Developing Concept Maps with MAXQDA

Summary

Users can use MAXQDA concept maps to visualize relationships between codes, documents, segments of text, and other data in your project.
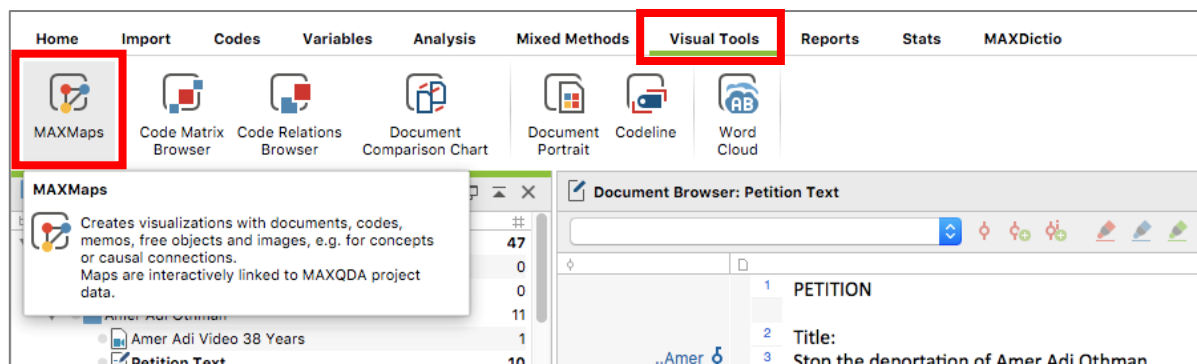
Learning Objectives

On completing the Developing Concept Maps Spotlight Session, participants will be able to:

- Create a new MaxMap, manage layers, and insert objects
- New Features
- Understand the relationship between objects in MAXMaps and project data
- Creating and changing relationships between objects in MAXMaps
- Customize objects in MAXMaps
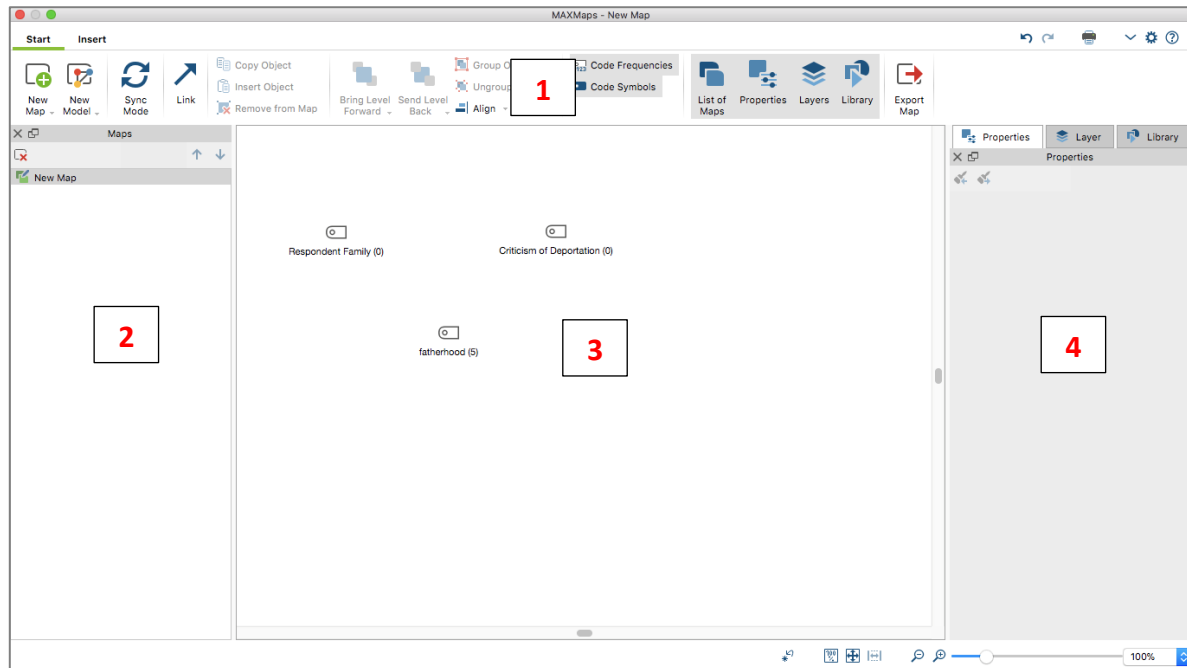- Export from MAXMaps

Create a new concept map

Select the Visual Tools toolbar, then select MAXMaps.

