CSE 512

Narrative Visualization









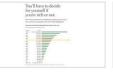


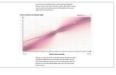




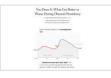










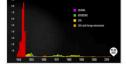




















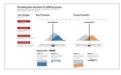




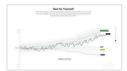


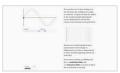


























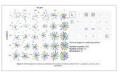


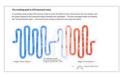


















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FiveThirtyEight, CNN, New Yorker,
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Narrative Storytelling

Story:

The events or facts you want to convey

Narrative:

How you convey those facts

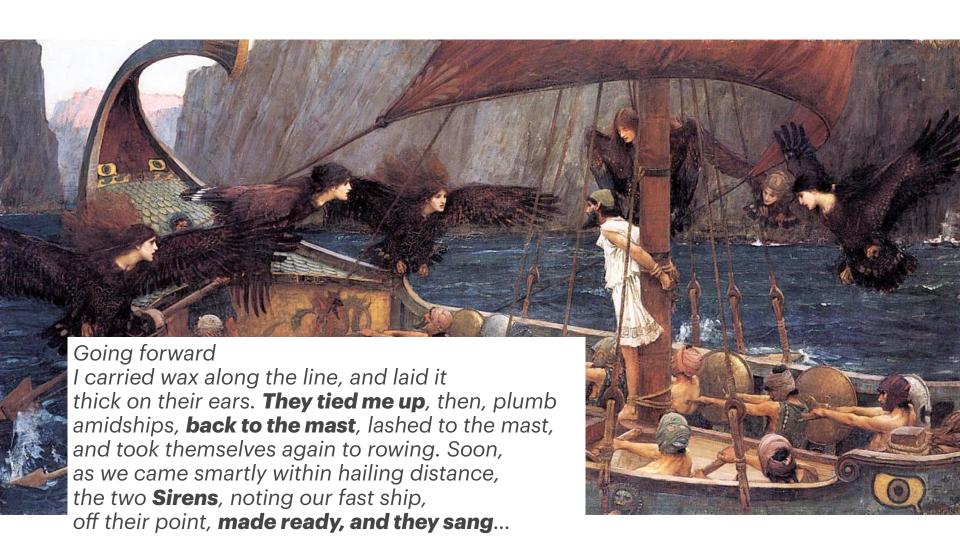
Narrative Storytelling

narrative (n): An account of a series of events, facts, etc., given in order and with the establishing of connections between them.

Effective storytelling "require[s] skills like those familiar to movie directors, beyond a technical expert's knowledge of computer engineering and science." - Gershon & Page '01

STORYTELLING

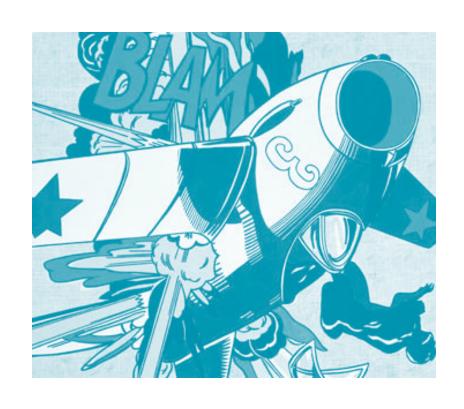
as ancient as mankind



STORYTELLING

across various media

PEOPLE TELL STORIES
WORDS TELL STORIES
IMAGES TELL STORIES
COMICS TELL STORIES
MOVIES TELL STORIES





By Denise Grady and Carl Zimmer

April 14, 2021, 9:34 p.m. ET

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Case Study: Coronavirus Testing
Design space

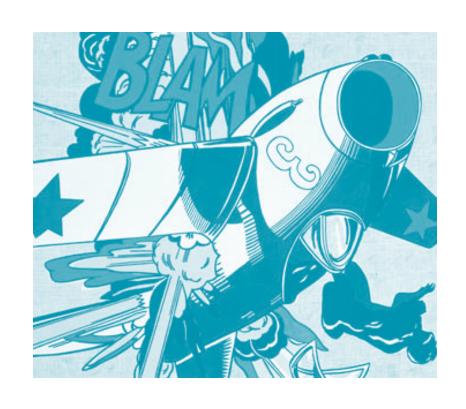
Interactive articles

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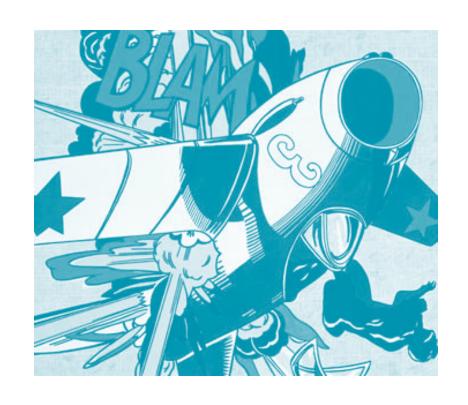
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Lives of others

