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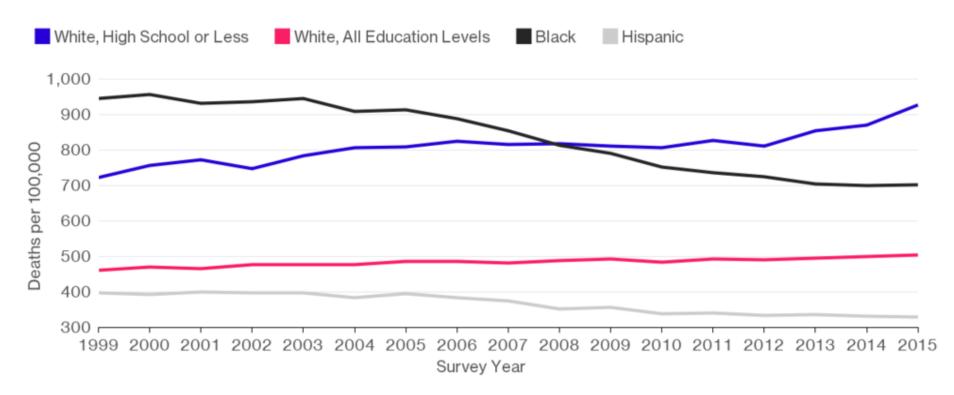
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## What is this graph telling us?

#### **All-Cause Mortality**

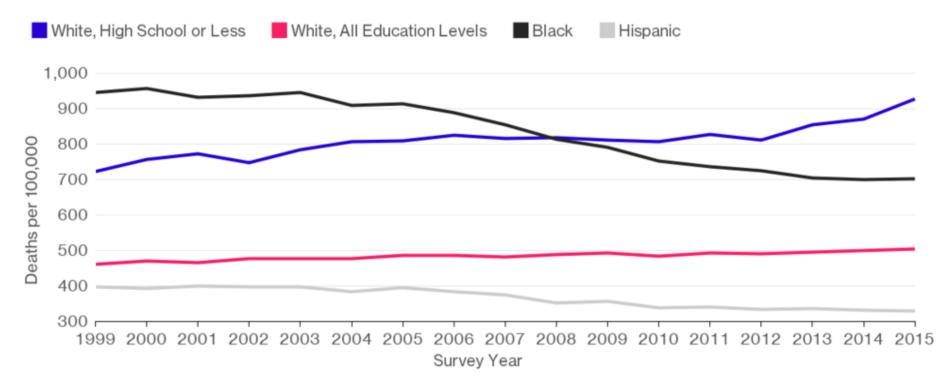


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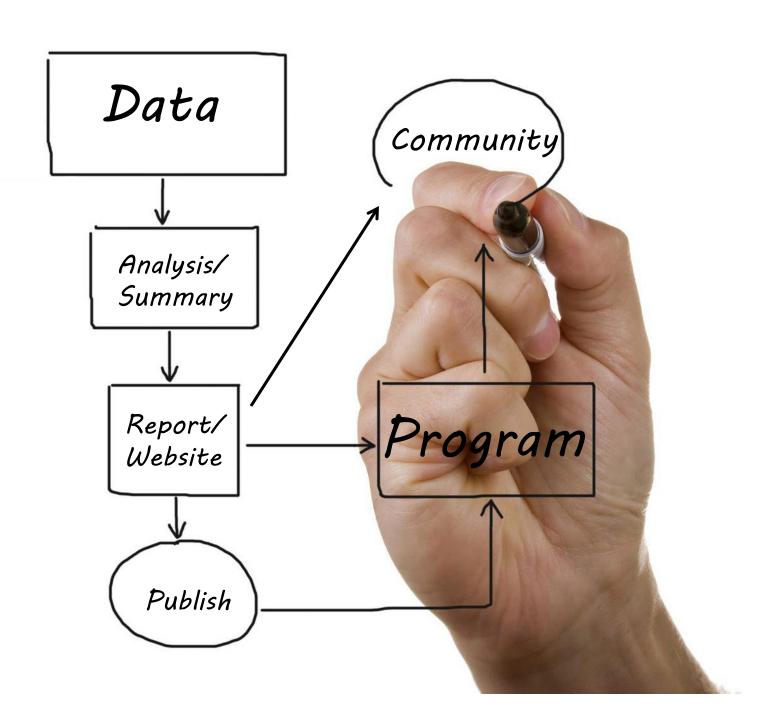
## 'Deaths of Despair' Are Surging Among the White Working Class

