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With the approach of the 2016 Presidential election, data is inevitably used, misused, and abused in order to tell a story favorable to a particular candidate or party. Examples of these are collected from news and social media, then presented to students. Using scaffolding, students learn to recognize and refute how statistics are presented poorly, and (hopefully) become more responsible citizens and voters. (Received September 22, 2015)