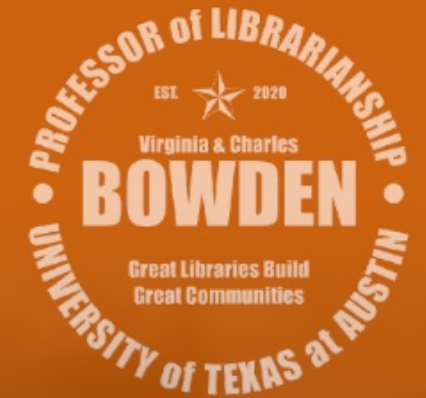


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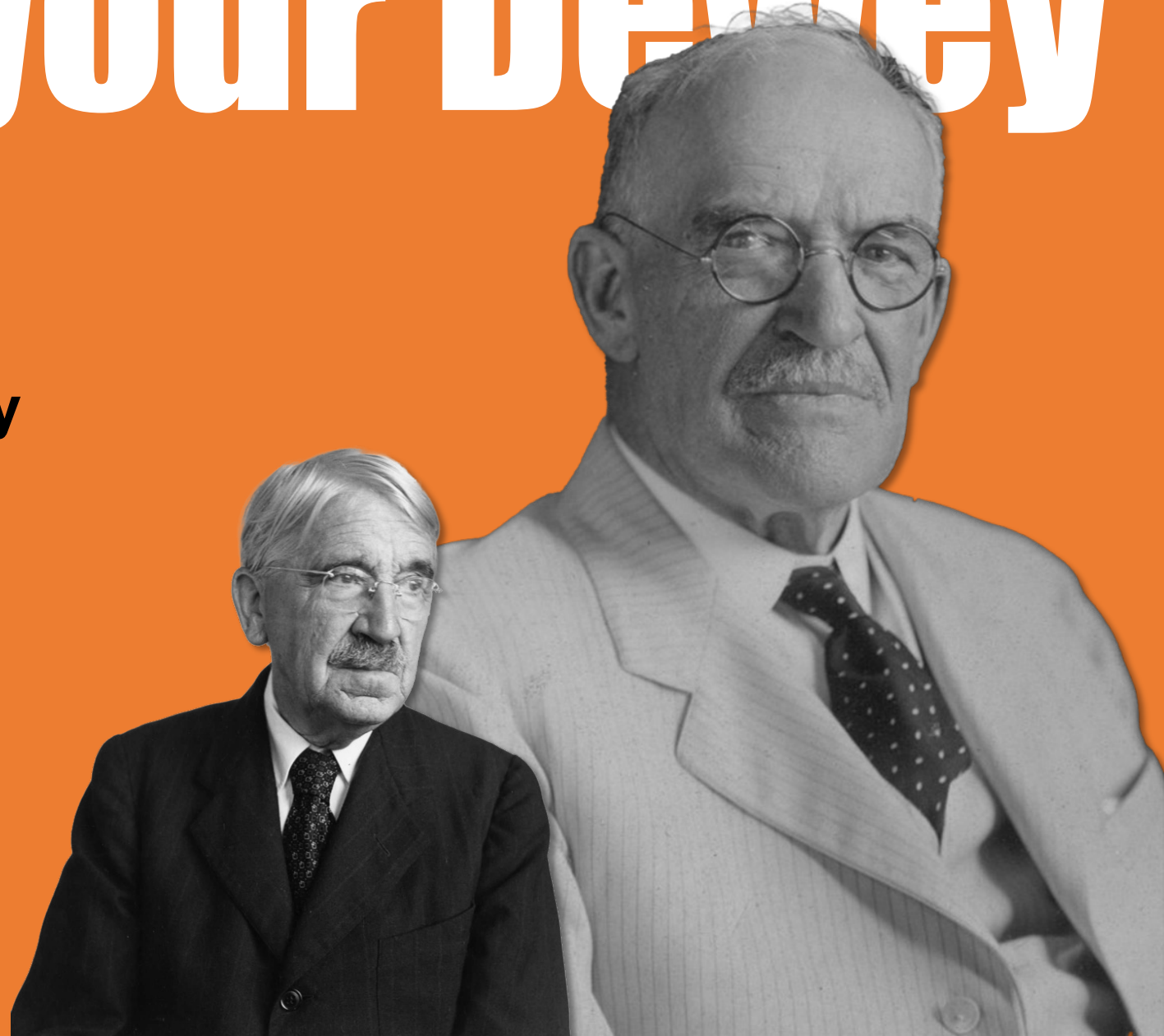
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