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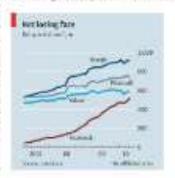
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CASE STUDY COVID-19 TESTING

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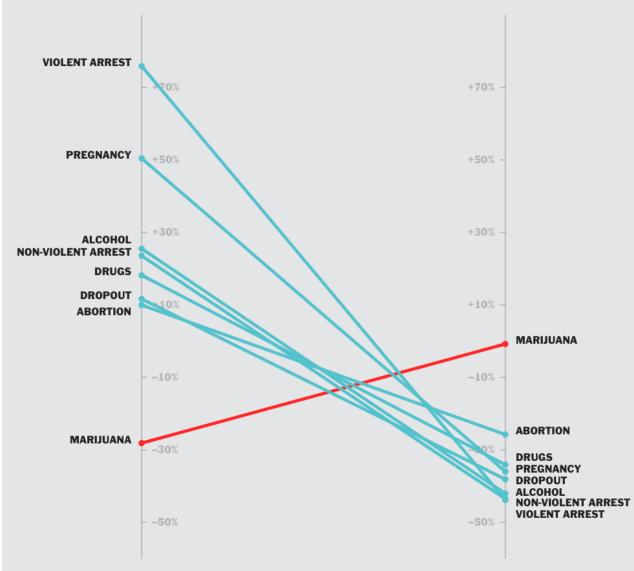
Daily case and test counts.

Points of Focus

- 1. Baseline (smoothed average of daily cases)
- 2. Counterfactual case curve (baseline positivity rate * daily test counts),
- 3. Actual case curve (daily cases)

SHENANIGANS

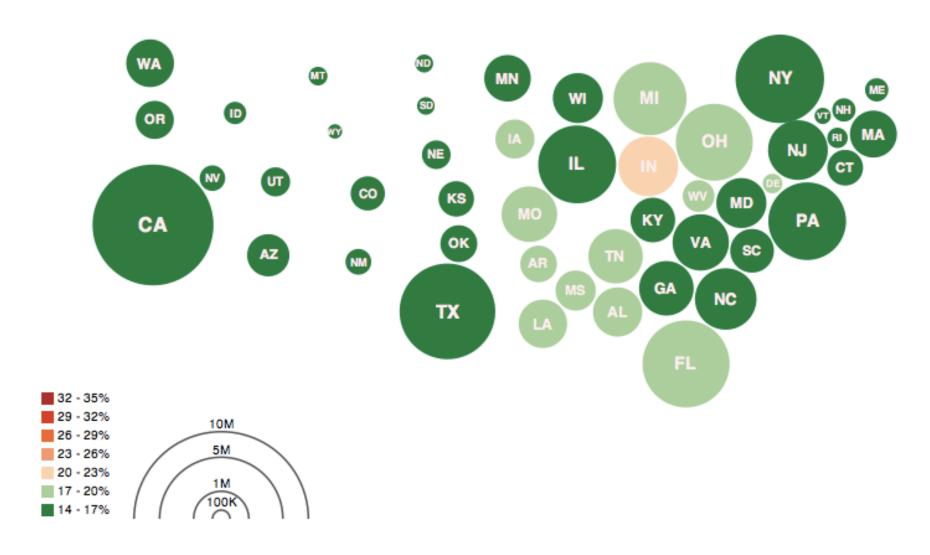
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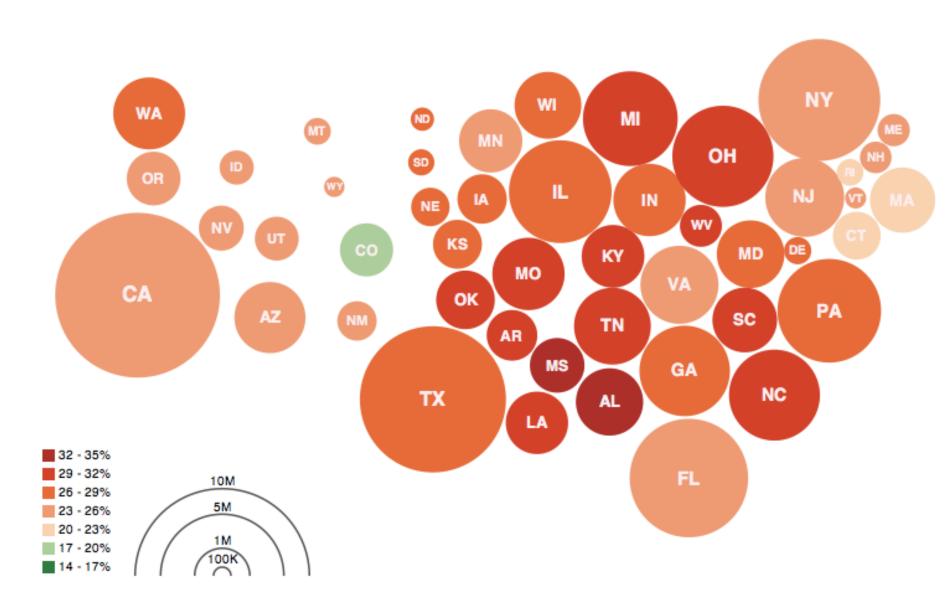
Conlen 2014

