

# Radstats Cartoon Retrospective

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World population now exceeds 4000m  
There are 810m in China  
Three cities have over 10m residents:  
Tokyo 11.6m Shanghai 10.8m Mexico City 10.2m  
Life expectancy in the UK is 72 years  
The labour force of the Pacific Islands is a mere 1% of the popn.  
There is 1 physician to 159 people in Albania:  
1 to 770 in the UK...



IMPRESSIVE



SO WHAT ?



WHO SAYS ?

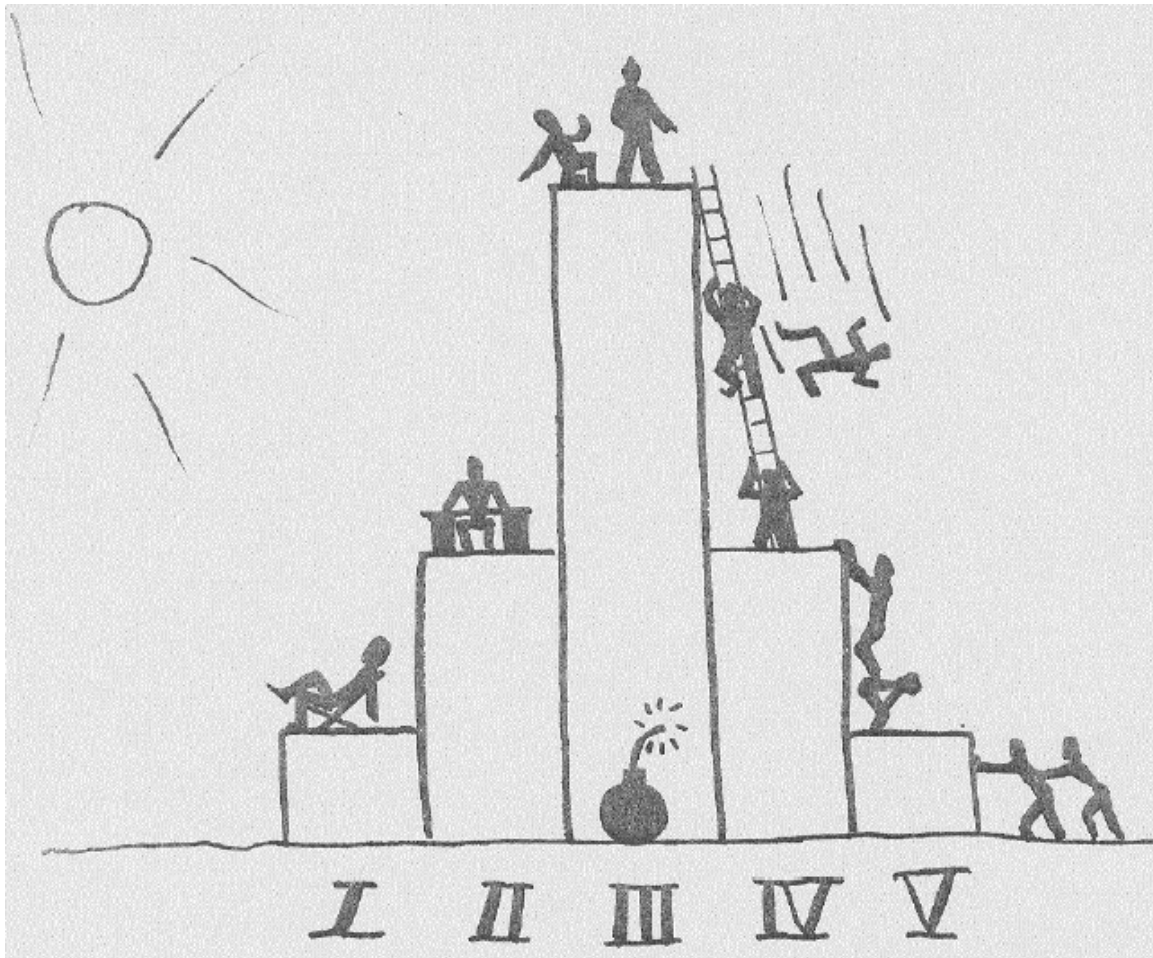


## Issue 9, 1977

From the earliest Radstats newsletter issues, home-made or borrowed cartoons have been used to set the context or lighten the tone. These are some of my favourites, looking back through the web archive at [www.radstats.org.uk/newsletters/](http://www.radstats.org.uk/newsletters/).

A neat illustration of the social class categorisation (I-V) used in UK Census data and other official statistics in the 70s, 80s and 90s.

Is that a bomb under the hard-earned pillar of the middle class?



## Issue 15, 1979

(Okay, so this is not a cartoon, but it serves a similar purpose.)

Have a spare room? ... courtesy visits to ...  
 Deck Officer Rates of Pay  
 Minimum £11,500  
 Maximum £17,510  
 £12,310  
 £13,370  
 £14,080  
 £15,081  
 £16,371

Members of the Government Staff work in many Departments of State share a common function — they work together to help formulate government policy. We still need people with lively interest in current affairs who are working in a team and of applying their social or economic problems of the day.

