

Telling our SW stories with power & purpose

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WHERE TO START?



Hi, I'm Justice

SW, author, storyteller,
pleasure activist, harm
reduction consultant



This workshop

Types of storytelling, finding feeling,
taking care of ourselves, practice –
bring only what you are
comfortable forward. We'll be
giving each other feedback



Safe space

What do we need to move
forward into a safe space
together?



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01

The current
advocacy
binary



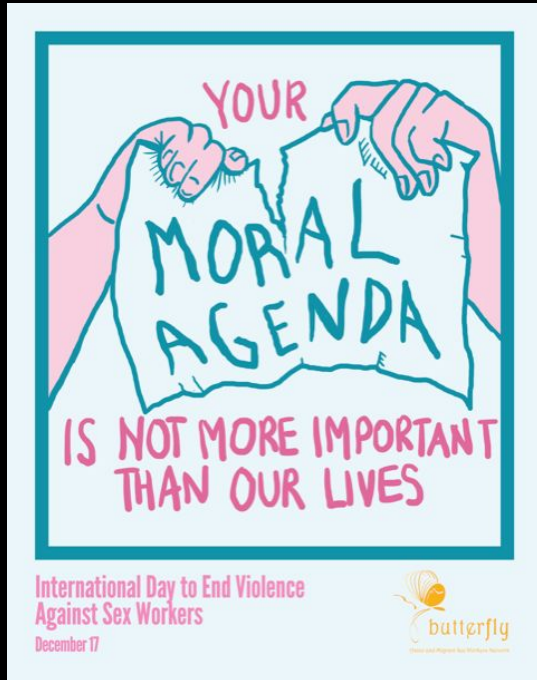
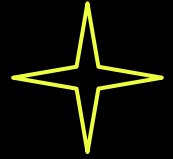


Head versus heart



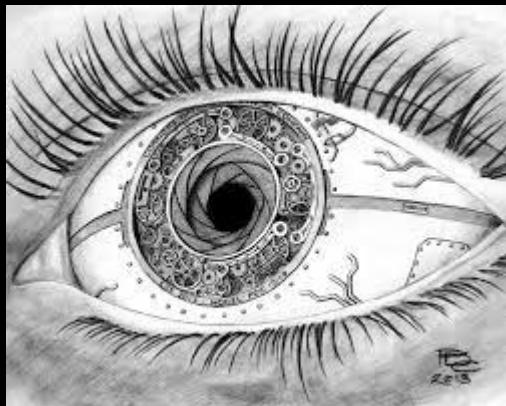
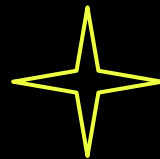
- The right uses hysteria. The left uses data
- It's easier to appeal to hearts than to change minds
- Difference between dramatic retelling/ hysteria and telling it with feeling

Narrative format = information + data



As a former sex worker, I am deeply concerned about the negative impacts of policies that were intended to keep sex workers safe but are actually harming them. I am here today because I want people to have tools for safety and wellbeing that I didn't have when I was a sex worker. But providing those tools is increasingly hard because of criminalization of the sex trade. Just a few months ago, my heart broke as I spoke with a young woman on outreach who asked for the day-after pill because the cops took all her condoms when she was arrested the night before. This doesn't have to happen anymore. Data from countries including New Zealand and Australia show that decriminalizing sex work increases the sexual health of sex workers. If sex work was decriminalized, this woman would have better access to occupational health practices.

Storytelling format = showing versus telling



I want to tell you about a night about six months ago when I was doing street outreach through the outdoor sex trade here on this avenue and that street. It was the kind of cold, wet, dark night that we only see the most desperate workers in – the women who need to make money, the women who are already living outside in the cold. A worker I've talked with several times ran up to me in lingerie, shivering. She put her lips close to my ear and whispered that she needed a day after pill. I saw the fear and remorse on her face. I was enraged to find out that the reason she needed it was because the cops took all her safety supplies when she was arrested the night before. Then, they kicked her back into the cold – sick and farther back than she was before. I wished I could help her get her stuff back, I wish I could help her hold the cops accountable, I wish there were housing programs that would accept her. Instead, I must have looked as defeated as her. Criminalization is defeating. But it doesn't defeat trafficking, it doesn't defeat violence, or HIV. It defeats the marginalized women, trans people, and queer men who you and I both want to help. Decriminalization can increase health outcomes for sex workers.





What do you think?



