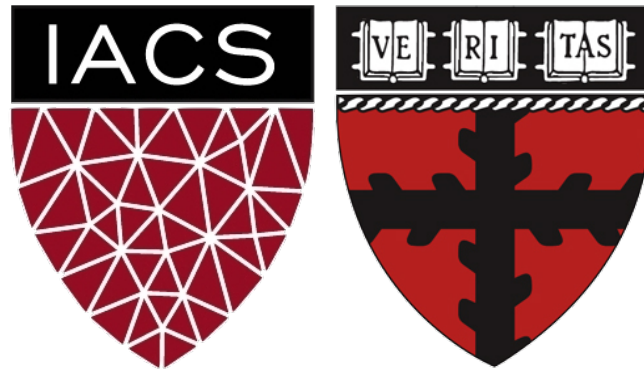


Visualization

CS109A Introduction to Data Science

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As the matplotlib thickens ...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Homework 4 will be released Oct 20 and is **due Oct 27 (Wed) @ 11:59pm**

Learning Objectives

- Understand why visualization/plotting is important
- Learn aspects that tend to make visualizes **effective** and **ineffective**
- Feel comfortable designing plots that best convey your message
- Gain experience in producing plots with Python

Extra Goal

be more cognizant of broader design choices
(e.g., typography, spacing, colors)

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Assume you know a given dataset is credible, complete with the info you want, and has no missing values.

Why do further EDA?

Purposes of EDA:

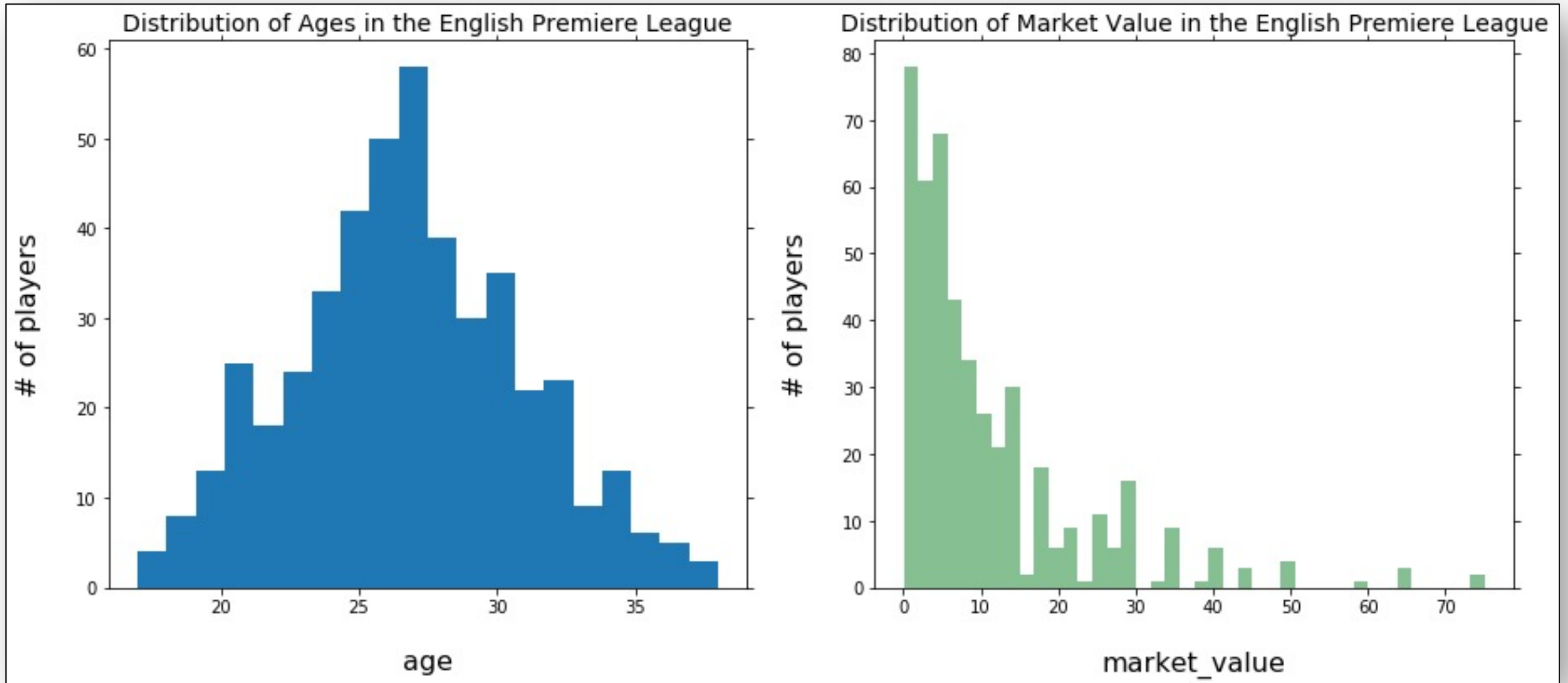
- Maximize insight into a dataset
- Uncover underlying structure
- Detect outliers
- Test underlying assumptions
- Develop parsimonious models

EDA Refresher: English Premier League

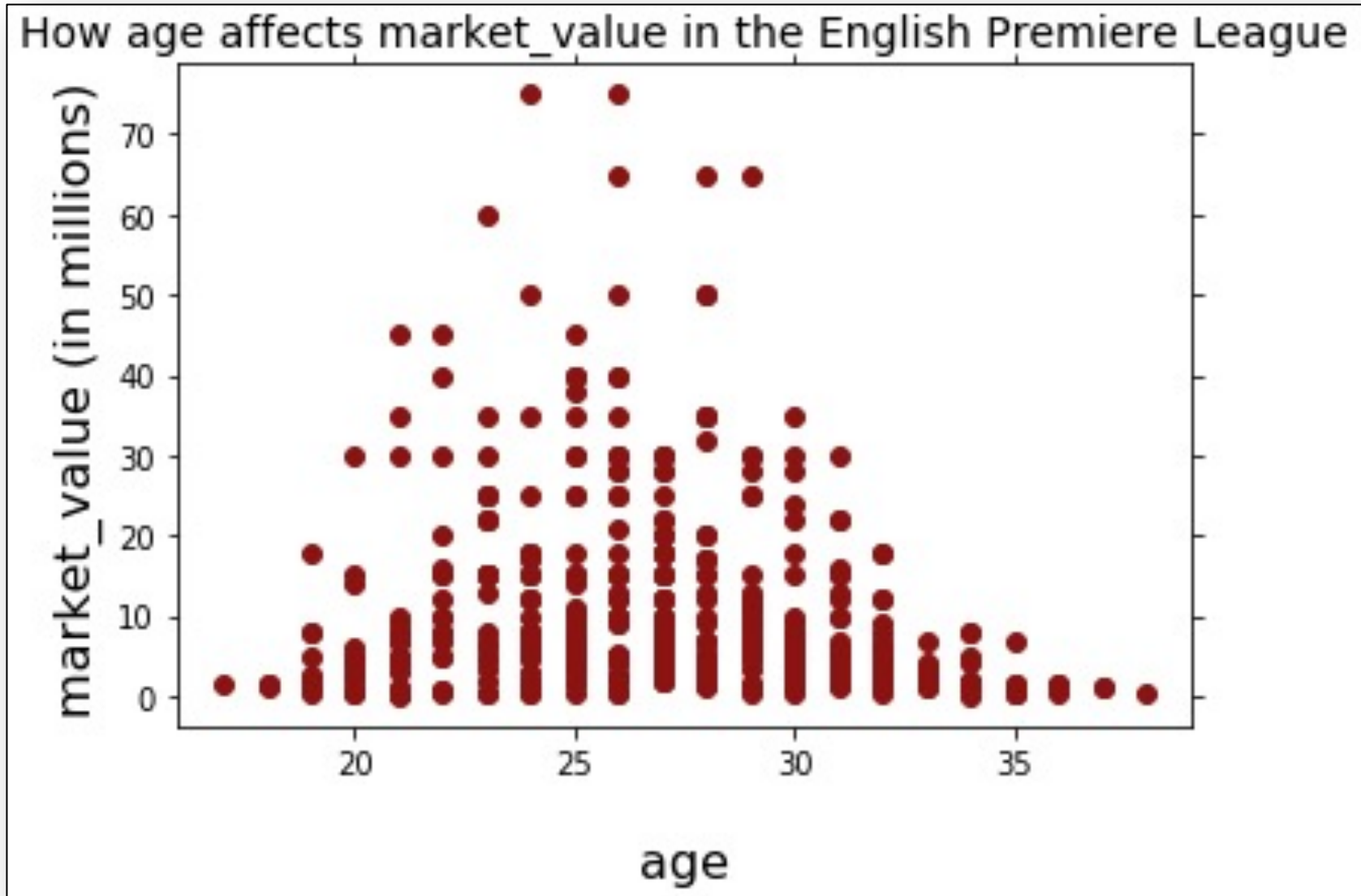
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from www.transfermarkt.us

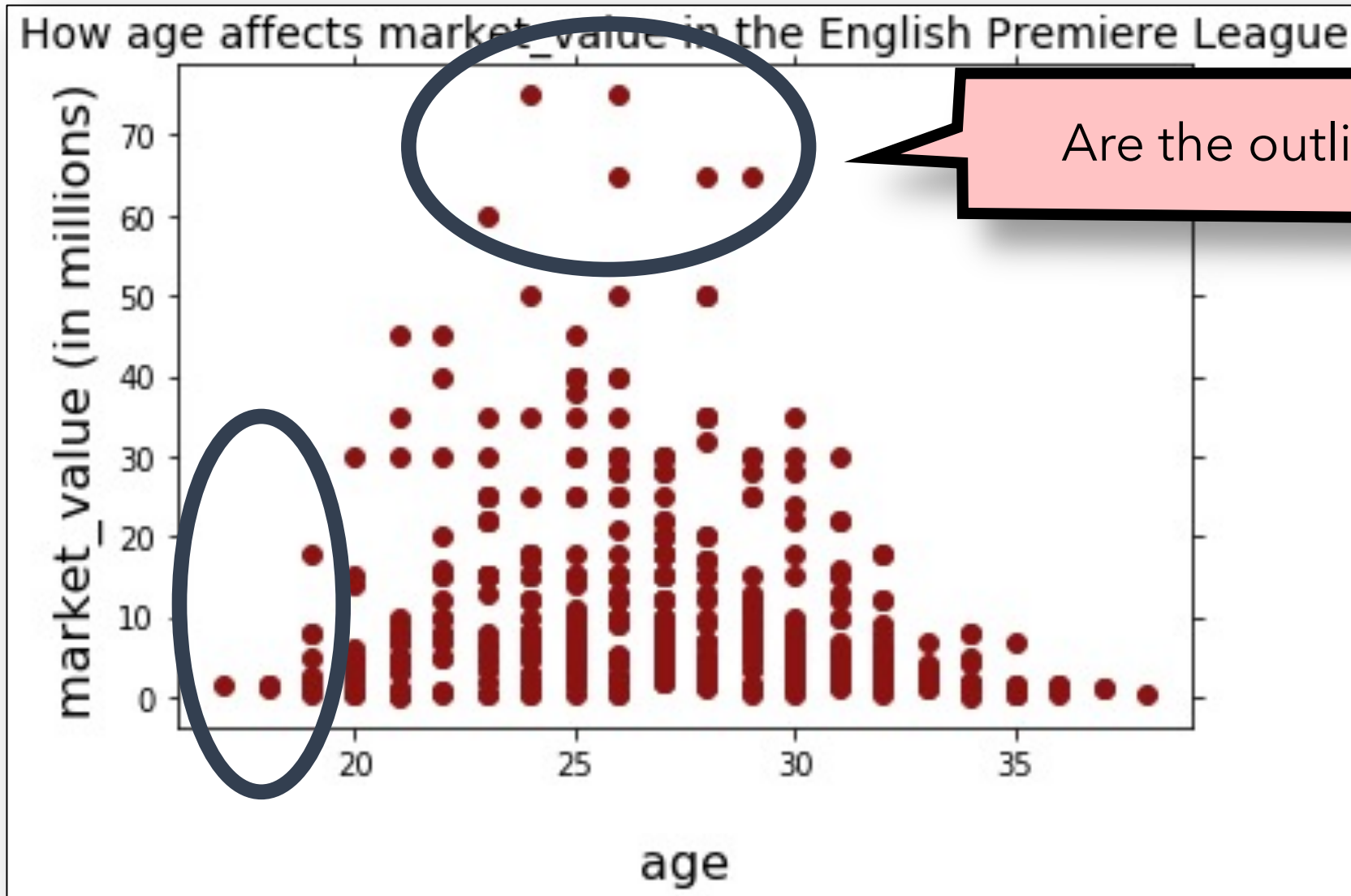
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```

	name	club	age	position	market_value
233	Ben Woodburn	Liverpool	17	LW	1.50
231	Trent Alexander-Arnold	Liverpool	18	RB	1.50
350	Josh Tymon	Stoke+City	18	LB	1.00
435	Jonathan Leko	West+Brom	18	RW	1.50
147	Tom Davies	Everton	19	CM	8.00
155	Ademola Lookman	Everton	19	LW	5.00
239	Dominic Solanke	Liverpool	19	CF	2.00
270	Marcus Rashford	Manchester+United	19	CF	18.00
281	Axel Tuanzebe	Manchester+United	19	CB	1.00
282	Timothy Fosu-Mensah	Manchester+United	19	DM	2.50
375	Tammy Abraham	Swansea	19	CF	8.00
436	Sam Field	West+Brom	19	CM	0.25

