# Look Outside of Your Box: Trends to Watch

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# Blinders... because she





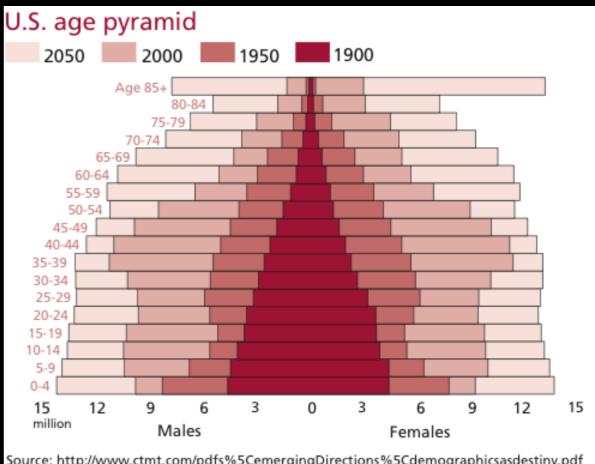
# 5 Focal Points

- 1. Population
- 2. Tech
- 3. Politics and Culture
- 4. Data
- 5. Workplace

### POPULATION

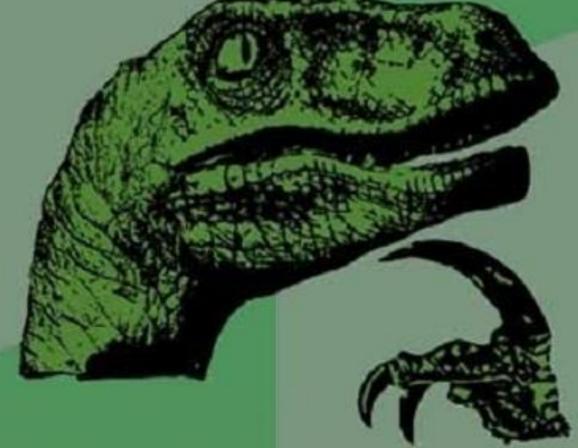
#### Graying of America

- Percentage of Americans 65+—13 percent—is expected to reach about 20 percent by 2050
- Leads to...declining eminence?
- America "running on empty"
- The Baby Boomlet coming!



Source: http://www.ctmt.com/pdfs%5CemergingDirections%5Cdemographicsasdestiny.pdf

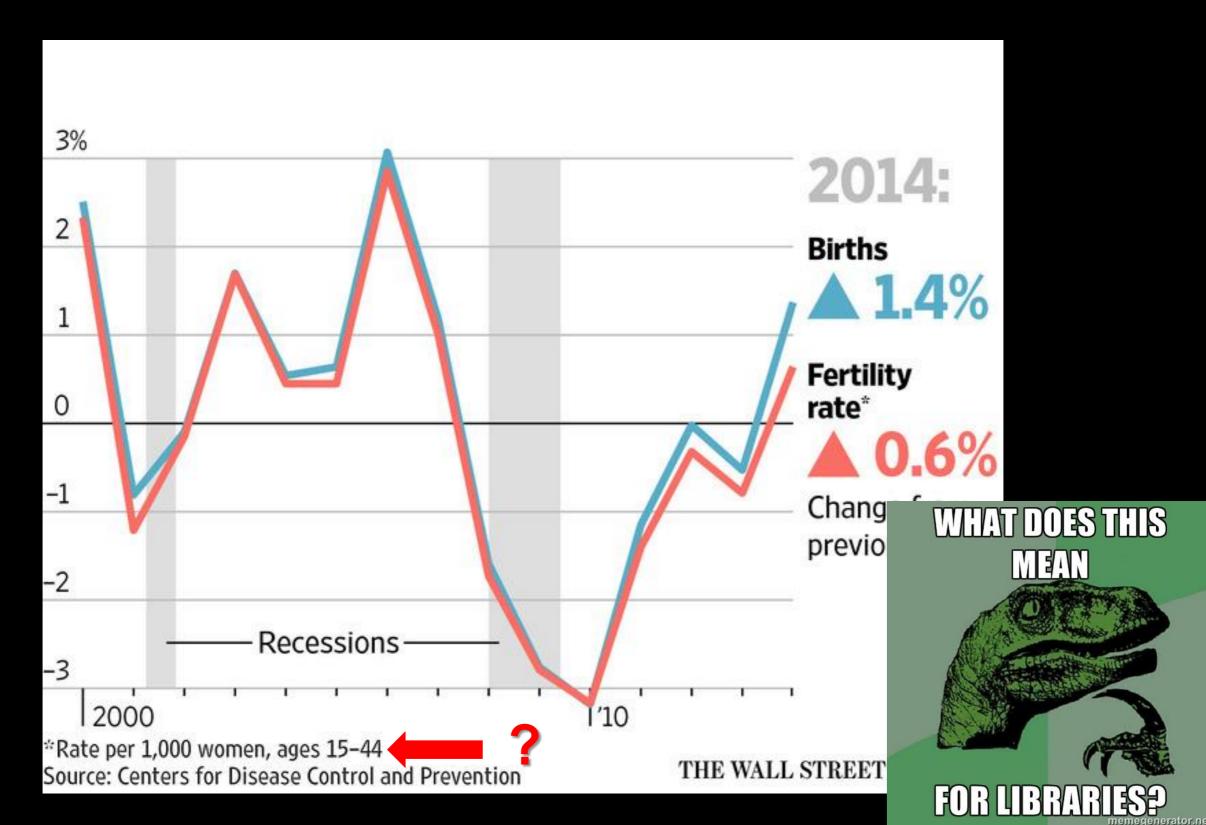
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#### U.S. birth rates

