

Instructions: Do the reading, then go through the questions, think about them, referring back to the reading when necessary, and write short answers (ranging between 1-2 sentences and couple paragraphs) for each. (If you feel you addressed one question in an answer to another, feel free just to refer to that.) Turn in your answers on the day the reading is due. You may discuss these questions with others but all answers should be written in your words (though you may use occasional quotes).

1. What are your overall thoughts?
2. Do you agree with the statement that we instinctively *engage with [information] selectively, picking out the parts we like and ignoring the remainder, making allies with those who have made the same choices and enemies of the rest?* If so, should you combat it, and how?
3. What does *men may construe things after their fashion* mean with regard to data analysis?
4. What does figure I-2 actually mean about the change in living standards?
5. Do you agree that *the computer boom... produced a temporary decline in economic and scientific productivity?*
6. Analyze the statement: *Bayer Laboratories recently confirmed Ioannidis's hypothesis.*
7. Analyze the statement: *Big Data will produce progress.*
8. What are some biases we introduce to the information world? Can we make objective predictions?