We offer two ways of joining:  
**ASSISTANT STATISTICIAN**  
 You must have (or expect to get in 1979) with honours, or equivalent qualifying formal training in statistics (or mathematics, economics or computing) a relevant postgraduate qualification. Additionally you must have some relevant and an approved professional qualification in statistics. And you should normally be under 27.

**AN OPPORTUNITY**

	1970-1-3	MORI Mar. 3-5	Gallup Mar. 3-12
Conservative lead	59	32	51.5
	25	39	37
	8	7	8.5
	4	2	3
	+18	+13	+14.5

**VOTING INTENTIONS**  
 55% CONSERVATIVE LEAD OVER LABOUR

**Tories — lies, damned lies, or statistics?**  
**of living costs fiddle**

**FOREIGN EX**

	Closest Market Rates	Previous Closing Rates
lb	1.9350-1.9365	1.9350-1.9360
fr	27.81-27.80	27.77-27.73
de	62.70-62.70	62.70-62.70
ca	2.5385-2.5385	2.5385-2.5385
nz	11.27-11.28	11.25-11.24
au	9.78-9.77	9.76-9.77
dk	2.80-2.87	2.80-2.87
sw	70.34-70.25	70.30-70.41
us	1.0330-1.0345	1.0330-1.0340
jp	1.785-1.786	1.781-1.782
hk	99.0-99.0	99.0-99.0
sg	4.28-4.29	4.27-4.28
in	18.71-18.72	18.71-18.72
th	107.05-107.05	107.05-107.05
my	182.31-182.32	182.31-182.32
id	2.09-2.09	2.09-2.09
ph	4.22-4.21	4.21-4.22
br	25.7-1130	2,1485-2,1495
mal	41.16-41.28	41.16-41.28

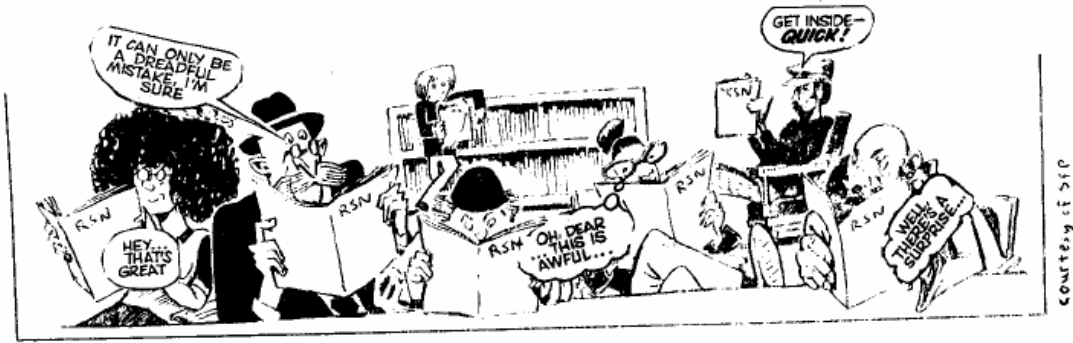
Issue 16, 1979

I can only guess that this reminded the editor of the Radstats members of the time!