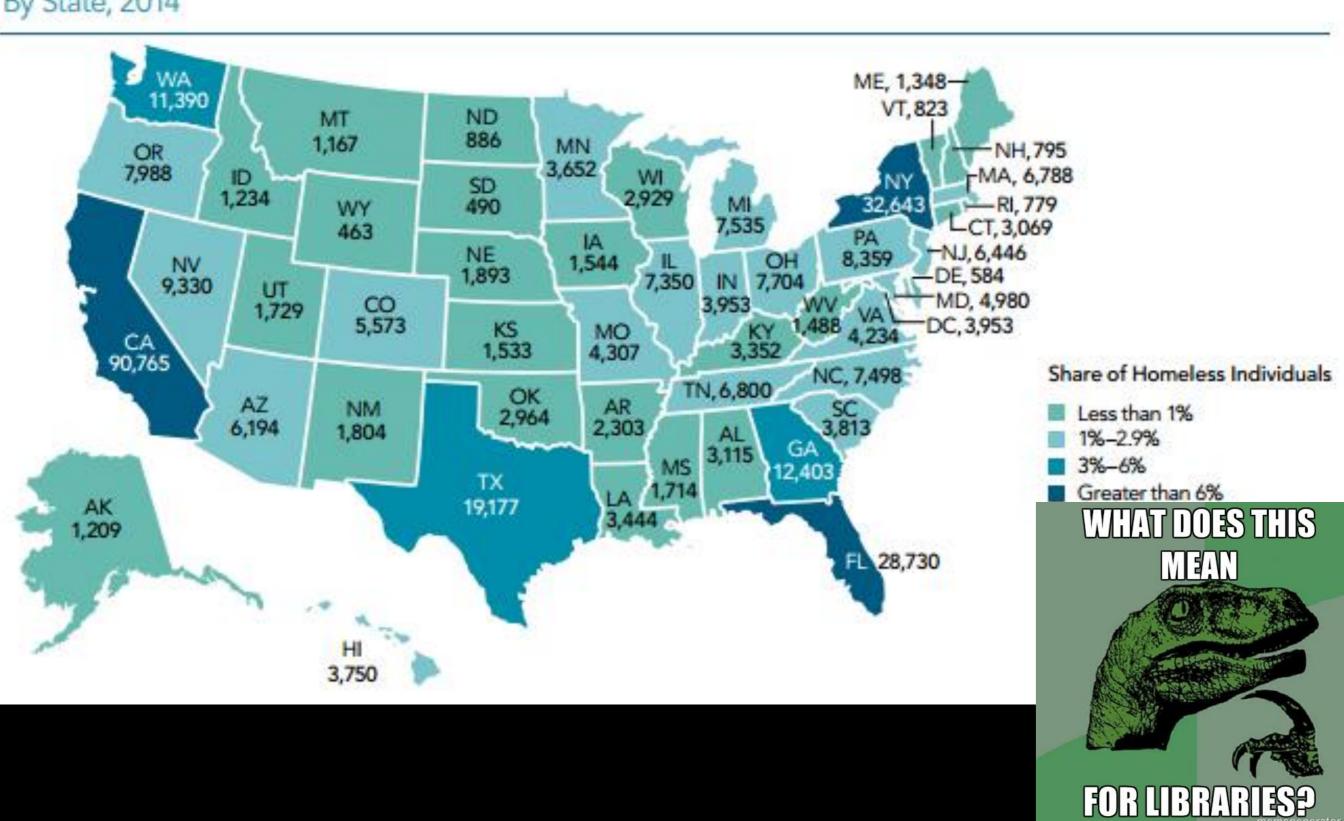


#### Trends in homelessness

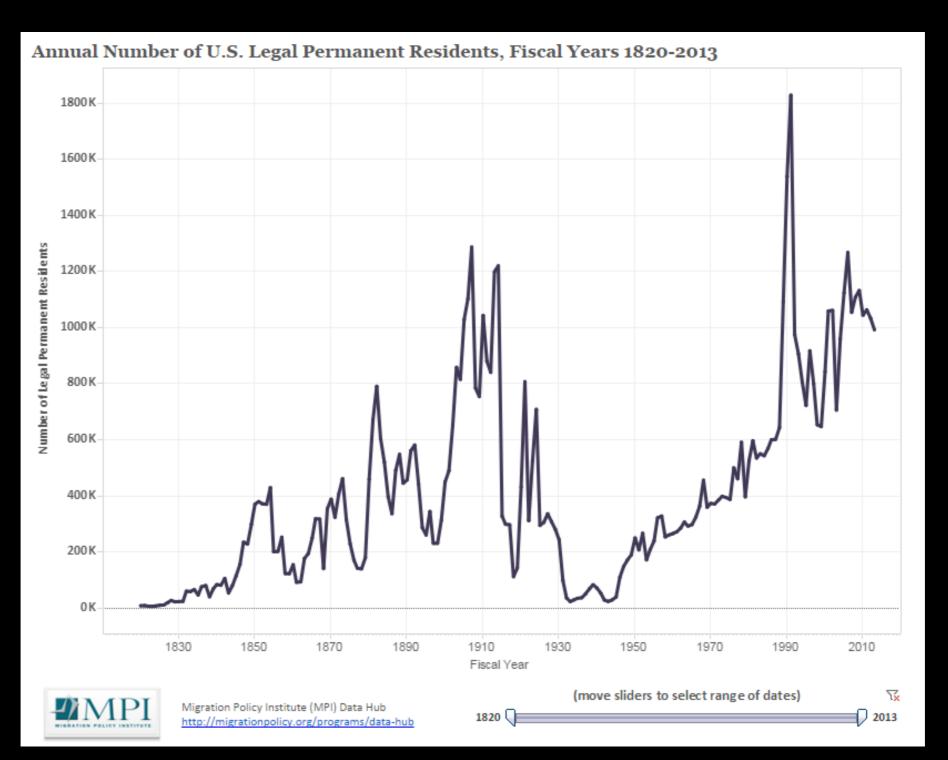
- In January 2014, 578,424 people were homeless on a given night. Most (69 percent) were staying in residential programs for homeless people, and the rest (31 percent) were found in unsheltered locations.
- Nearly one-quarter of all homeless people were children under the age of 18.
- 37% of all homeless people are homeless as families.
- National homelessness declined by 2 percent between 2013 and 2014 and by 11 percent (or 72,718) since 2007.
- 49,933 veterans were homeless on a single night