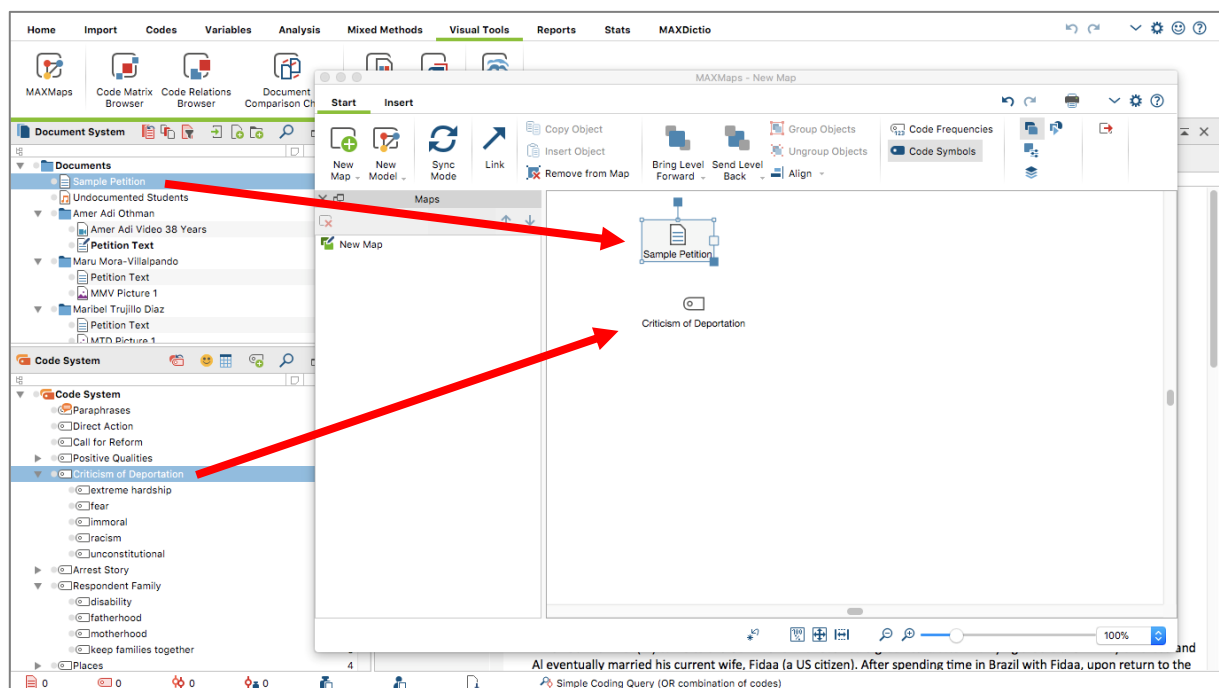The main areas of MAXMaps are:

1. MAXMaps toolbar
2. List of MAXMaps
3. MAXMaps workspace
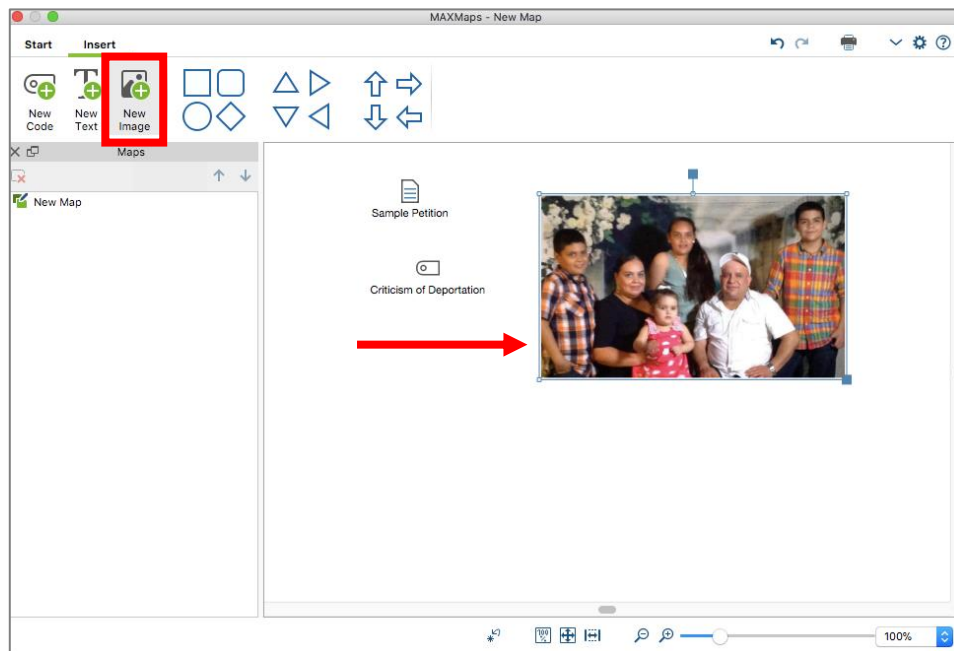4. Properties, Layers, and Library

The relationship between MAXMaps and project data

Concept maps created in MAXMaps are both separate from and connected to your research data in MAXQDA.

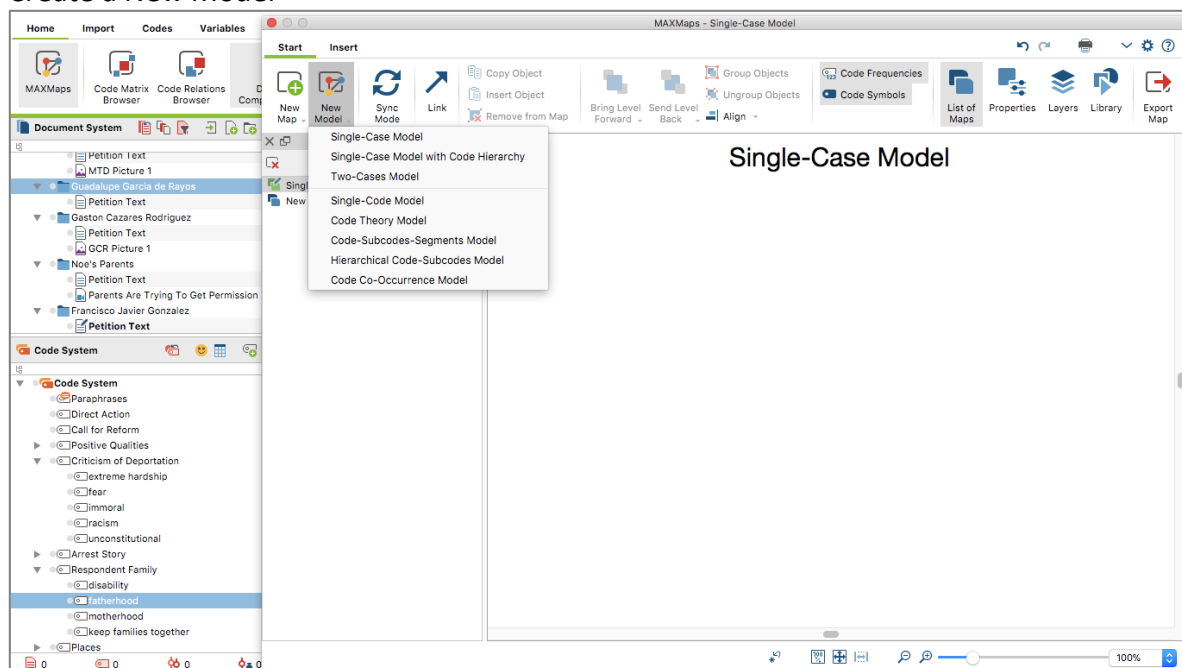The information in MAXMaps can come from your research data using drag-and-drop functionality.

