

## 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