Making Sense of Found Data

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“Raw data is both an oxymoron and a bad idea; to the contrary, data should be cooked with care.”

- Geoffrey Bowker (2005)
Carmen, 17, MA: [My mother] tends to comment on everything. I’m like, go away.

danah: [Do you ever delete her comments?]

Carmen: No, because then I feel bad. I don’t want to feel bad. She’s gotten better, now she just sends me messages.

danah: [Why don't you want her commenting?]

Carmen: Because then it scares everyone away. Everyone kind of disappears after the mom post. ... And it’s just uncool having your mom all over your wall, that’s just lame.
Always Look on the Bright Side of Life
“Whatcha Up To? Nike. I’m bored.”
How Companies Learn Your Secrets

Andrew Pole had just started working as a statistician for Target in 2002, when two colleagues from the marketing department stopped by his desk to ask an odd question: “If we wanted to figure out if a customer is pregnant, even if she didn’t want us to know, can you do that?”
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Discrimination, *n.*

1. The action of perceiving, noting, or making a distinction between things
2. The power or faculty of observing differences accurately
3. The treatment of goods, trading partners, etc. on a more or less favorable basis according to circumstances
4. Unjust or prejudicial treatment of a person or group

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