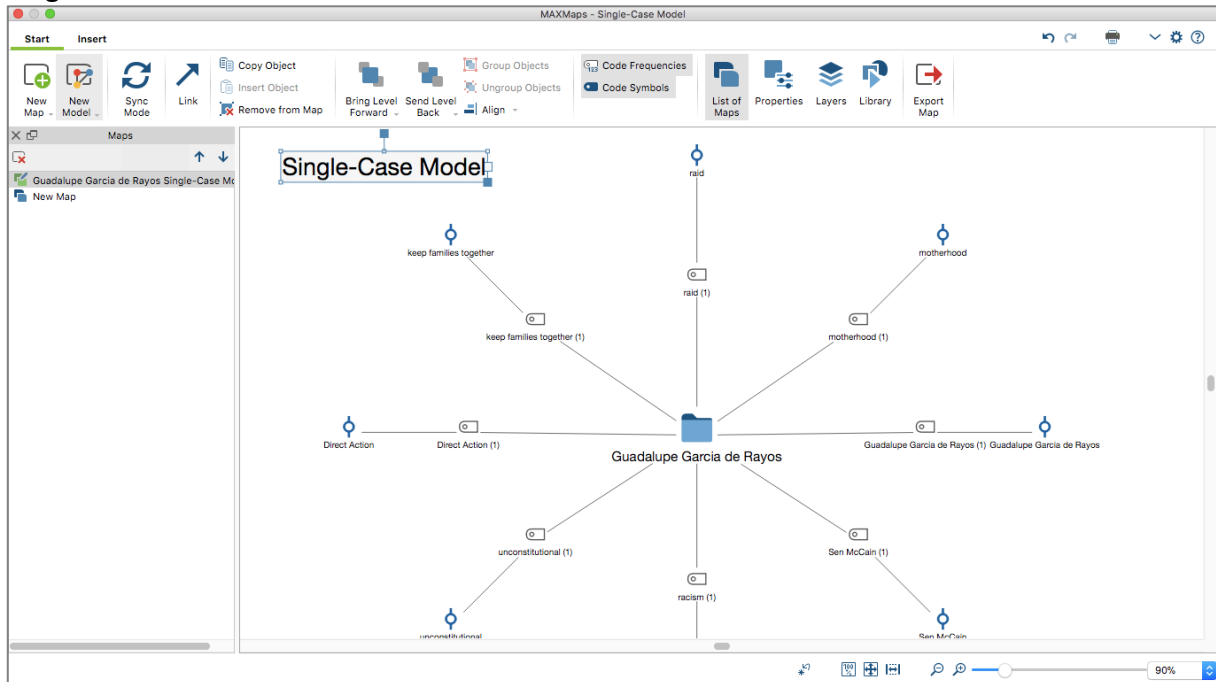The information in MAXMaps can also come from outside sources.

You can add or remove material in MAXMaps without affecting your original data. However, you can also selectively incorporate your data in ways that help you build a concept map.

