Immersive Data

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Steven Adler Bio...

- IBM Chief Data Strategist
- Chief Data Officer, City of Medellin
- US Commerce Data Advisory Council
- Peru Open Data School of Journalism
- Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data
- New York Civil Liberties Union Board Member
- President's Volunteer Service Award
- Open Climate Data Initiative
- Africa Open Data Group, Australia Open Data Group
- 4 Patents, many publications, blogs syndicated globally

Data has Value when it is Utilized

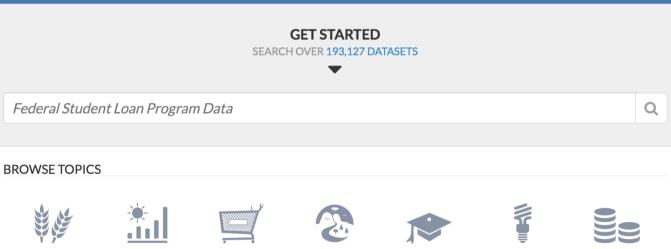
- Data is not a traditional asset
- Its value is not based on scarcity
- I can have a copy, you can, and so can 2 billion others
- Data at rest has no immediate value
 - There is acquisition cost and maintenance
 - You can calculate LTV, but only for Utility...
- Data has value when we increase Utilization and reduce publishing Latency

DATA VALUE =
$$\frac{\text{UTILITY}}{\text{LATENCY}}$$

Open Data has given us

The home of the U.S. Government's open data

Here you will find data, tools, and resources to conduct research, develop web and mobile applications, design data visualizations, and more.





...millions of datasets

We can't Increase Data Utility...

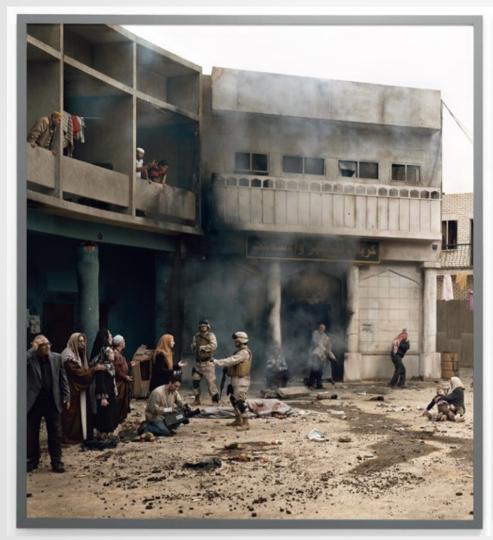


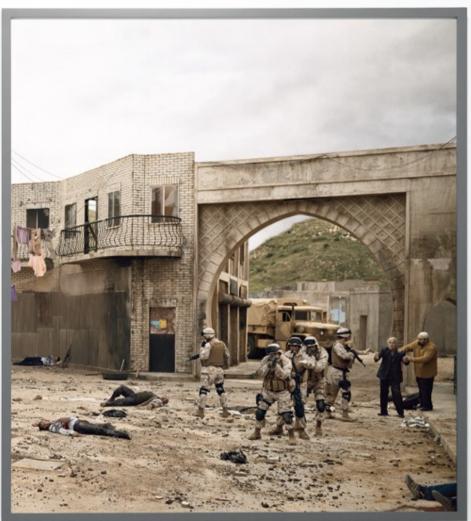
...If the Data is full of lies

We have a lot of fake news...