- What stuck out to you as the difference between these two examples?
- What were the feeling words?
- Benefits and draw backs to narrative vs. storytelling approach?



02

Framing your
narrative



The six guiding questions



- ✧ Who is your audience?
- ✧ What are you advocating for or against?
 - ✧ What is your desired end goal?
- ✧ What is your message
 - ✧ This is your through thread
- ✧ How much of yourself do you want to bring forward?
- ✧ What format do you want to use?
 - ✧ How are you going to tell it?
- ✧ What are your feeling words?
 - ✧ And when is best to use them?



03

Storytelling
self-care





Care-full practices



Watch it like a movie

Project the memory forward like a movie so you can watch it rather than experience it

Dedicate an altar

What would go on your advocacy altar?

Open and close space

Including creative time. I have an opening and closing writing prayer.

Others?

What works for you or what would you like to try with your storytelling practice?



Your turn!

Think of a sex work campaign or cause you are involved in
or passionate about and apply what we've learned today
within a 1-3 minute narrative or story





First: what self-care practice are you going to use?



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Sharing and caring



Storyteller

What was the experience of doing it with feeling?



Storyteller

You can respond to feedback if you would like



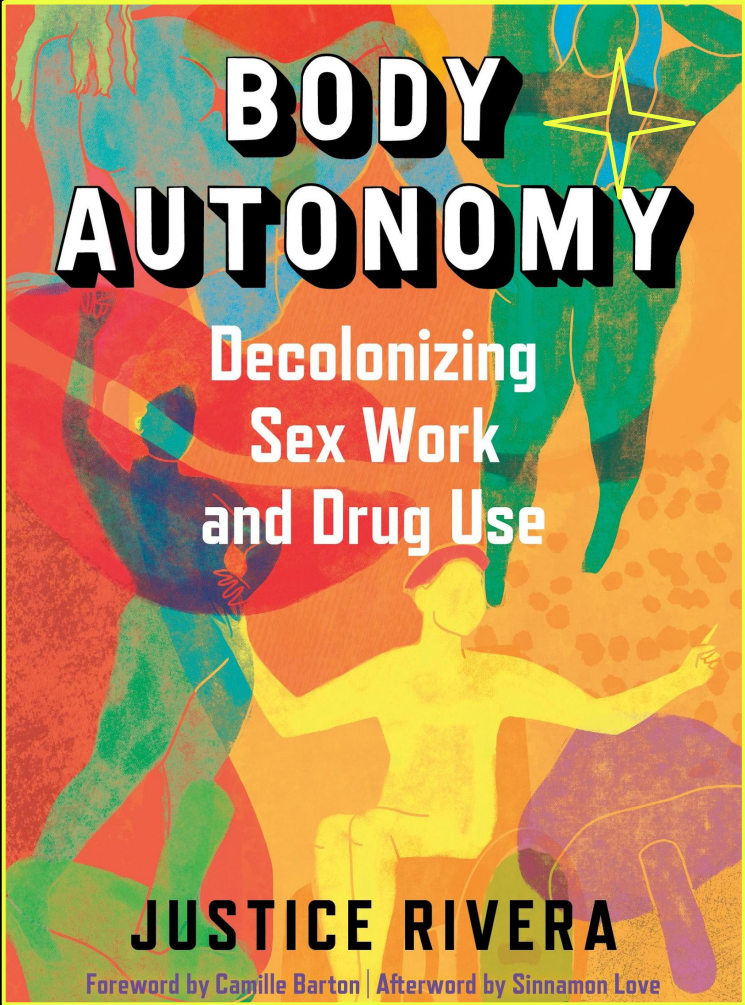
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What did you feel? What stuck out to you as compelling?



Group?

Constructive feedback on possibilities to make it hit even harder



BODY AUTONOMY

**Decolonizing
Sex Work
and Drug Use**

JUSTICE RIVERA

Foreword by Camille Barton | Afterword by Sinnamon Love

CLOSING

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Body Autonomy: Decolonizing Sex Work and
Drug Use

Facilitating Spokes Hub class on May 22nd



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Big numbers catch your audience's attention



CONCEPTS



THEM

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one in the Solar System—it's only a bit larger than the Moon

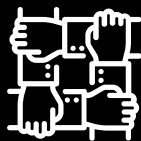


US

Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun. It's terribly hot, even hotter than Mercury



THIS IS A TABLE



MARS



JUPITER



NEPTUNE



VENUS

FACTOR 1

Yes

Yes

No

Yes

FACTOR 2

Yes

Yes

No

Yes

FACTOR 3

No

Yes

Yes

No

FACTOR 4

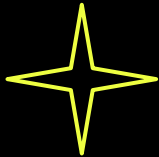
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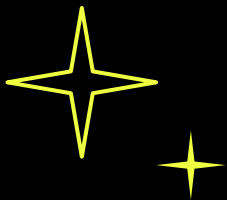
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“This is a quote, words full of wisdom
that someone important said and can
make the reader get inspired.”