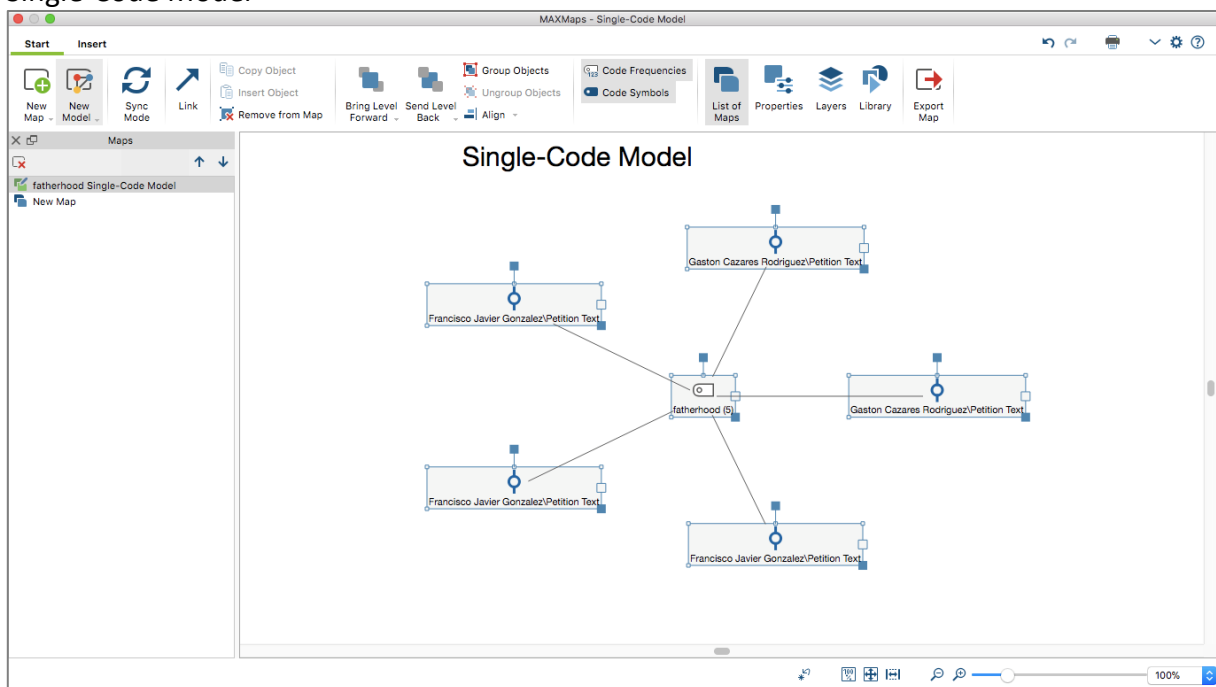MAXMaps can also build models for you automatically based on a specific case study, or a specific code.