EDA Refresher: English Premier League

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league_df.loc[league_df['market_value']>=60][['name', 'club', \
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	name	club	age	position	market_value
377	Harry Kane	Tottenham	23	CF	60.0
263	Paul Pogba	Manchester+United	24	CM	75.0
92	Eden Hazard	Chelsea	26	LW	75.0
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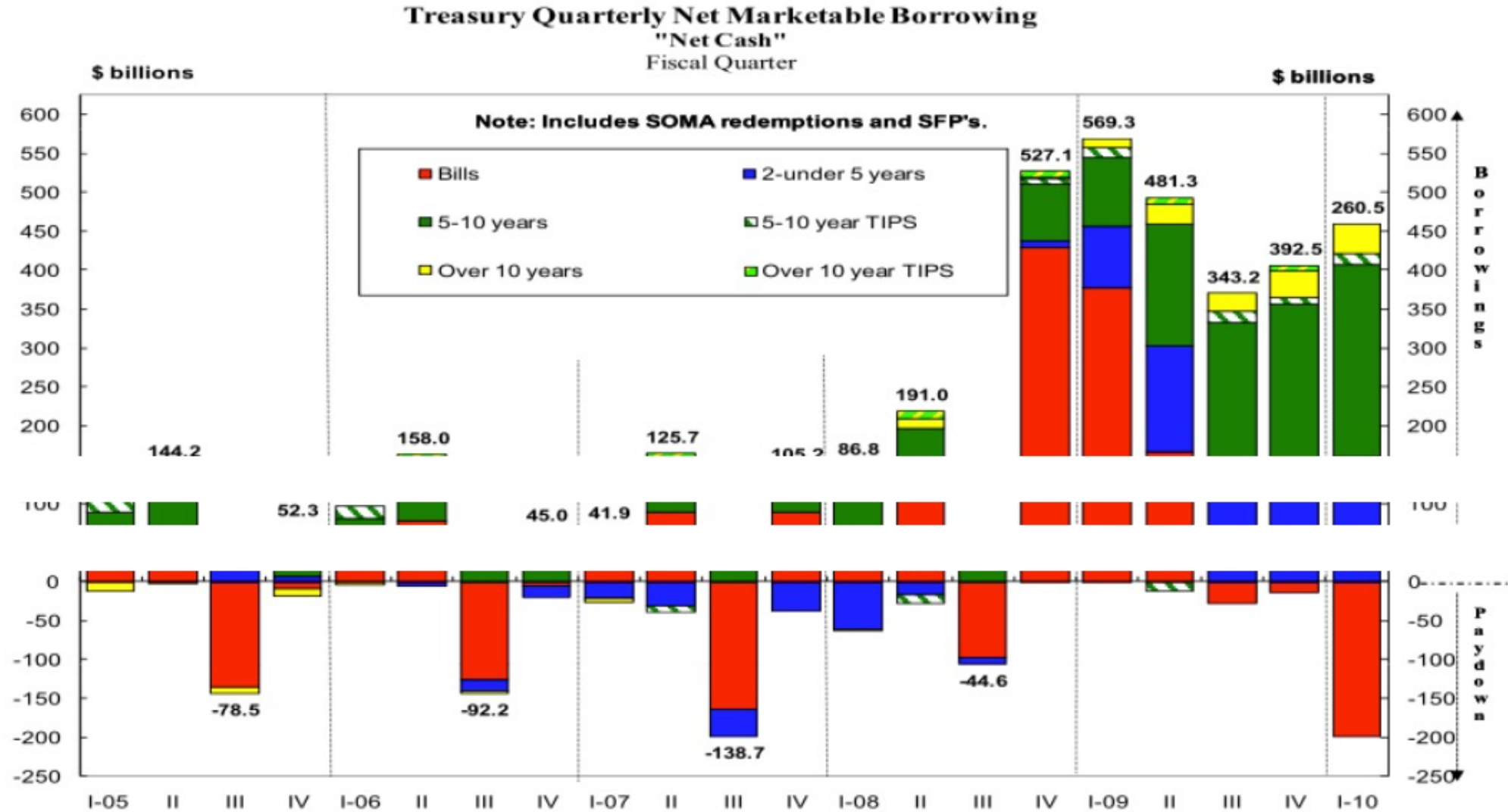
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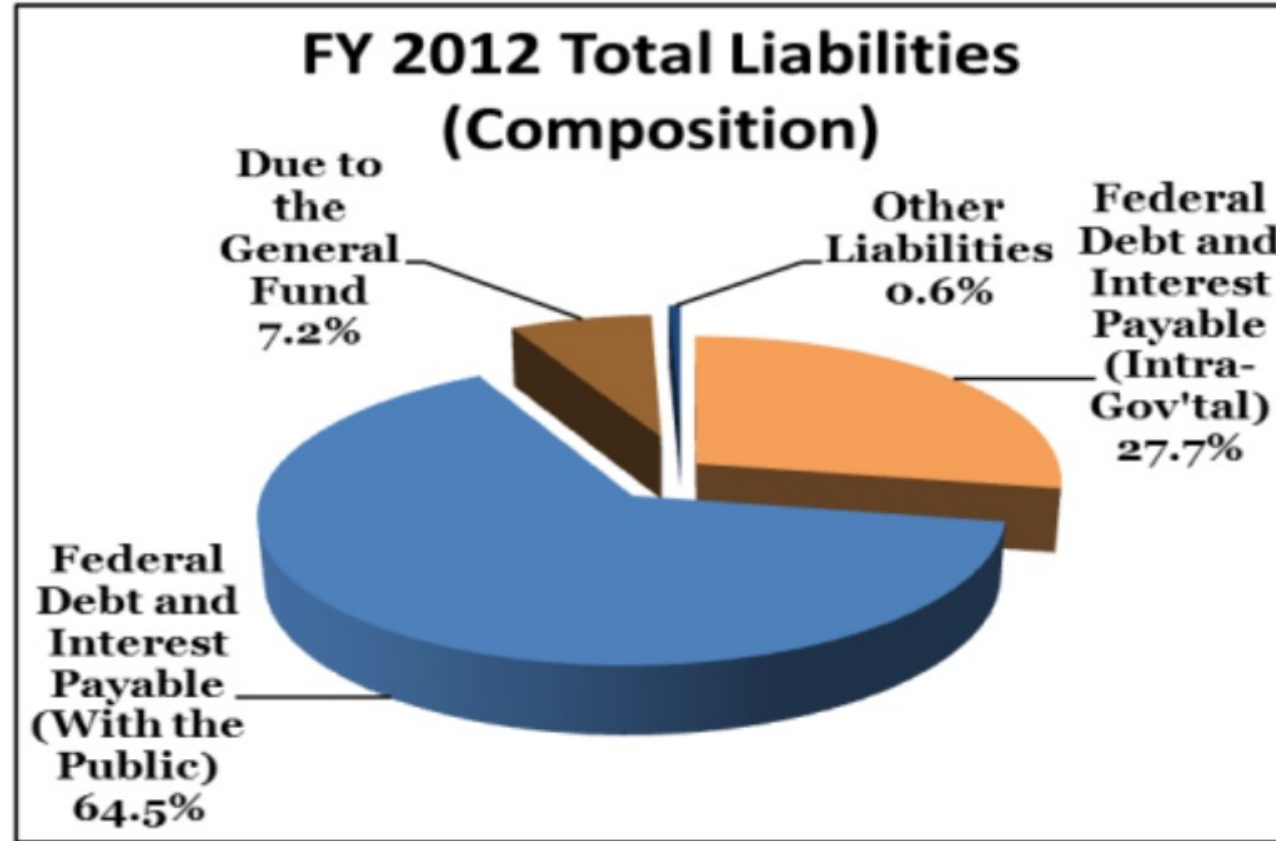
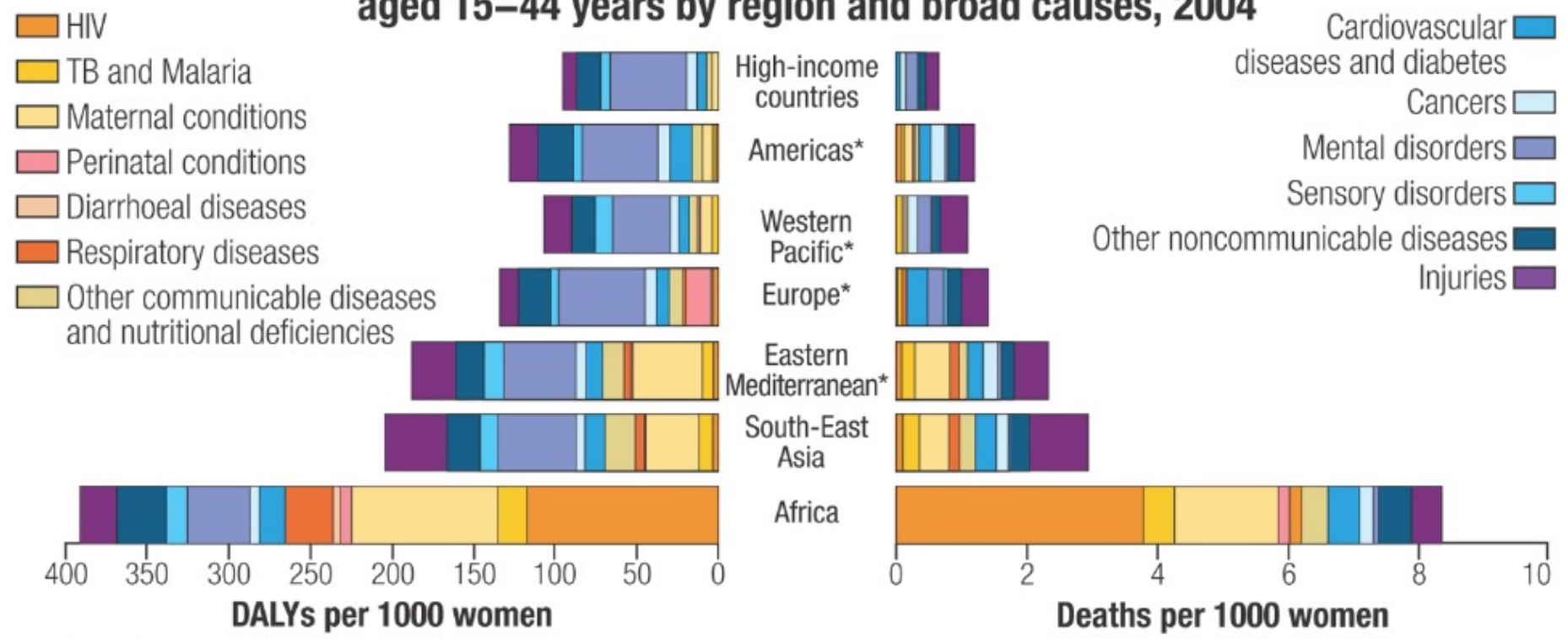


Figure 10

Ineffective Visualization

Figure 1 Mortality and disease burden (DALYs) in women aged 15–44 years by region and broad causes, 2004



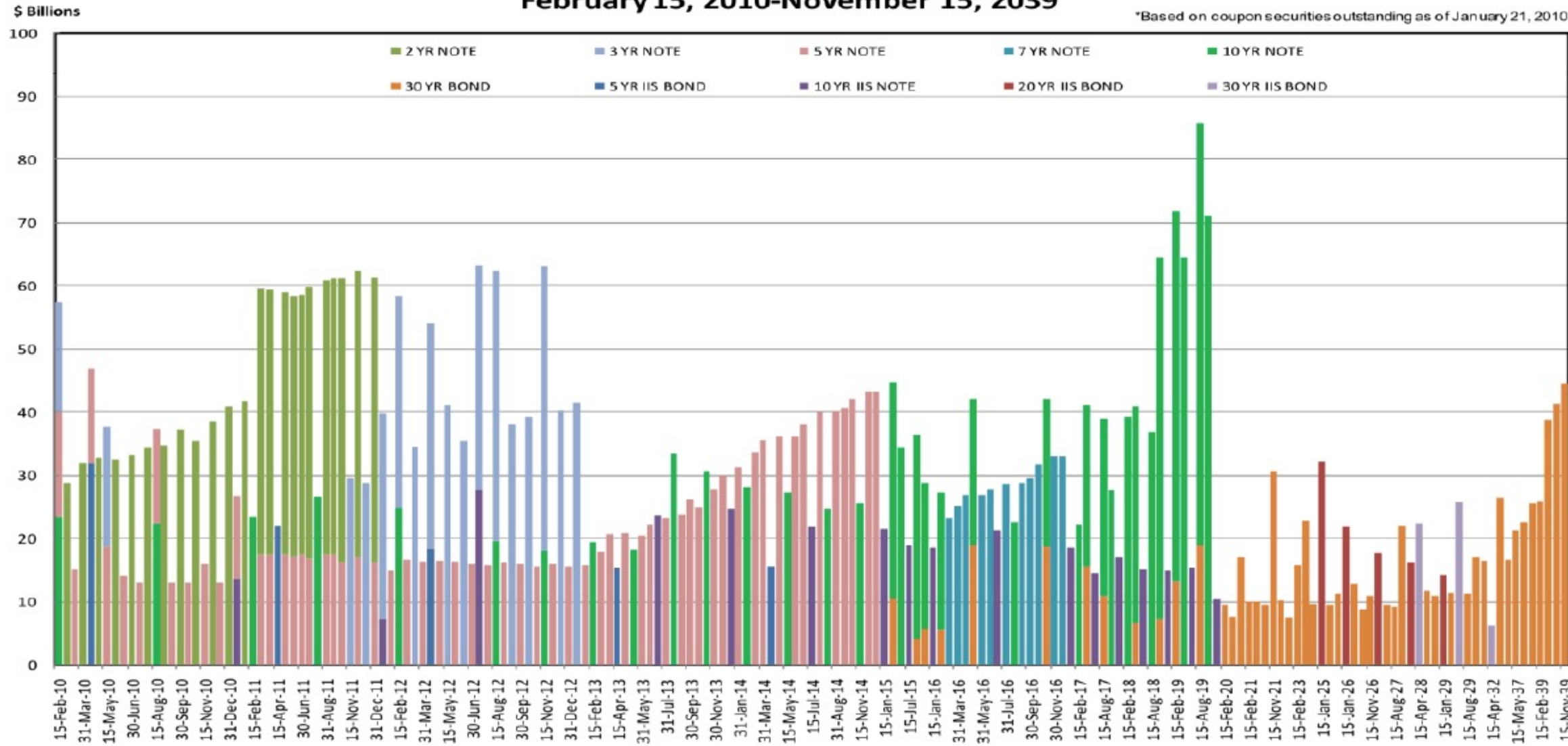
* High-income countries are excluded from the regional groups.
Source: World Health Organization.¹