**EXHIBIT 2.4: Estimates of Homeless Individuals** 

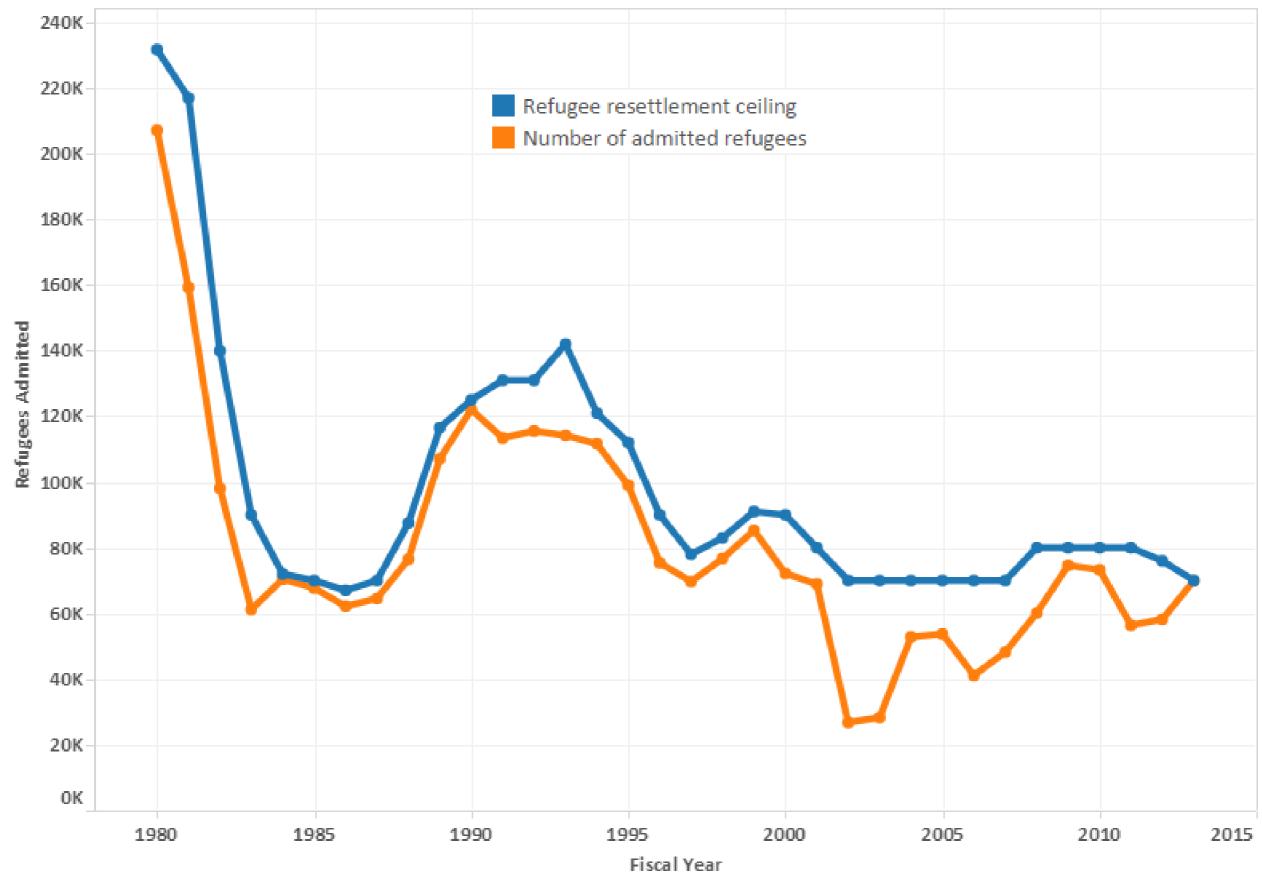
By State, 2014



#### U.S. Immigration Changes



U.S. Refugee Admissions and Refugee Resettlement Ceilings, Fiscal Years 1980-2013



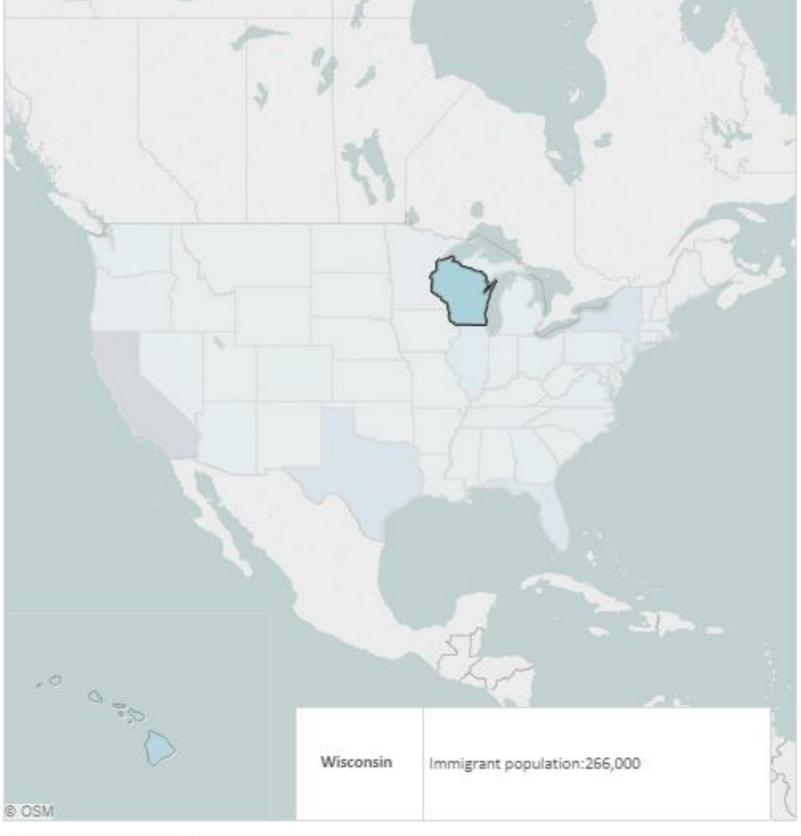


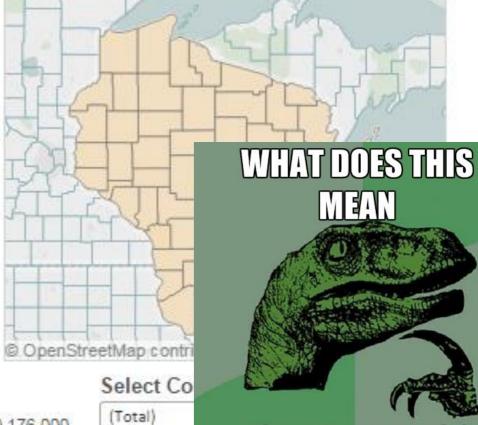
#### U.S. Immigrant Population by State and County, 2009-2013\*

Total Immigrant Population in the United States: 40,342,000



Milwaukee County	Wisconsin	83,100
Dane County	Wisconsin	39,500
Waukesha County	Wisconsin	18,200
Brown County	Wisconsin	12,900
Kenosha County	Wisconsin	10,500
Racine County	Wisconsin	9,700
Rock County	Wisconsin	7,100
Outagamie County	Wisconsin	6,900
Walworth County	Wisconsin	6,300
Sheboygan County	Wisconsin	6,000
Winnebago County	Wisconsin	5,400
Marathon County	Wisconsin	5,300