Create a New Model
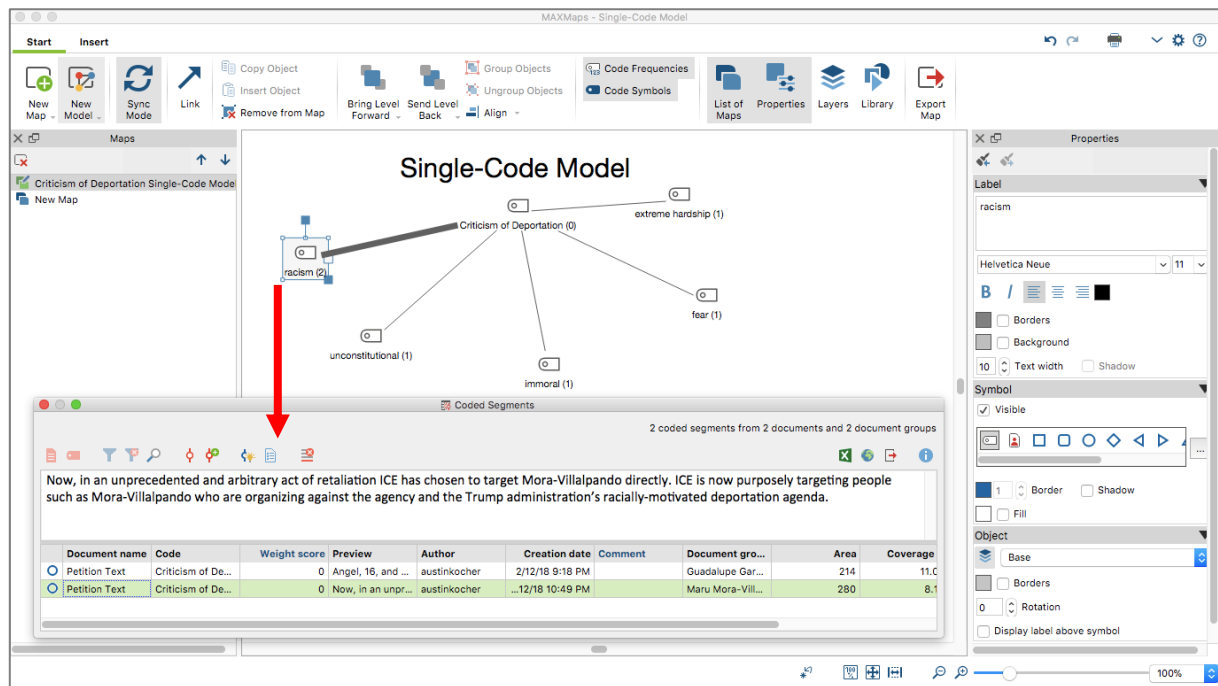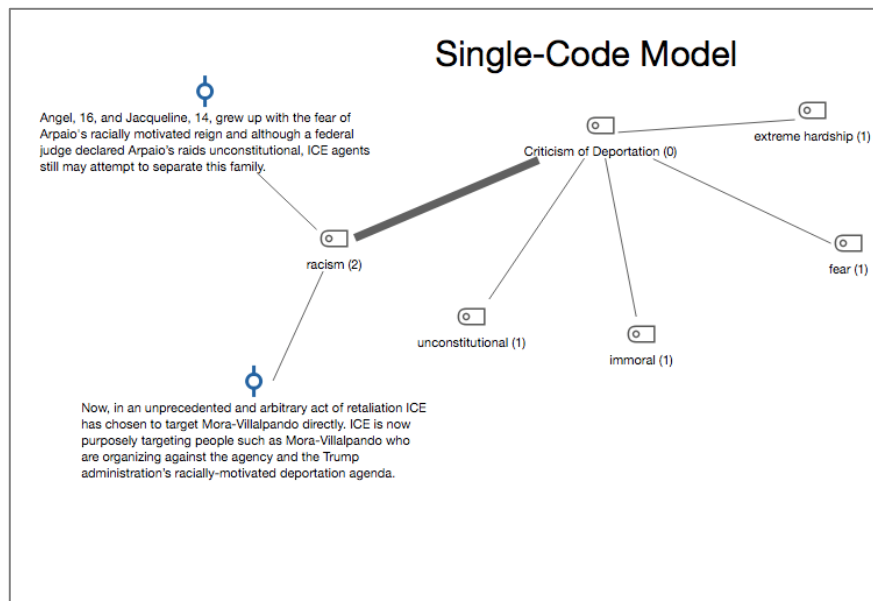
Single-Case Model

