

ENG 208 – Introduction to Digital Journalism
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Blog Assignment #4 – Responding to a Data Visualization

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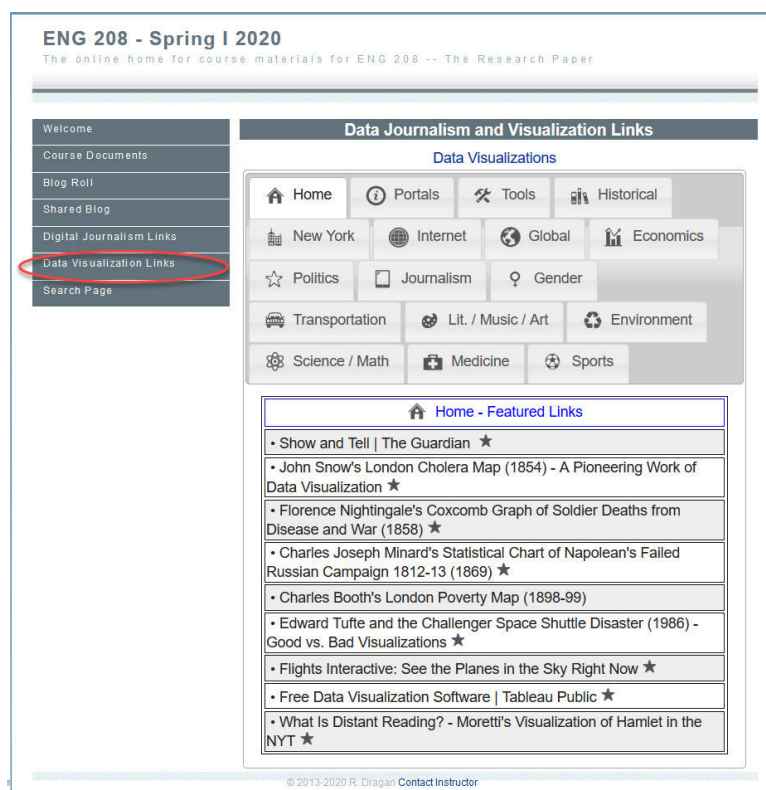
Description

Our 4th blog assignment is to respond to an example of digital journalism that uses data journalism, a visualization (or virtual reality).

A curated set of examples of data journalism and visualizations are available at:

eng208.publishproject.com

Just click on the **Data Visualization Links** menu option:



Write a 400-word post (~2 pages) on your WordPress blog on the prompt below:

- 1) First, spend about 30 minutes exploring the links. Find ONE article that interests you as an example of data visualization to present data in an innovative way for readers.
- 2) Summarize the visualization for us in about 100 words. Give us the title, author (if available), sponsoring media organization and correct web link. Also, try to find the date of publication.
- 3) **What data set is being presented?** How is it presented? (As an infographic, a video, an animation, a simulation?) Does the visualization use interactivity (in 'lean forward' mode) or not? (Is it to be consumed in 'lean back' mode more passively as in a video). Is there an argument or 'angle' in this interpretation of data? See if you can find one.
- 3) **Try to label the artifact in one of our terms class: Continuous – Immersive – Comprehensive (or a combination or blend).** Defend your choice.
- 4) **What is appealing, effective and / or 'innovative' about this piece of digital journalism that uses a visualization?** Also, can you speculate on how it was created? (You can check browser source code to see what kinds of technologies might have been used.) What skills as a data journalist / media professional would be needed to create this artifact? Also, are there any possible limitations (even ethical dangers) for presenting this information in such a powerful, visual way?

*****Some Hints:**

- Aim to write clearly, but quickly. Revise what you write a bit before you post. Please use complete sentences and paragraphs / chunks that are clear and grammatically correct.
- Remember, you can edit and improve your post by editing it in WordPress. Preview before you post. *By now you are probably comfortable with the edit / preview / post workflow in WP.*
- **Important!!**

Label this post clearly as "Blog Assignment #4" in a title and tags (try to include the assignment number in the title) so the rest of the class – including your instructor – can find it easily.

Remember to tag all blog posts using “**ENG 208**” and a few words that describe your post. (Tagging your posts will help readers find your content ‘in the wild.’ Of course, we are using a class blog roll, so we will be able to find your posts, as long as you label them clearly.)