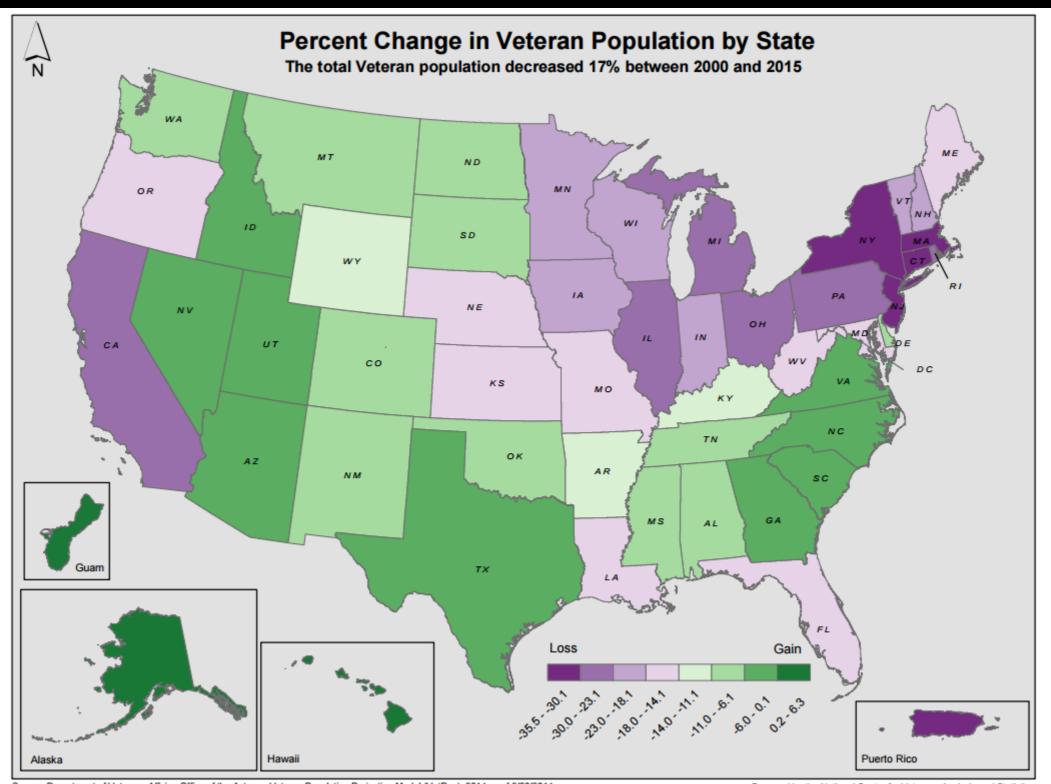


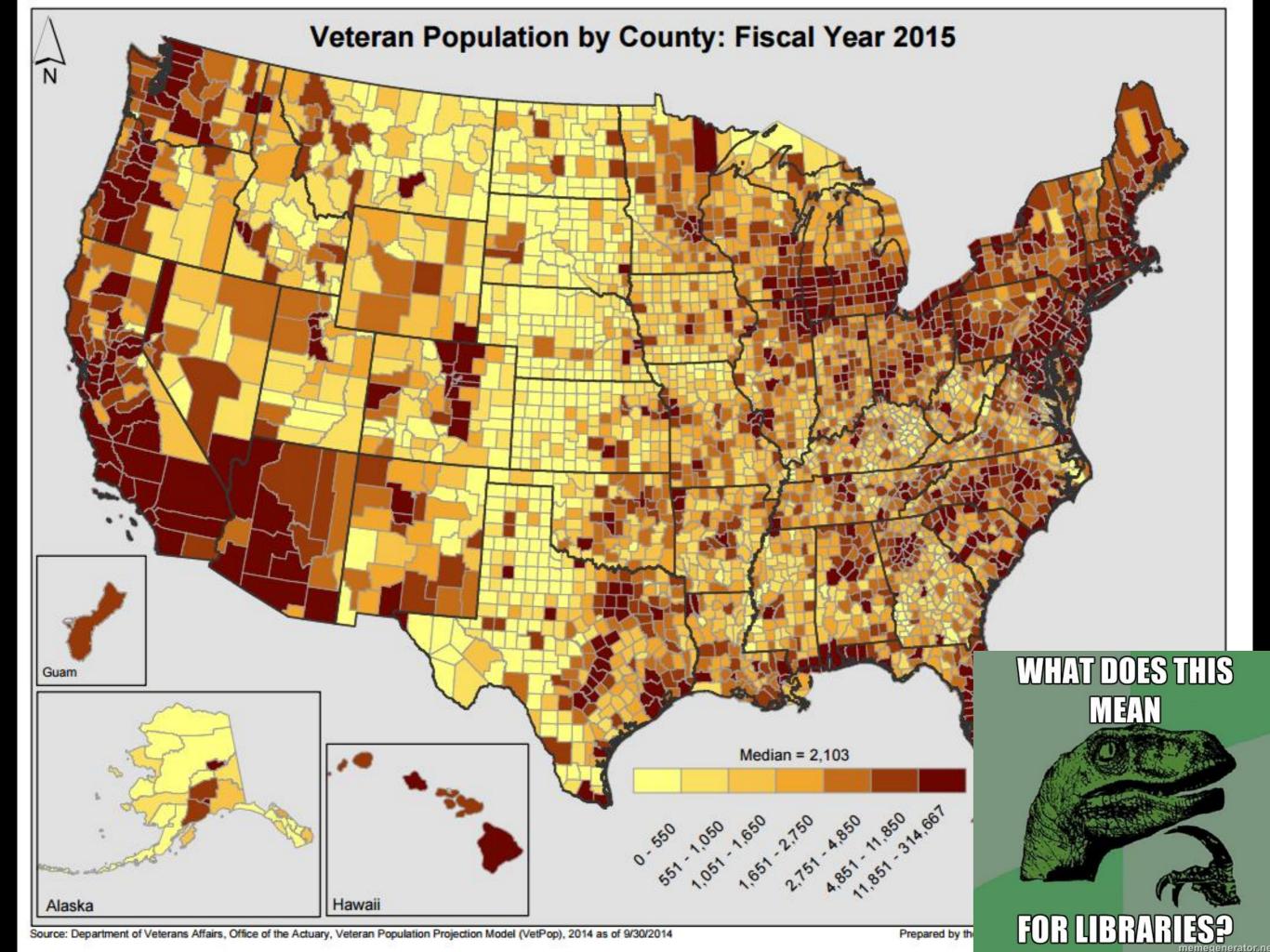
**Number of Immigrants** 

19,000 10,176,000

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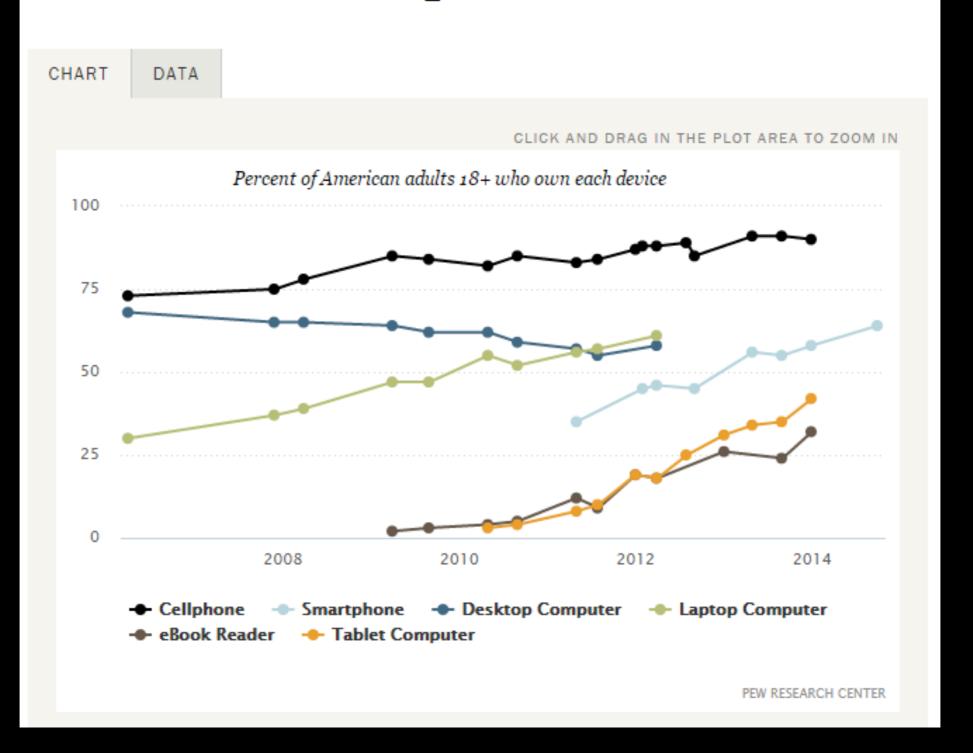