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We collect and consume data



We make dashboards

### We make maps

Services & information

Boards & commissions

Divisions

Concerns & emergencies

Data

News

**LPHAs** 

#### Prescription drug overdose prevention

#### Back to injury prevention

Prescription opioids, such as oxycodone, morphine, and fentanyl, can be used to treat pain. Opioids are increasingly prescribed following surgery or injury, or for health conditions such as cancer. Anyone who takes prescription opioids can become addicted to them.

#### Overdose data in Colorado

In 2014, nearly two million Americans either abused or were dependent on prescription opioid pain relievers. Along with addiction, overdose from opioids is a serious issue that can lead to death. In 2015, Colorado reported 329 deaths related to prescription opioid overdose (PDO), making up 38.8 percent of all drug-related deaths in the state.

- · Heroin in Colorado 2017 report Learn about heroin use in Colorado.
- Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Data Dashboard
- Health Watch: Examining Opioid and Heroin-Related Drug Overdose in Colorado.

#### Overdose Prevention

- What to ask your doctor before taking opioids Learn what questions to ask your provider if you are prescribed opioids.
- <u>Colorado Household Medication Take-Back Program</u> Find a location to drop off unused and expired medications.

#### Overdose treatment

- Stop the Clock Colorado Find out where to obtain Naloxone to treat a narcotic overdose in an emergency situation.
- Naloxone standing orders How pharmacies and harm reduction agencies can get Naloxone standing orders.
- · Opioid overdose How to recognize and treat an overdose.
- <u>Find treatment for addiction</u> Linking Care is a Colorado referral resource providing statewide access to information and services for prevention, treatment and recovery.

#### We make websites



## We make post on social media

#### **2016 Community Health Assessment**

**Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas Counties** 



#### We write reports

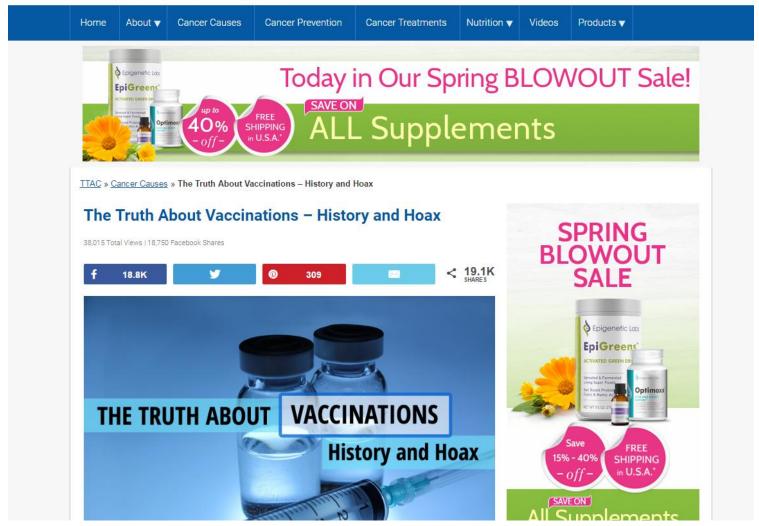
# Who are we talking to and who is listening?







