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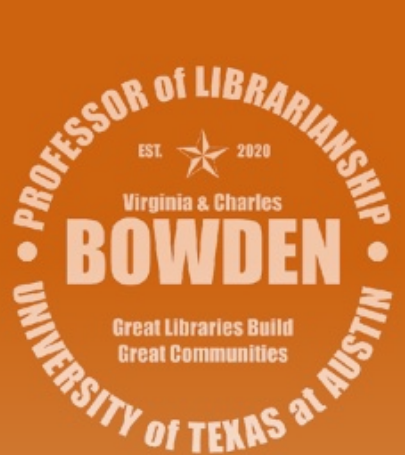

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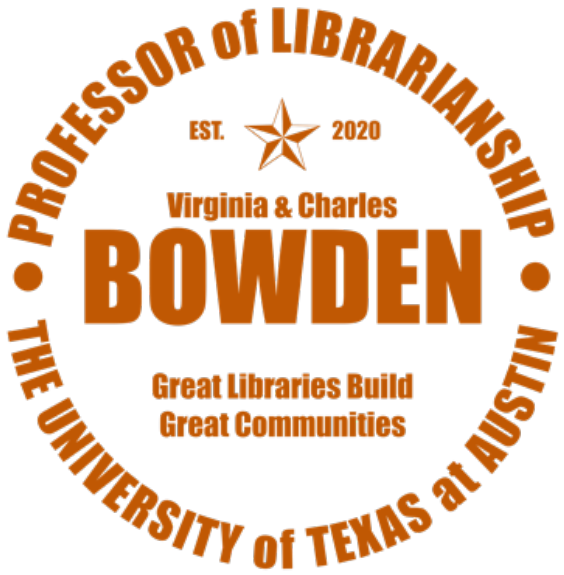
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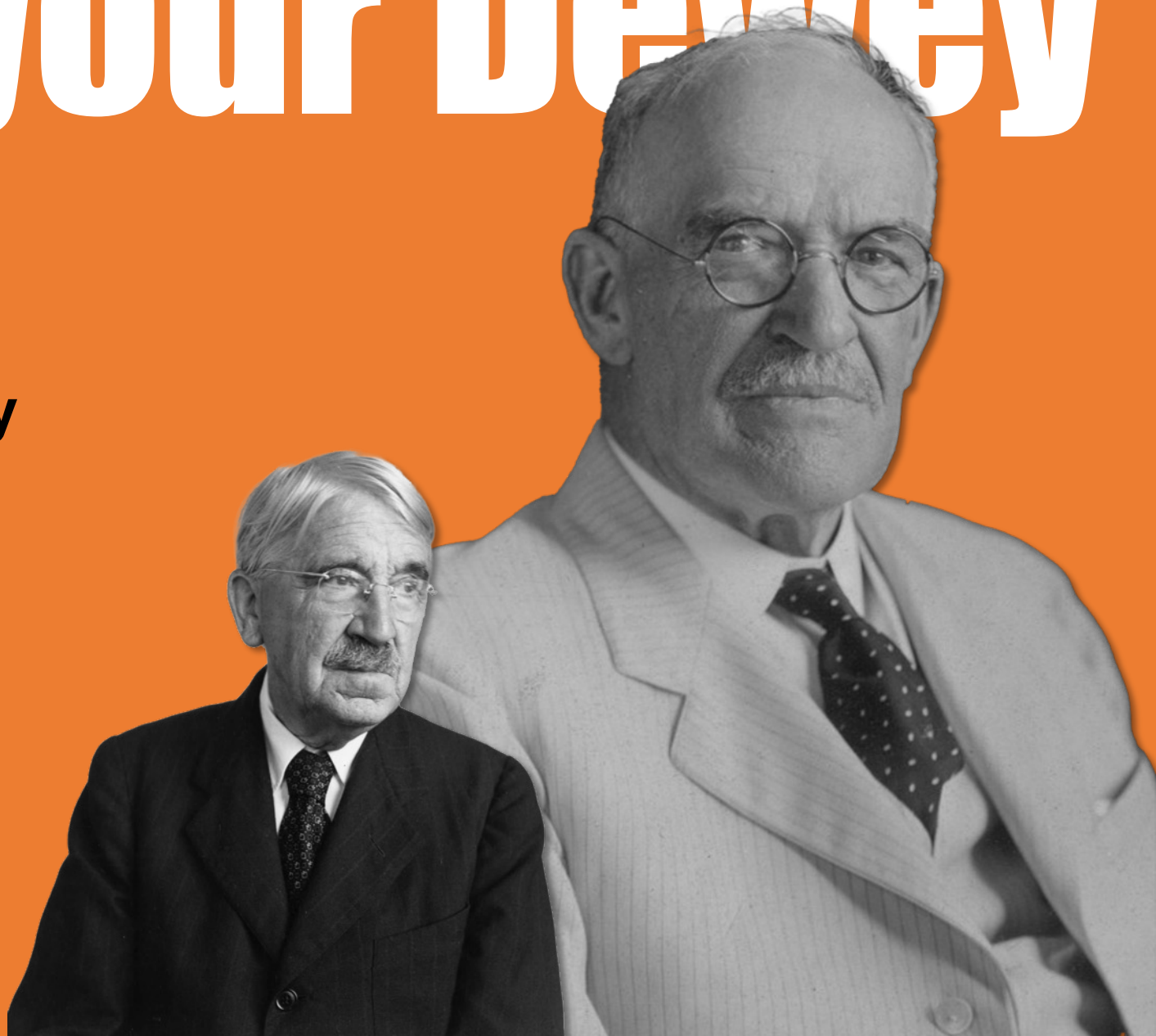
Once upon a time...