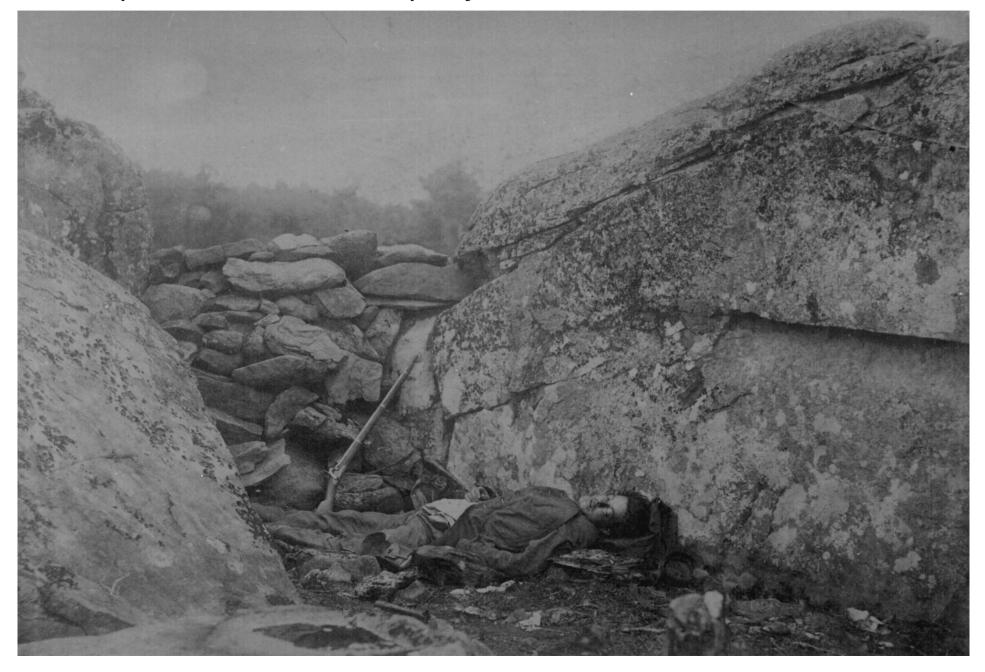
Fake Media/News is not New...





...It's often called Art

The Sharpshooter's Last Sleep, by Alexander Gardner



The Media hid FDR's Disability...



...for Decades

Stalin Hid Trotsky...





...from History



"To the public, these men are members of a familiar fraternity, presented tens of thousands of times on television and radio as "military analysts" whose long service has equipped them to give authoritative and unfettered judgments about the most pressing issues of the post-Sept. 11 world.

Hidden behind that appearance of objectivity, though, is a Pentagon information apparatus that has used those analysts in a campaign to generate favorable news coverage of the administration's wartime performance, an examination by The New York Times has found.

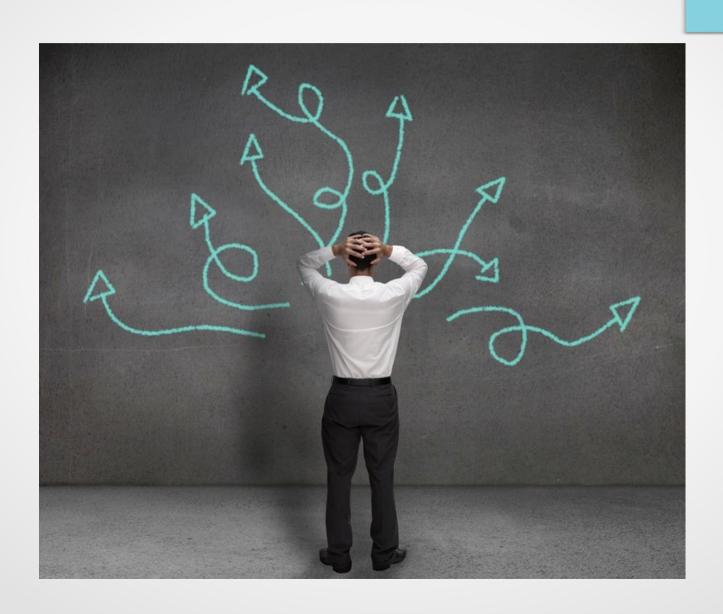
The effort, which began with the buildup to the Iraq war and continues to this day, has sought to exploit ideological and military allegiances, and also a powerful financial dynamic: Most of the analysts have ties to military contractors vested in the very war policies they are asked to assess on air. "-NY Times, April 20, 2008

The Public has few tools...