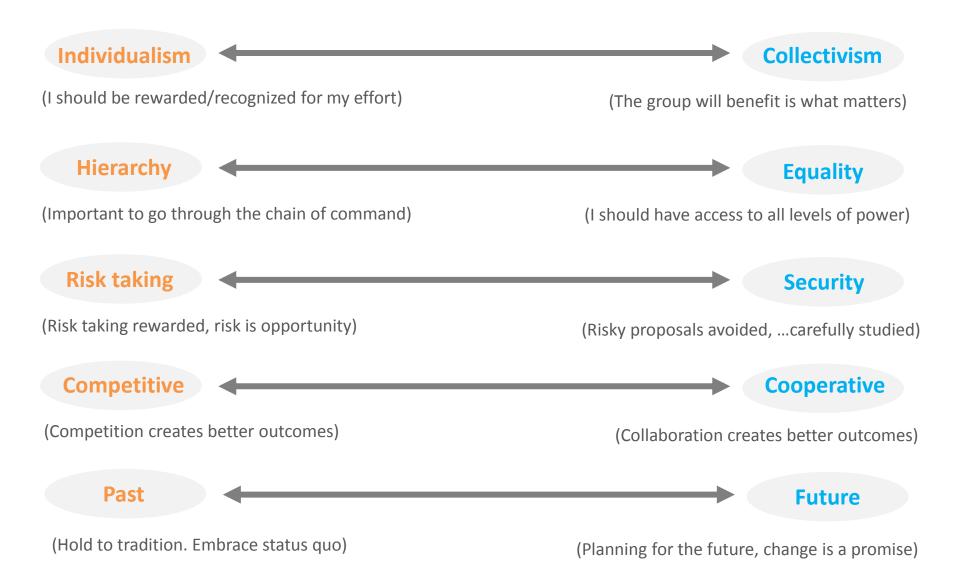




We need to address those who disagree with us



## Values Continuum



## Values Underlying Public Health

- Humans have a right to the resources necessary for health.
- The rightful concern for the physical individuality of humans and one's right to make decisions for oneself must be balanced against the fact that each person's actions affect other people.
- People and their physical environment are interdependent.
- Each person in a community should have an opportunity to contribute to public discourse.
- The scientific method provides a relatively objective means of identifying the factors necessary for health in a population, and for evaluating policies and programs to protect and promote health.
- Policies are demanded by the fundamental value and dignity of each human being, even if implementing them is not calculated to be optimally efficient or cost-beneficial.

Source: Principles of the Ethical Practice of Public Health, Version 2.2 © 2002 Public Health Leadership Society <a href="https://www.apha.org/~/media/files/pdf/membergroups/ethics">https://www.apha.org/~/media/files/pdf/membergroups/ethics</a> brochure.ashx







## Values Underlying Health Equity

"Health inequities — systemic, avoidable, unfair, and unjust differences in health status — result in a large part from inequities in the social determinants of health. Inequities in the social determinants are the result of social factors such as structural, institutional, interpersonal, and internalized forms of racism, classism, sexism, heterosexism, and ableism, as well as power imbalances between social groups. Those who currently hold power — through influence on elected officials, the political agenda, and people's understanding and interpretation of the world - benefit from inequity and use the various forms of oppression to maintain power."

Build Power for Health Equity: Strategic Practices for Local Health Departments, Human Impact Partners, 2017