1993

2013



Obesity Map Vadim Ogievetsky



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Of the 7,666 times that police officers killed people in the U.S. between 2013 and 2019...

25 (0.3%) resulted in a conviction



74 (10%) resulted in a charge but no conviction



and...



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monachalabi Total disbelief about the system doing the bare minimum. George Floyd deserved so much more than this, he deserved to live.

Some detail about those 25 sentences: Unknown sentence = 4 police killings Just probation = 3

3 months in jail = 1

1 year in jail, 3 years suspended = 1

1 year in prison = 1

18 months in prison = 1

2.5 years in prison = 1

4 years in prison = 1

5 years in prison = 1

6 years in prison = 1

16 years in prison = 1

20 years in prison = 1

30 years in prison = 2







22,976 likes

3 HOURS AGO

Log in to like or comment.

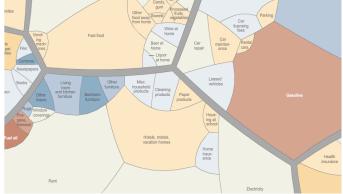
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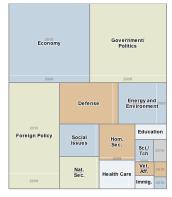
What devices communicates best?
Highly dependent on: audience, context, format

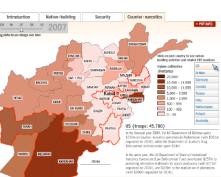
Format

Interactive Article
Animation
Lecture
Still Image
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Narrative Visualization Design Space











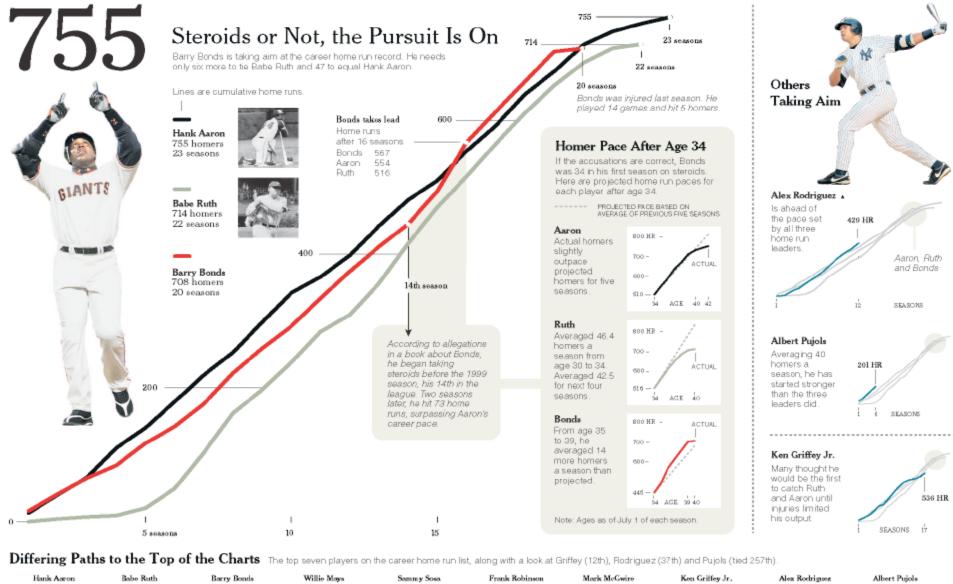


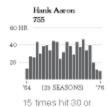


58 CASE STUDIES

70% Journalism20% Business10% Research

Segel & Heer, 2010

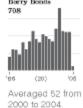


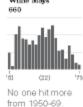


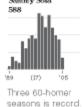
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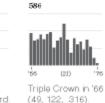


