Data Ethics – Numbers Don’t Speak for Themselves

1. What does it mean for data to be “neutral”?
2. What was the issue with *FiveThirtyEight*’s use of GDELT’s data on kidnappings?
3. Have you ever had to investigate the context of a dataset for one of your courses? If so, for what purpose?
4. The current push in scientific research requires the data associated with a study be published alongside any associated publications. Based on D’Ignazio & Klein’s description of data on the worldwide web, what potential issues do you see with this requirement?
5. Based on these issues, how would you improve the publication requirement to publish a study’s data?
6. What was the most recent crime Cal Poly was required to report due to the Clery Act?
7. As opposed to removing the missing values from a dataset, what would *data feminism* press you to do?
8. What are ways you can communicate the context of the data you are working with for your project?