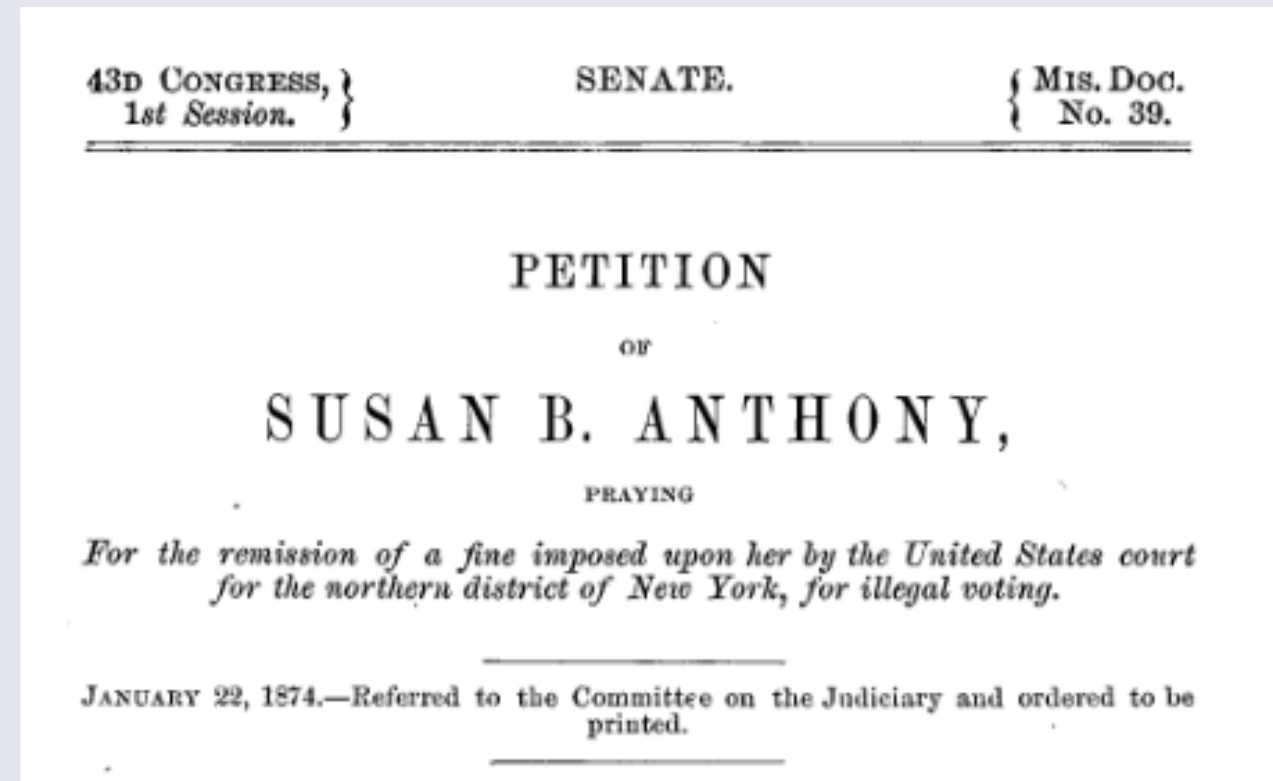


# Popular Government through Popular Information: Providing, Preserving, and Promoting Digital Access to Federal Documents via Trustworthy Repositories