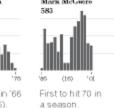
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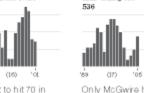


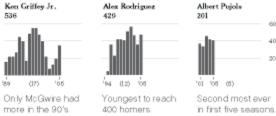








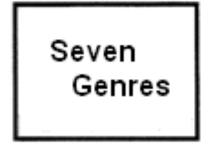




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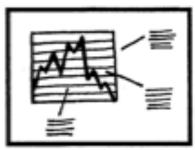


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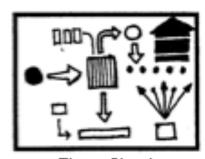
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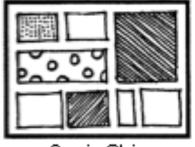
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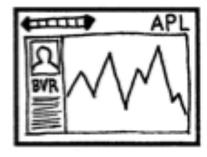
Partitioned Poster



Flow Chart



Comic Strip



Slide Show



Film/Video/Animation

Genres for Narrative Visualization (2010)

Genres + Interactivity + Messaging =

DESIGN SPACE

STORYTELLING

CLARITY

SPEED

Author Driven

strong ordering heavy messaging limited interactivity

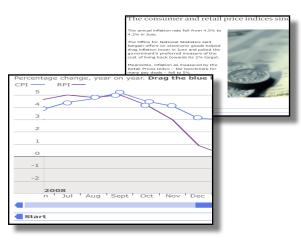
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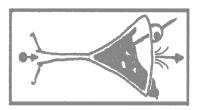
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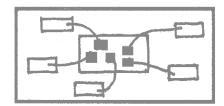


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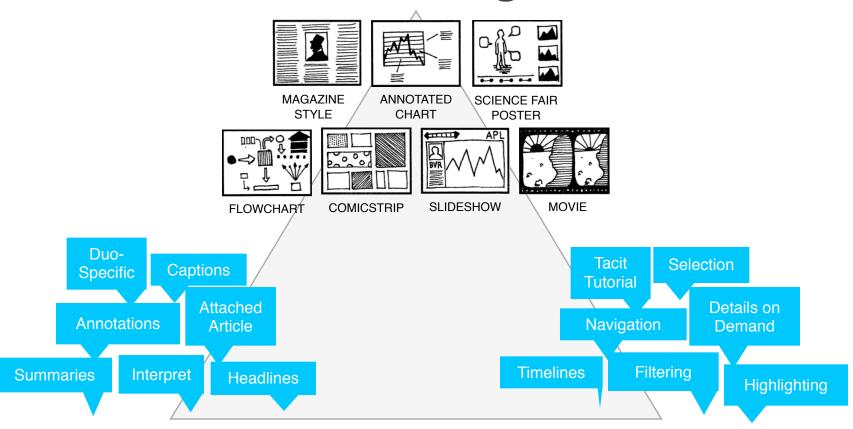




drill-down story



Visual Design



Messaging

Interactivity



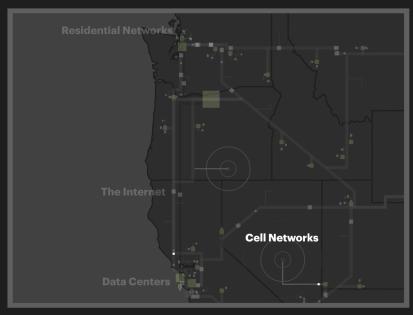
Interactive Articles



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YouTube Pipeline + Electricity Usage for 2016

Cellular Networks



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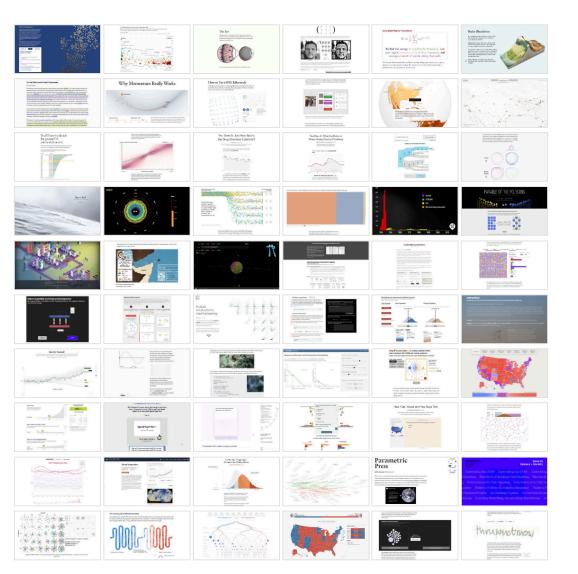
SOURCE Google, Durairajan et al. 2015 [4], Preist et al. 2017 [3], EIA