Ineffective Visualization

Coupons Maturing* February 15, 2010-November 15, 2039

*Based on coupon securities outstanding as of January 21, 2010



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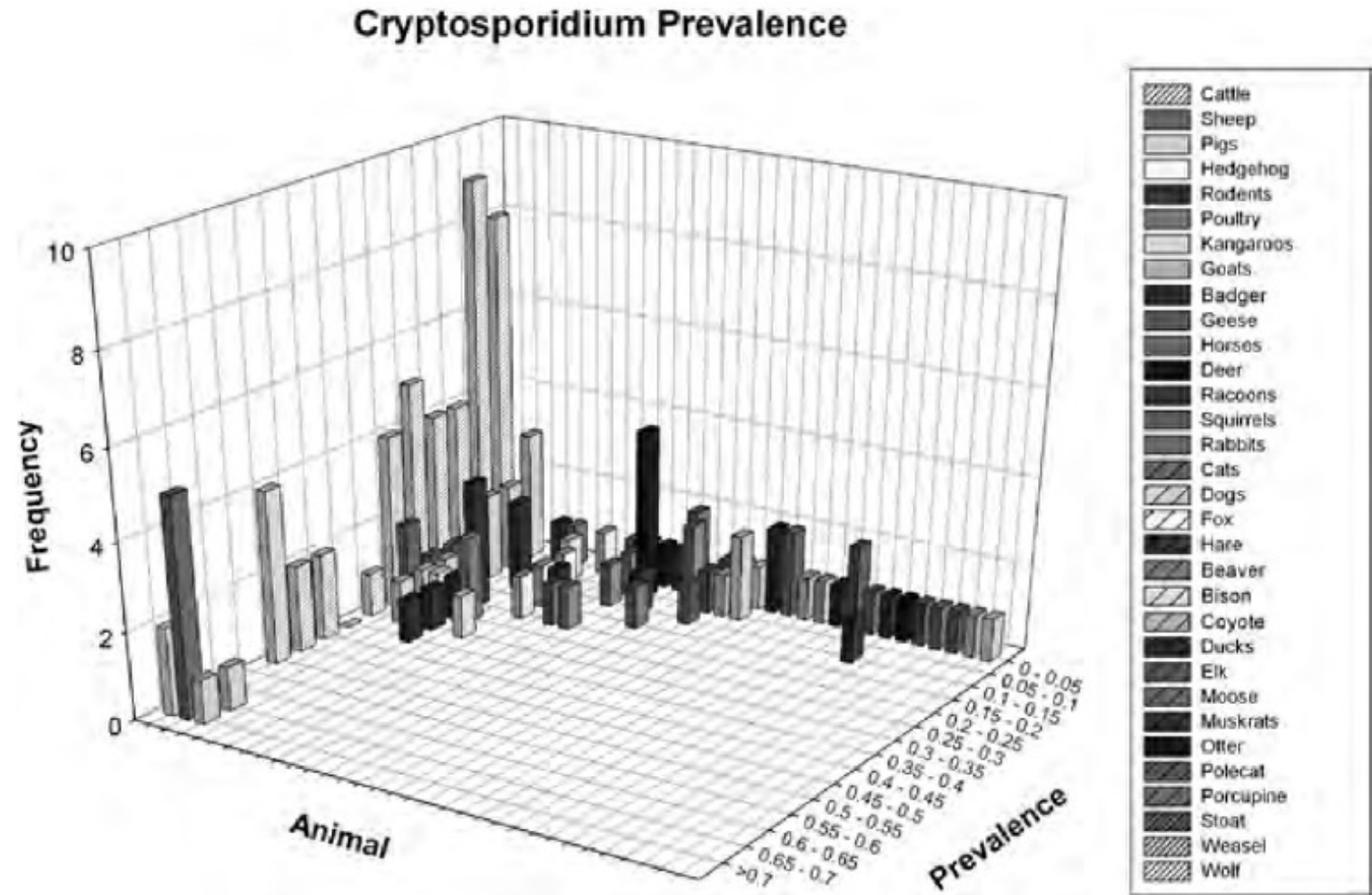


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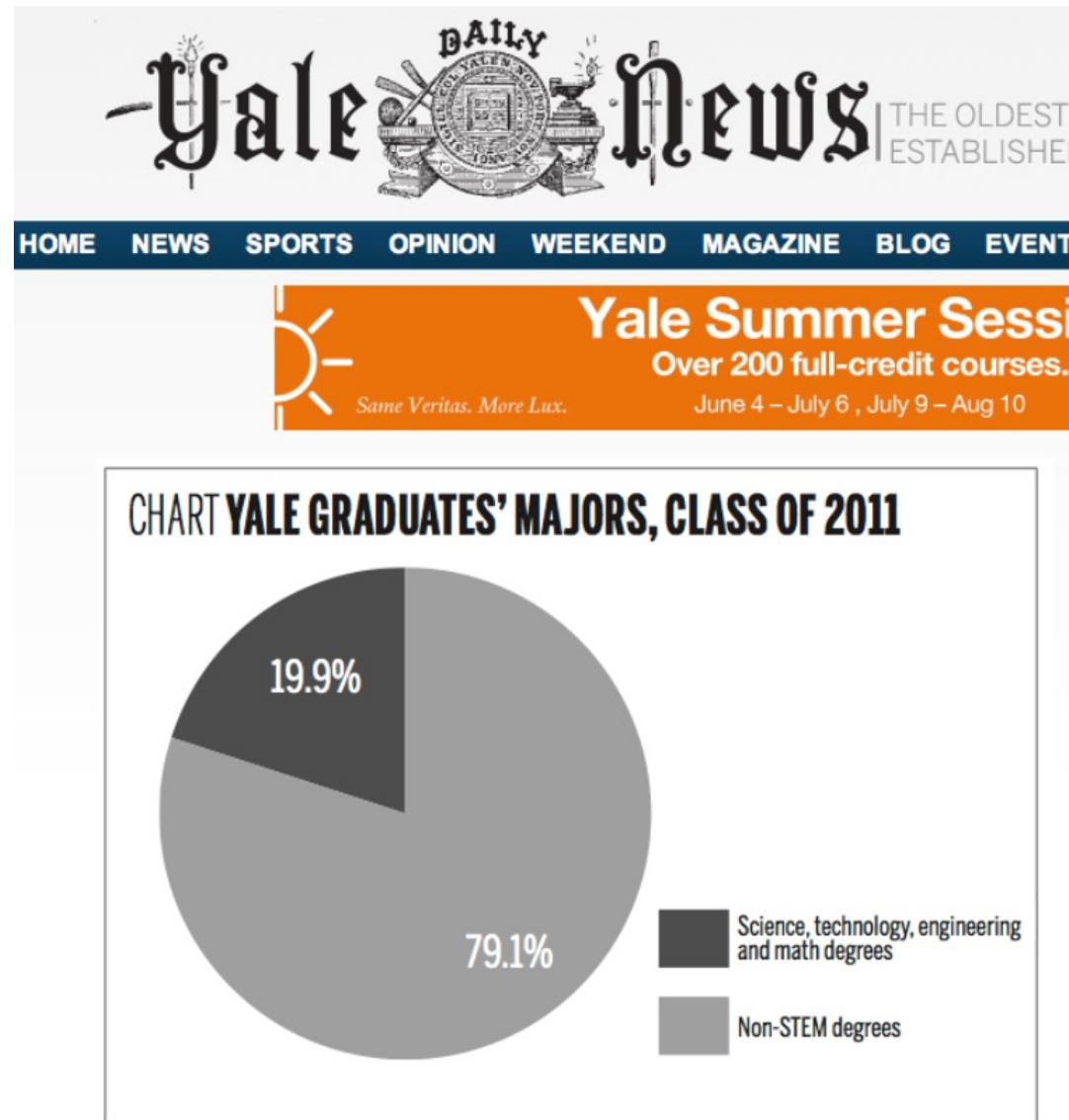
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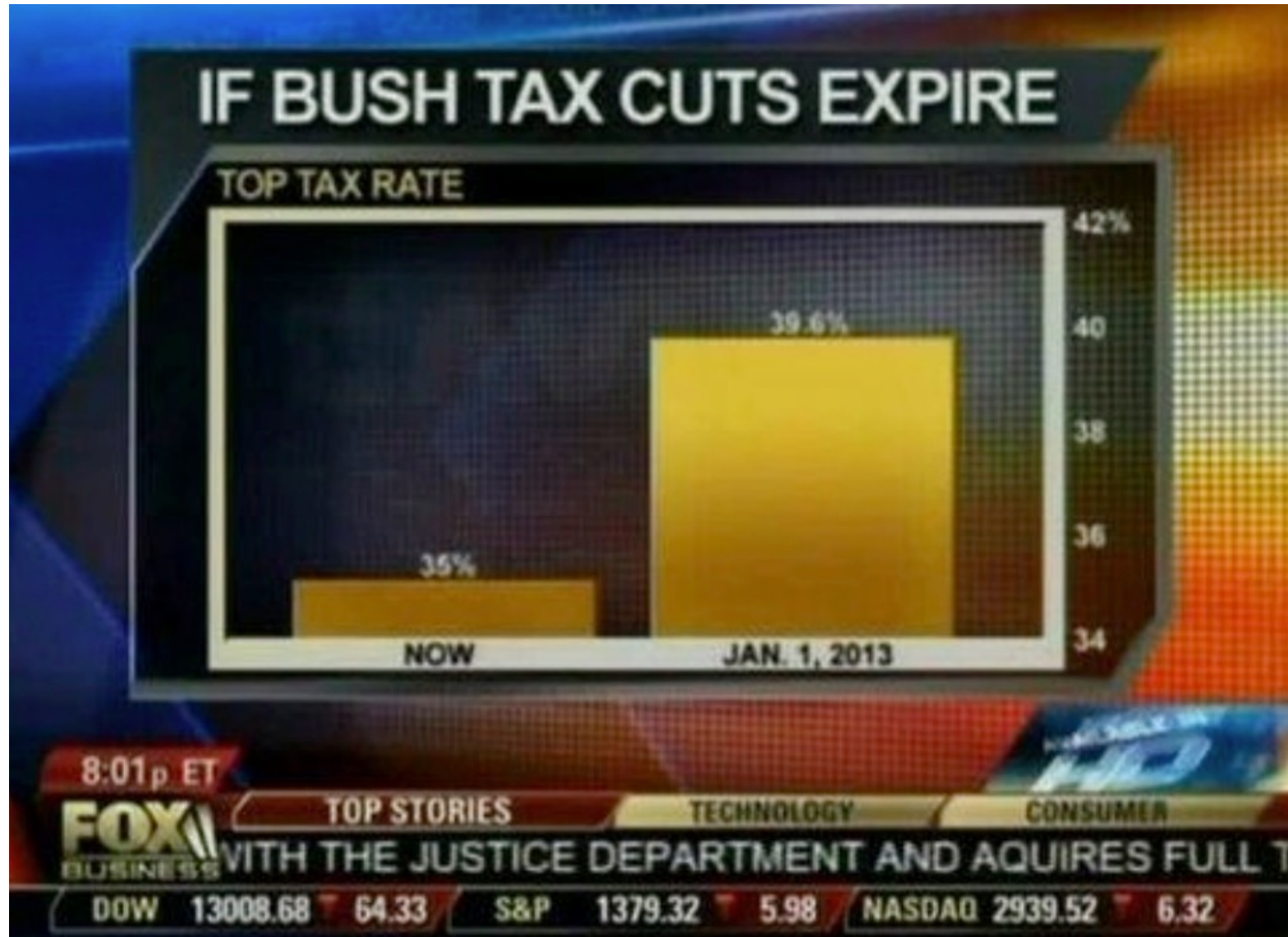
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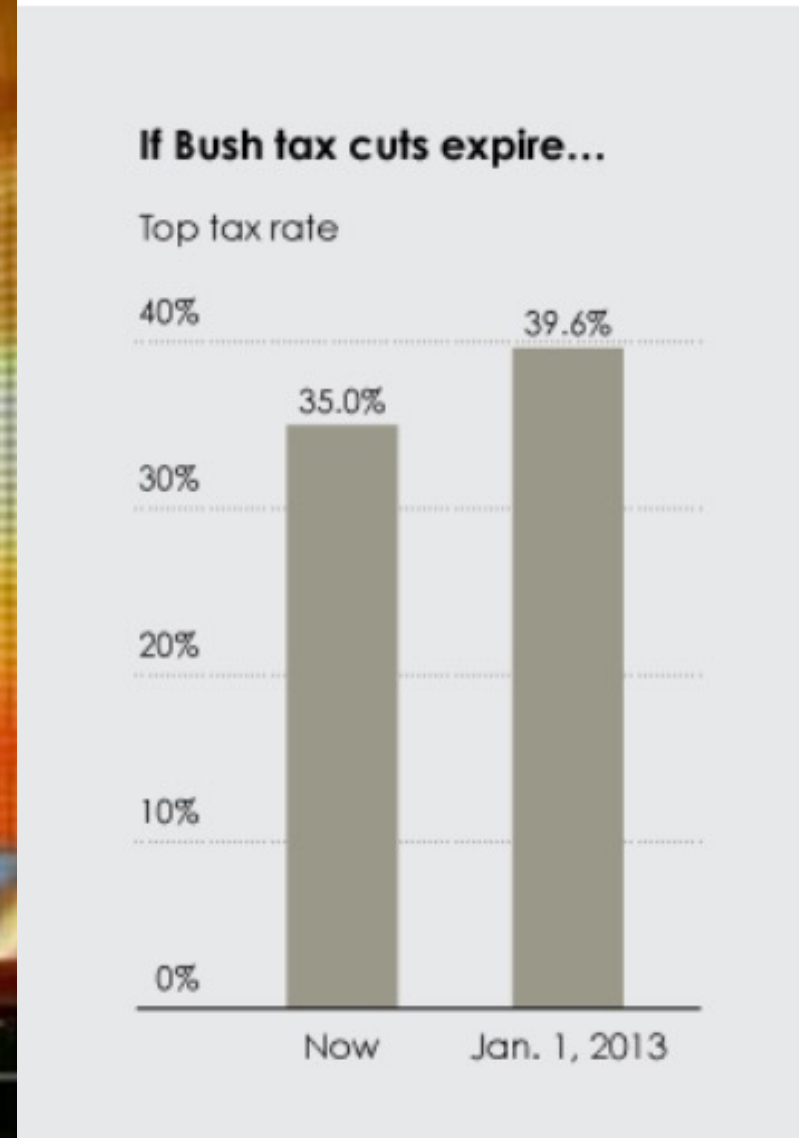
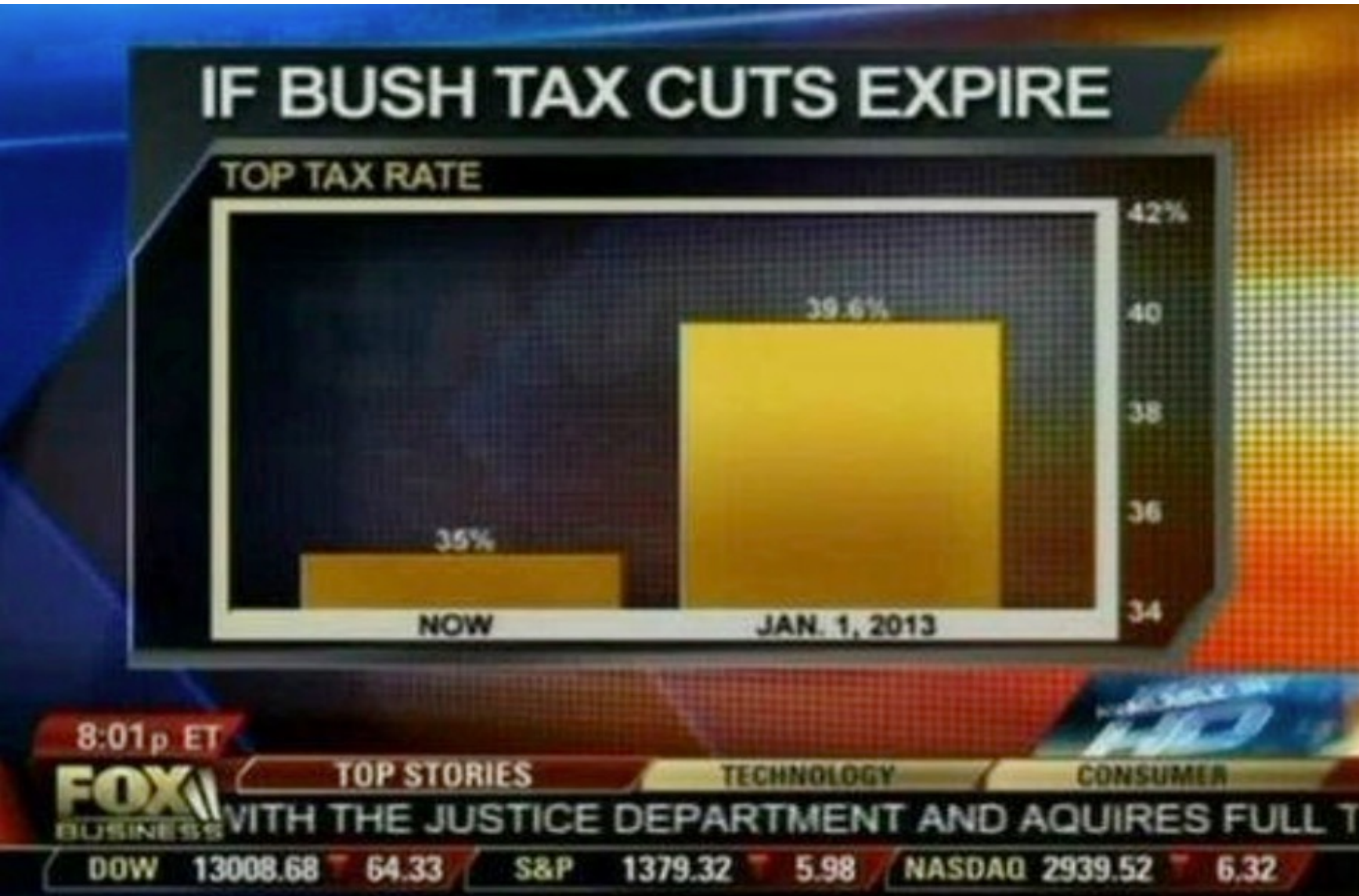
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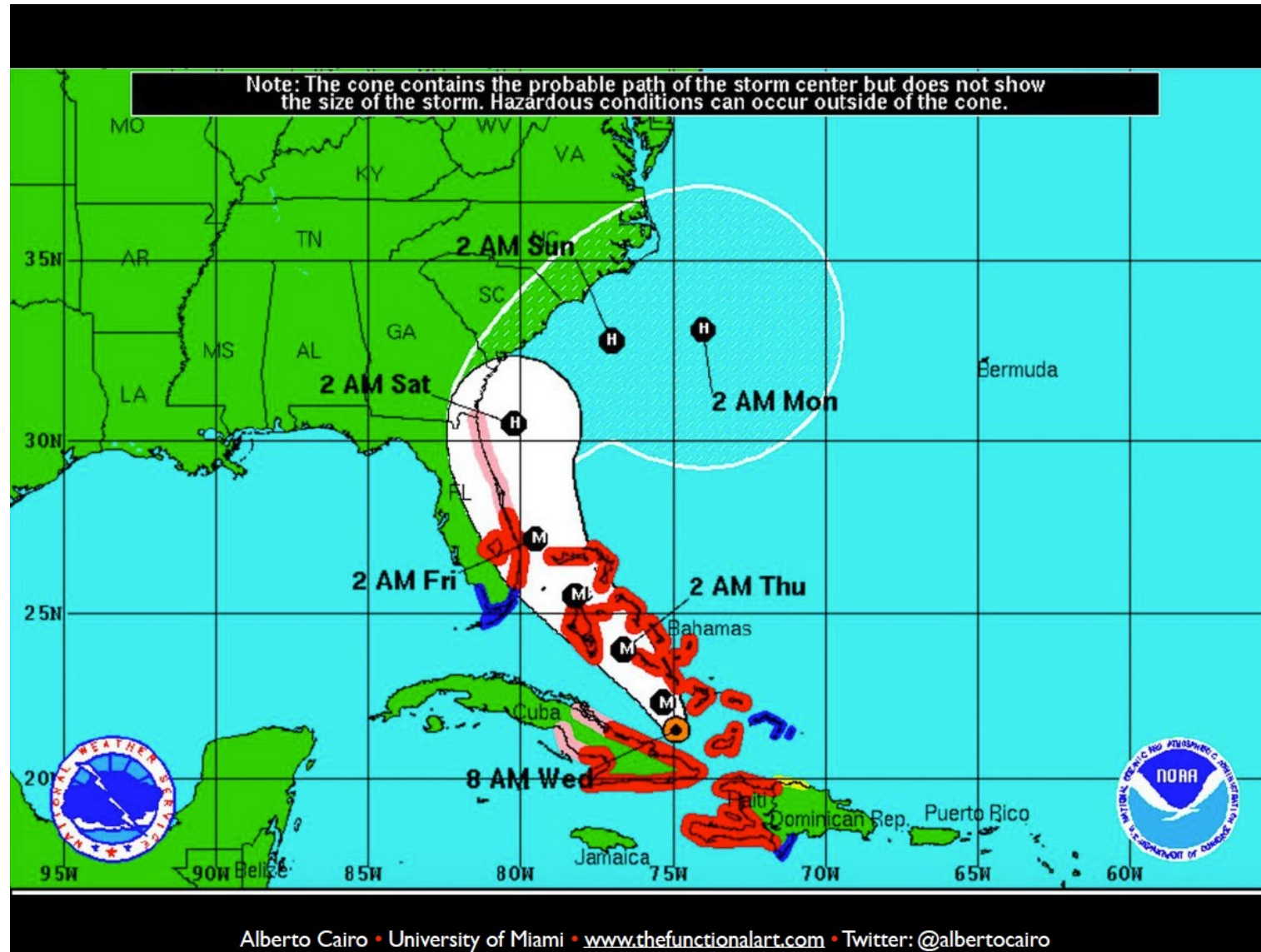
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Lesson: be proportional

