

John Tukey

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The greatest value of a picture is when it forces us to notice what we never expected to see.

~John Tukey

An approximate answer to the right problem is worth a good deal more than an exact answer to an approximate problem.

~John Tukey

The best thing about being a statistician is that you get to play in everyone's backyard.

~John Tukey

There is no data that can be displayed in a pie chart, that cannot be displayed BETTER in some other type of chart.

~John Tukey

The combination of some data and an aching desire for an answer does not ensure that a reasonable answer can be extracted from a given body of data.

~John Tukey

This is my favorite part about analytics: Taking boring flat data and bringing it to life through visualization.

~John Tukey

It's better to solve the right problem approximately than to solve the wrong problem exactly.

~John Tukey

Be approximately right rather than exactly wrong.

~John Tukey

Far better an approximate answer to the right question, which is often vague, than the exact answer to the wrong question, which can always

be made precise.

~John Tukey

Numerical quantities focus on expected values, graphical summaries on unexpected values.

~John Tukey

When communicating results to non-technical types there is nothing better than a clear visualization to make your point.

~John Tukey

All we know about the world teaches us that the effects of A and B are always different-in some decimal place-for any A and B. Thus asking "are the effects different?" is foolish.

~John Tukey

To be able to say that "if we change our point of view in the following way ... things are simpler" is always a gain.

~John Tukey

I know of no person or group that is taking nearly adequate advantage of the graphical potentialities of the computer.

~John Tukey

If we are going to make a mark (key 21), it might as well be a meaningful one.

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