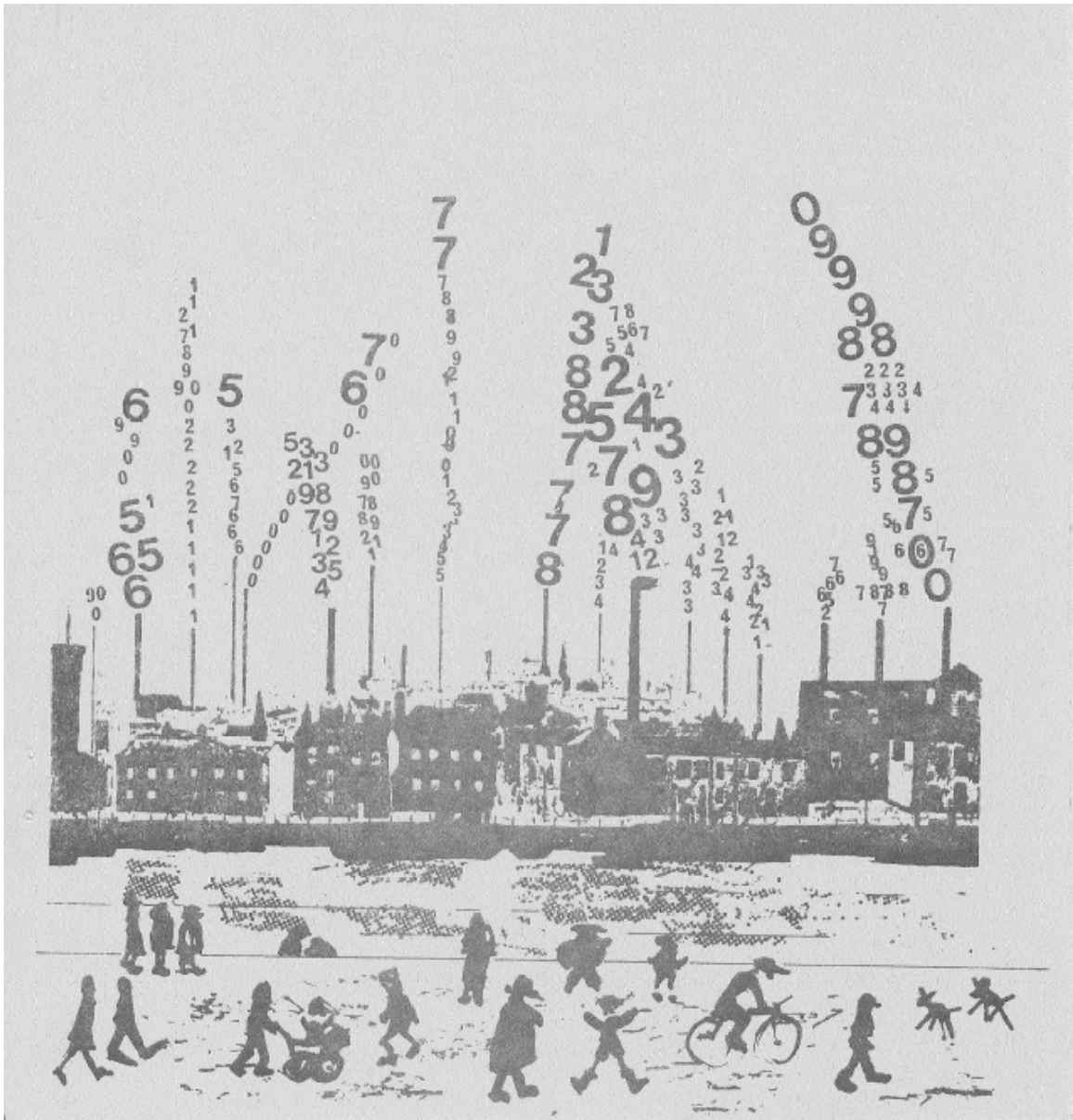
**Issue 20, 1981**

Lots of controversy about the proposed merger between the Royal Statistical Society and the Institute of Statisticians.



### Issue 25, 1982

This cartoon was used on the cover of issue 11 entitled "Radical Statistics GOES NORTH"



**Issue 11, 1978, reused in 1982**

A cartoon to mark Cathie Marsh's 'Opinion polls and the 1983 election' article.



**Issue 28, 1983**

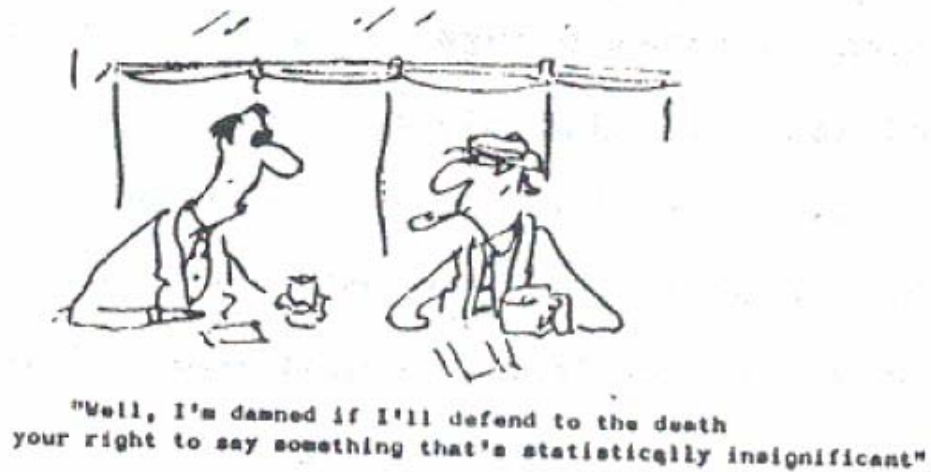
The front cover of issue 35 which explored health statistics and inequalities.



**Issue 35, 1986**

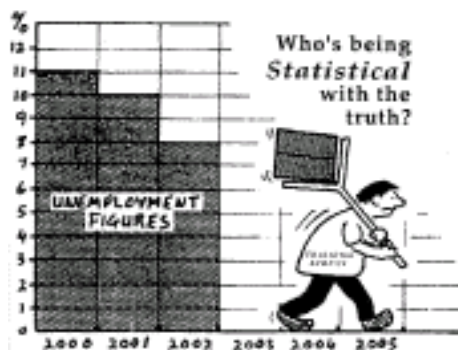


The importance of statistical significance!



**Radstats 37 (1987) page 2**

A cartoon explaining the drop in official unemployment figures by the government's removal of certain groups from the unemployed category, such as those on training schemes.



**Radstats flyer, 2005**

An issue front cover, identifying the selection of official “facts” to serve up the “truth”



**Issue 40, 1988**

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