—Someone Famous



02

FEATURE OF THE TOPIC



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FEATURES OF THE TOPIC



MERCURY

It's the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest in the Solar System



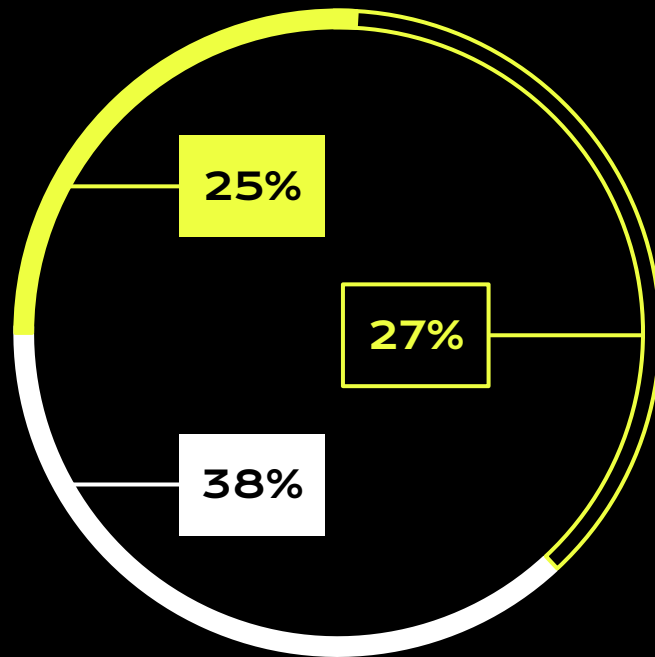
VENUS

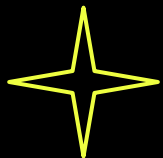
Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun



MARS

Despite being red, Mars is actually a cold place and it's full of iron oxide dust





AWESOME WORDS





**A PICTURE IS WORTH A
THOUSAND WORDS**

✦

ACTION PLAN

✦

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Phase 1								
Phase 2								
Phase 3								
Phase 4								
Phase 5								
Phase 6								

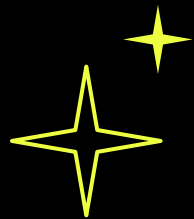
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03

TIPS AND IDEAS



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TIMELINE

VENUS

JUPITER

MARS

MERCURY

2018

2019

2020

2021

Venus has a beautiful name, but it's terribly hot

It's the biggest planet in our Solar System

Despite being red, Mars is a cold place, not hot

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun

✦ THIS IS A TITLE ✦

PROBLEM

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one in the Solar System—it's only a bit larger than the Moon

SOLUTION

Earth is the third planet from the Sun and the only one that harbors life in the Solar System. This is where we all live on





STARTUPS MAP

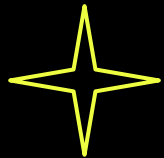


MERCURY ○

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun

JUPITER ○

It's the biggest planet in our Solar System



9h 55m 23s

Is Jupiter's rotation period

333,000.000

Earth's is the Sun's mass

386,000 km

Is the distance between Earth and the Moon





IDENTIFYING INFORMATION



35,2%



VENUS

Venus has a beautiful name, but it's terribly hot

82,9%



MARS

Despite being red, Mars is a cold place, not hot

14,6%



JUPITER

It's the biggest planet in our Solar System



OUR TEAM



ANA SMITH

Here you can talk a bit
about this person



TIMMY JIMMY

Here you can talk a bit
about this person



JOHN DOE

Here you can talk a bit
about this person



04

**PRACTICAL
EXERCISE**

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PRACTICAL EXERCISE



CHOOSE A TOPIC AND DEFEND IT

A

Earth is the third planet from the Sun and the only one that harbors life in the Solar System. This is where we all live on

B

Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun. It's hot and has a poisonous atmosphere