Choose your Dewey

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



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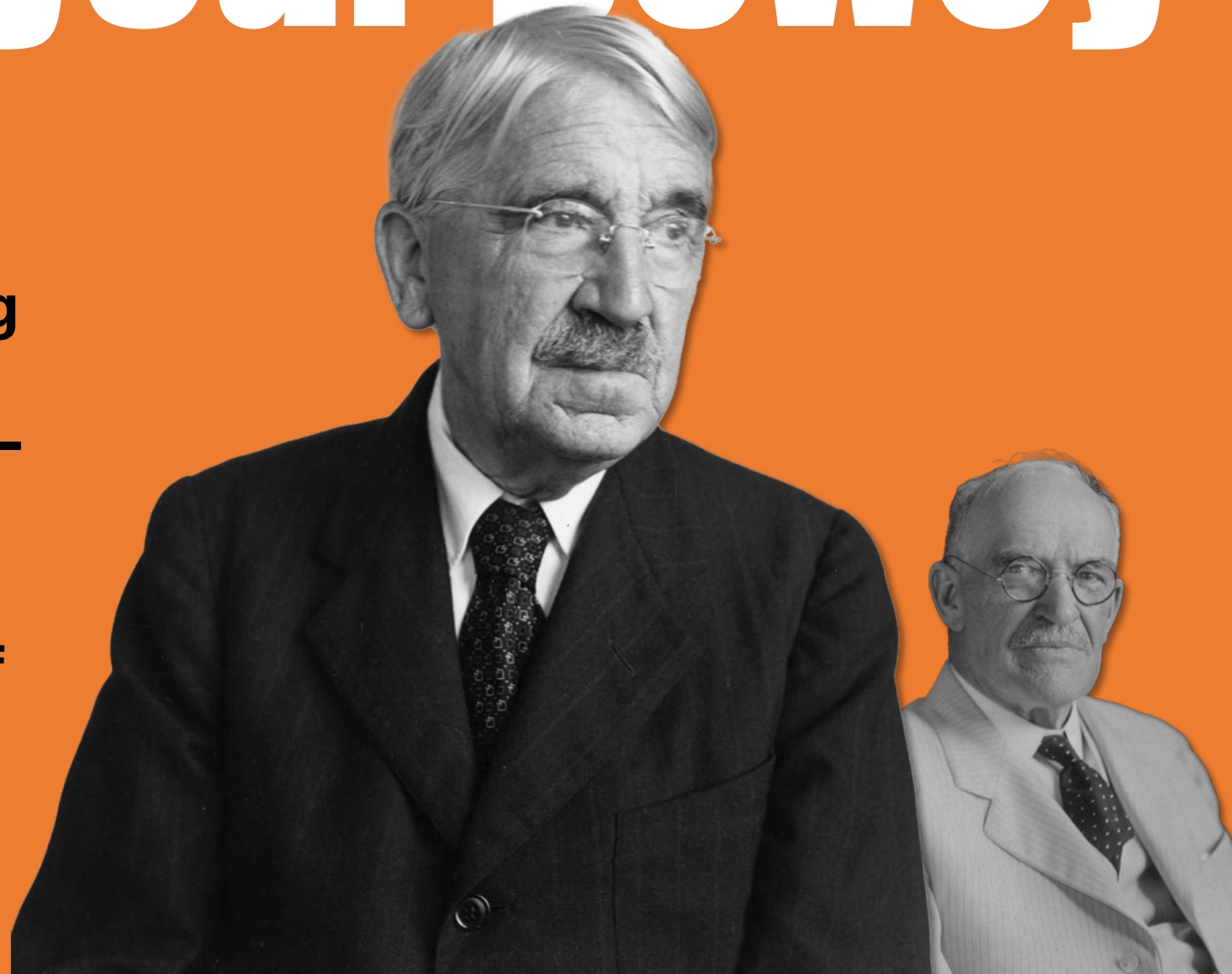
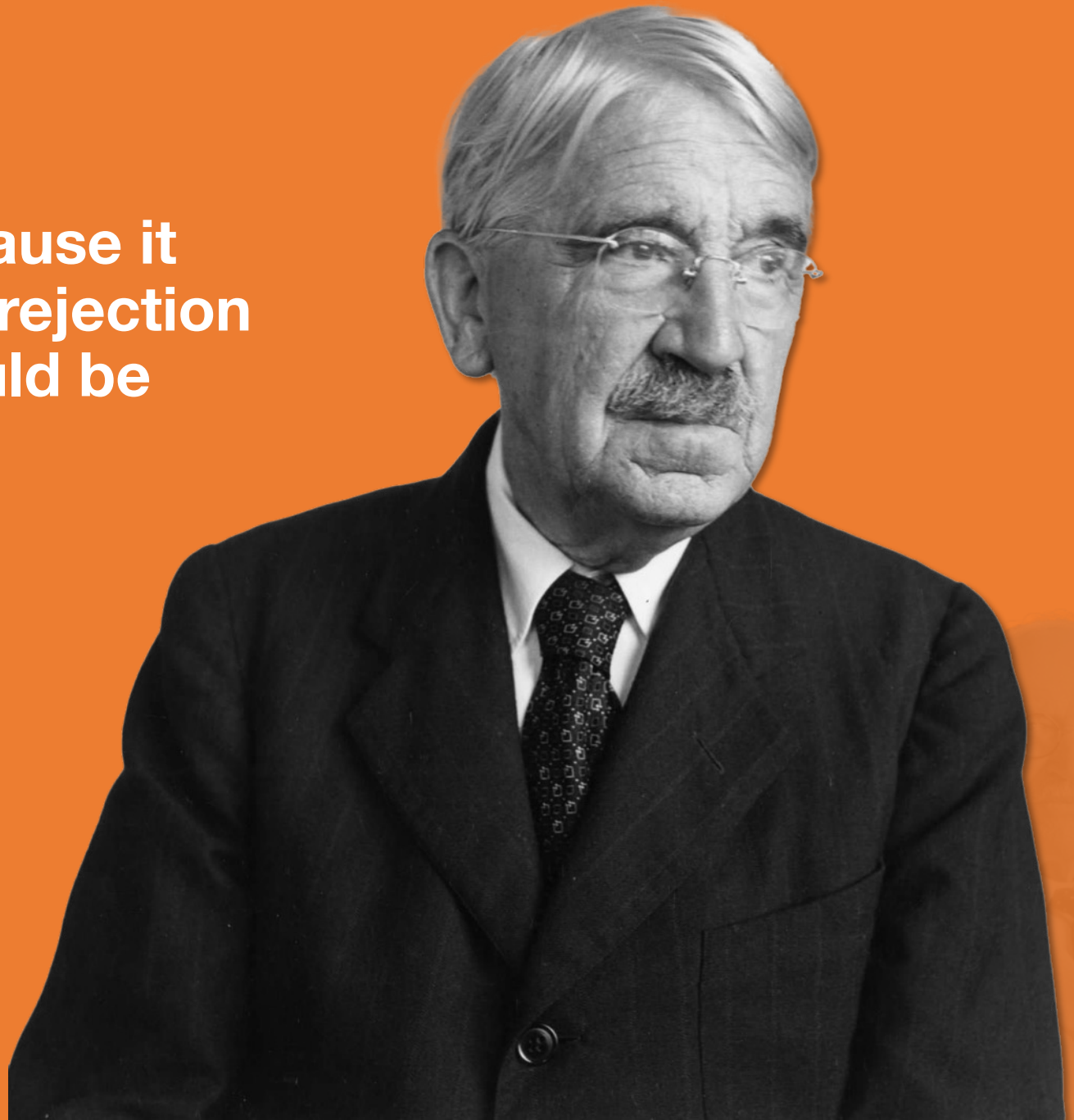
- Pragmatism
- “The self is not something ready-made, but something in continuous formation through choice of action.” – John Dewey
- “I believe that education is the fundamental method of social progress and reform.” —John Dewey