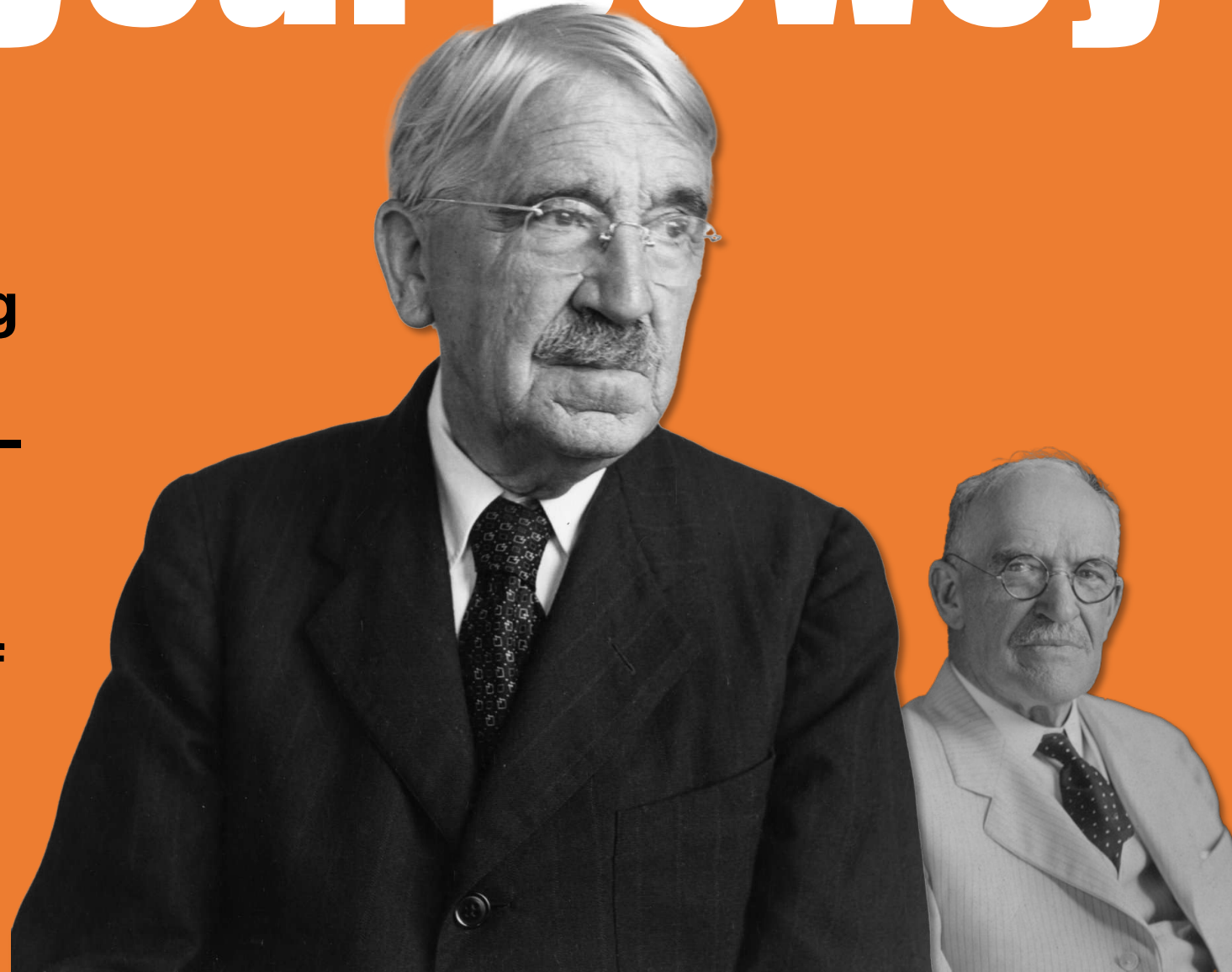
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**“The librarian must be the  
librarian militant before he  
can be the librarian  
triumphant” – Melvil Dewey**