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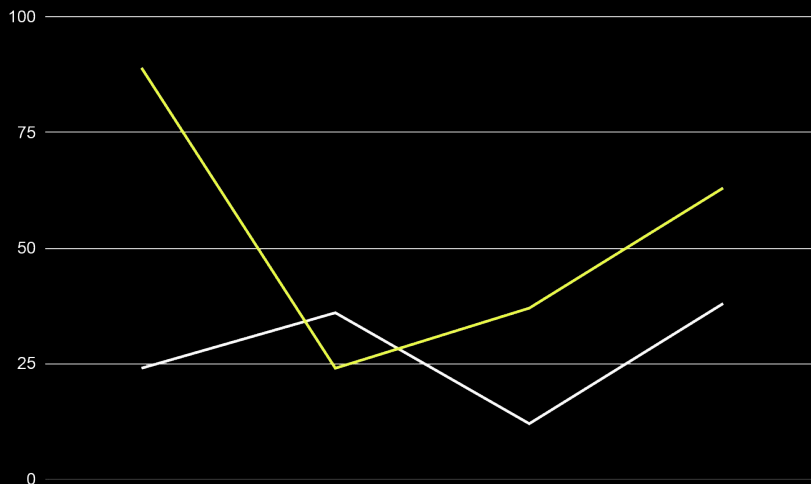


○ MERCURY

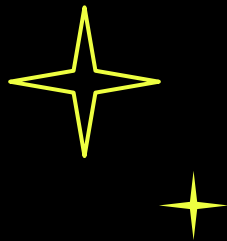
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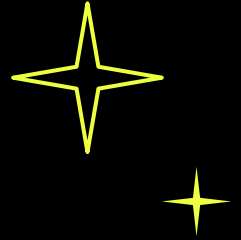


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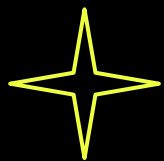
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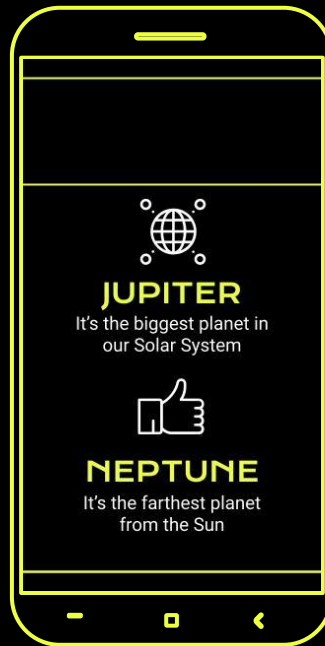


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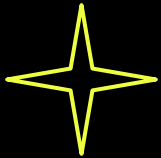