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



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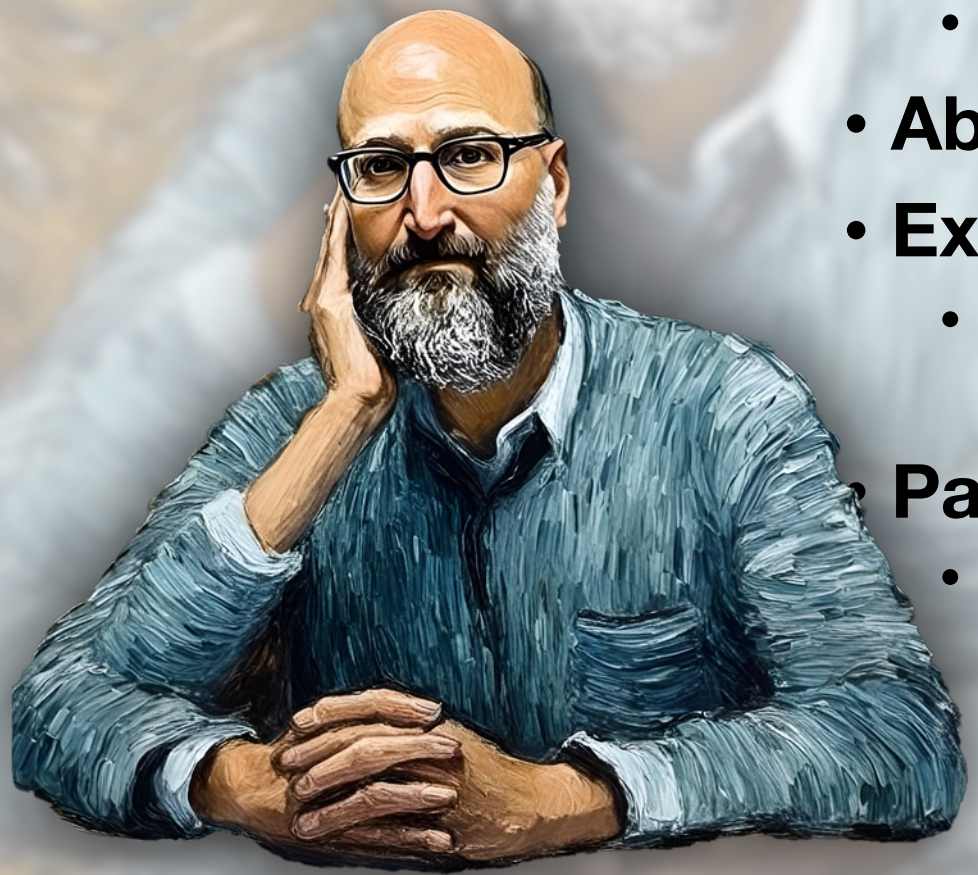
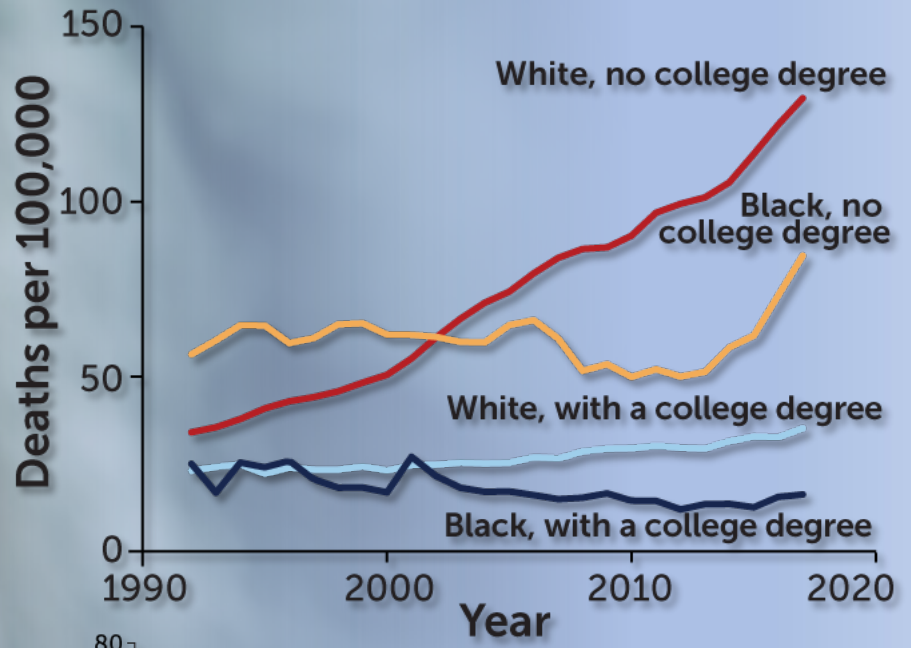
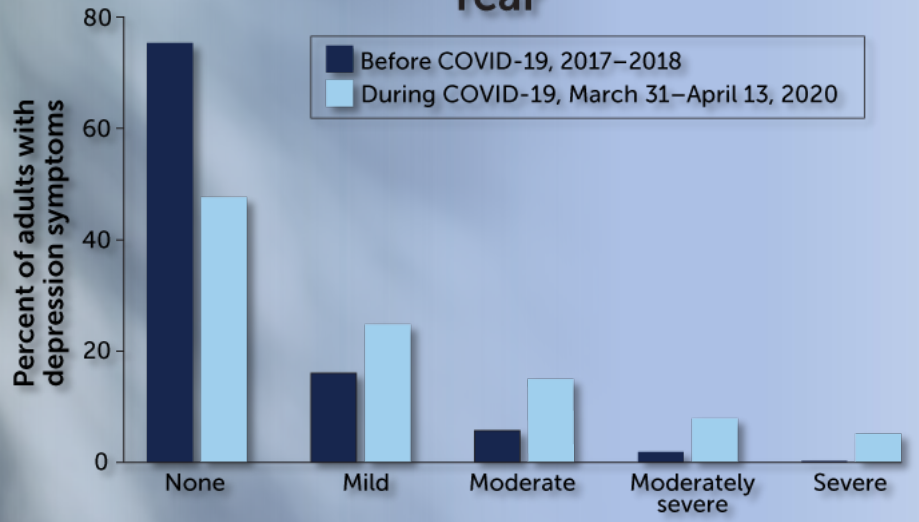
- Power of narratives
  - Shush to groomer in 5 Years
- We can change the narrative too
  - From "objective" (passive) to trusted professional facilitators with a host of tools
- When you talk of war, you must talk of casualties and enemies
  - The risk of othering
- Narratives are most powerful when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

