

The spoken word is excellent for conveying emotions and stories, but is a poor medium for helping people retain large amounts of facts.

Visual projections on a screen are wonderful for conveying images that stick in a viewer's mind and make abstract concepts more concrete and understandable, but slides are a poor and inefficient method for getting people to retain large amounts of facts.



The printed page is great for conveying large amounts of data.

It is the most accessible and flexible of all media because your audience can underline interesting points, reread sections, file it away, and pull it out three months later.

However, print does not convey the emotion or passion a speaker may have for a subject.



"There is actually no such thing as a "PowerPoint Presentation". There are some people who give presentations and use PowerPoint slides to make a better and more memorable impression on an audience, although this is an extremely phenomenon. Then, there are people who use PowerPoint slides to make a bad or unmemorable impression on their audiences. Is this you?"

Source: TJ Walker, Jess Todtfeld: Presentation Training A-Z, Media Training Worldwide, 2008



I hate to tell you, but chances are your PowerPoint slides are lousy. But don't také my word for it, let's do a little test. Show your slides to someone who does not speak your language. Now, you are saying 'What's he talking about? Of course, they can't read them.' Ahah! If you're expecting your audience to read your PowerPoint, you are already in big trouble. PowerPoint is a visual medium. Whether it is a chart, a graph, a picture or a cartoon, your audience should be able to understand your message just by looking at the images.

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Why 'believe' in science?

- Deductive vs inductive logic....
 - All humans are mortal; John Smith is human; ergo, he is mortal.
 - In the farmyard, the turkeys are fed every day; the farmyard operates in a uniform manner; ergo, the turkeys will be fed tomorrow.
- When we reason with deductive logic we can be sure that the conclusion will be true if the premises are true.
- When we reason with inductive logic we can end up drawing false conclusions from true premises (what happens to turkeys on Dec 24th??!!).
- Induction leads us to believe that the future will resemble the past.
- What has this got to do with science? Science relies on induction!
 - It is widely assumed that science starts with observation which provides a secure basis from which knowledge can be derived via induction.
 - But David Hume (18th C) argued it is all a matter of CUSTOM or HABIT and that the
 use of induction cannot be rationally justified at all!
- Science doesn't 'prove' or 'disprove' anything: the word 'proof' should only be used when describing deductive logical operations, like maths.
- Offering a 'reward' to 'prove' homeopathy/CAMs work is a just a stunt and not a cheap one at that.



(Presenter shows first slide whilst talking) Bla bla di bla di bla bla bla

(Brain says to itself)

- Ooh, look, bullet points! And the presenter is talking, too
- Okay, reading the bullets
- Dammit what did she just say?
- Uh oh. Can't both read AND listen
- Yaaaaaawn...
- Must.Focus.On.Listening
- What did those bullets say again?
- •Mmm, I wonder if there'll be cake after lunch?
- Brain shut down commences