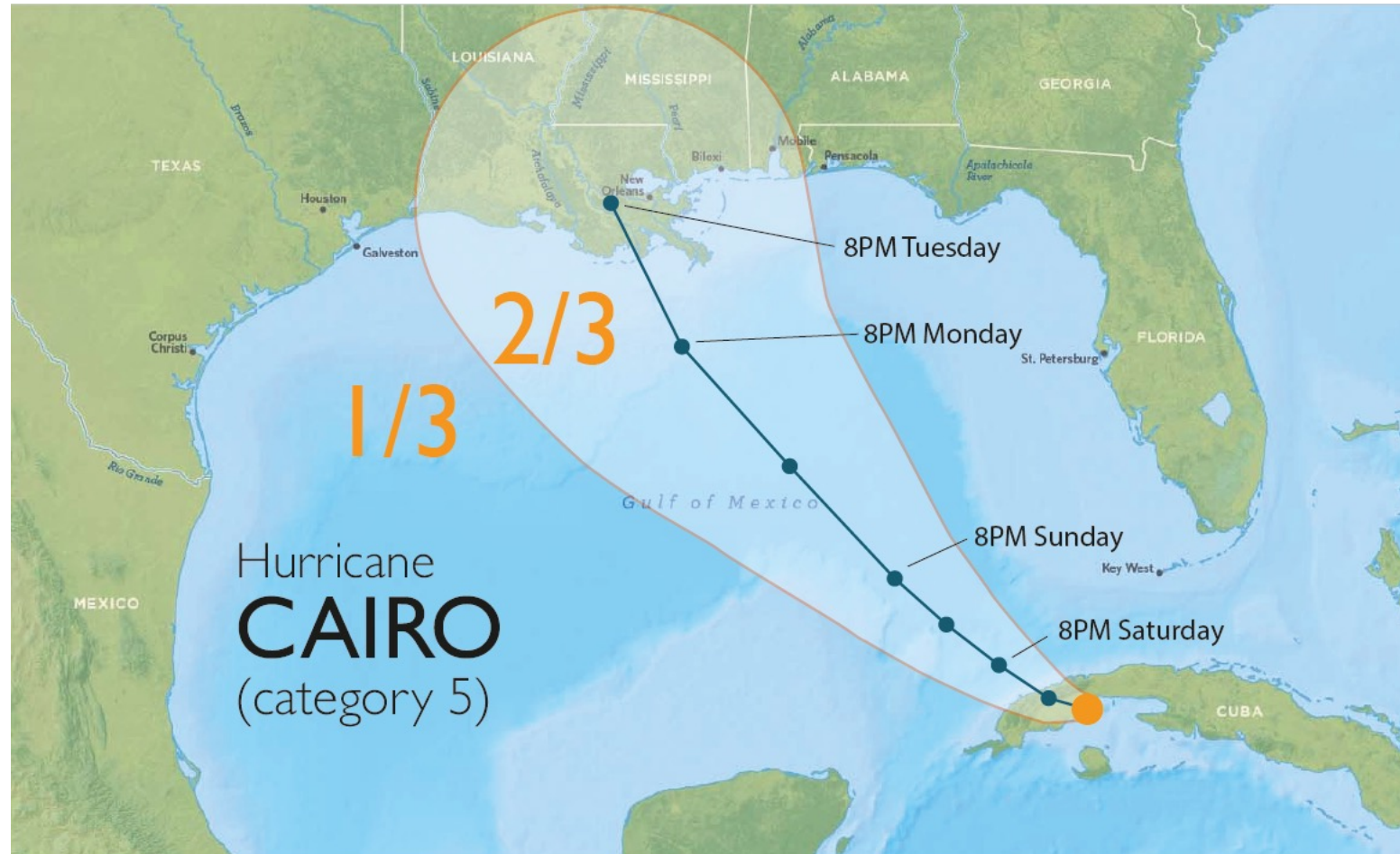
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What non-scientists are not aware of (cone is just 66% probability)

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Lesson II: include uncertainty when possible

