

Advantages of NSER for Education

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The art of argument...

- All think tank work can essentially be crystallized into four nodes of the art of the argument
 1. Claim: what do we want
 2. Reason: why are we asking for it
 3. Support: what is the basis for this demand (evidence/data)
 4. Warrant: the shared value inference connecting the claim to the support
- If you don't recognize your work in these four nodes, you:
 - Are not thinking hard enough, OR
 - Should not be doing it (?)

Consolidated data is central to constructive debate for policy making

- What is the heart of a winning narrative?
- Is it information? Passion? Wisdom? Knowledge?
- Is data or evidence, enough?

- Good “data” will be well-situated, with respect to the following:
 - Claim and reason: (what you want) & (why you want it)
 - Warrant: (the inference made using the data, based on a shared value)
 - The audience: (who you are trying to reach/persuade/win over/beat)
 - Available delivery mechanisms: (tools to deliver data)

What makes a repository of data like NSER so useful

1. Reliable data gives life to warrants
 - good data, deployed well, can make a claim more actionable
2. Data, even absent the construction of an effective argument, reinforces frameworks of accountability
 - data can serve to establish inescapable spaces of accountability
3. Data, especially well-designed, aesthetically-conscious data, engages
 - Data can singularly engage audiences, on issues that may otherwise not be easy to get audiences to engage with

Consolidating data from multiple sources

- Enable public policy through relational linkages between NSER database and annual data sources published by the government;
- Pakistan Bureau of Statistics
 - Pakistan Standard of Living Measurement Survey
 - Annual Population Census
- Claim: Every child should be in school
- Warrant: Shared value of wanting every child in school learning
- Consolidated automated data on socioeconomic indicators from NSER, PSLM, Census etc..
 - Interdepartmental coordination and effective policy

Thank you.