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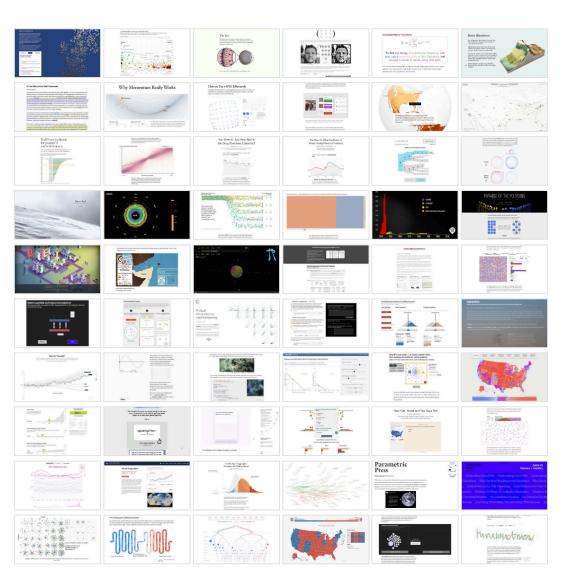
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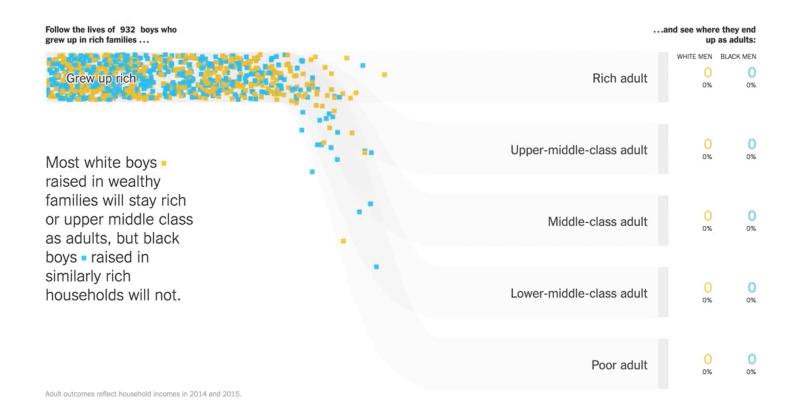
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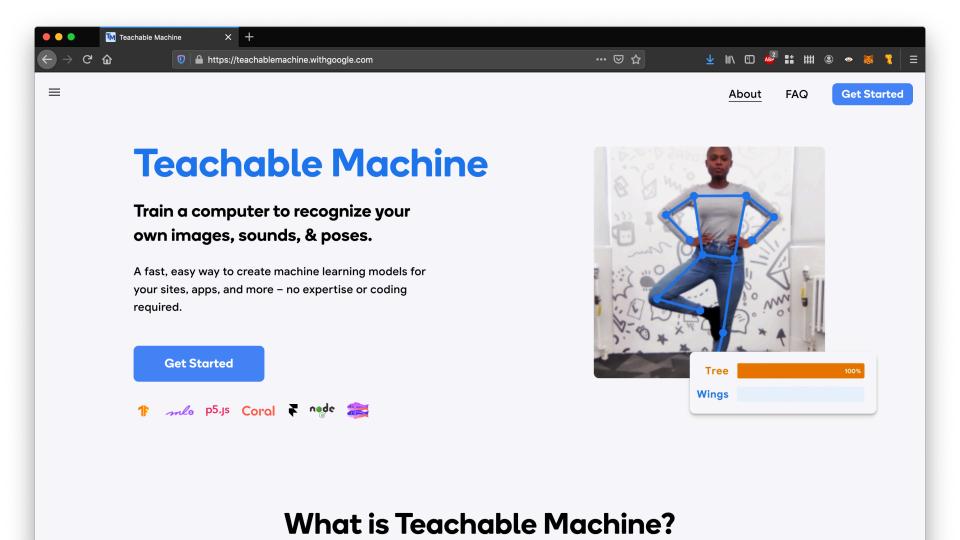
Even when children grow up next to each other with parents who earn similar incomes, black boys fare worse than white