Graphical Integrity: **What's wrong?**

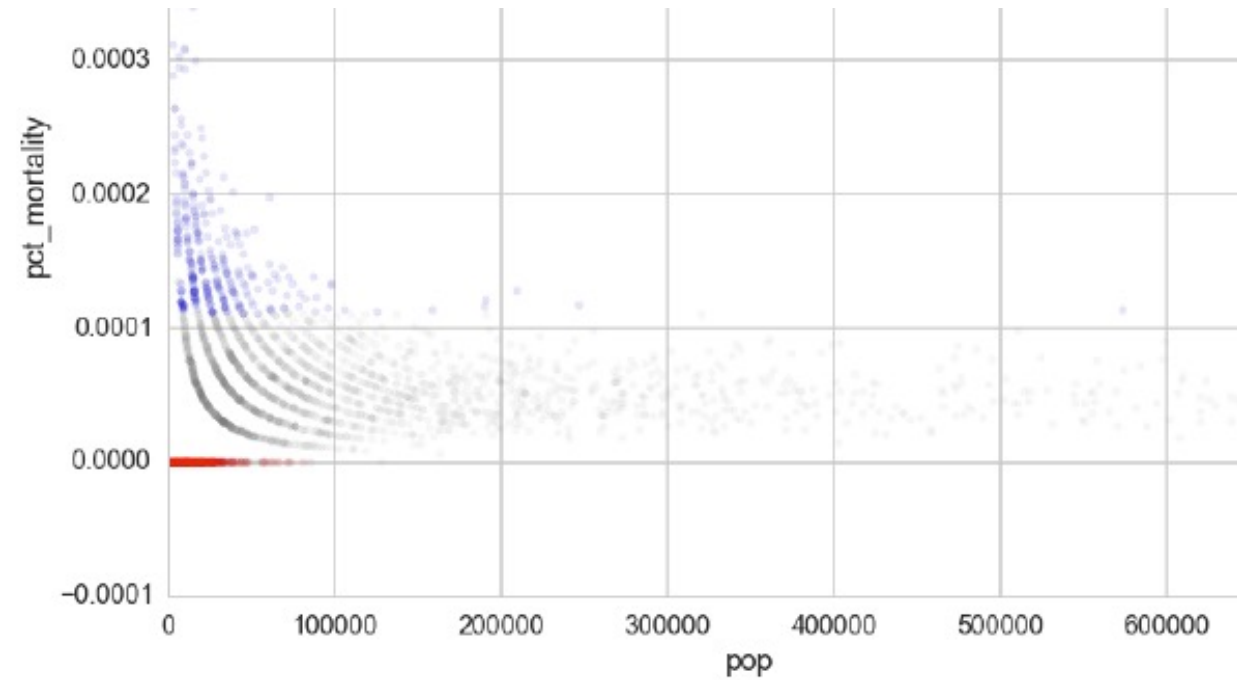
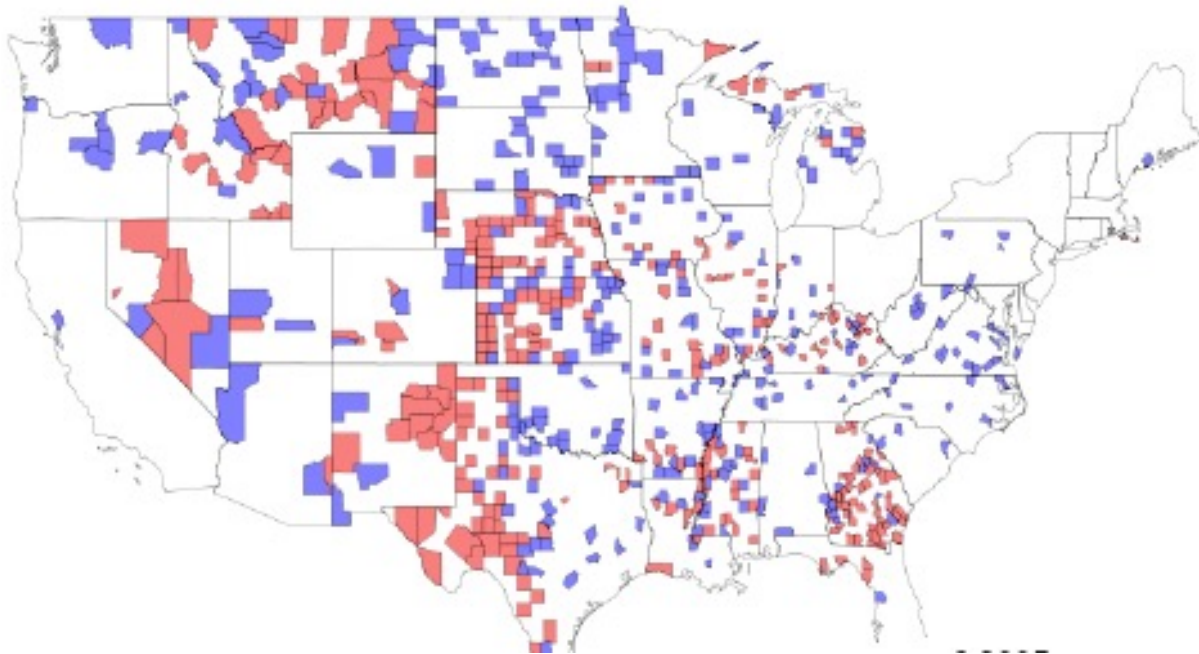


Counties with the **LOWEST**
kidney cancer death rates
(1980-1989)



Counties with the **HIGHEST**
kidney cancer death rates
(1980-1989)

Graphical Integrity: What's wrong?



Lesson III: plot all the data

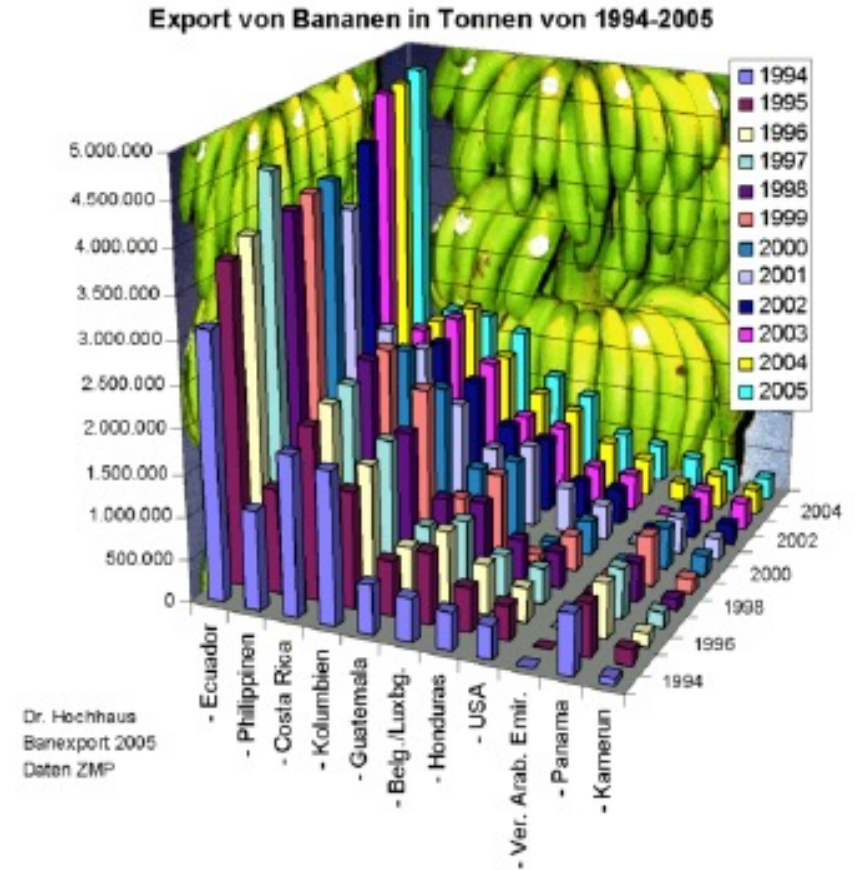
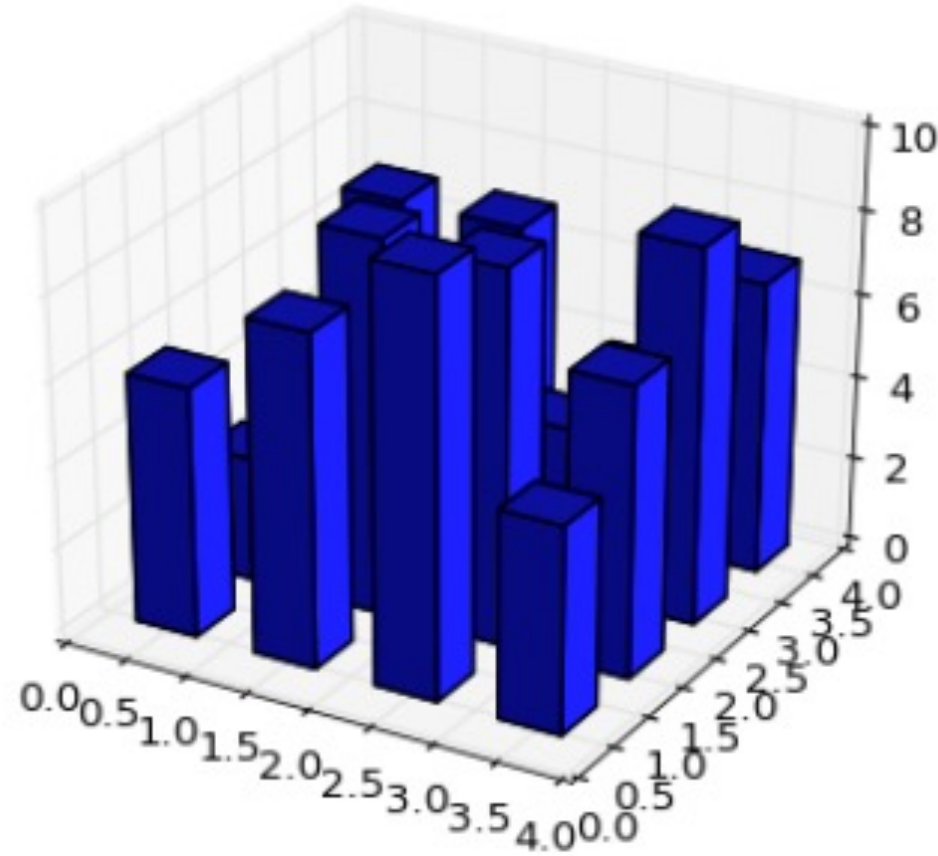
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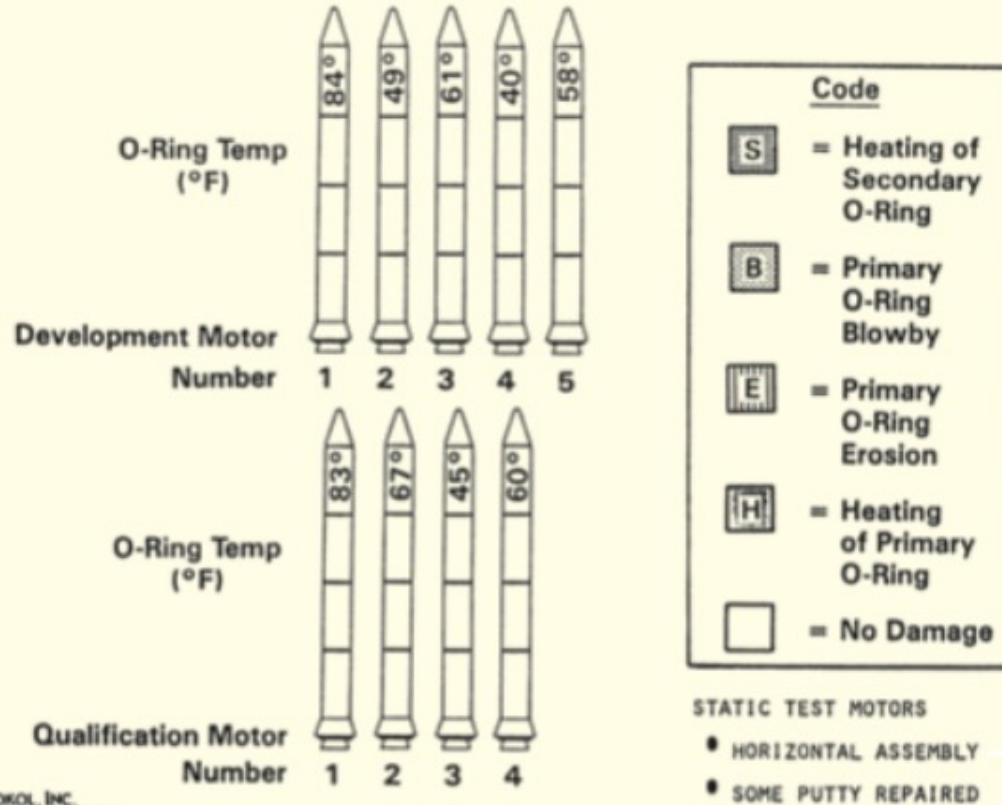
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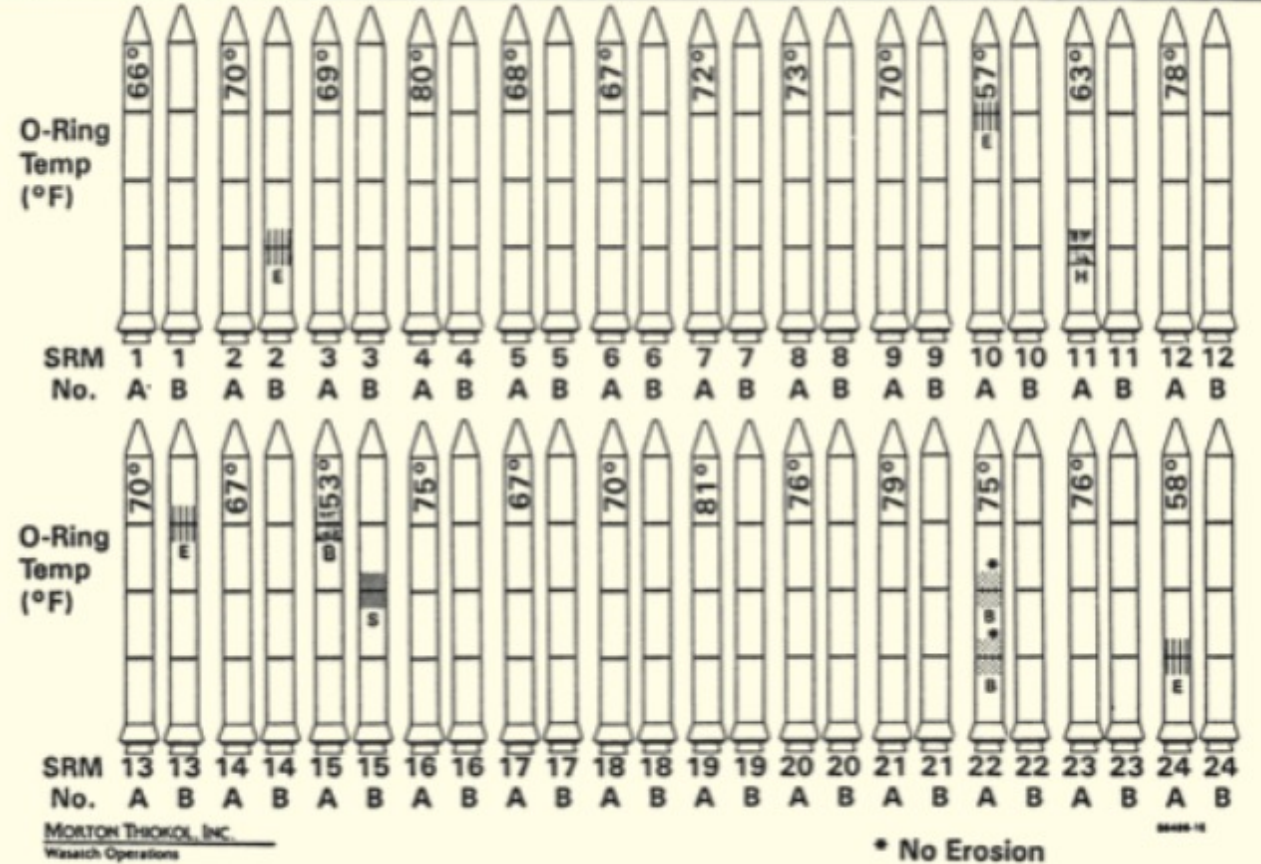
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Lesson IV: keep it simple... enough

