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Origins of Competitive Intelligence: A Fundamental Extension of CI Education

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Question

As we hone our CI skills and teaching are we drawing sufficiently from the past to inform our presentation of CI as a discipline with a long heritage and a place in commercial activity over the millennia?

Introduction

Teaching the Origins of CI

Objectives:

- To study the ancient history of information gathering for competitive advantage
- To be aware of past successes and failures to strengthen current CI practices.
- To present CI with philosophical values and appreciate the historical figures who created them.

Researching the Origins of CI

Series of questions...

- How pervasive were elements of CI within historical commerce, but spoken and practiced in different terms? And in what countries?
- How did CI change during the past hundreds and thousands of years as a result of technology?
- Has CI been a natural component in commerce, just as barter was for thousands of years?

TIME LINE OF HISTORICAL INCIDENCES RELATED TO COMPETITIVE INTELLIGENCE



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CI and the Information Age

The current shift from the industrial age towards the information age, and a networking-based economy, however have led to a strong renewed interest in the discipline.^[1]

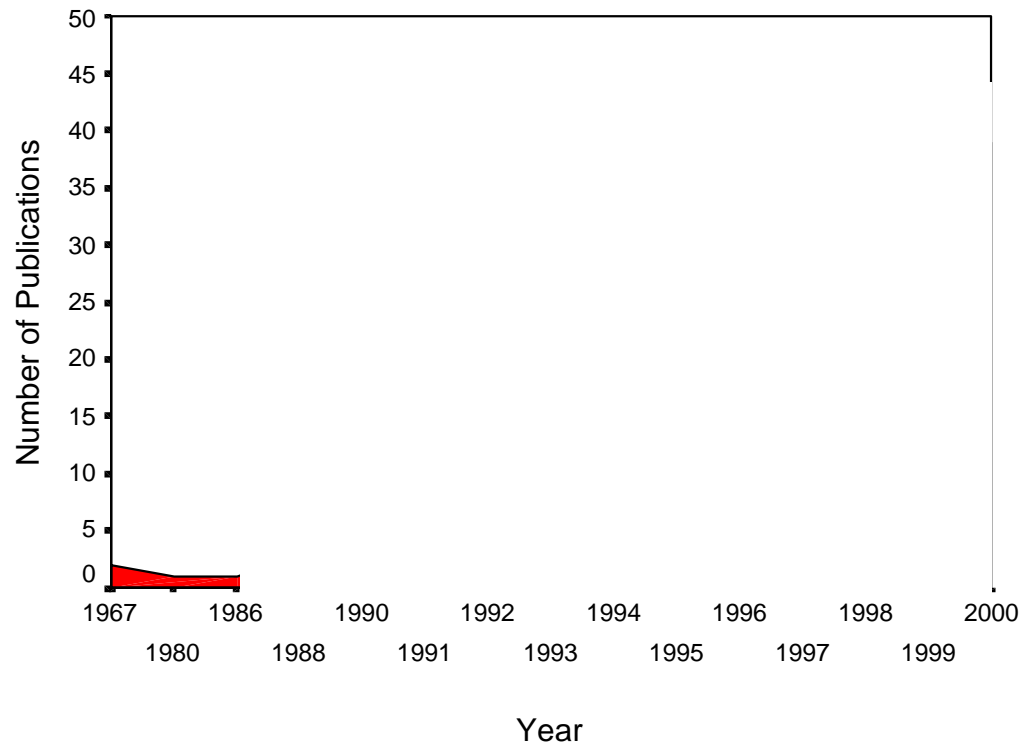
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The following slides illustrate the growth in publications about CI from 1967-2000

But how much of this is about CI history?