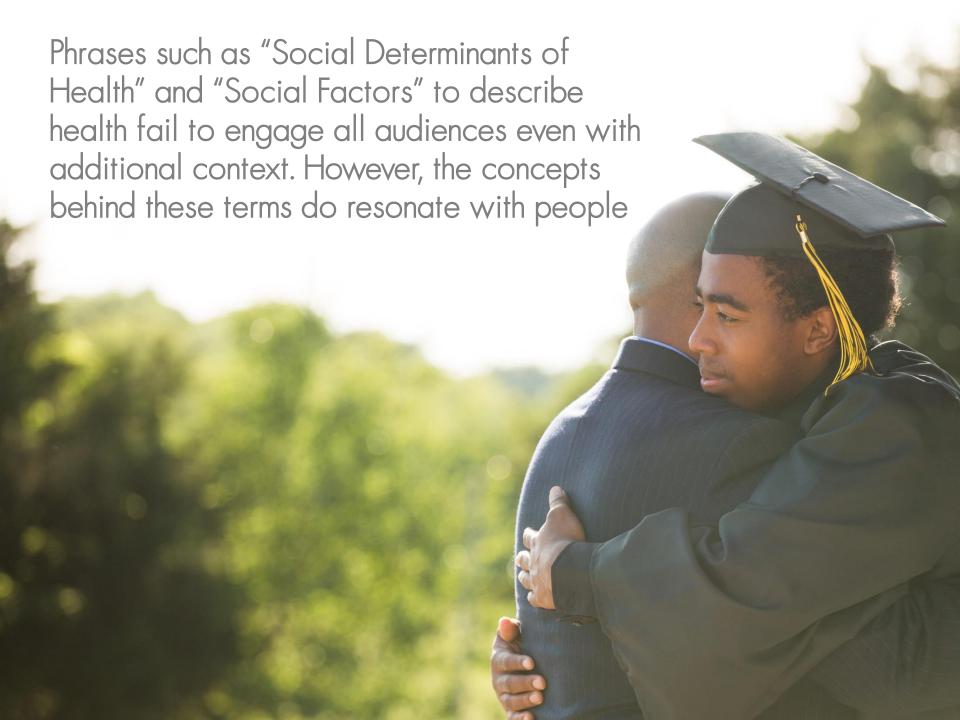






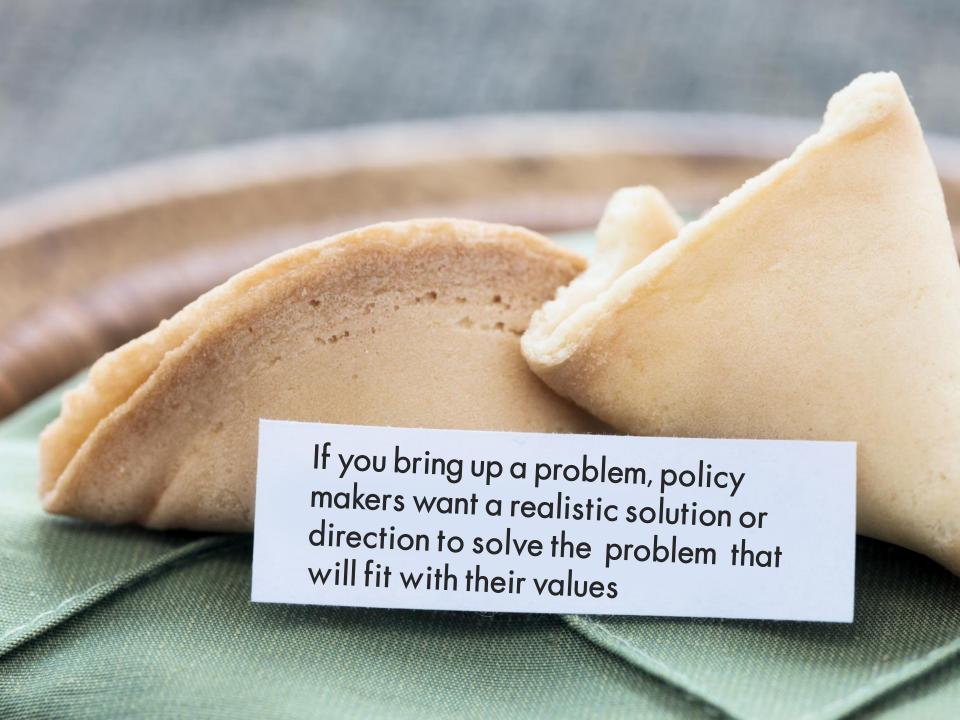






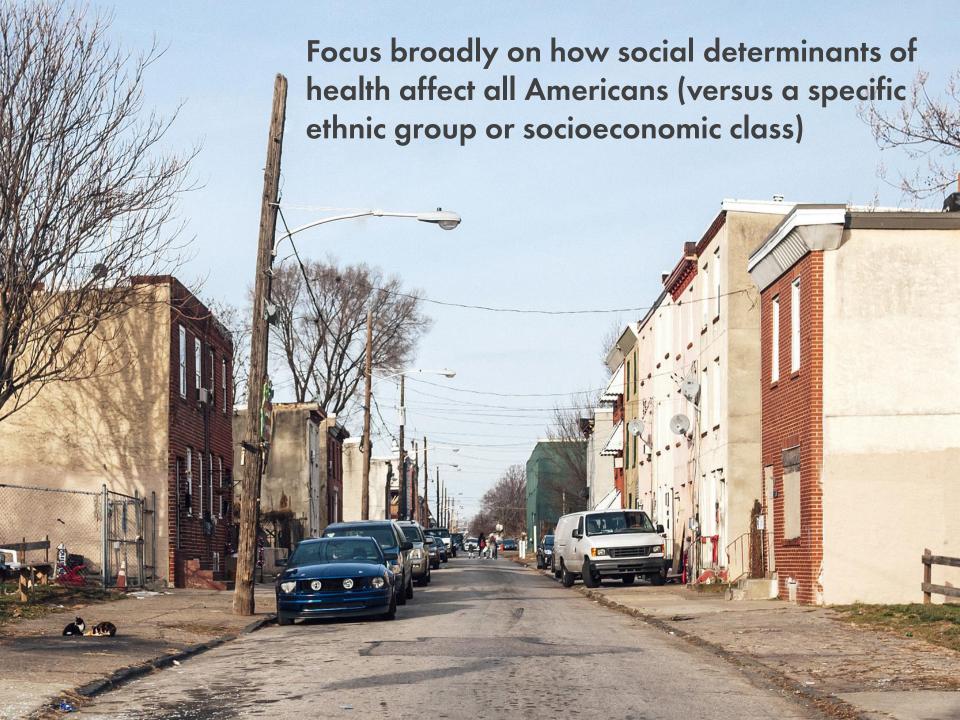












# What are some different backgrounds and world views that can shape individual's values and the way they will interpret data?



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## Using Data More Effectively

Less is Always More Use Complementary, Not Competing Data

Context is king

Specific Examples Matter

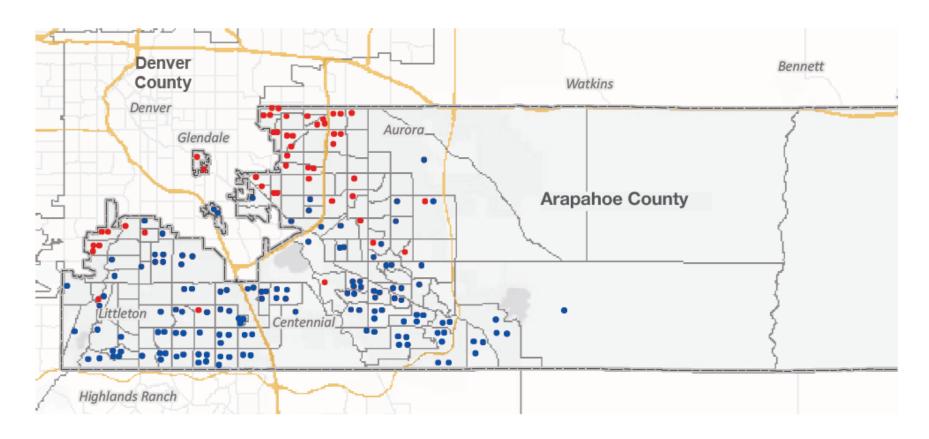
Don't Let Numbers Be Forgettable Break Down Big Numbers

The Value in a Number Is in Its Values

Imagine Why
Someone Might
Cry Foul?

Overall Messaging

## Vibrant County: Opportunity Index



In assessing the social opportunity for residents of Arapahoe County, each tract has been assessed based on **Poverty, Education, Housing Costs, Unemployment**. Tracts indicating the least opportunity for each indicator are represented with red dots compared to those with the highest opportunity represented with blue dots.









America leads the world in medical research and medical care, and for all we spend on health care, we should be the healthiest people on Earth. Yet on some of the most important indicators, like how long we live, we're not even in the top 25, behind countries like Bosnia and Jordan. It's time for America to lead again on health, and that means taking three steps. The first is to ensure that everyone can afford to see a doctor when they're sick. The second is to build preventive care like screening for cancer and heart disease into every health care plan and make it available to people who otherwise won't or can't go in for it, in malls and other public places, where it's easy to stop for a test. The third is to stop thinking of health as something we get at the doctor's office but instead as something that starts in our families, in our schools and workplaces, in our playgrounds and parks, and in the air we breathe and the water we drink. The more you see the problem of health this way, the more opportunities you have to improve it. Scientists have found that the conditions in which we live and work have an enormous impact on our health, long before we ever see a doctor. It's time we expand the way we think about health to include how to keep it, not just how to get it back.



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