*“You should have stayed with the soup question.
The object of a question is to obtain information
that matters only to us”*

-- Sean Connery in Finding Forrester (movie)

Scope

- Making plots is effectively providing an answer to an implicit question
- You get to pick the way to express the answer
- Ensure the answer doesn't leave the viewer with uncertainty as to **what it's answering** or the **completeness of the answer**
- A good plot should invoke and inspire new questions

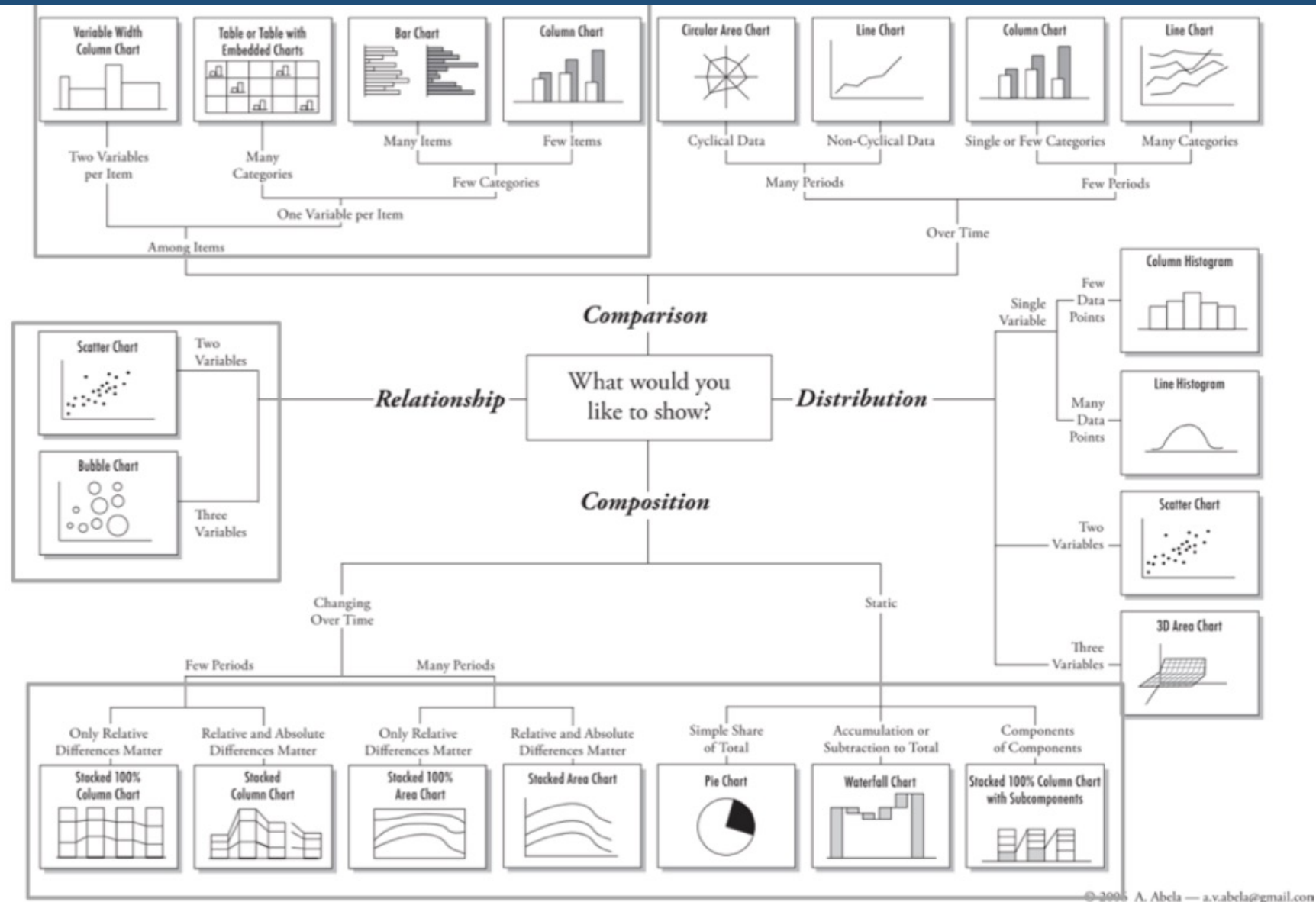
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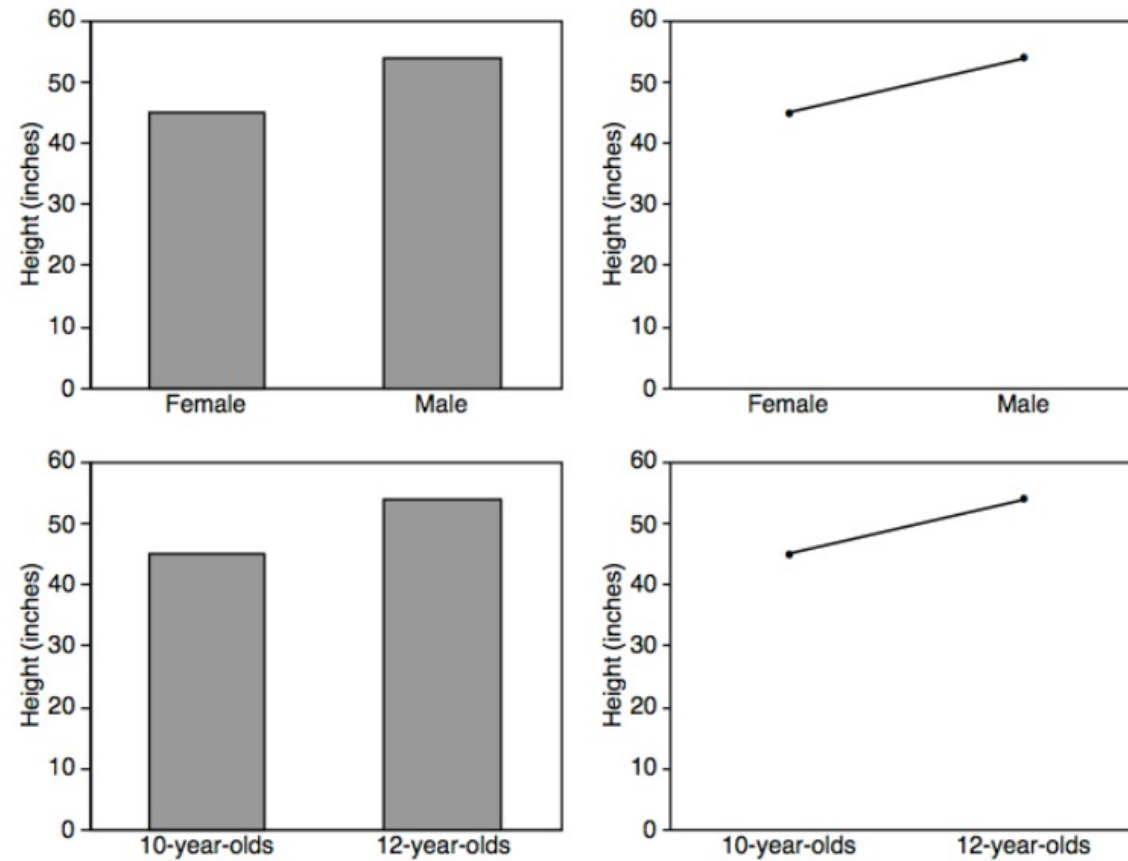
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Displays



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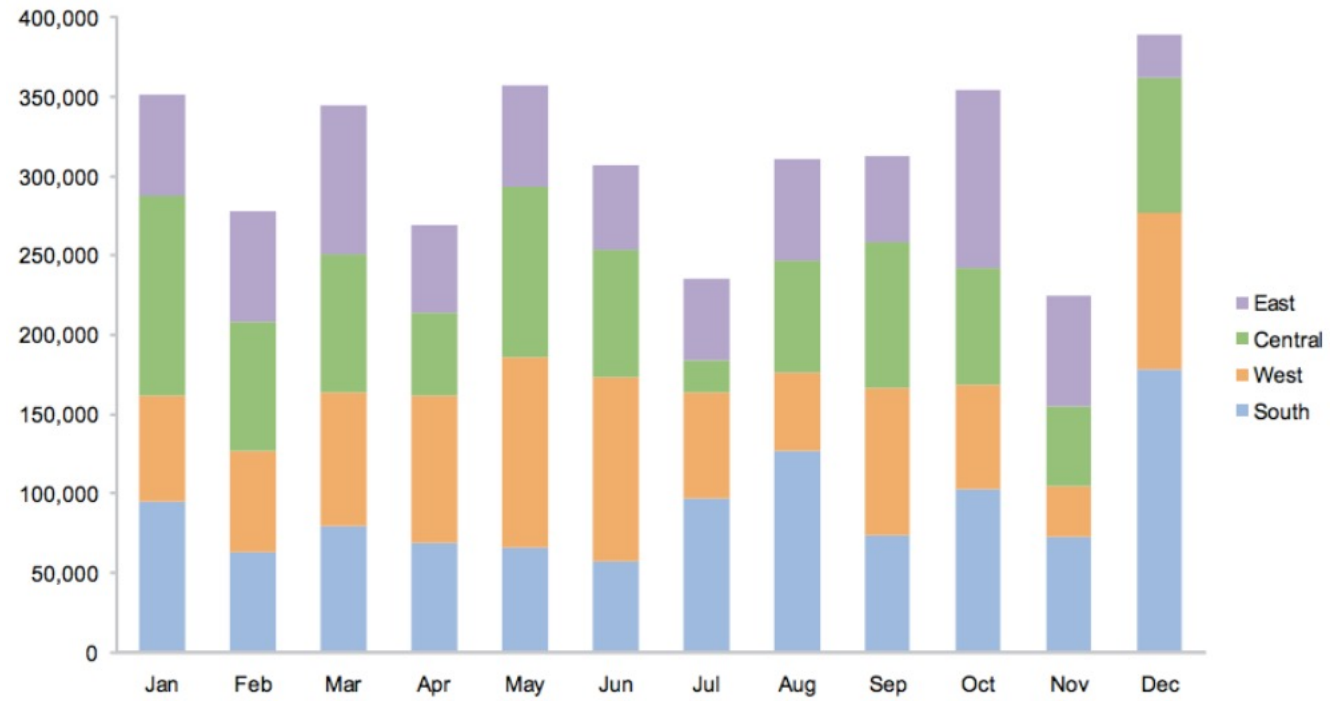
Bars vs. Lines



