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It's easy to lie with statistics

OTTAWA — In the early 1950s, Darrell Huff wrote a book called *How to Lie With Statistics*.

It's still a classic exposure of tricks with numbers.

Huff unmasked the errors lurking in averages. A man with his head in a hot oven and his feet in a freezer may be suffering the tortures of the damned. But on average he's quite comfortable.

Huff pointed out the common mistake of