

Hans Rosling, Data Visualization, and Storytelling

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Hans Rosling

- Swedish physician, academic, and public speaker.
- 1948 - 2017

Gapminder and data storytelling

- *Don't Panic - The Truth about Population* (2013)
- *Don't Panic: How to End Poverty in 15 Years* (2015)
- “The world is better than you think.”
- Book: *Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World – and Why Things Are Better Than You Think*

I'm a very serious “possibilist.” That's something I made up. It means someone who neither hopes without reason, nor fears without reason, someone who constantly resists the overdramatic worldview. As a possibilist, I see all this progress, and it fills me with conviction and hope that further progress is possible. This is not optimistic. It is having a clear and reasonable idea about how things are. It is having a worldview that is constructive and useful.

– Hans Rosling

Thoughts for evaluation

- Facts are powerful
- Data visualization
- Storytelling and narratives

Further readings

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