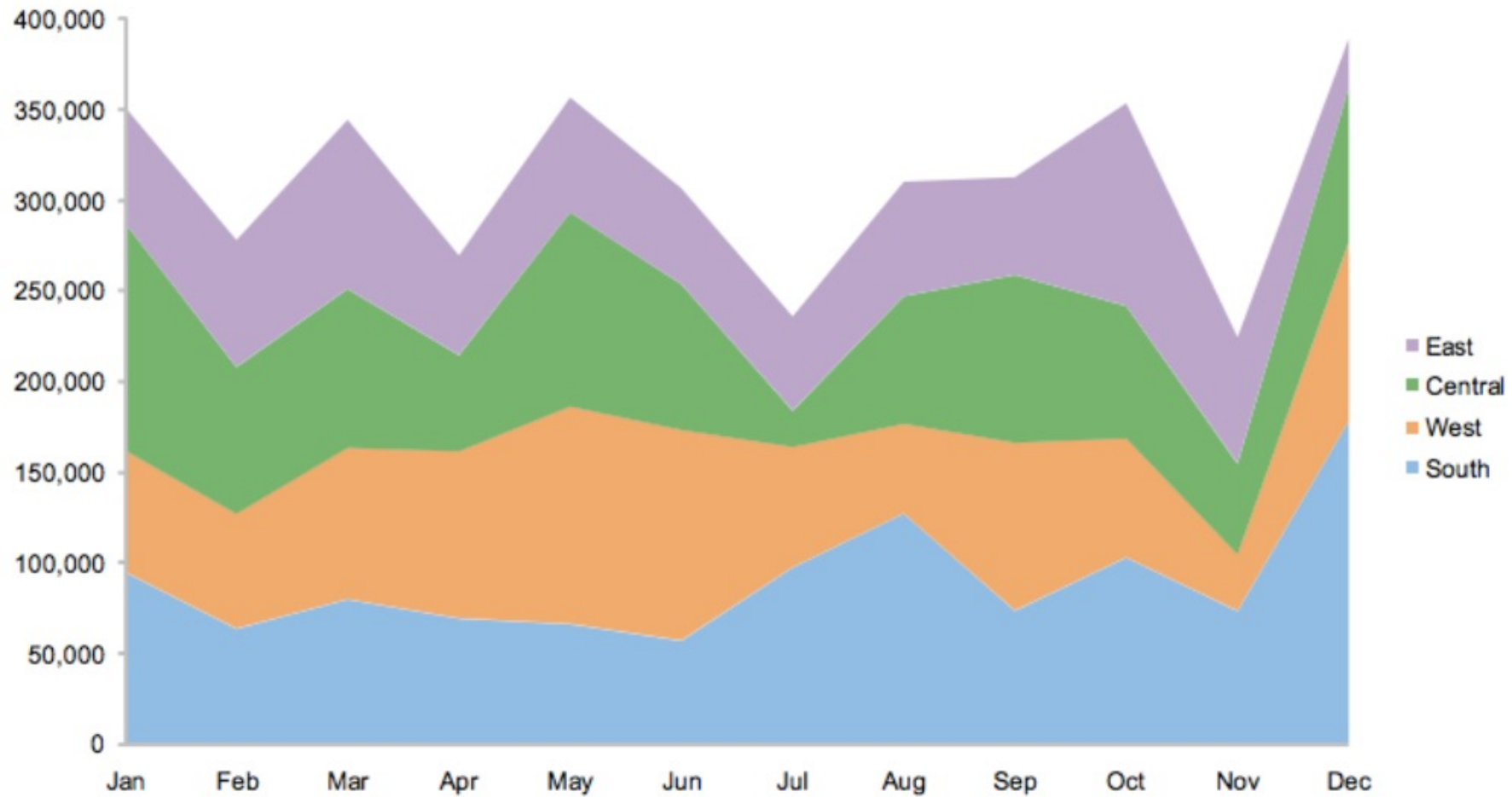
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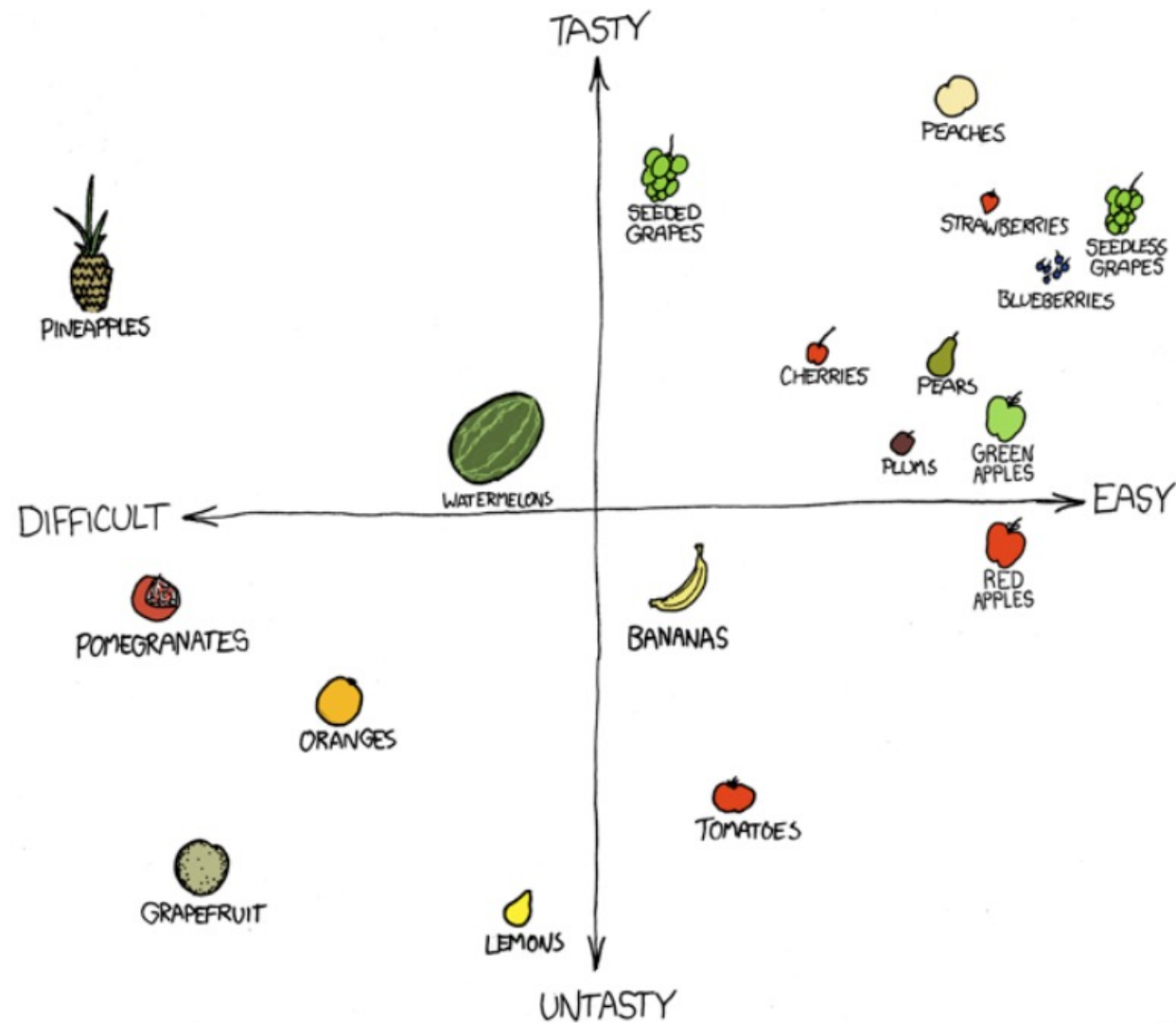
Displays: proportions



Displays: proportions



Displays: scatter plot



<http://xkcd.com/388/>

Displays: proportions



London Cholera Epidemic

-- Edward Tufte,
Visual and Statistical Thinking

Displays: trends

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COMPARE

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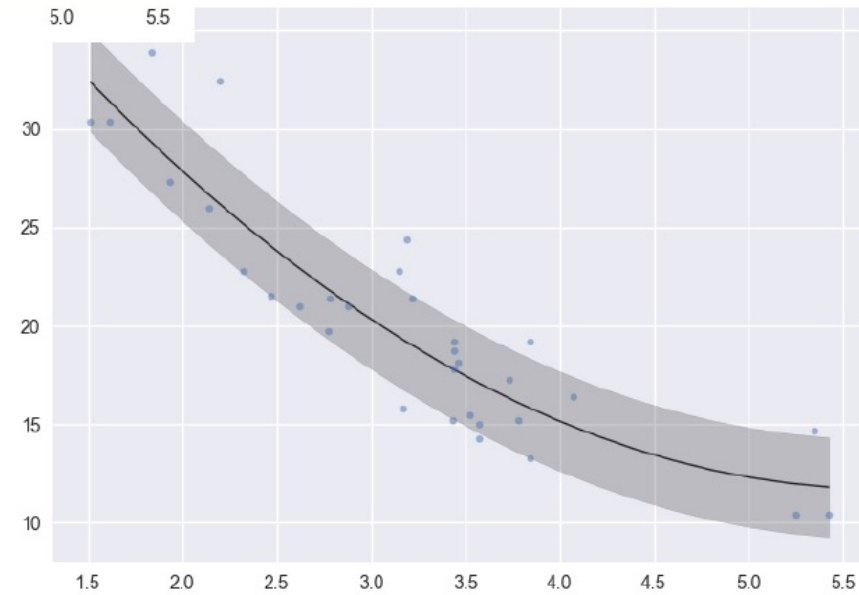
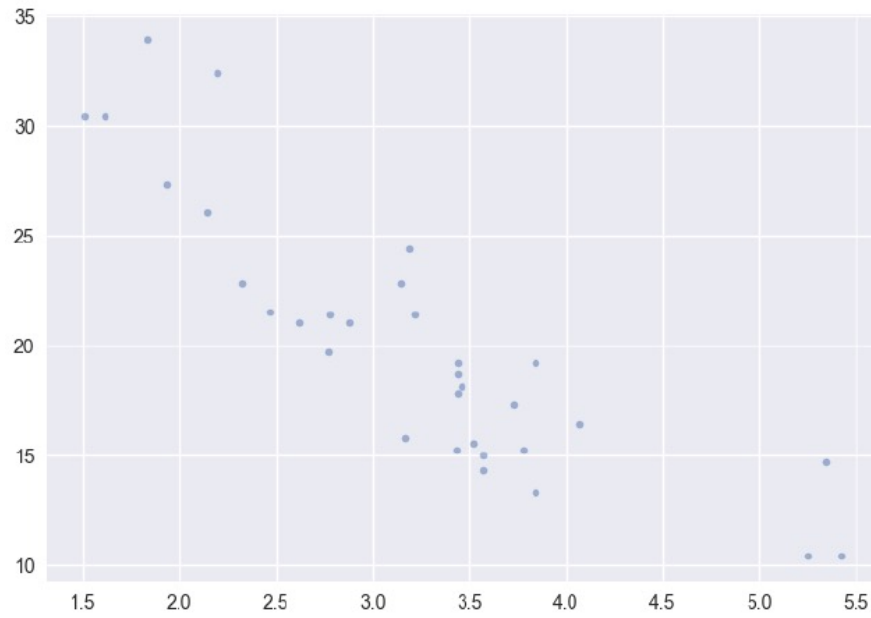
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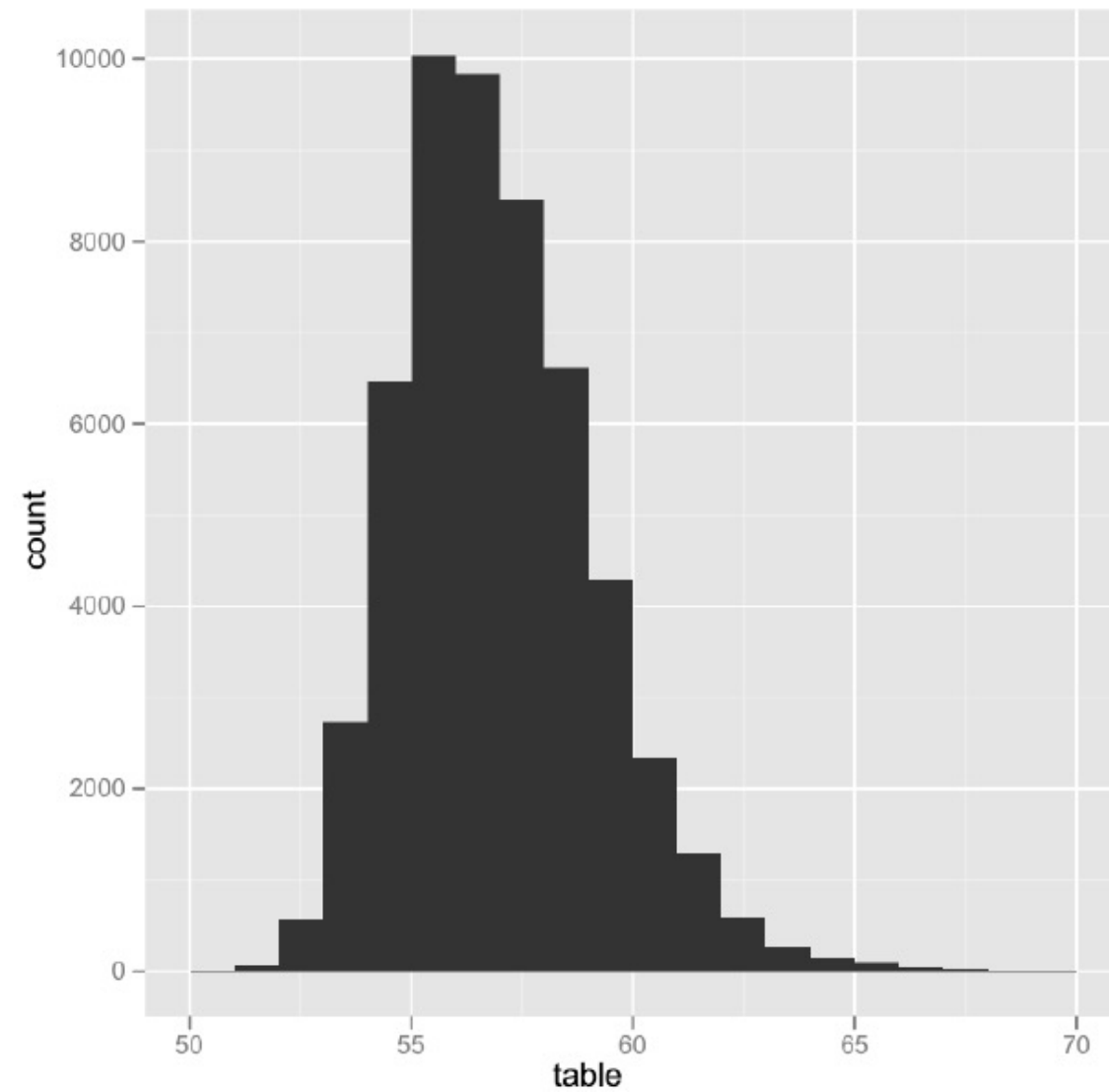