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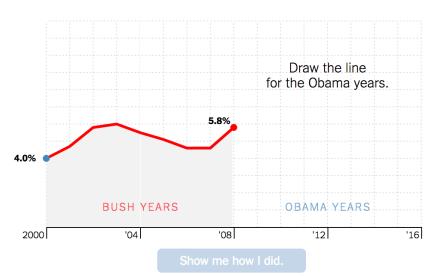
Reducing cognitive load

You Draw It: What Got Better or Worse During Obama's Presidency

By LARRY BUCHANAN, HAEYOUN PARK and ADAM PEARCE JAN. 15, 2017

Draw your guesses on the charts below to see if you're as smart as you think you are.

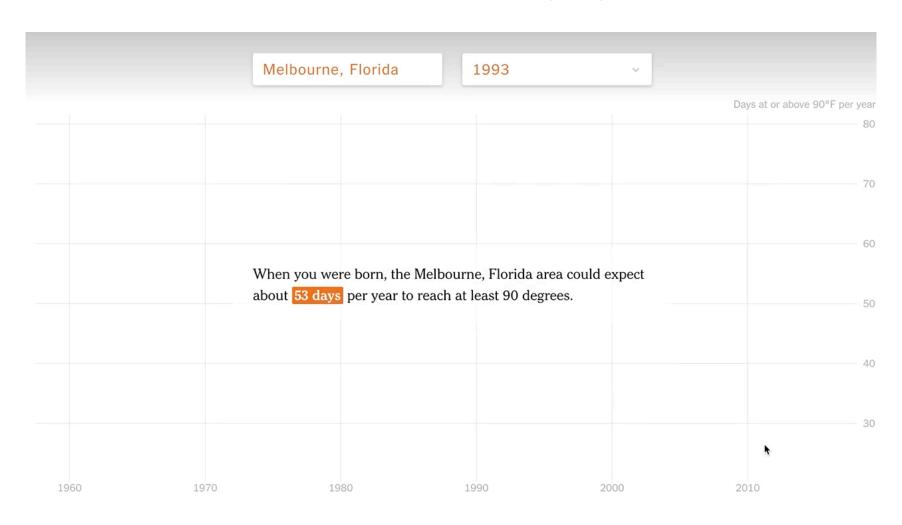
Under President Obama, the **unemployment** rate ...



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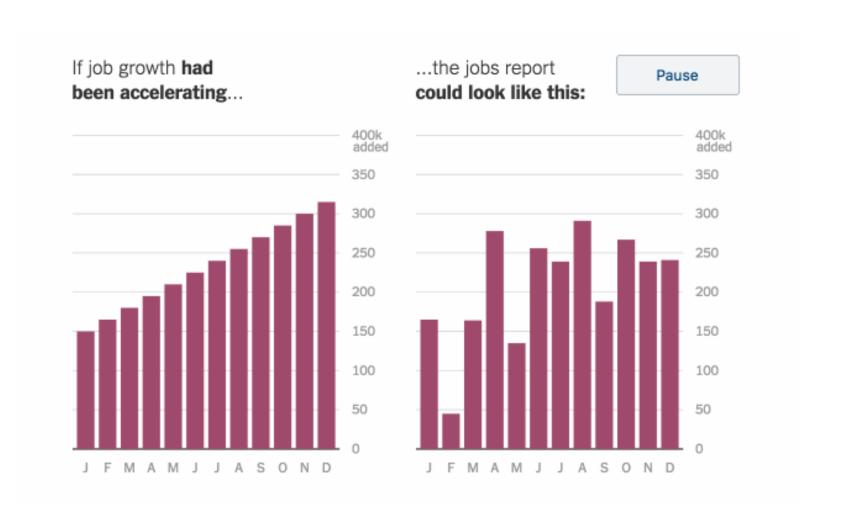
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Interactive Documents: Steppers, Scrollers, ...



Gun Deaths In America

By Ben Casselman, Matthew Conlen and Reuben Fischer-Baum

CLICK to advance





Stepper 12 | Explore the data for yourself »

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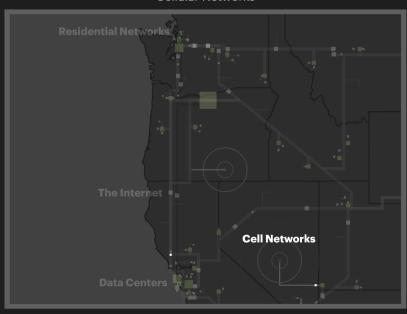
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Discrete step vs. Continuous scroll

Different means for narrative navigation. A <u>source</u> of <u>debate</u> among practitioners!