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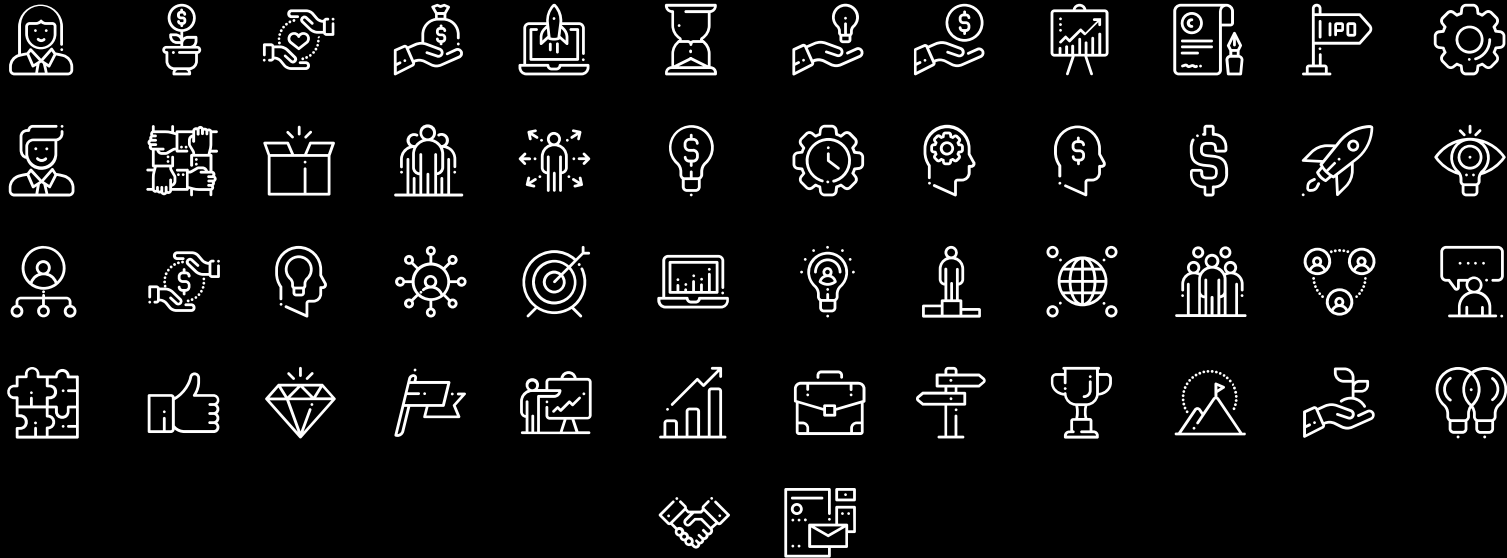
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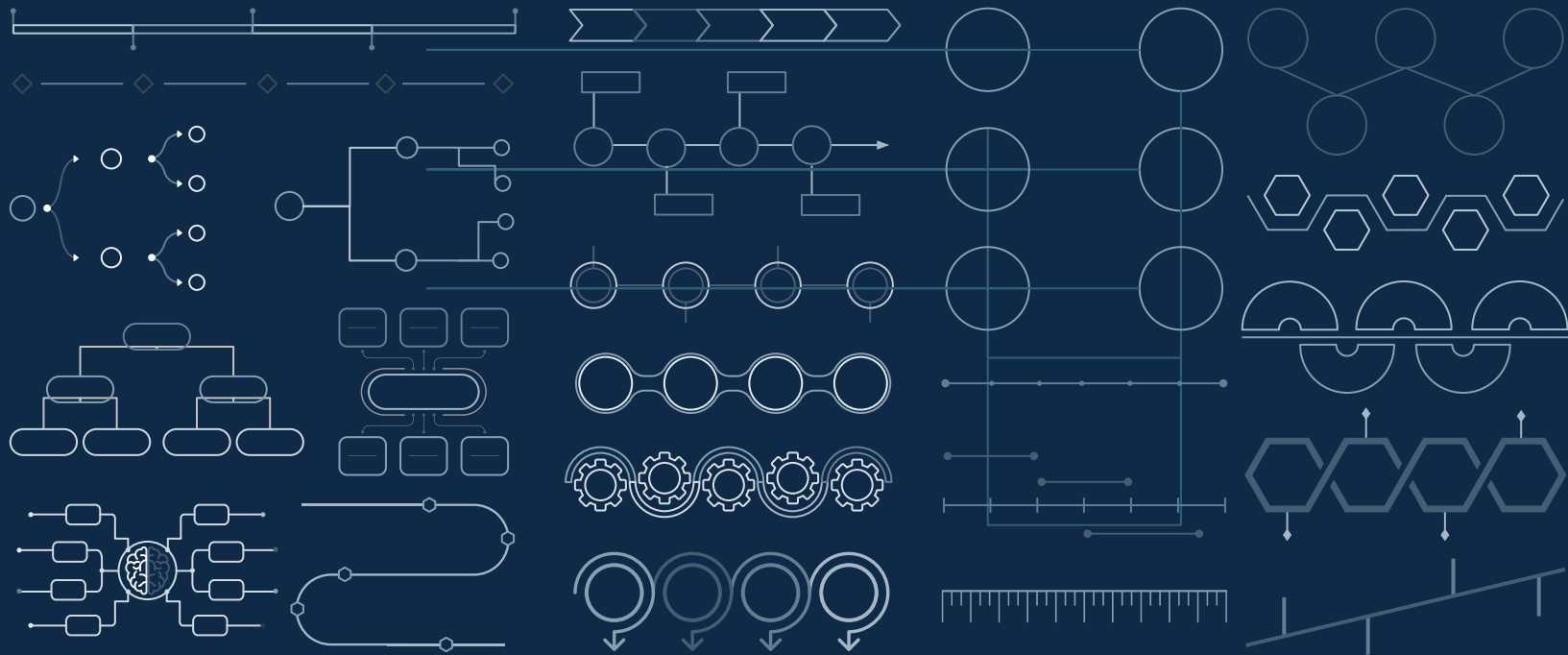
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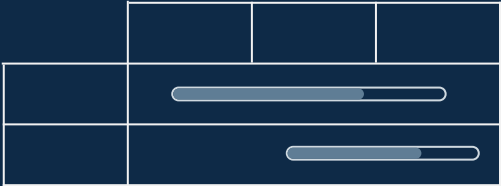
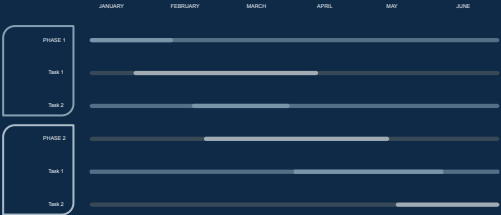
