Date handed out: April 19, 2018

Description:
Your task is to find a current example of an argument from data in mainstream or social media that exemplifies one of the issues described in class. You should research the data and papers cited in the article to develop a fuller understanding of the claim being made and any alternative explanations that should be considered.

Deliverables:
- Checkpoint (May 1, 2018): 5-10 minute discussion of the article/post you plan to use and the issue you will illustrate with it.
- Paper (due May 8, 2018): Musicians & Mortality and Senescence case studies as examples. Paper should include:
  - Introduction to the piece.
    - What is the initial (potentially misleading) impression? Any assumptions that contribute to this?
  - In-depth explanation of aspects of the piece that could mislead
    - Did this piece result from a game of ‘telephone?’ What information was lost along the way?
    - What alternative explanations should be considered?
  - Suggestions for clarifying the argument
- Presentation (May 8, 2018):
  - ~10-15 minute presentation
- Team member contributions:
  - Each team member will turn in a short description of each member’s contributions individually.

Projects will be evaluated on:
- (20%) Appropriateness of case study. Is the piece controversial? Misleading? Relevant to class?
- (35%) Quality of argument about what is problematic about the case study.
  - Correct application of ideas from class.
  - May involve finding the original data or simulating data.
- (20%) Quality of suggestions for alternative presentations.
  - Would the suggestions resolve the issue? Present any new issues of their own?
- (10%) Clarity of paper.
- (10%) Clarity of presentation.
- (5%) Team member contributions.