Single-Code Model

Sync Mode

The information in MAXMaps is separated from your research data so that you can insert and delete information in MAXMaps without effect your research data and coding. In Sync Mode, however, you can you use your concept map to view your research data. For instance, in Sync Mode, when you double-click on a code or document, MAXQDA will display the related data.
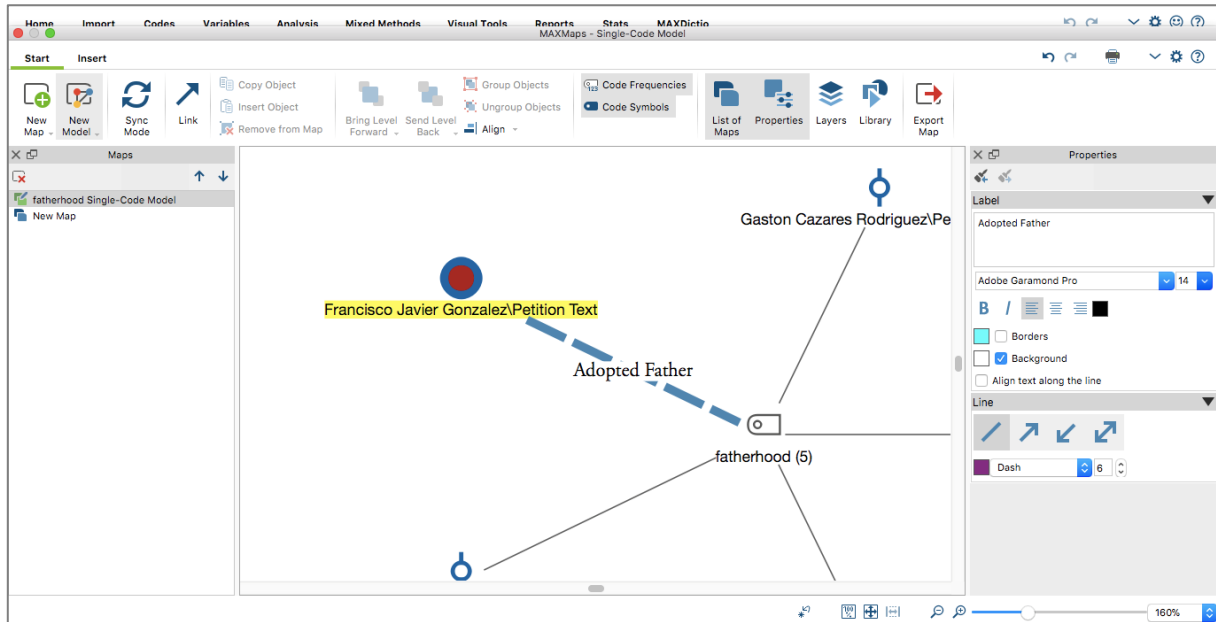
In Normal or Sync Mode, you can import coded segments to focus on your source data.
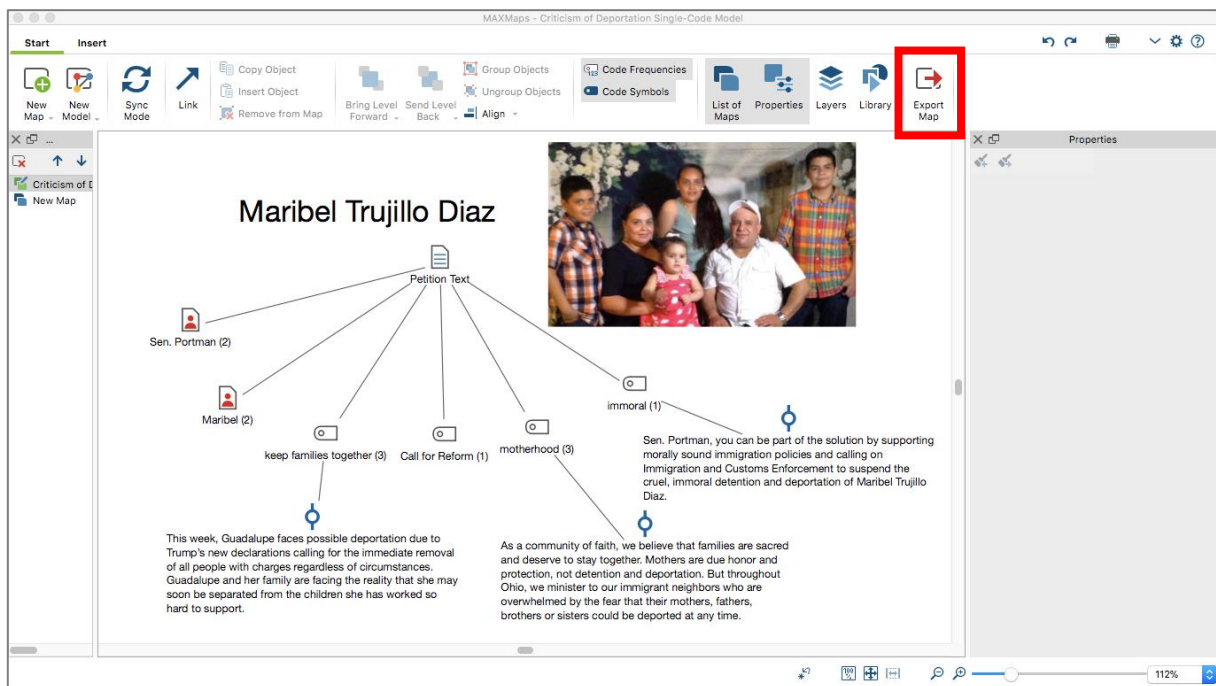