Step: sequential frames as in a slideshow Simple and familiar, but as engaging?

Scroll: continuous navigation of page Parameterize content by scroll position May cause usability / scrolljacking issues

Hybrids: scroller with discrete sections

Narrative Implementation

Do-It-Yourself

Monitor scroll position & element positions Guidance: M. Bostock, J. Vallandingham

Third-Party Support

Helper Libraries

Interactive Document Formats: Idyll



A toolkit for creating data-driven stories and explorable explanations.

Text + Parameterized Graphics

Write articles in markdown.

Embed parameterized data visualizations.

Connect reactive variables to user input widgets to add interactivity.

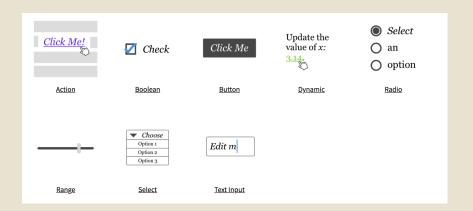
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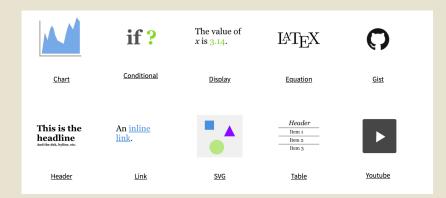
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The value of x is [Display value:x format:"d" /].
[Range value:x min:0 max:10 /]
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Hello World

The value of x is 5.

28 Built-in Components

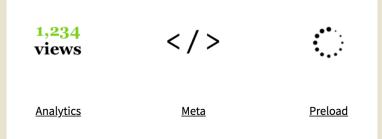




Input



Presentation



Layout

Helpers

Bring your own graphics

A JavaScript component API is exposed to end users.

Use with libraries like D3, Mapbox, Processing (P5), React, Vega-Lite

```
[section]
 # A Sad Guitar.
 Take a second and strum the guitar. It doesn't sound
 so good, does it?
 We've just taken it out of storage and *it's all out of tune ... *
[/section]
[section onEnterViewFully:`guitarState = 'headstock'; playScale = false;`]
 # Electric Tuner to the Rescue.
 Tune the guitar using the tunes
 knobs on the right to tighten
 // Need a reward state to let
 [Tuner selectedString:targetSt
                                          How To:
                                      Tune a Guitar
 [conditional if:isInTune]
                                           By Matthew Conlen and Alex Kale
 Great work, scroll on.
 [/conditional]
[/section]
```

Implementation

```
class Range extends Component {
handleChange(event) {
[varupameep"xo"pseque:5 /]
      value: +event.target.value
# Hello World
The value of x is
[Display(palue; x format: "d" /].
     return
[Range vailyeix min:0 max:10 /]
         type="range"
         value={props.value}
         onChange={handleChange} />
```

Hello World

The value of x is 5.

Examples

Parametric Press parametric.press

Parametric Press
The Climate Issue



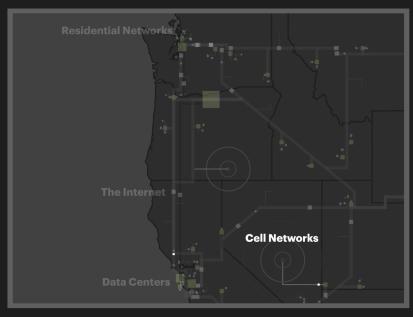
In comparison, only 12% of YouTube's traffic went through cellular networks, but they were by far the most expensive part of YouTube's content delivery pipeline, accounting for approximately **8,500 Gigawatt-hours of electricity usage**—

enough to power over 750,000 U.S. homes [3].

At over 10 times the electricity usage per unit of traffic, the relative inefficiency of cellular transmission is clear.

