

Intro

(Edward Tufte) Beautiful Evidence: How observation turns into explanations and evidence.
The metaphor for **evidence presentations** is analytical thinking.

-> how to produce them and how to consume them.

Mapped Pictures: Image as Evidence and Explanation

Sparklines: Intense, Simple, Word-Sized Graphics

*Sparklines: small, high-resolution graphics usually embedded in a full context of words, numbers, images. Looks like--

*/are **datawords**: data-intense, design-simple, word-sized graphics.

Sparklines' wordlike quality-> bc/ intense visual distinctions comparable to words and letters.

words, sparklines : present overall shape + pattern w/ local details.

-> read more carefully and slowly than words.

*Sparklines have obvious application for financial, economic data.

(tracking and comparing changes over time): provide a nuanced analysis-> recent changes in relation to many past changes.

*Medical monitoring tech — sparkline-like graphics perform an essential role

: help identify and contextualize clinically relevant events from a vast amount of data.

(traces of empirical 경험적 measurements)

Required high-resolution displays-> Cartography 지도작성, DNA mapping: big data sets

*Efficiently display and narrate (sequential) binary data.

ex) Baseball season-long history of wins(upward whisker) and

losses(downward) -> competitive comparisons and win/loss sequences.

*Artists have used these high-resolution precise lines -> 3d visual information (engraving line)

*Dos and Don'ts

*So, sparklines provide a straightforward, contextual look at intense evidence.

Links and Casual Arrows: Ambiguity in Action

Words, Numbers, Images — Together

Displaying evidence— multimodal: verbal, visual, quantitative elements together.

let me touch on the history of Bond btw verbal(word, numbers..)-nonverbal(images..) evidence

-> (how it has been presented on paper to computer screens)

ex) Galileo's manuscript(*manus* hand+ *scriptus* write), Centaur from 9th century

Unification of text and image/ portrays constellations as word-pictures. Hand integrates.

The words outline the legs and body-> links 44star dots.

the visual meaning of this Centaur: a narrative metaphor grouping the stars into a constellation.

By outlining two-space projections ->

contoured shape reading as three-space.

ex) Early printing. **Hypnerotomachia Poliphili (in E: Poliphilo's Strife of Love in a Dream)**

It's a forever beauty bc/ harmonious combining type & woodcut illustrations.

A page from the book— generous margins/ a narrative drawing/ a title-summary in capital letters/ floriated initial capital letters/ similar visual texture of all elements.

*Hypnerotomachia has been studied for centuries by design students//

unreadable(Italian-Latin-Greek) -> some books are beautiful simply as pure art objects.

**also teach *content indifference*(in text/image relations)

(English translated ver.) Nearly always(73%), the words and images closely follow each other.

The relevant texts surround its image, the texts always apply fully to images.

=> this arrangement maintains a reasonable unity of narrative.

*The illustrations(flat, medieval woodcuts)— verbal-visual story linked like a storyboard

*The typography of Hypnerotomachia is imaginative, confident, and self-conscious

: words decorate illustrations, generate patterns.

*Side note

Each chapter starts w/ decorative characters and once they collected, it creates a sentence.

POLIAM FRATER FRANCISCUS COLUMNA PERAMAVIT

="Brother Francesco Colonna loved Polia tremendously."

ex) Galileo's *Sidereus Nuncius*: To show the results of intense seeing.

Nonfiction, "The wonder of the Spectacle and the Accuracy of the Expression"

Describe engraved images of the moon, innumerable stars,

He mentioned "visible certainty"(oculata certitudine)

For science to be credible, -> be based on publicly displayed evidence of seeing and reasoning.

-> be liberated from merely wordy arguments.

*Reports the discovery of Jupiter's 4 satellites.

Visual / verbal narrative presents the evidence of sequential images of

Jupiter(capital letter O) and the moons(****) w/ words.

Record the time and date of observation, distances btw M-J

/redesign: brings together all 65 of Galileo's published observations of Jupiter-Satellites.

Overlapping (O)s: multiple viewings made by G during a single night.

When and How should data points-labeled w/ words?

In *The Elements of Graphic Data*, William Cleveland suggests: Labelings may interfere w/ assessment of the quantitative data. -> Ex) noisy, cluttered scatterplot.

So, ->Redesign needed

1. Clutter is a failure of design, not an attribute of info.
2. Visual problems shouldn't be fixed by reducing content-resolution. (discarding words that label data)
3. Instead, fix the design.

Corruption in Evidence Presentation: Effects Without Causes, Cherry Picking, Overreaching, Chartjunk, and the Rage to Conclude

Making a presentation is a moral act. (as well as an intellectual activity.)

Some examples that produce anti-evidence, which corrupts reasoning.

Often used as strategies in political speeches, marketing, internet rants,...

-Promote Effects without Causes: ex) Report of the 9/11 Commission -> use passive voice,
Vague words such as "domestic agencies"...

Agency without agents, actions without actors.

-Cherry-picking: The presenters pick and choose, select and reveal only the evidence that advances their POV. ex) Branden research on NASA page: some dead astronomers weren't labeled by nation/ and for the achievements of the nation: mentioned, or emphasized.

-Punning, Overreaching, and Economizing

-Chartjunk -> Content-free stuff replaces Evidence.

These all lessen the credibility of the evidence.

The Cognitive Style of PowerPoint

Sculptural Pedestals: Meaning, Practice, and Depedestalization

Pedestals may help conserve outdoor bronzes.///But

Pedestilization is Sculpture's equivalent of Data Graphic's chartjunk and Powerpoint's Phluff.

-> 20th Century: Being replaced by grounded abstract pieces. : the biggest break in the history of sculpture.

We'll end the presentation by showing the Landscape Sculptures. (removed pedestals.)