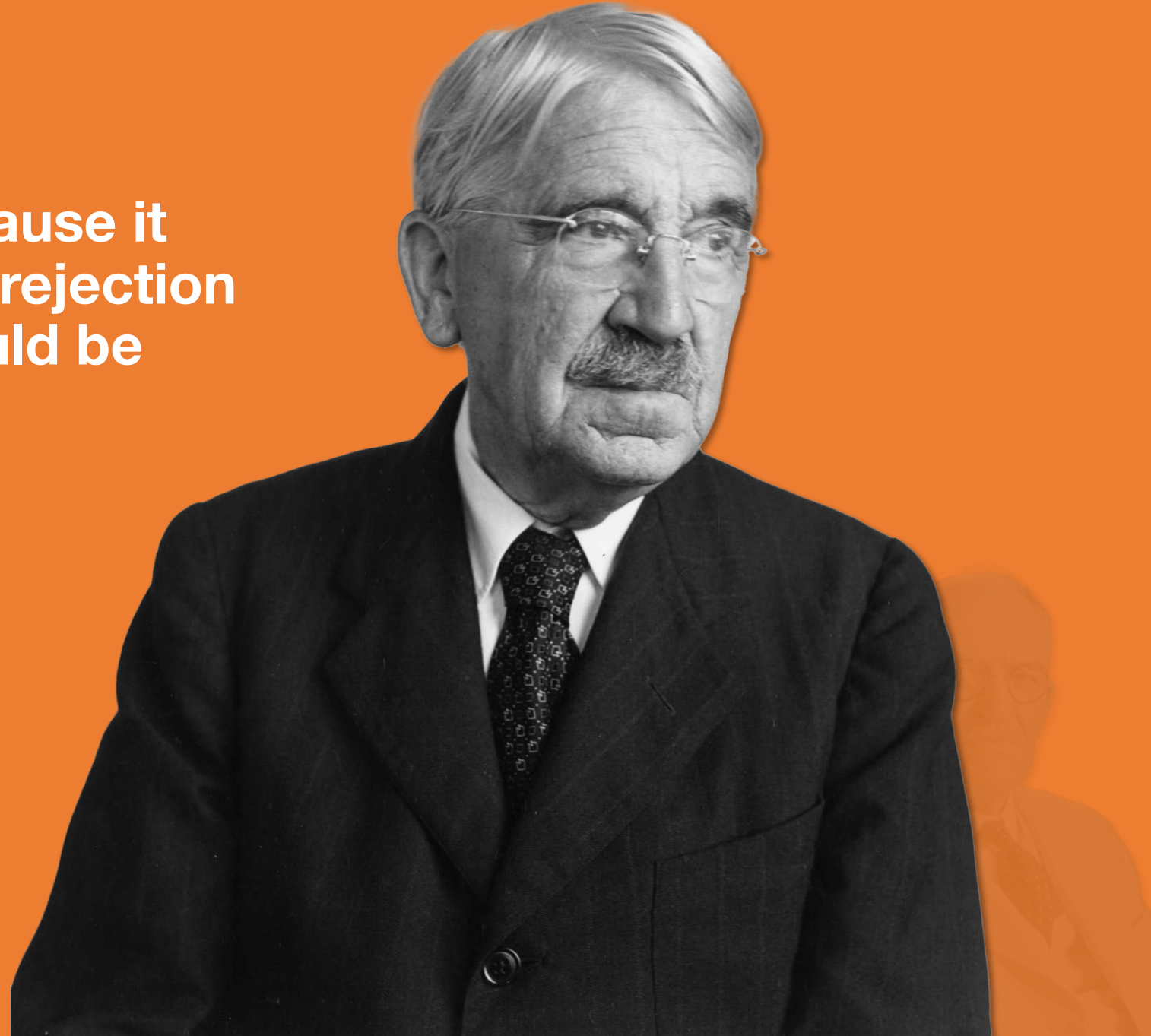


# Choose your Dewey

- **Pragmatism**
- **“The self is not something ready-made, but something in continuous formation through choice of action.” – John Dewey**
- **“I believe that education is the fundamental method of social progress and reform.” —John Dewey**



