



*"Centuries of oppression and exploitation still have an effect to this very day. **And to break those patterns, we also have to face up to the past, openly and honestly.**"*
(Rutte, 2022)

*"The impact of war lingers on for many generations. Even now, 75 years after our liberation, it remains with us. **The least we can do is: not look away. Not justify it. Not erase it. Not brush it aside.**"*
(van Oranje, 2020)



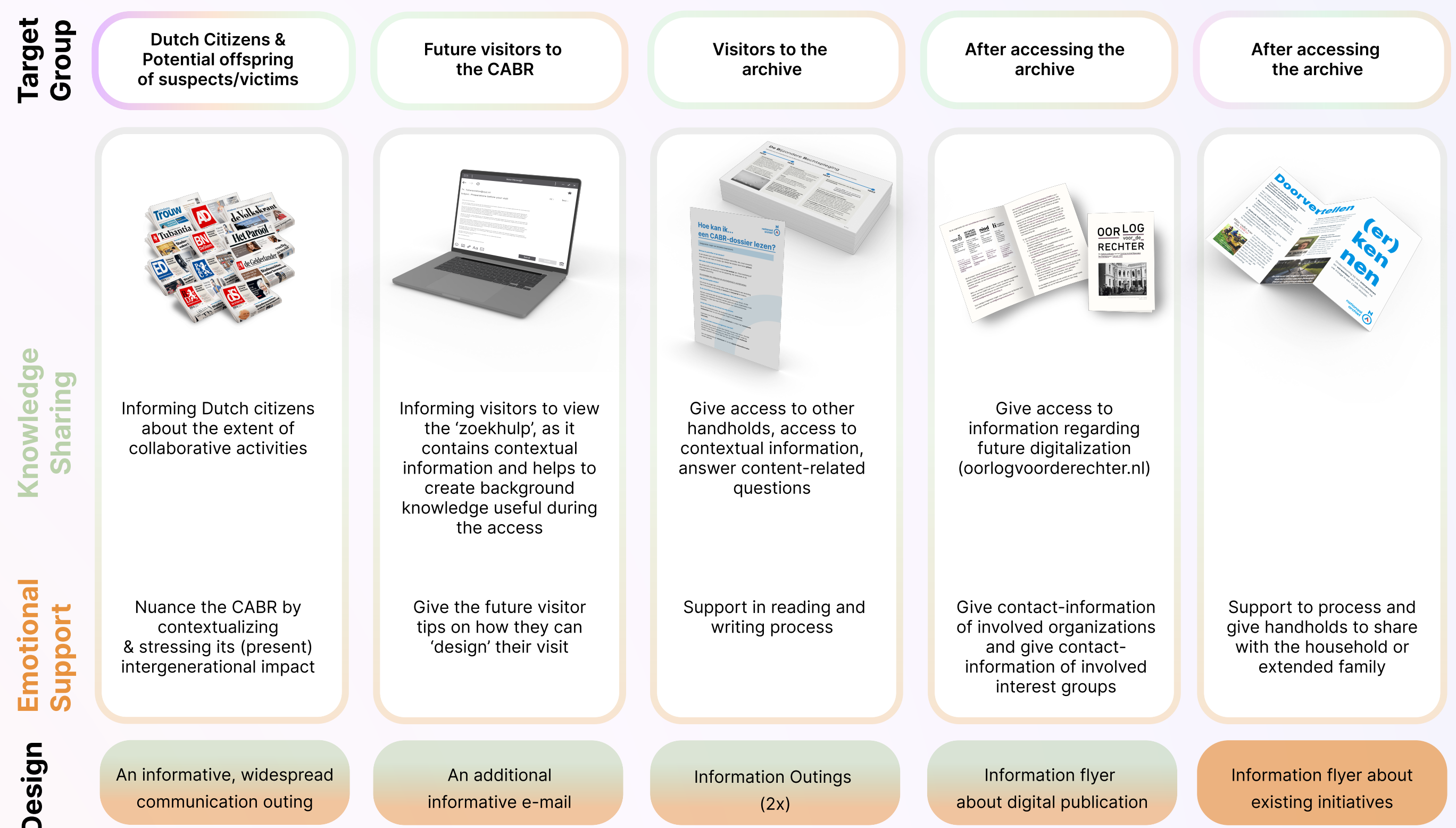
Acknowledge

*A strategy to break the silence,
to learn from our history*

To be able to acknowledge a part of one's past, one needs to gain knowledge of what has happened, interpret, and process this.

At the **Nationaal Archief** in The Hague, an archive is stored that contains files of the more than 300.000 people who were accused of collaborating with the German occupiers after the Second World War. Daily, offspring of these suspects visit this archive, the CABR, to find answers. It became evident there are **intergenerational consequences** of those choices and actions by their ancestors: **inherited feelings of shame, accountability and anger.**

This Design Thesis proposes an enriched visitor journey to integrate the human measure during the exploration of one's familial history.



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