Artificial Intelligence



- 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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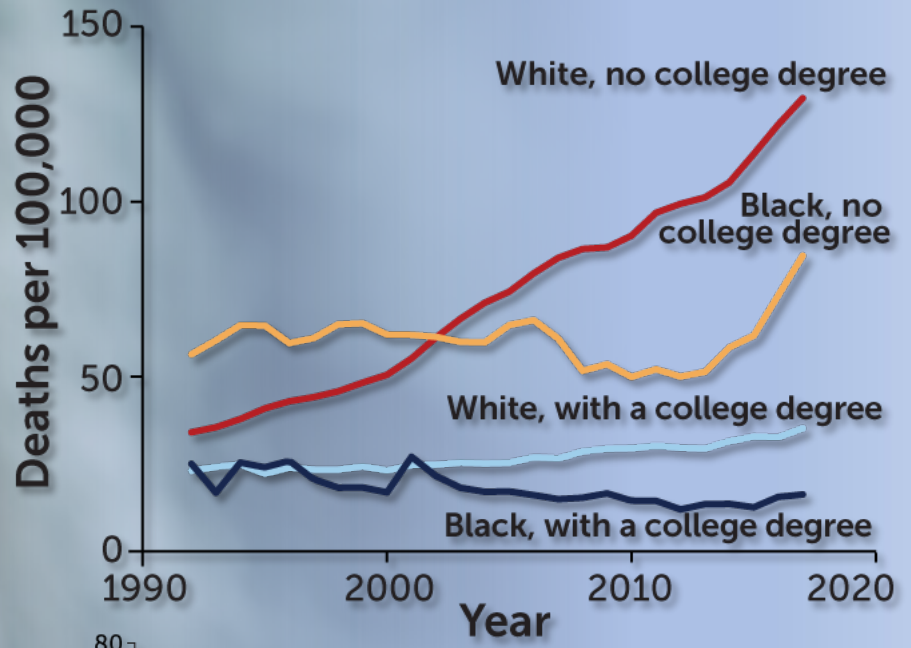

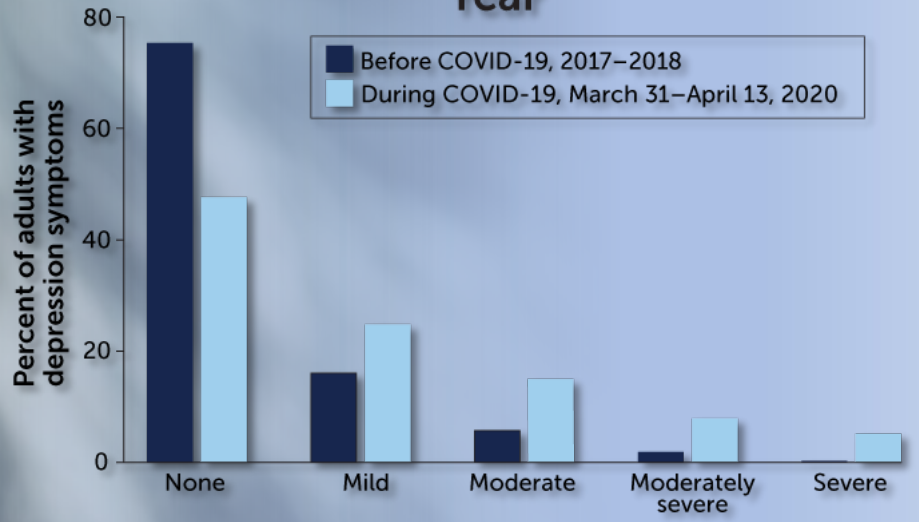

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- We must ensure that the same tech giants that embraced confrontation for engagement don’t use AI to isolate and disconnect
- We must weave our communities together to saves lives
- We don’t have customers, we have neighbors and members and citizens

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