COVID-19 Data Comic Brainstorm

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Instructions

10 minutes

- Explore the data comic design patterns and the COVID-19 data visualizations, raw data, and narratives provided
- Sketch a rough outline of a COVID-19 data comic (Can be on paper or on design software of your choice (Paint, PowerPoint, Word, Google slides, etc.)

3 minutes or remaining time

- Share the rough outlines. Please add to the Google Doc: https://bit.ly/MLA20DataComic
  - Or share through Twitter #MLA20DataComic
  - Or by emailing me directly: Tess.Grynoch@umassmed.edu

Resources

Data Comic Design Patterns: https://www.datacomics.net/design-patterns

COVID-19 Data, Visualizations, and Narratives:

- COVID-19 Comics (https://www.graphicmedicine.org/covid-19-comics/)
  - The Side Eye: Viruses vs Everyone by Toby Morris
  - 'The Wuhan I Know': A Comic About the City Behind the Coronavirus Headlines by Laura Gao, interview by Aubri Juhasz
  - [Healthcare Workers on the Outside/ Healthcare Workers on the Inside] by Shirlene Obuobi
- Johns Hopkins Coronavirus at a Glance: Infographic
- World Health Organization Coronavirus site
- CDC COVID-19 Cases, Data, and Surveillance
- STAT COVID-19 Drugs & Vaccines Tracker
- The COVID Racial Data Tracker from The COVID Tracking Project
- Data from The COVID Tracking Project
- COVID-19 Projections from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation
- More sources: MLA COVID-19 Resources for Medical Librarians & Other Health Information Professionals

References

This activity is based off the workshop described in the following article:

Bach, B., Wang, Z., Farinella, M., Murray-Rust, D., & Riche, N. H. (2018). Design patterns for data comics. *Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems - Proceedings*, *2018-April*. https://doi.org/10.1145/3173574.3173612