Customize objects in MAXMaps

MAXQDA 18 provides more ways to customize how information is represented in MAXMaps. By using the Properties tab on the right, you can change type and weight of lines, add arrows to lines, add labels to lines, and create your mindmap to fit your needs.
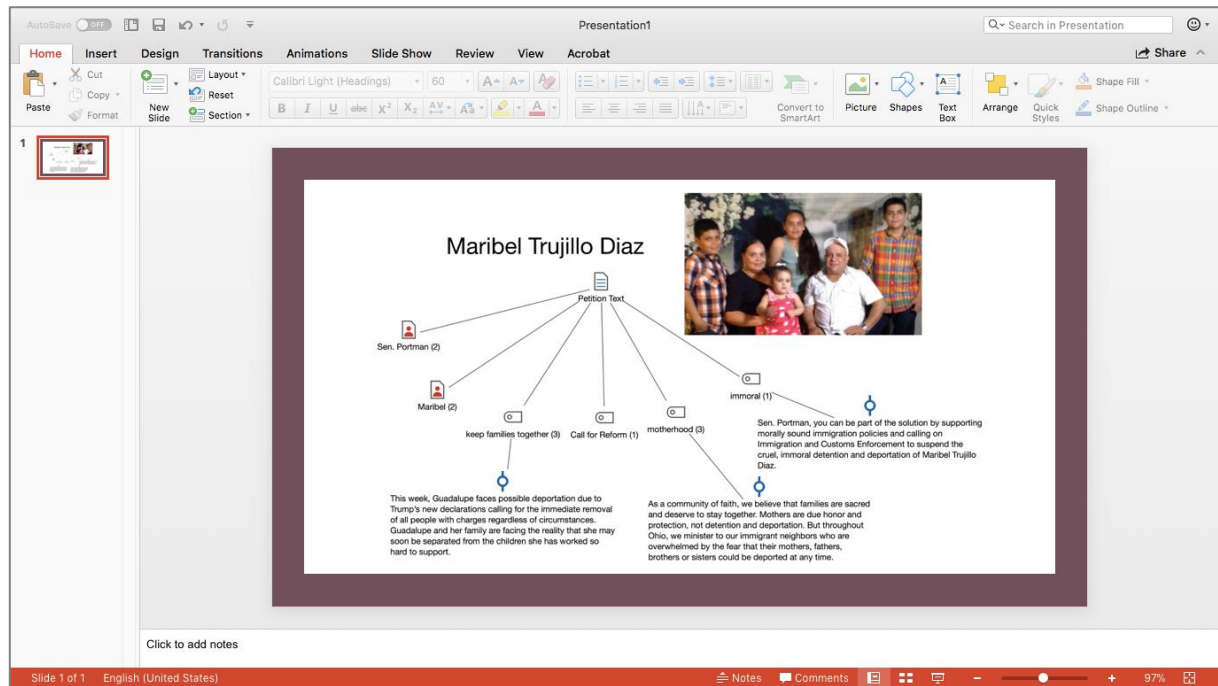
Export from MAXMaps

Concept maps made in MAXMaps are a great way to present snapshots of your research data. To export your map, click on the Export Map option in the tool bar, select your format (PNG, JPEG), and insert your image into your presentation.

Export from MAXMaps

Insert Into Presentation

Useful Resources:

- MAXQDA Online Manual Entry for MAXMaps: https://www.maxqda.com/help-max18/maxmaps/what-does-maxmaps-do