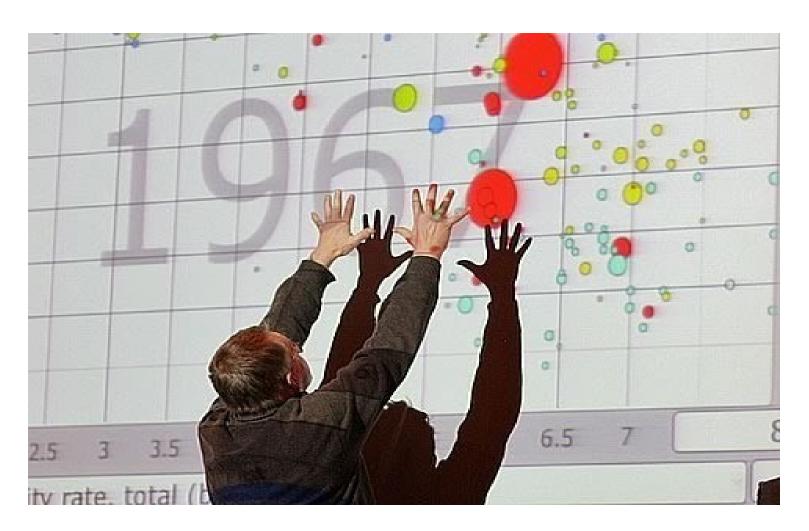


Manuel Lima: A visual history of human knowledge





Hans Rosling: The best stats you have ever seen





Hans Rosling: Don't panic





Jamie Oliver: Teach every child about food





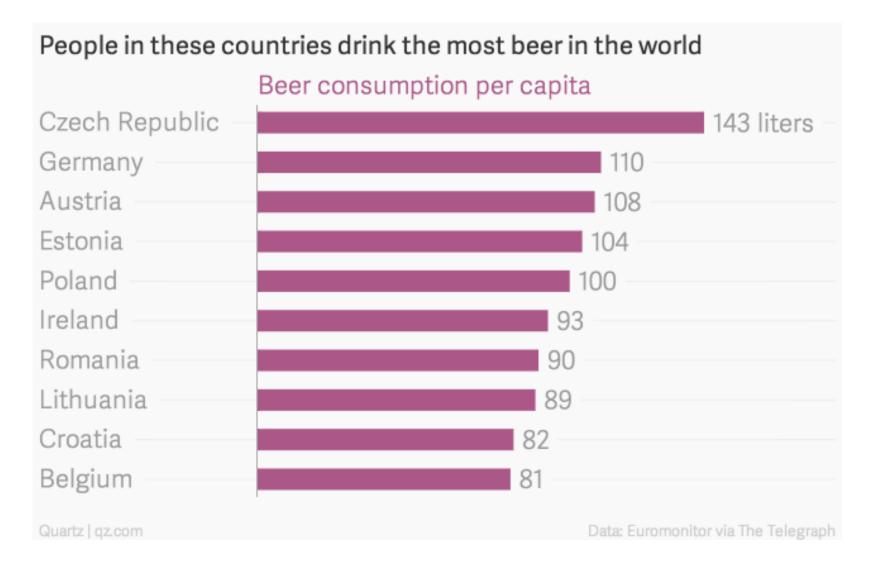
No more than six words on a slide – ever!

Seth Godin, marketing guru



The 666 Rule and 10-20-30 Rule refer to the bullet points, font sizes and number of slides you should use in your presentation. What do you think these rules might be?