Rejected the “progressive education movement” because it was merely a reaction and rejection of what was...not what could be





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**Countering  
“Parents”  
Right  
Narrative**



- **Power of narratives**
  - Shush to groomer in 5 Years
- **We can change the narrative too**
  - From “objective” (passive) to trusted professional facilitators with a host of tools
- **When you talk of war, you must talk of casualties and enemies**
  - The risk of othering
- **Narratives are most powerful when driven by local realities and allies**

# **Countering “Parents” Right Narrative**





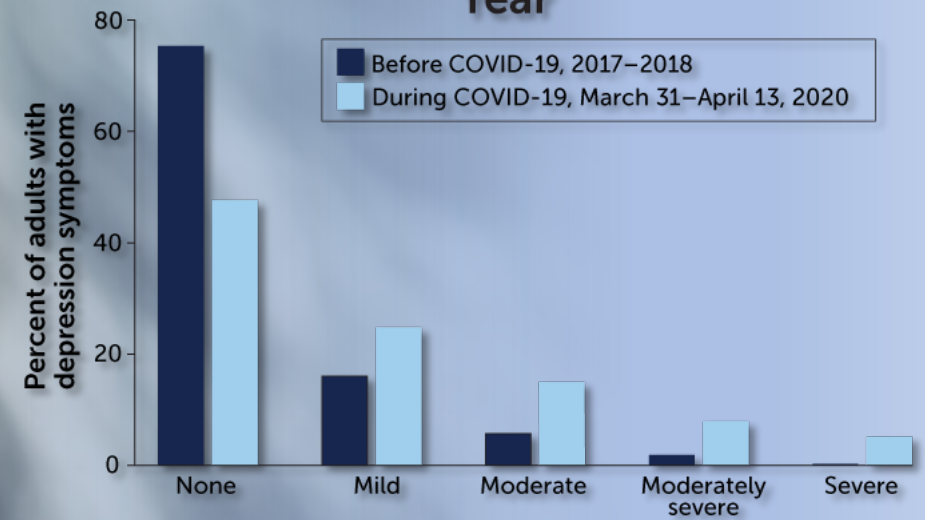
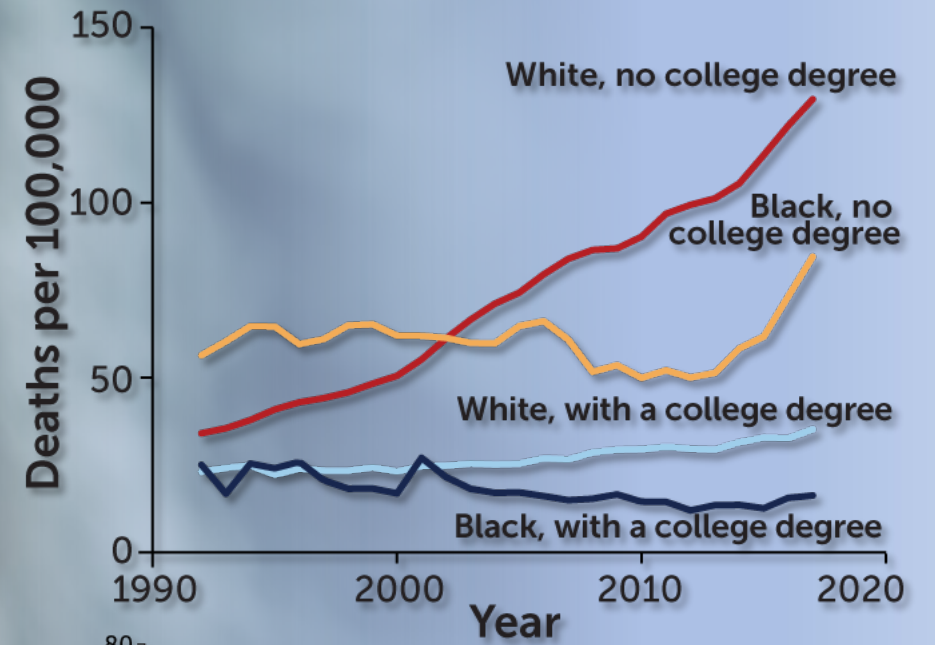
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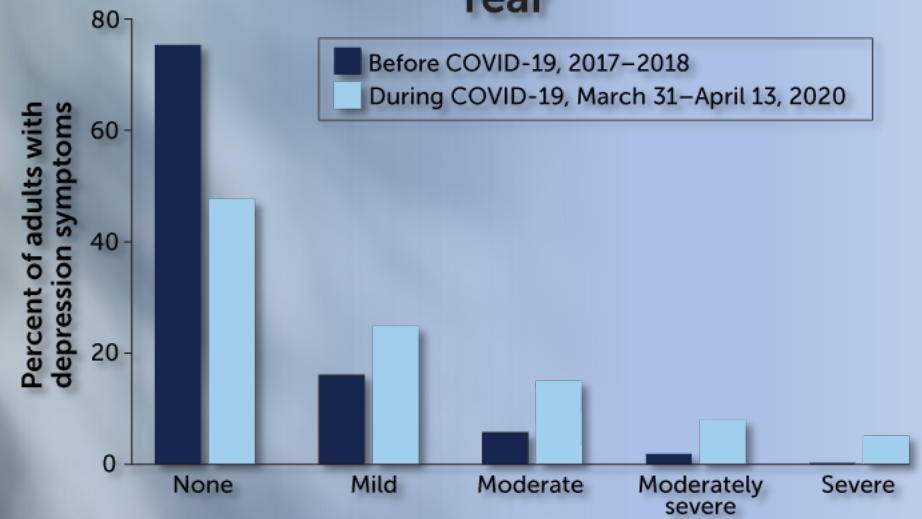
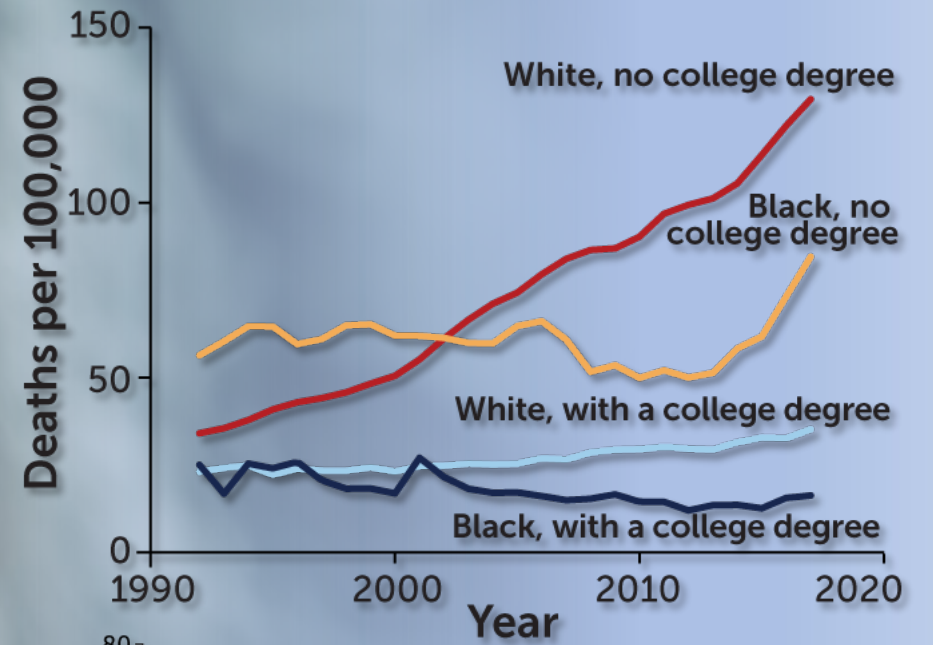
- **AI is here**
  - In your collections
  - In the life of your communities
    - Search, music, fitness, employment
- **85 million jobs globally will be replaced by AI by 2025**
  - AI can potentially generate 97 million new roles
- **Ability to unleash our communities' stories**
- **Existing Examples**
  - Education like Toronto, Data Analysis like Austin, AI Parades like the Netherlands
- **Partnerships**
  - Libraries, community colleges, higher education, industry, government





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- **We must ensure that the same tech giants that embraced confrontation for engagement don't use AI to isolate and disconnect**
- **We must weave our communities together to save lives**
- **We don't have customers, we have neighbors and members and citizens**



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