- Face vs Fiction
- Different Interpretations of The Truth
- Provenance and Etymology
- Culture and History
- Philosophy of Ideas
- Metadata and Beliefs encoded in Systems
- Information Completeness and Errors
- Bias and Prejudice
- Decisions and Outcomes

...To understand Information

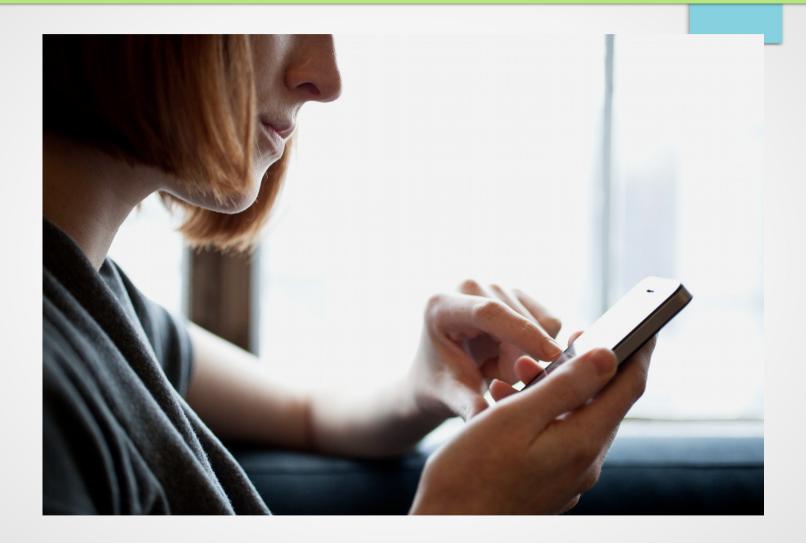
A lot of Information is Ambiguous



Hard to Understand



Too Often the public...



... Consumes Information Alone

We Need a Public Dialog...



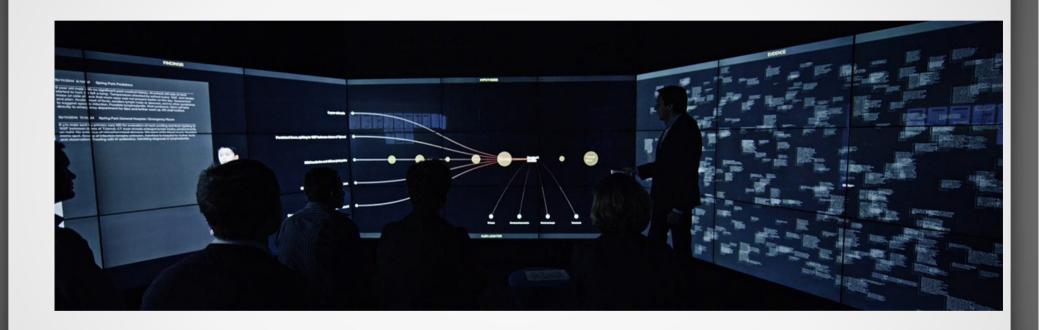
...about Information

In Spaces that are immersive...



...to explore meaning and inform dialog

Where Information can...

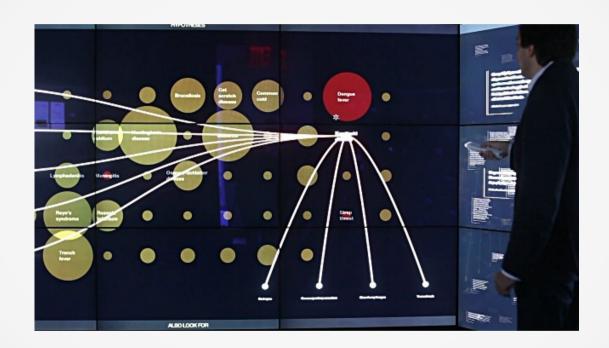


...be Discovered and Compared

Culture and History Explored



With Petabytes, Provenance,...



...Purpose, and Relationships

And discussed...



...in groups to discover meaning

I see Librarians as...



...Information Mediaries

And Libaries as...



...Centers of Public Dialog

We need Public Spaces...



...Devoted to Truth and Knowledge

And Librarians with new Tools...



...and Skills

And I want to build this...



...To go farther than we have gone

I want everyone on stage...



... Talking and Learning Together

Libraries and Librarians are...

- We need to build a Research Lab
- To test technologies, methods, and audiences
- Teach Librarians, IT, and Communications
- Build new tools
- Proto



But it must not be abused...



...So control must be de-centralized