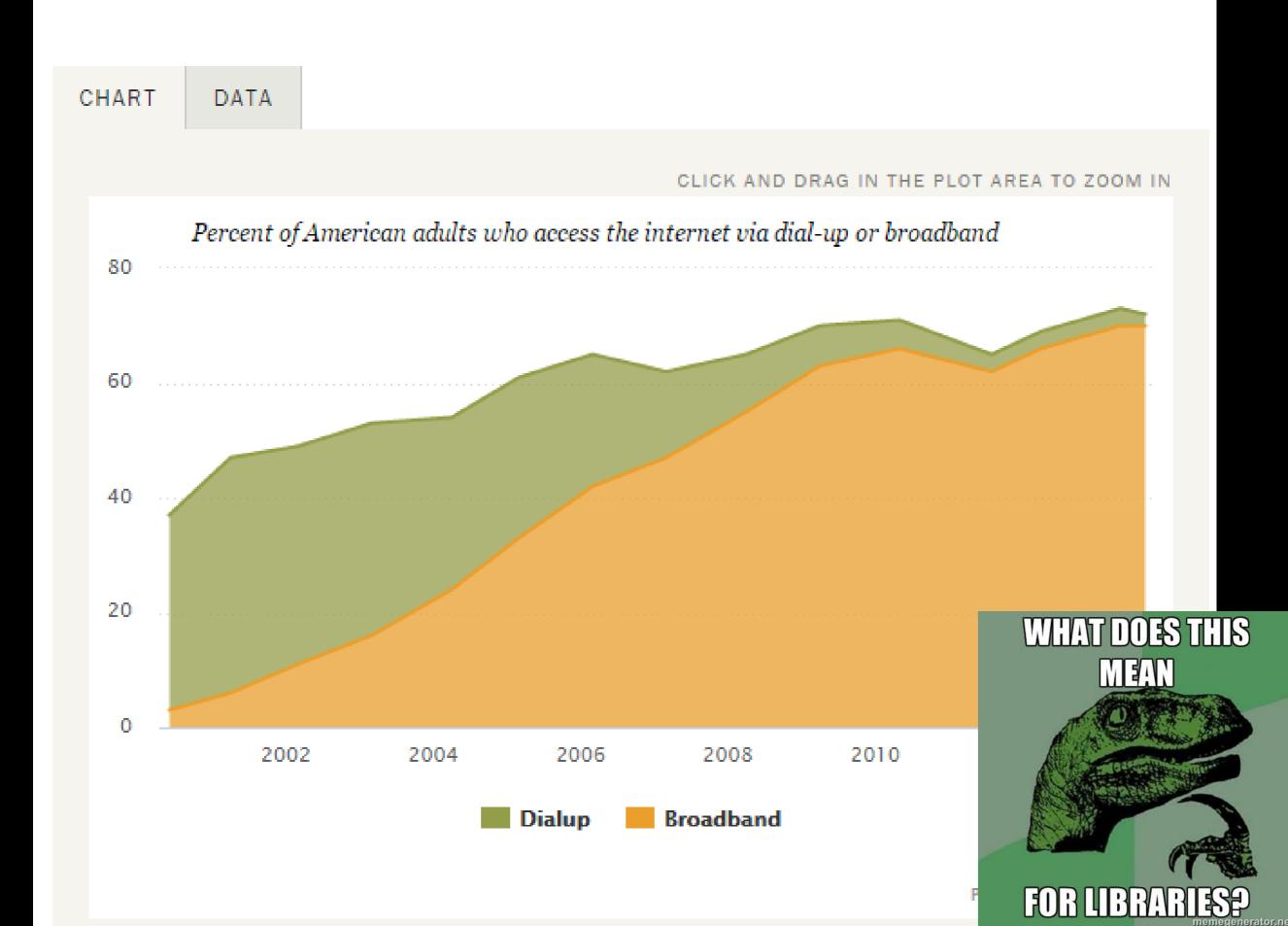
# TECH

#### Devices and connectivity

#### **Device Ownership**

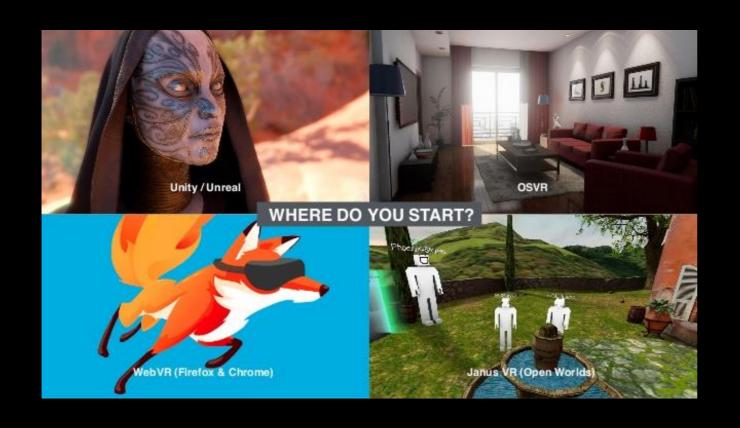


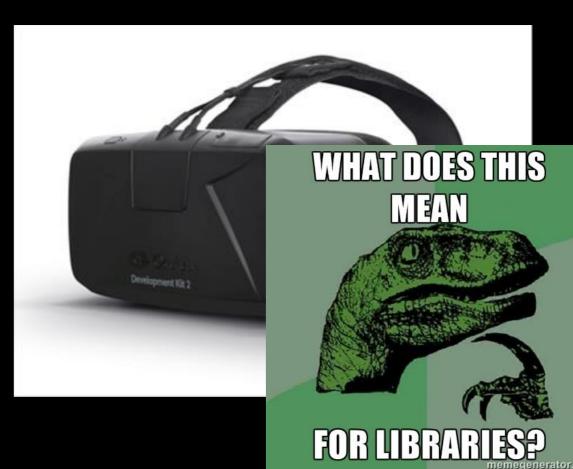
#### **Home Internet Access**



#### Rebirth of Virtual Reality

- Hardware and software improvements
- Training, gyms, rehab, therapy, virtual art





#### Preparing for digital collapse

- Long Now Foundation's Rosetta Project
- Fits in the palm of your hand
- Contains over 13,000 pages in over 1,500 human languages

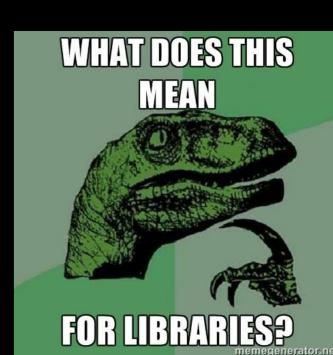




# POLITICS AND CULTURE

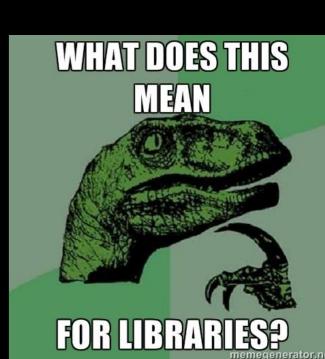
### U.S. Economy

- U.S. economic resurgence in next 6 years
- Dependent on domestic oil and gas, tech, and global rising demand
