

Numbers

- Numbers deserve careful, critical attention
- Numbers get produced by something
- Numbers are jewels
 - people's work produces jewels
 - a lot of work in producing numbers
 - people produce statistics or reports
- 3 part recipe for creating a social problem
 - socially constructed
 1. A terrible example: Adam Walsh kid in store goes missing & gets head cut off
 2. A name
 3. A number
- Important to understand who created the number & why
- sometimes people make dumb mistakes

Graphs

- sometimes hard to guess their meaning
- sometimes they can mislead
- sometimes there are stupid errors
- sometimes we can suspect that mistakes weren't accidental
- cherry picking - pick data very carefully
- lost productivity