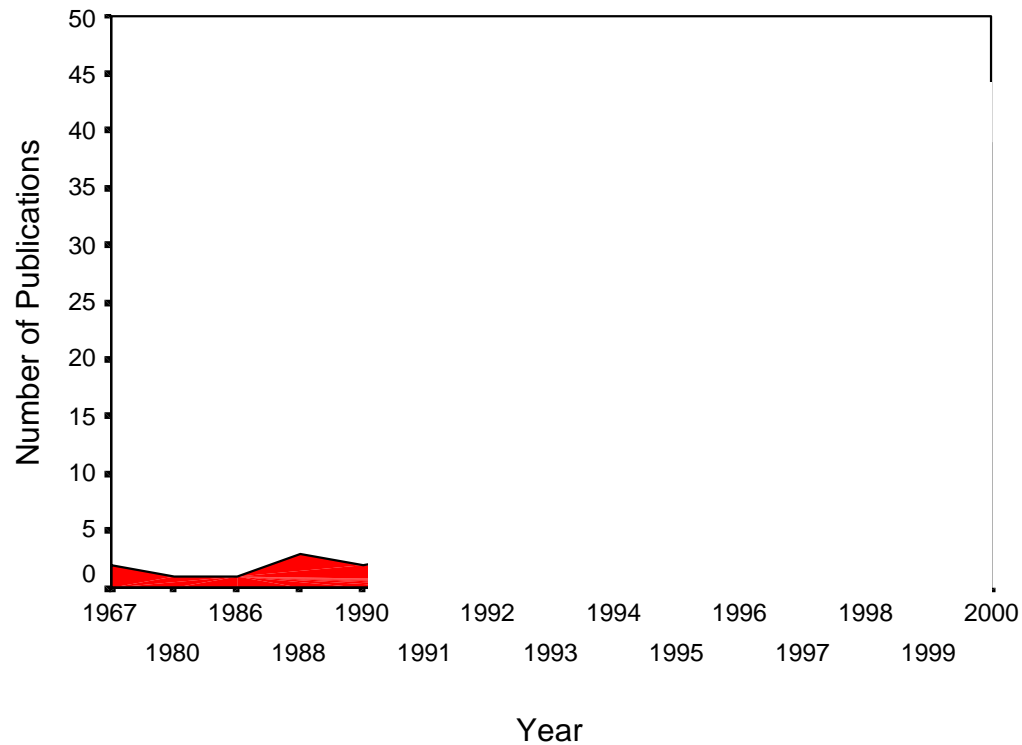
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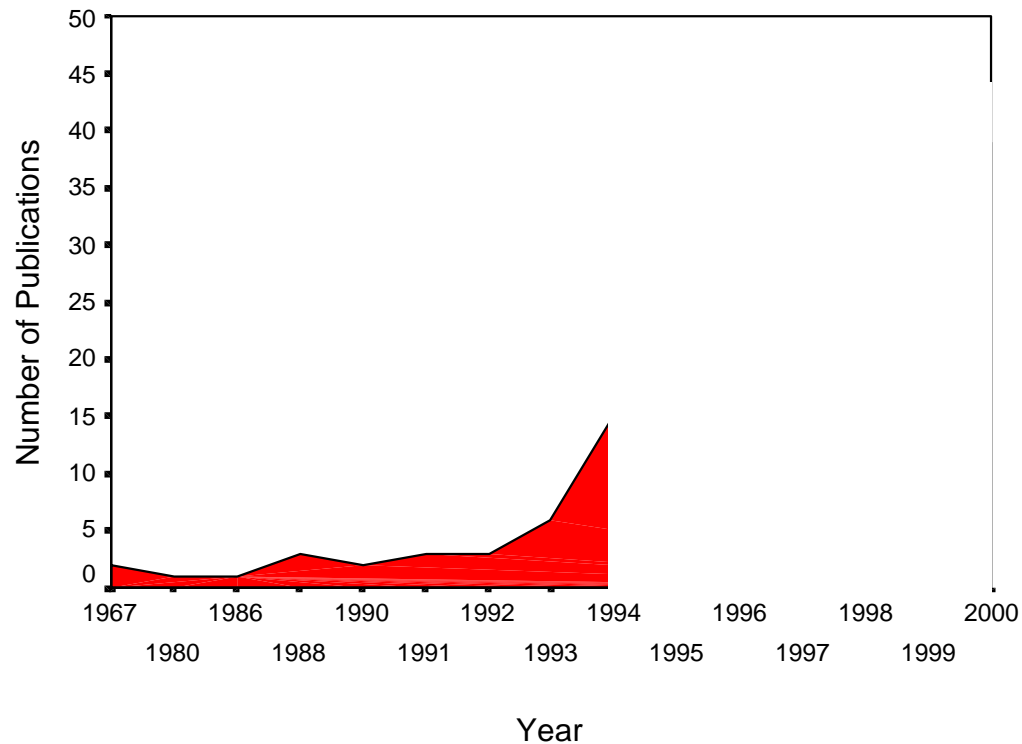
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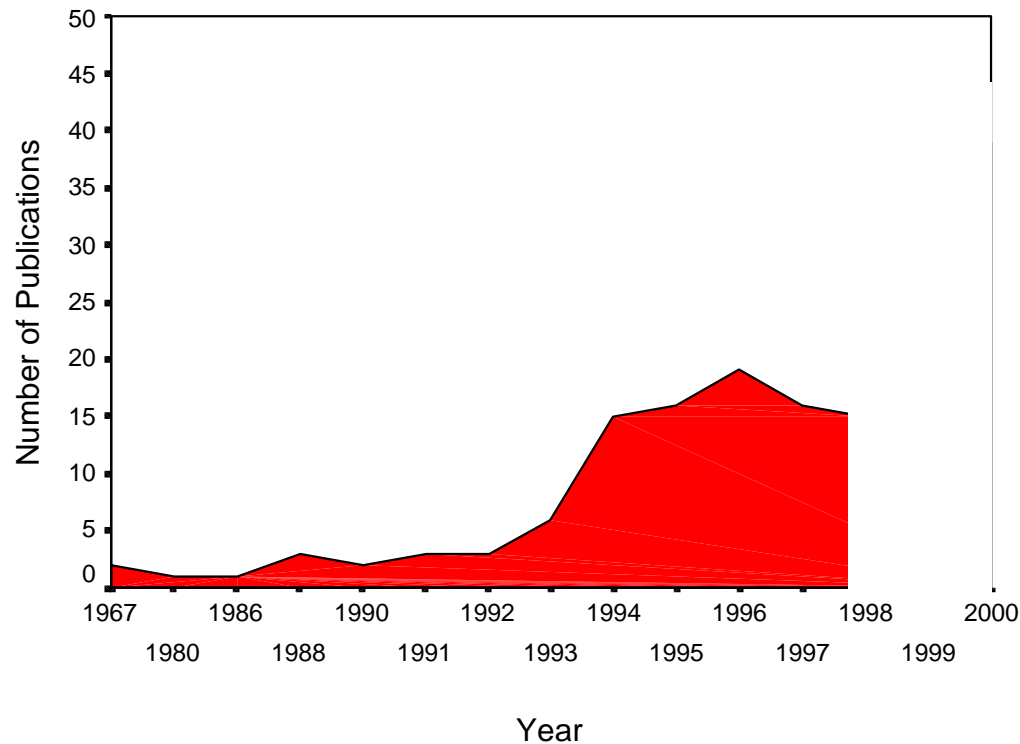
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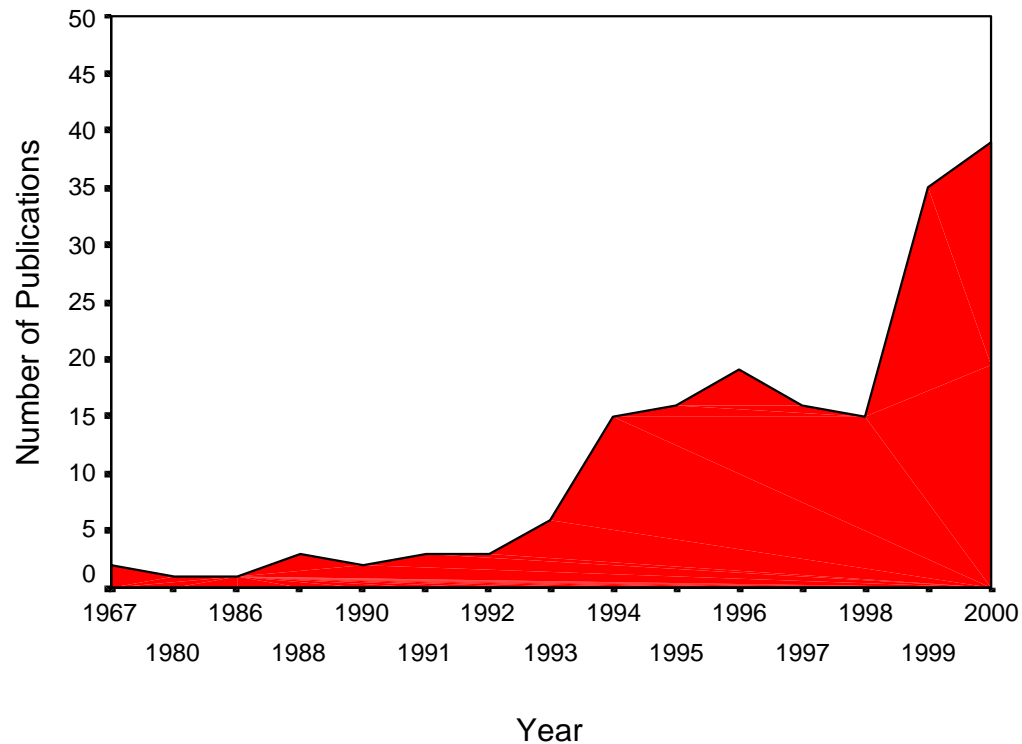
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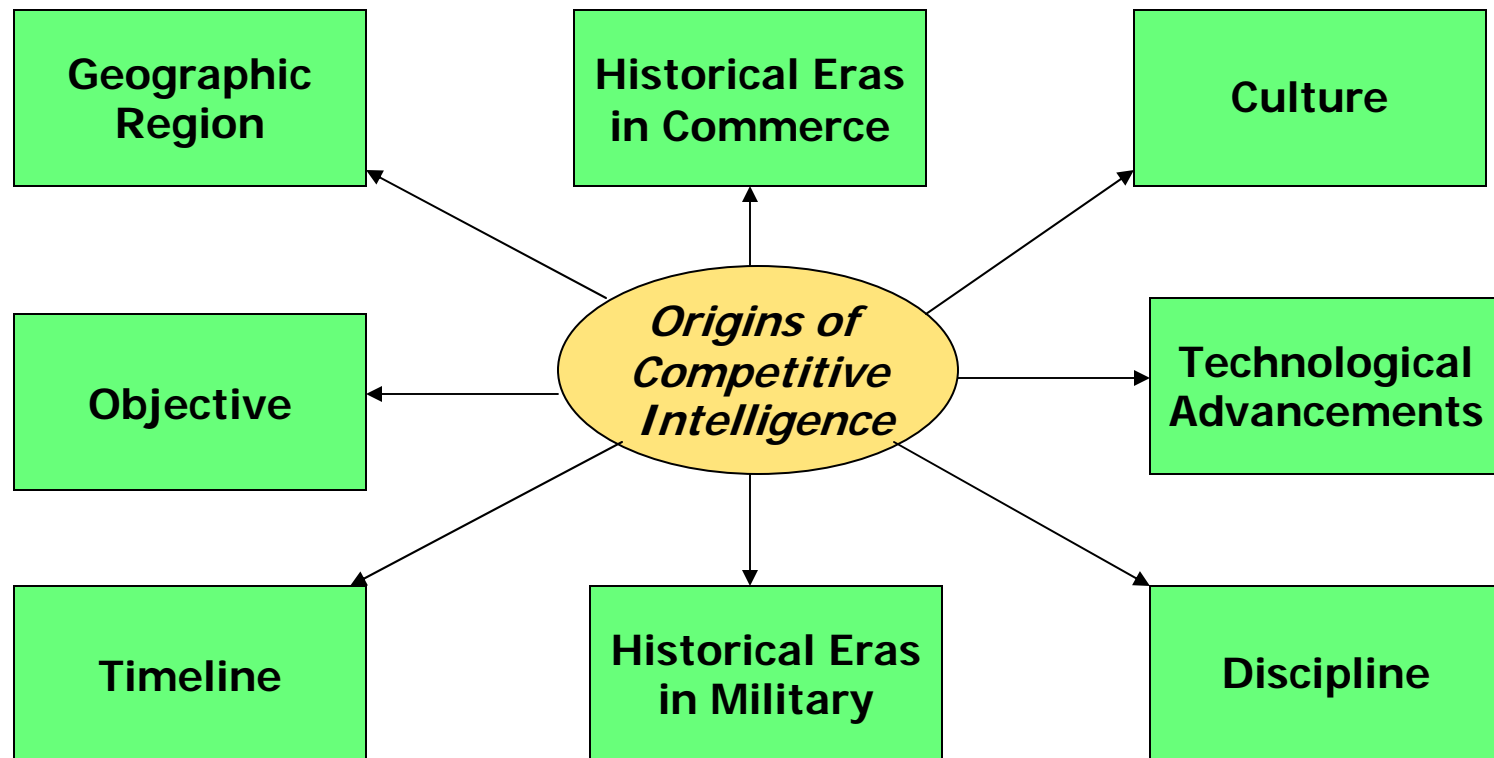
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Benefits of expanding 'Origins' of CI to the Academic Discipline

History...

- Can add philosophical depth that benefits the teaching & research
- Considers the different beginnings & evolutions of CI in different parts of the world
- Adds cultural perspectives and practices that influence CI practices and its continued evolution
- Advocates ethical considerations with historical contexts

Approaches to Teaching the Origins of CI



Conclusions

Further Research on CI Origins

- Encourage research by geographic region to develop a timeline of historical incidences to be analyzed for significant CI related processes and activities.
- Or, possibly propose a coordinated collaborative across SCIP national chapters to augment the timeline through SCIP academic members.
- Thus developing the historical and societal underpinning of CI more within the CI curricula.

Thank You
Any questions