- Consumer spending increases
- Wages stagnate



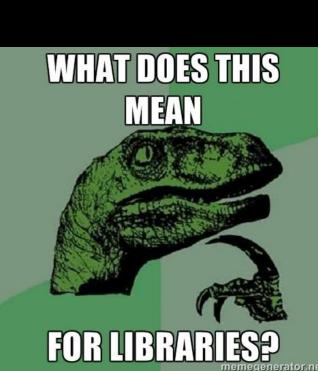
## Income Inequality

- In 2010, the richest 1% of the population had 34% of the accumulated wealth
- Education factors achievement gap
- Tech sector growth is having the opposite impact of what was expected
- Software and hardware replaces some human jobs
- Racial factors
- Inequality gap is larger in urban areas

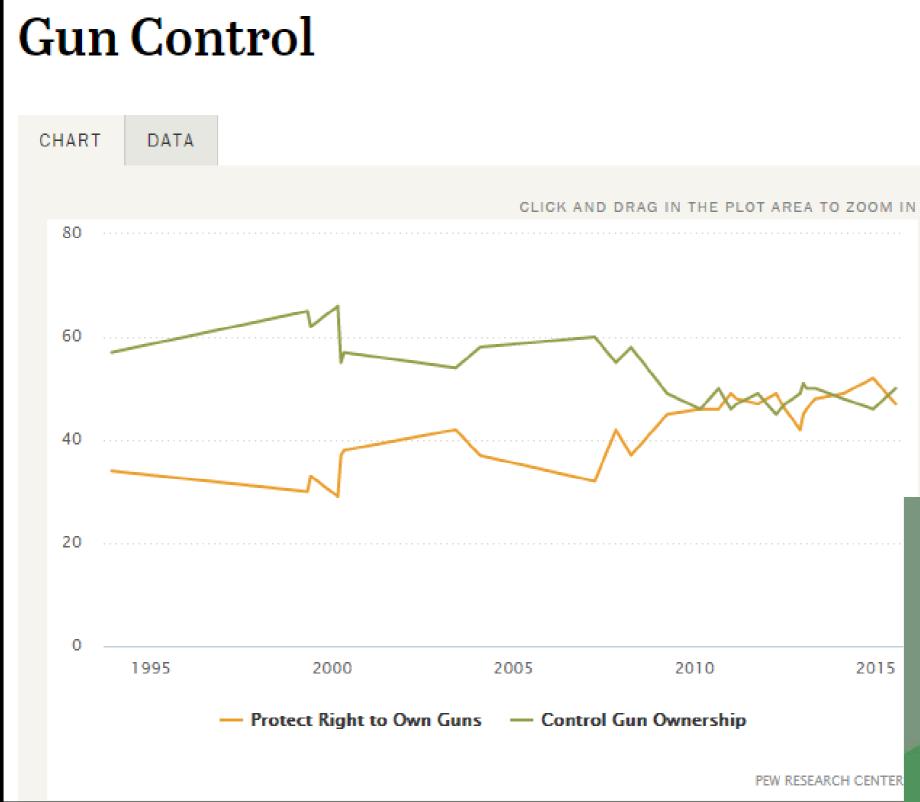


## Climate change

- Increased number of extreme weather events
- Sea level rise = loss of coastal land + new shipping lanes
- Economic costs
- Green energy investment and inte



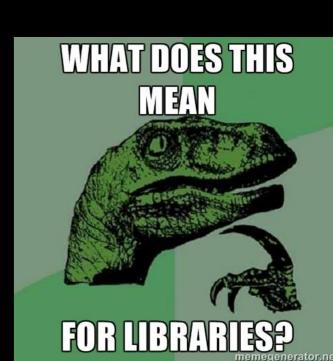
#### Gun regulations in the U.S.