YouTube Pipeline + Electricity Usage for 2016

Cellular Networks



8,500 GWh

Enough to power over 750,000 U.S. homes for a year

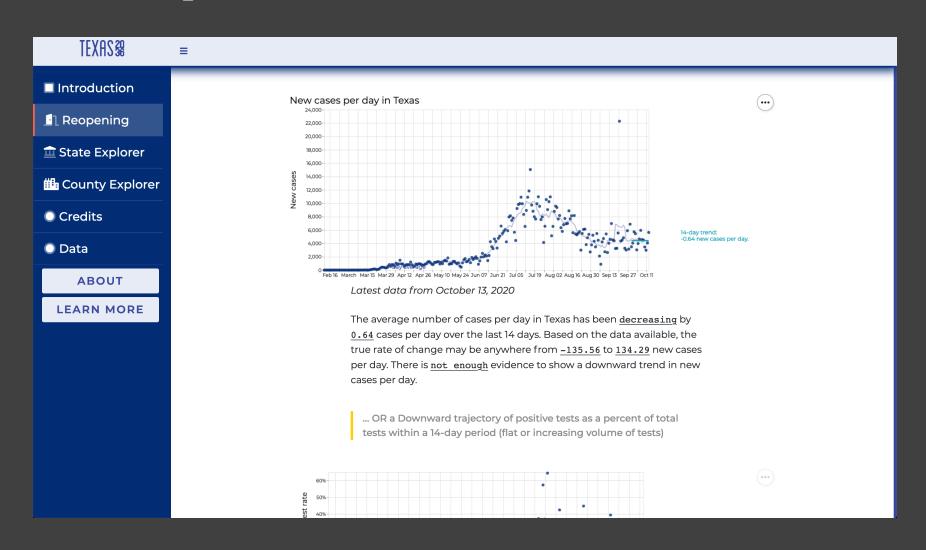
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Google, Durairajan et al. 2015 [4], Preist et al. 2017 [3], EIA

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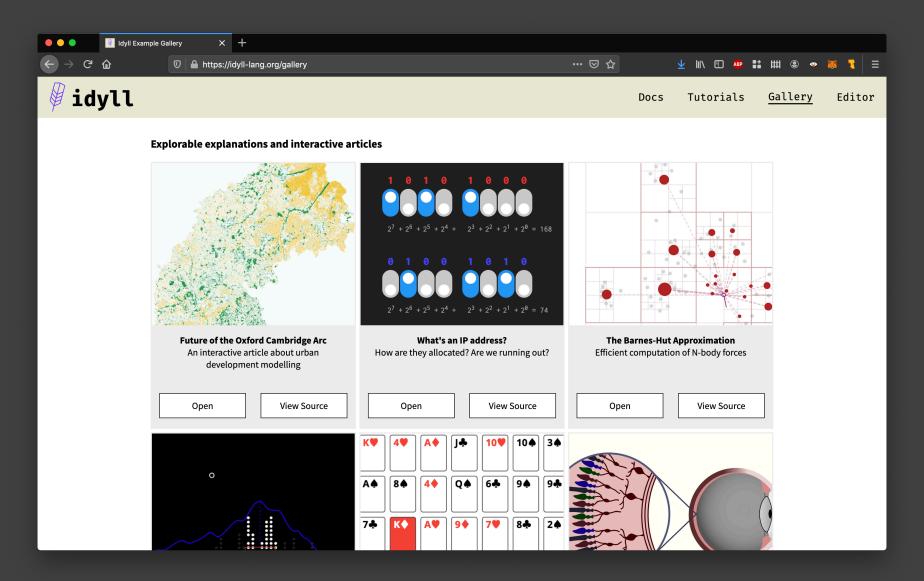
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Texas 2036 COVID Reopening



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Thanks!

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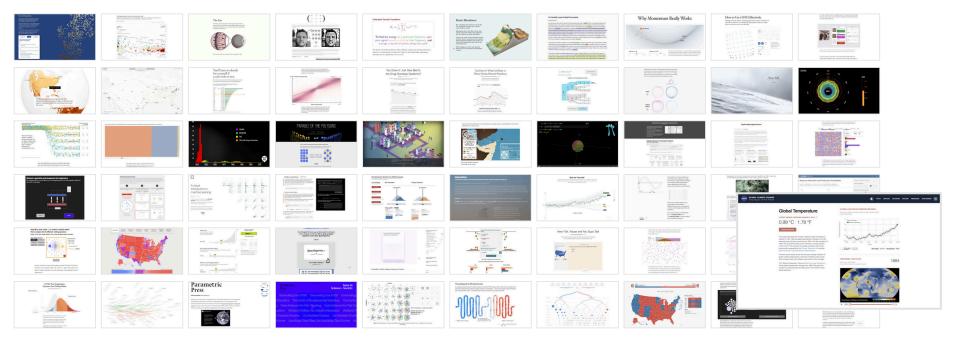


FIGURE 1: "Global Temperature." NASA. NASA Global Climate Change, 2020.