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The narrative in the story, this is the one main piece of information that seems to become compromised when infographics supersedes the story. It is interesting to hear the various commentators speak to “making pretty pictures” but having too much happening within the graphics. There is the danger of data visualization just be a means of creating those pretty graphics without any significant content that people go to the news for. Then the question becomes “Who are these colorful things for and how do they push the narrative of the story?” Here as with anything else there is the need for best practices behind the intent. This documentary was made several years ago and it is hoped that the concerns addressed in it have been taken to heart by those who are attempting to enhance news stories with data. But, in the end this is a wonderful addition to visualizing research in a way that anyone, from researchers to consumers, can grasp the ideas and information being conveyed. It is also interesting to hear about Flash and other types of tools that data graphics uses, transforming data through interactions.

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