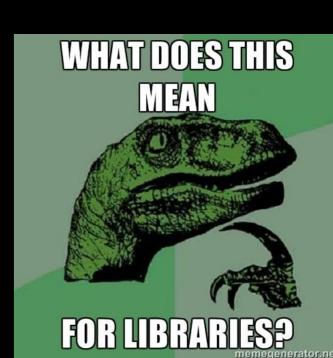
# Legal focus on bribery and corruption

- Sunshine laws
- Gifting policies
- Quid pro quo from vendors
- Ethics training

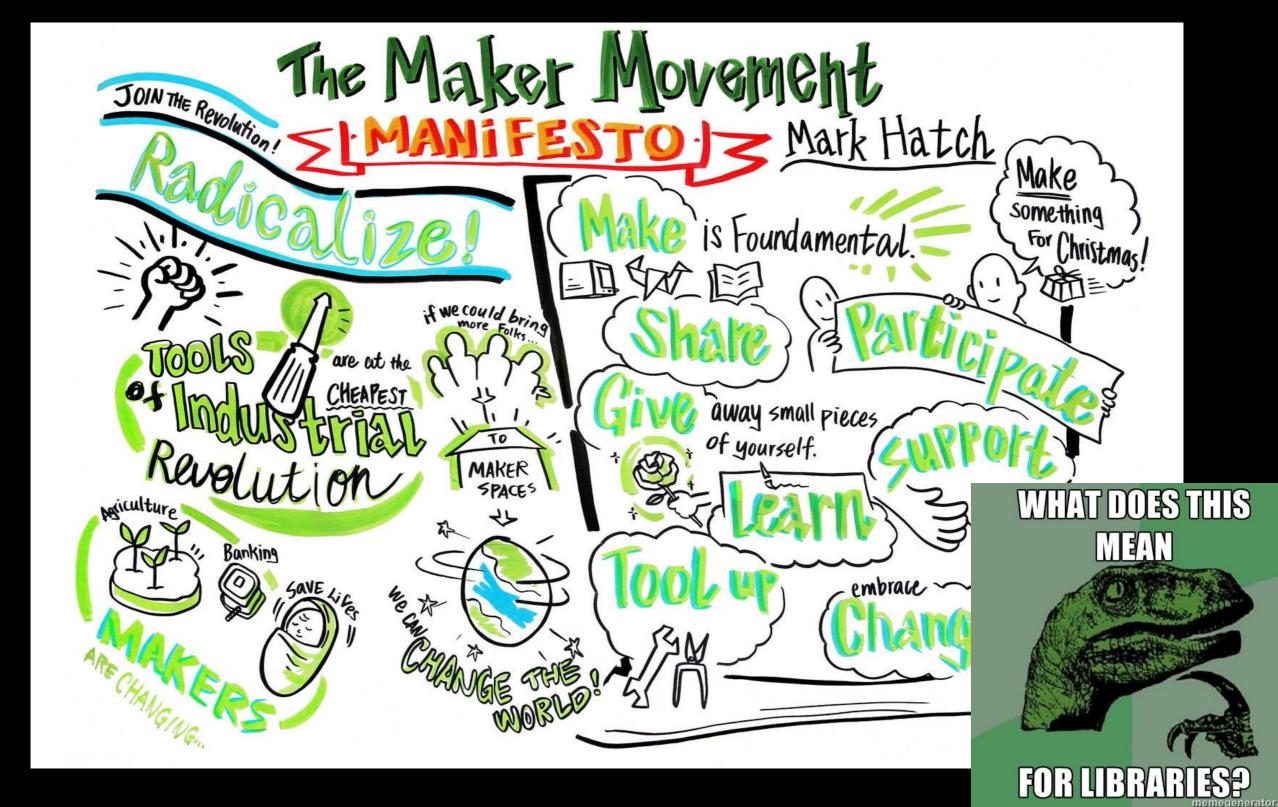


### Diversity Mindfulness

- Focus on diversity in literature and art (especially children's)
- Diversity means many things to many people
- Workplace diversity
- Reflective diversity

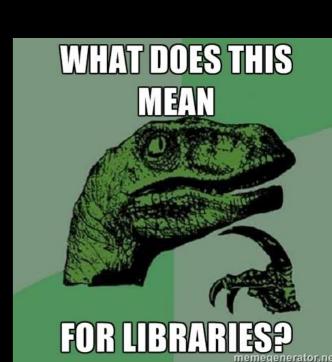


### DIY/maker/grower culture



## Geekery and Fandom

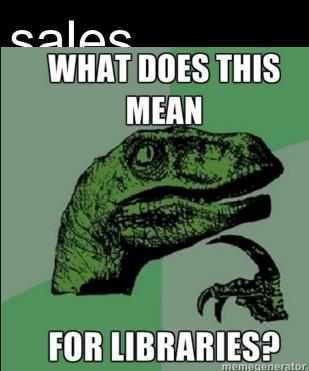
- Geeks vs. Nerds
- Fandom = passion
- Con-culture
- Gender issues



# DATA

#### CRM tools

- Customer Relationship Management software is getting all fancy
- Nurturing leads
- Tracking lead sources, customer service interactions, staff performance
- Bridging gap between marketing and