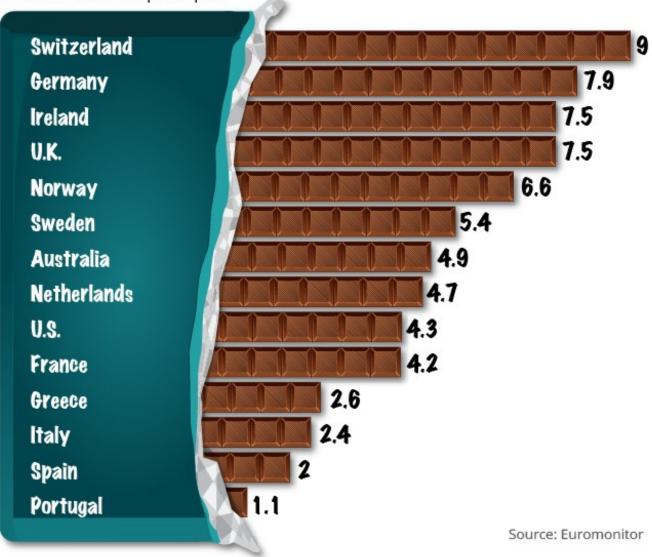




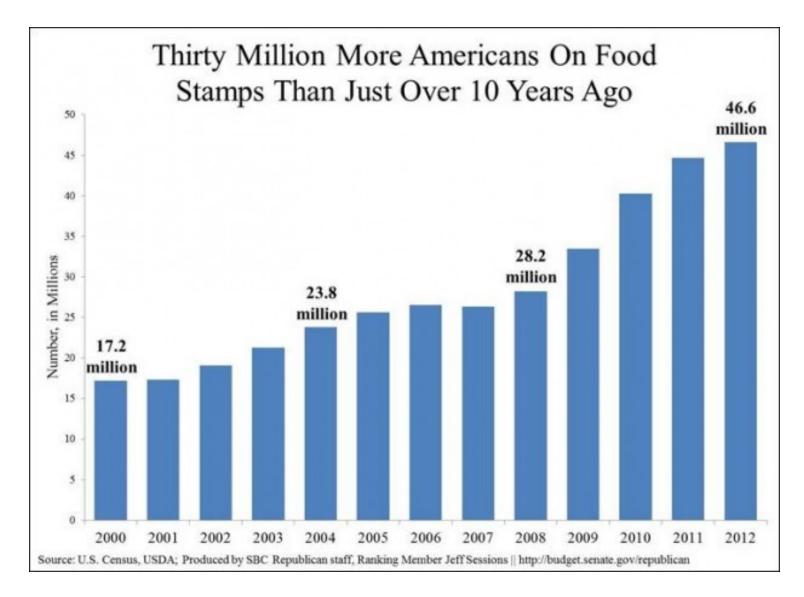


The world's chocoholics

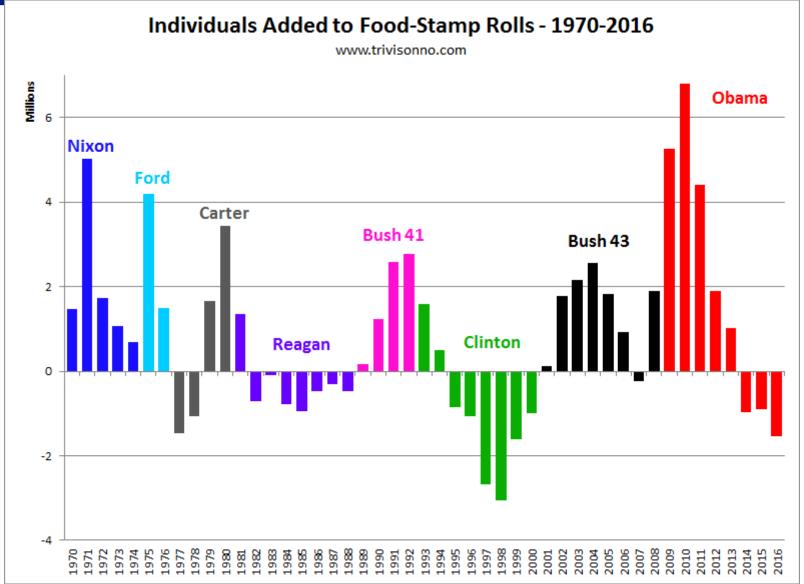
In kilos consumed per capita





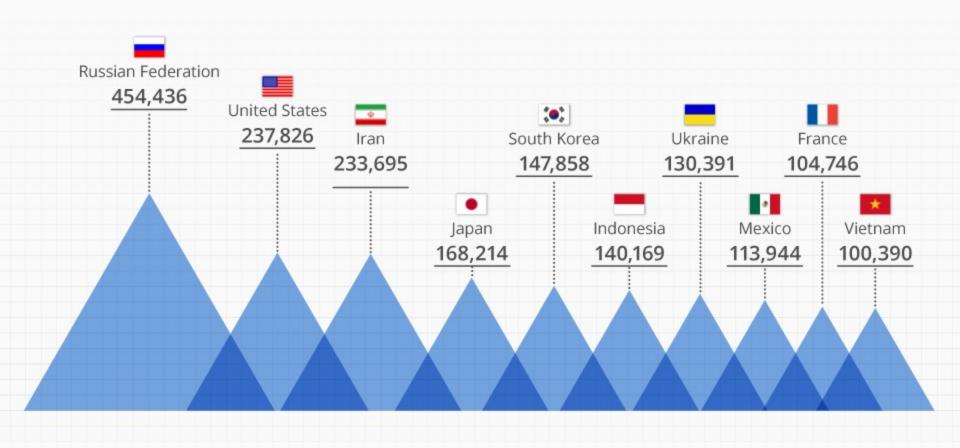






The Countries With The Most Engineering Graduates

Top countries for graduates in engineering, manufacturing and construction*

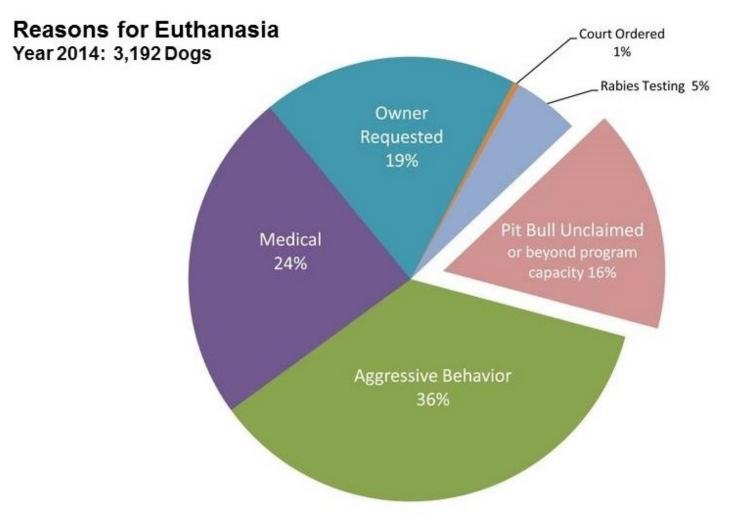


^{* 2015} rank out of 124 economies. No data available for China, India









Medical reasons for euthanasia include: failed medial evaluation and untreatable illness or injury.

Aggressive behavior includes: aggressive towards people/bites, aggressive towards animals and failed behavior evaluation.

Source: Franklin County Dog Shelter & Adoption Center (franklincountydogs.com/about) (accessed May 15, 2015).



17 interesting graphs that define the life of an introvert

http://www.lifehack.org/325085/17-interesting-graphs-that-define-the-life-introvert