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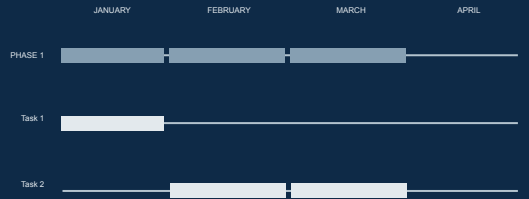
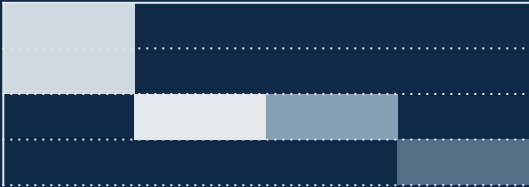
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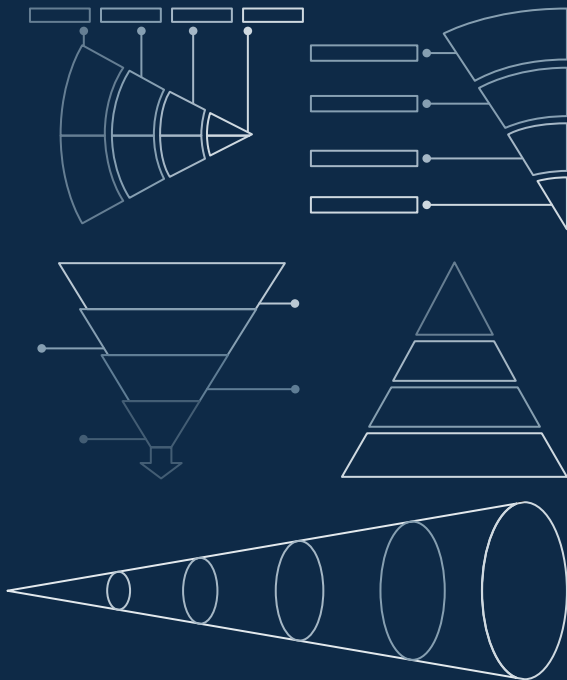
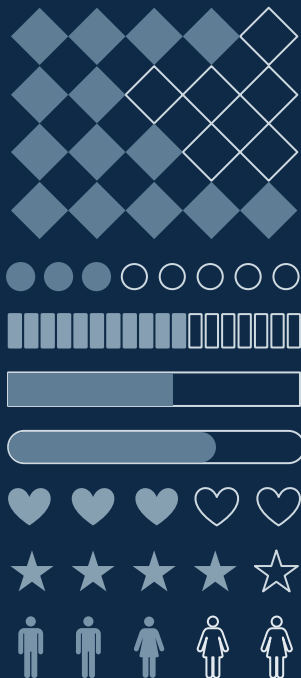
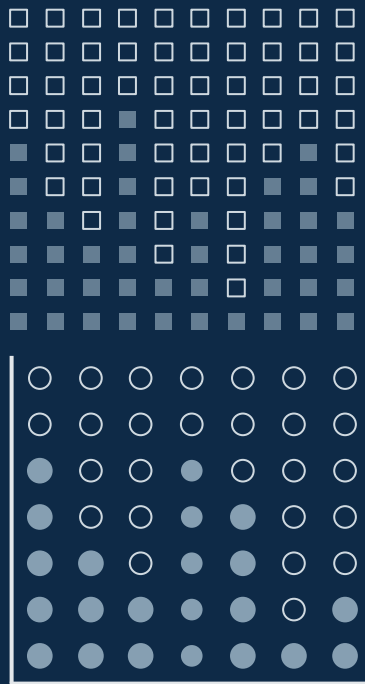












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