

Thank you to the Big Ten Academic Alliance libraries for commissioning Deque Systems' high-level accessibility review of Reveal Digital's Independent Voices collection. The report and the one-hour consultation with Helen Burge was tremendously helpful. You have provided Reveal Digital, JSTOR and our current platform provider, Veridian, with a valuable learning experience, on which we are delighted to act.

Below is a summary of the three high-level recommendations with the changes we have made in response for both Independent Voices and Understanding Hate in America.

1. Increase the contrast ratio where there is red text on grey or white color combinations

We changed the red color for links to a darker shade so that there is at least a 3 to 1 color ratio between the red and the gray or white backgrounds

2. In addition to color change, add a second visual indicator for links

We chose to underline all links, in addition to the color change, to provide two visual indications of links.

3. Provide better context for links and their destinations

We edited text, added a number of alternative text elements and ARIA attributes to provide better context and a better navigation experience for those who rely on screen readers to interact with our collections. Below is a summary of the changes made.

- Home Page
 - Added more descriptive alternative text under the logos for each collection
 - Edited the link text in the Introduction sections of the home pages for both collections so that a screen reader will completely describe the destination of the link.
- Search Results Page
 - Where previously a screen reader would read the page number only, we added ARIA attributes so that a screen reader will read the complete citation, i.e. "Page 1, Great Speckled Bird, Volume 4, Issue 32, August 9, 1972".
 - Added a Skip Link at the top of the list of filter items on the left side of the search results page so that a user can move directly to the first item in the search results list
- Browse by Title Page
 - Added alternative text before the jump links at the top of the page (0, 1, 2, A, B, C, etc.) to indicate these are jump links.

Where applicable, Veridian is adopting the changes we made to Independent Voices and Understanding Hate in America across their platform, so that all the collections they host will benefit from accessibility enhancements. Veridian is also continuing to consider solutions for additional recommendations not addressed here. We are grateful to Veridian for being a responsive, resourceful and collaborative partner throughout this process.