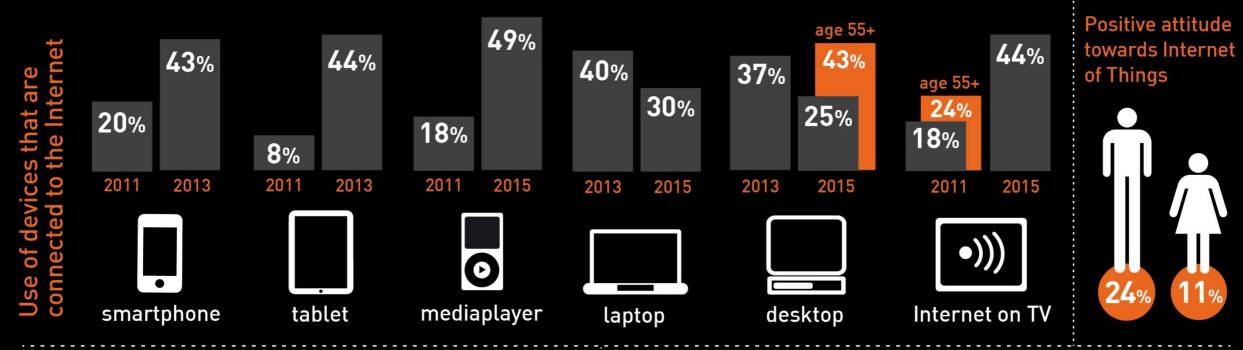
#### survey

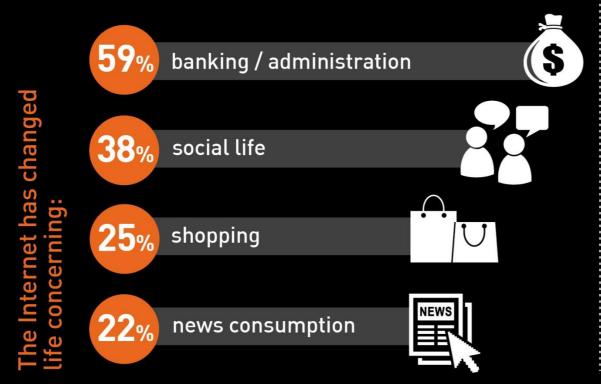
#### **INTERNET OF THINGS**

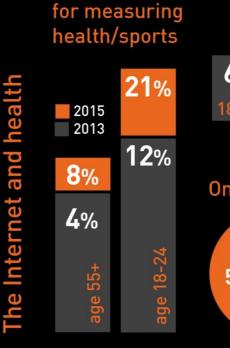
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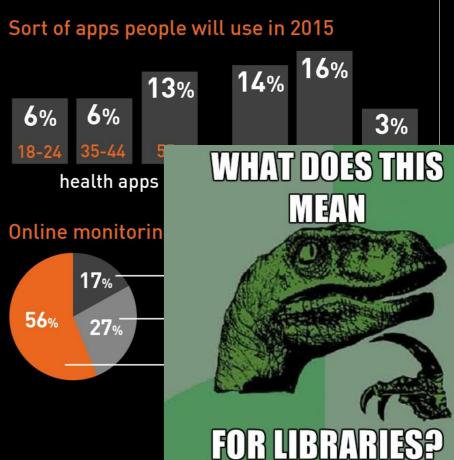








Use of apps



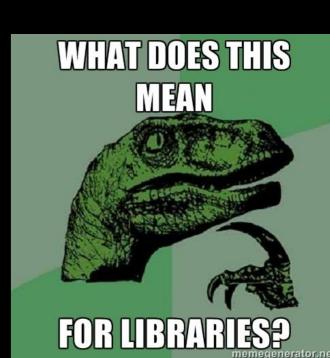
# Big data

- BIG DATA IS JUST DATA!
- Data collection on users
- Aggregation and analysis of user data



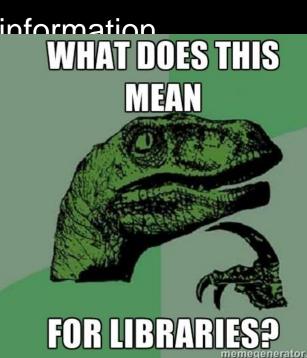
### Anonymity and Privacy

- Default setting has changed from private to public
- Facebook, Google, Twitter, Amazon vs. anonymity promoted as a feature (Reddit, Whisper, Secret)
- Anonymous newsworthy content by insiders
- Anonymity can lead to racist, sexist, and other offensive comments running rampant
- Privacy vs. services and convenience



## Online security

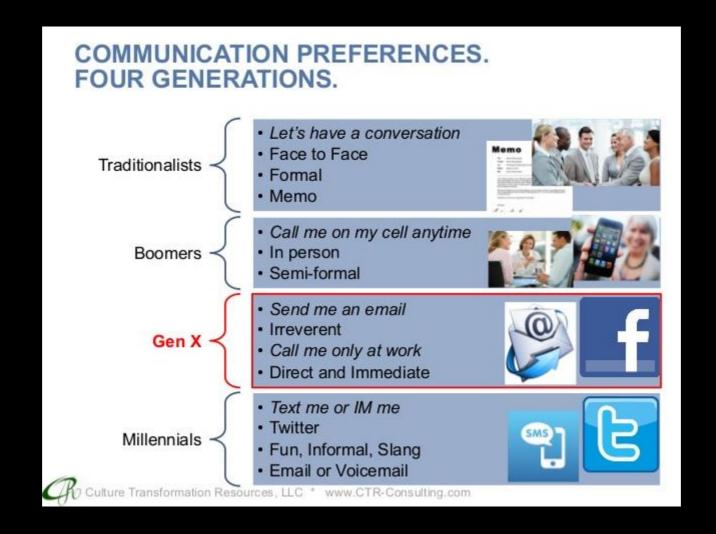
- Corporate focus on foreign threats
- Overseas hacking (varying degrees of maliciousness)
- The Library Digital Privacy Pledge for Libraries
  - We will make every effort to ensure that web services and information resources under direct control of our library will use HTTPS
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  - Starting in 2016, our library will assure that any new or renfor web services or information resources will require support the end of 2016.

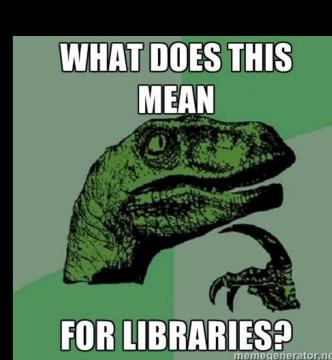


## WORKPLACE

#### Communication preferences

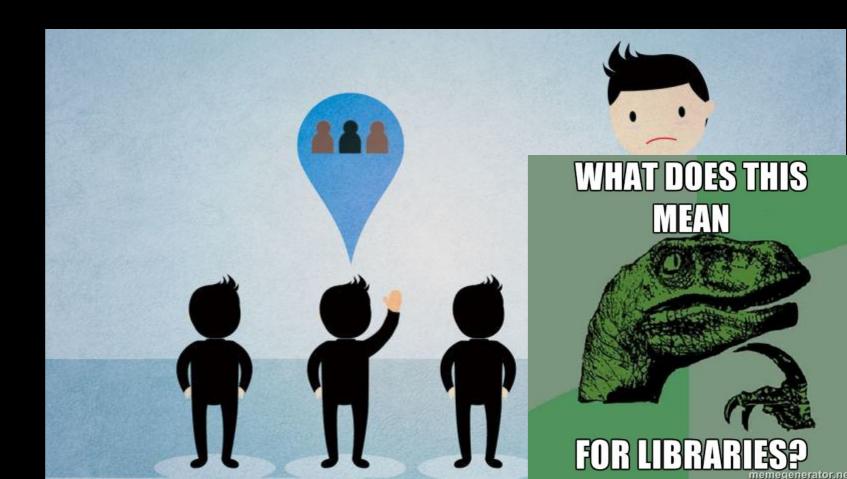
- Synchronous vs. Asynchronous
- Generational differences





#### Workplace loyalty

- 76% of full-time workers, while not actively looking for a new job, would leave their for the right opportunity
- Generational differences





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