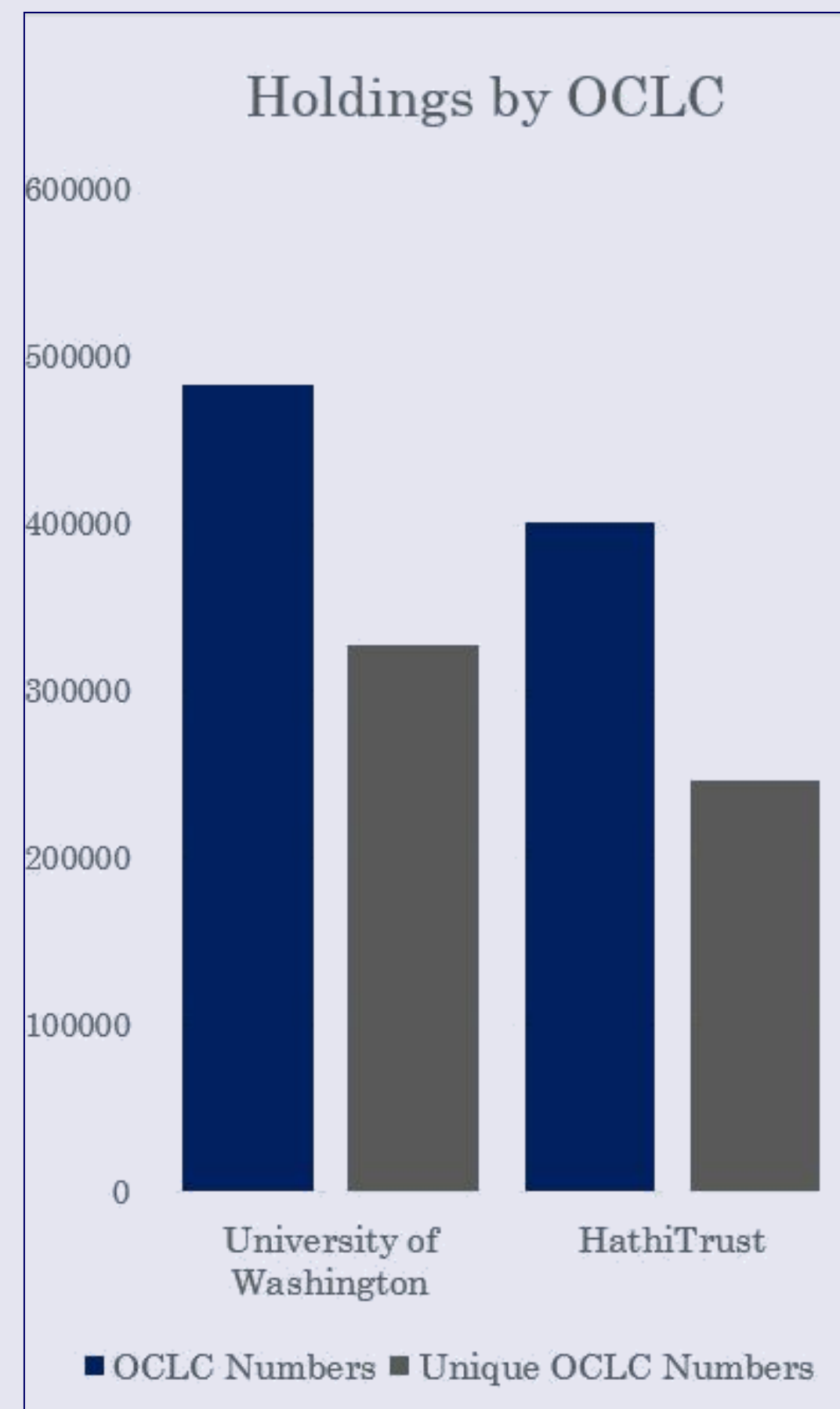
## The Problem

- Digital repositories rely on Federal Depository Libraries to contribute documents; physical depositories preclude those who cannot visit the library.



## Comparing Repository Holdings

- While HathiTrust and the University of Washington both have extensive collections, there is a gap in holdings between the two.
- As govinfo's collection is mostly centered on the past thirty years and does not record OCLC numbers, it is omitted from this graph.
- The varying strengths of each repository and the gaps in coverage between collections illustrates the need to collaborate between repositories to promote widespread access to *all* federal documents without laying undue burden on any single institution.



Disclaimer: The above numbers were gathered by comparing OCLC numbers in the University of Washington's catalog to OCLC numbers in HathiTrust records. Not all of HathiTrust's federal documents are cataloged with OCLC numbers, and some duplicate items will be cataloged by different OCLC numbers across the two systems. These numbers are not perfect, but they provide a rough comparison of holdings.

“A popular government without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a prologue to a farce or a tragedy, or perhaps both.”

