PITCH #1: Workplace fatalities

Recently I have been looking through a lot of records from the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration and I found that there are a lot of companies across the U.S. that are in serious violation of safety codes, to the point where there have been a number of worker fatalities. I think it would be interesting to look at the history at OSSEA and see what the possible trends are.

How many workplace fatalities are there in the U.S. every year? How many people have been recorded dying because of company safety violations? How many times has this happened? Over how many years? These are just my starter questions.

I would look through data and records on OSSEA and I would also look through an open data source, Socrata I have read hosts these types of data sets that could be useful to this project.

Peer feedback: It would be great to maybe do a timeline for this. I think I could uncover interesting trends this way. Also narrow in on specific industry.

PITCH #2: Eating Disorders in U.S. Figure Skating

Eating disorders in sports is a topic that I am personally very passionate about and interested in reporting on.

I want to look at the history of eating disorders in relation to U.S. Figure Skating. I will look at how many U.S. Figure skaters have developed eating disorders because of the toxic sport culture. According to an abstract from [APA PsychInfo](https://psycnet.apa.org/record/2001-00798-002), 97% of skaters reported that they perceived weight loss pressure associated with figure skating.

Important questions that I am thinking about for this project include: How many skaters in the U.S. have developed an eating disorder because of the sport in the last ten years? What do the trends look like? Have the numbers increased or decreased?

I will be looking at the American Psychological Association for data studies in addition to the U.S. National Library of Medicine National Institutes of Health. In fact, I found a [NCBI study](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3529676/) specifically on the food intake and eating attitudes of adolescent skaters.

I personally have a lot of connections in this topic, including former U.S. Figure Skating Olympians who I could interview for this piece. I think it also could be interesting to conduct my own survey and collect my own data.

Peer meeting Feedback:

Other health data databases. Do some research and find some other health databases, there could be some additional data that could really benefit this project.