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Soon No More "Death by PowerPoint" in Switzerland?

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On their website, the newly founded Swiss <u>Anti-PowerPoint Party</u> states the following: "The fact is that the average PowerPoint presentation creates boredom." Agreed!

Interestingly, the APPP <u>states</u> that "the use of presentation software costs the Swiss economy 2.1 billion Swiss francs (US\$ 2.5 billion) annually." This number is based on lost productivity by employees sitting in on presentations which essentially serve no purpose.

Their noble mission is not to abolish PowerPoint presentations from the face of Earth, but **to remove any constraints associated with them**. In other words, students who are not using PowerPoint as a presentation tool should not get a lesser grade. Along the same lines, professors and marketeers **should no longer have to justify** why they have chosen not to use PowerPoint.

As a remedy to PowerPoint slides, **founder Matthias Poehm suggest to use flip charts**. In the below clip, he demonstrates how effective verbal communication combined with simple graphics can be in conveying a message. Think Steve Jobs: He may be one of the best storytellerys around who mainly uses images to underline his main messages.