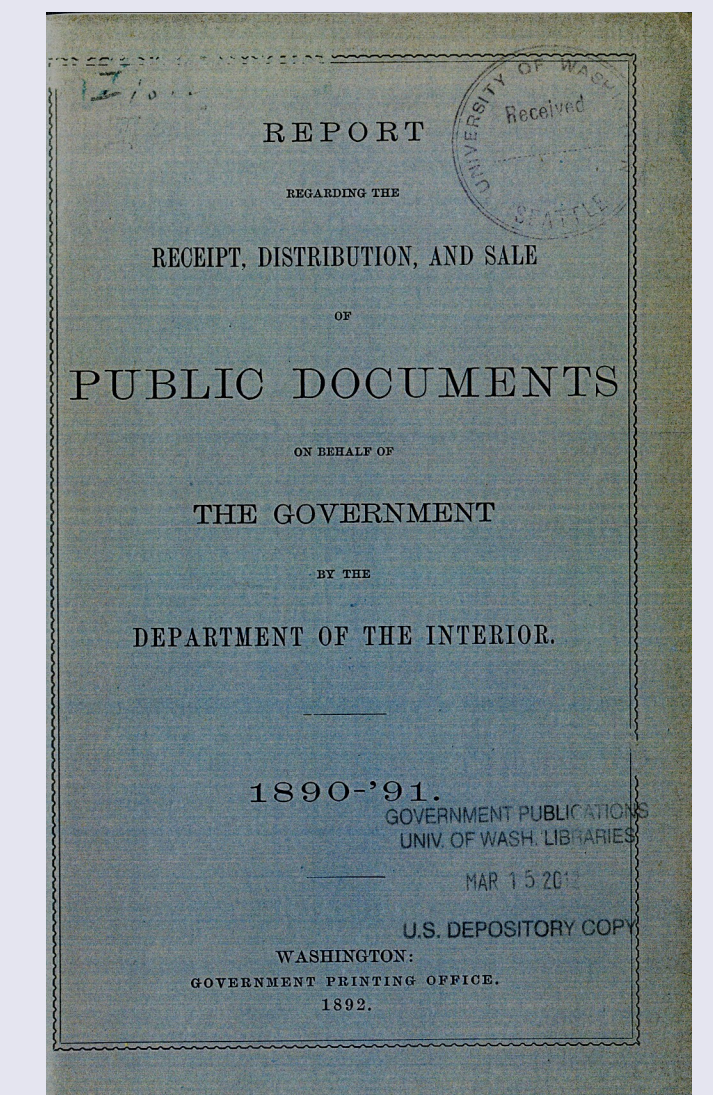
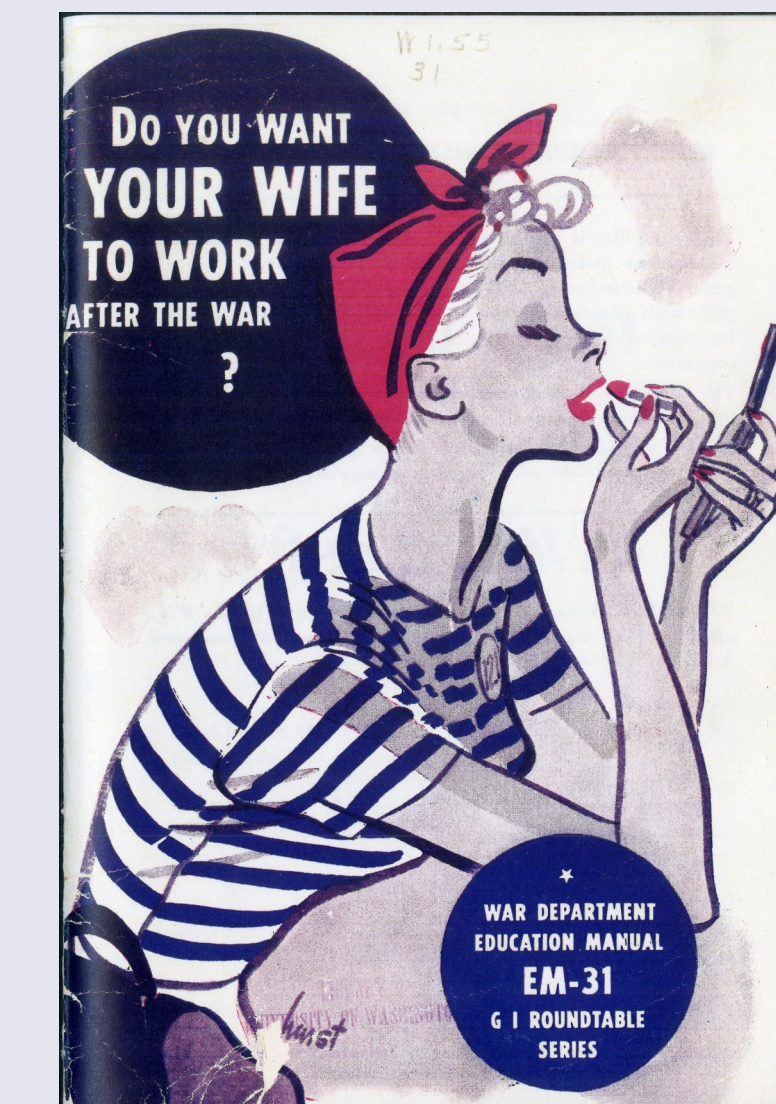
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How can libraries and digital repositories work together to provide equitable access to vital government documents?

## The Project

- Initiating a partnership between University of Washington Libraries and govinfo.
- Creating a digitization project workflow and an index of 63724 UW-held World War II and post-war era publications (by comparing OCLC numbers) that have so far not been digitized by a trusted repository such as govinfo and HathiTrust.
- Developing research guides to federal documents held by govinfo and HathiTrust.
- Compiling collections of federal documents within HathiTrust on popular topics such as labor, education, military conflicts, and health in order to aid in research.



## Next Steps

- Complete digitization project centered on World War II and post-war era federal publications.
- Submit packaged images and metadata to digital repositories.
- Link to digitized item in University of Washington Libraries' catalog.