liberia\\Justice	12
Nodes\\Liberia\\Perpetrators	11
Nodes\\Liberia\\Reconciliation	13
Nodes\\Liberia\\Truth	2
Nodes\\Liberia\\Victims	15
Nodes\\Liberia\\Women	7

Matrix Coding Query - Liberia Interview Coding

The following chart provides a breakdown of the number of coding references per interviewee (n=5). 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 the commission, victims, and reconciliation the most in their interviews. The least discussed themes of the interviews were truth, forgiveness, and counselling.


Matrix Coding Query - Liberia Interview Coding

Excel List Matrix Coding Query - Liberia Interview Coding

	A : Joe	B : Mustapha	C : Peterson	D : RD1	E : Rufus
1 : Commission	14	15	13	11	14
2 : Counseling	1	0	0	0	0
3 : Forgiveness	0	1	0	0	0
4 : Justice	2	1	6	1	2
5 : Perpetrators	6	3	2	0	0
6 : Reconciliation	3	4	2	3	1
7 : Truth	0	2	0	0	0
8 : Victims	6	1	4	1	3
9 : Women	1	3	1	1	1

Project Map Interviewee Classifications and Attributes Liberia

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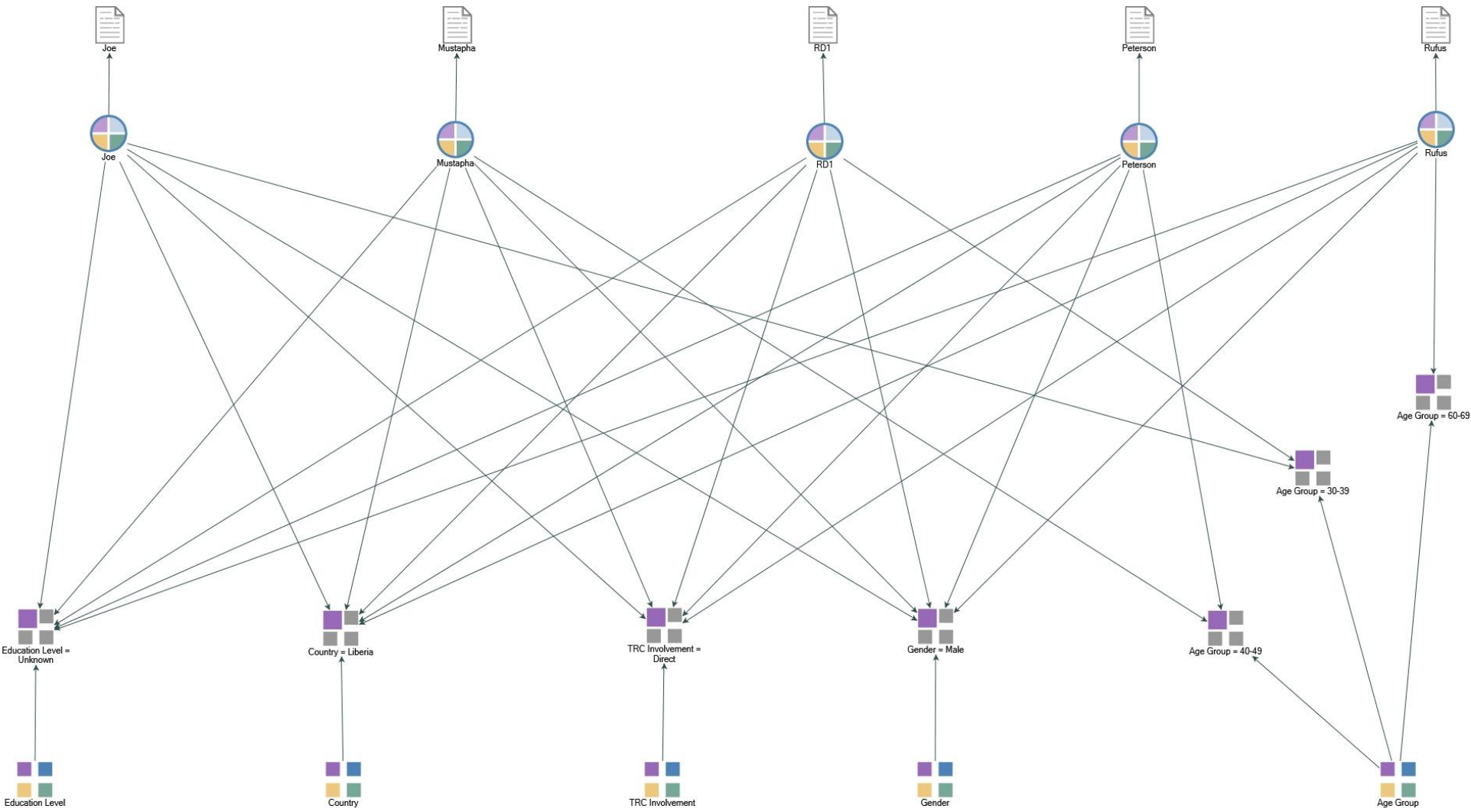
Project Map Interviewee Coding Liberia

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