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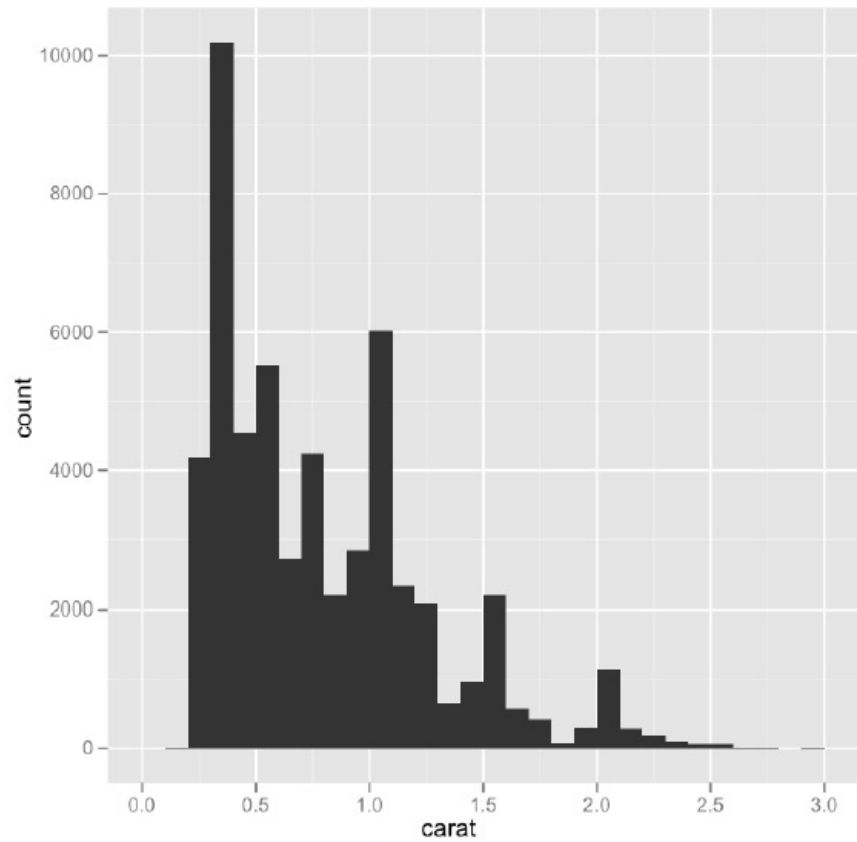


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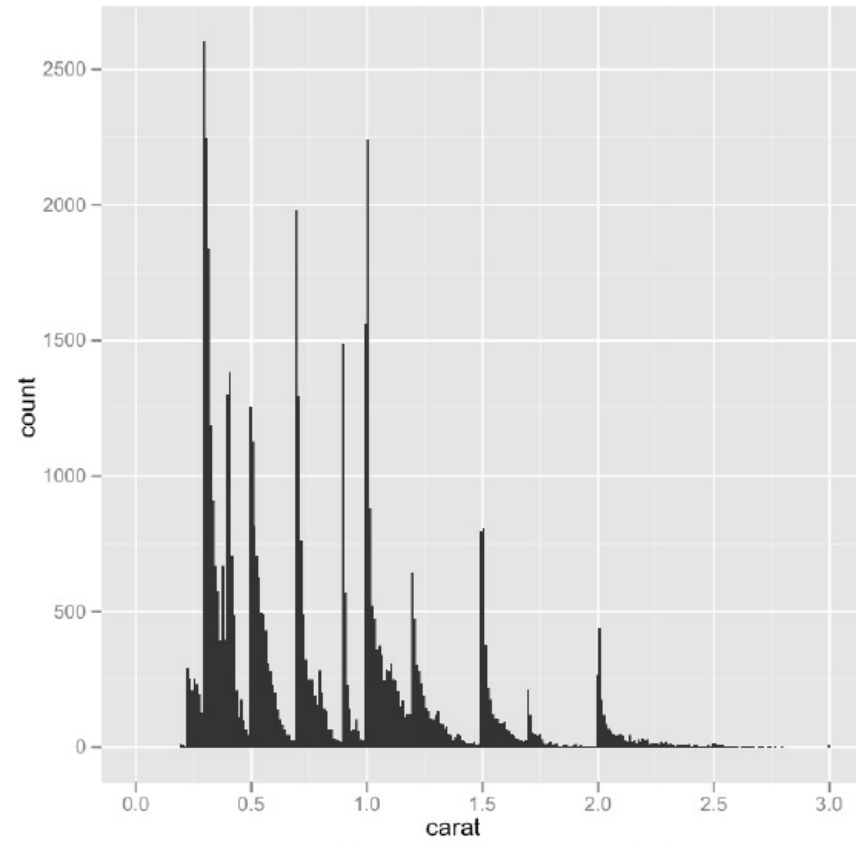
Displays: distributions



Bin Width

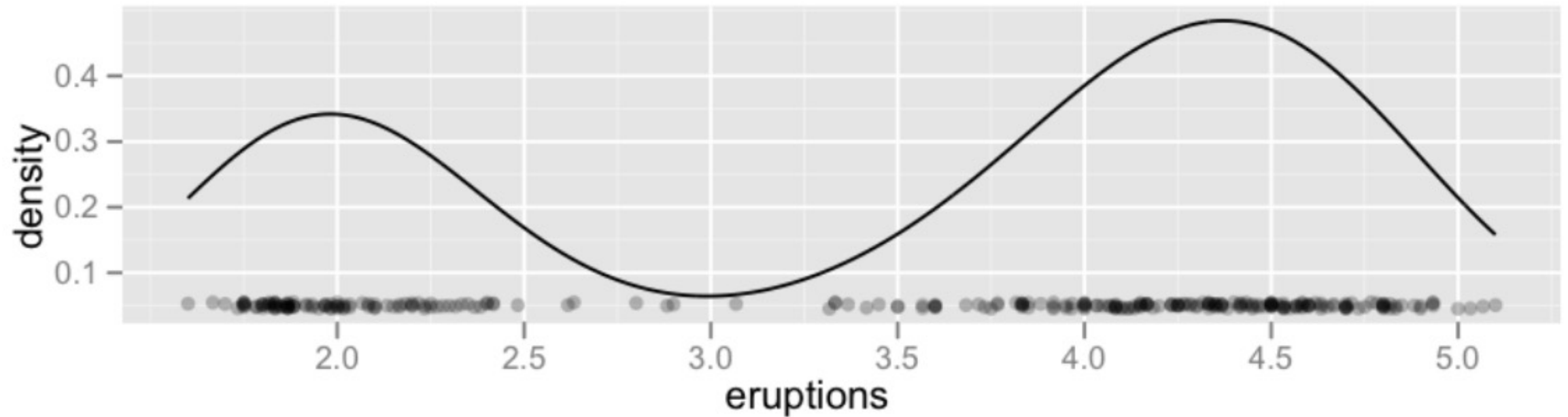


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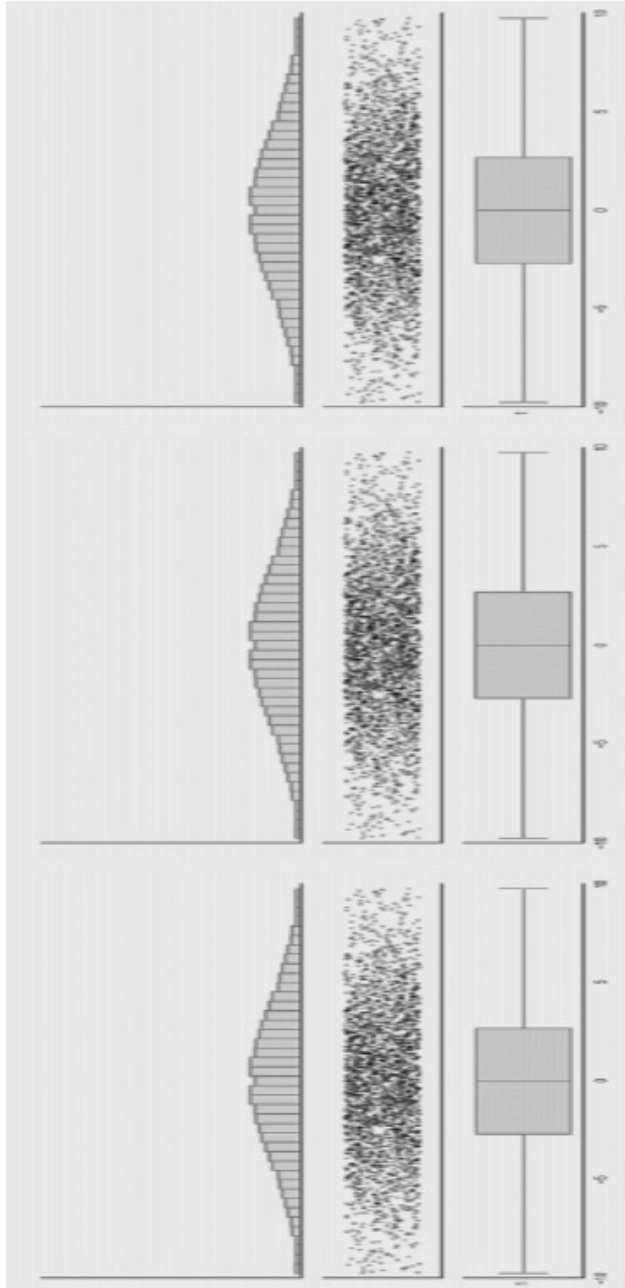


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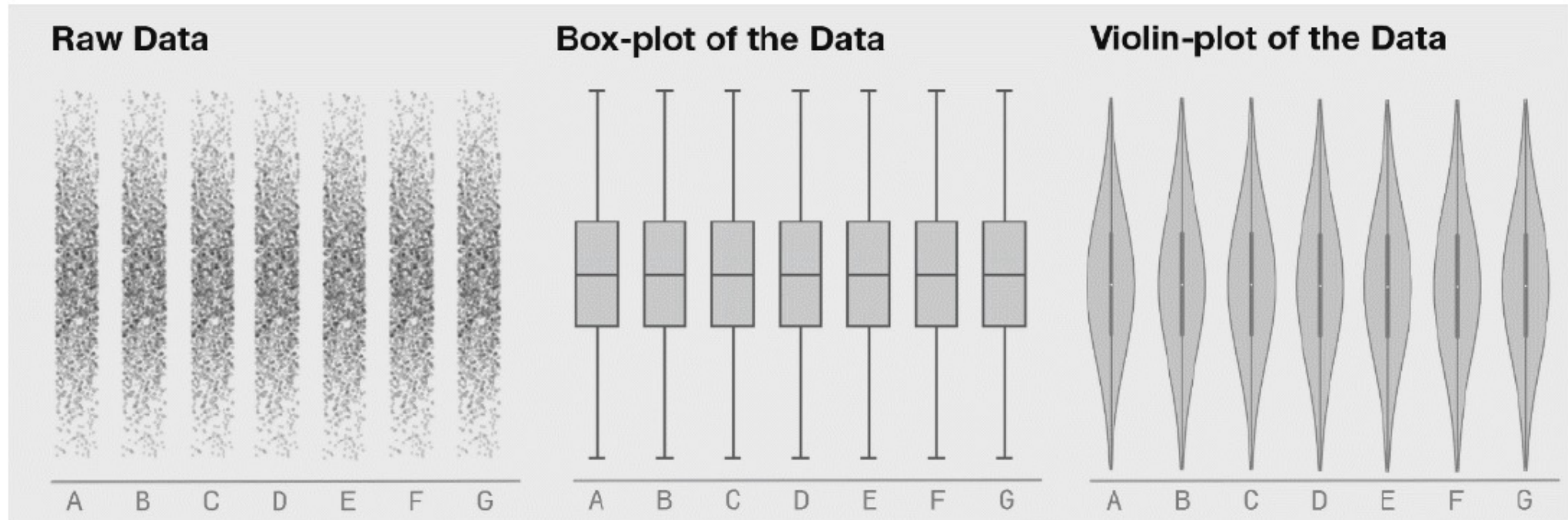


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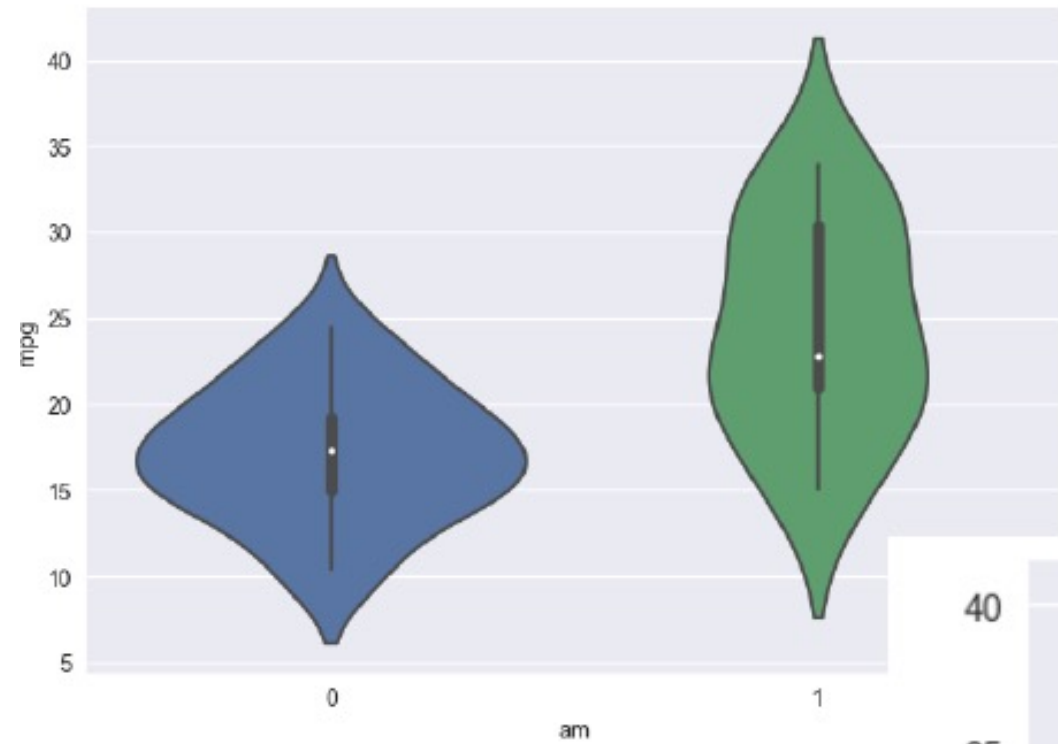


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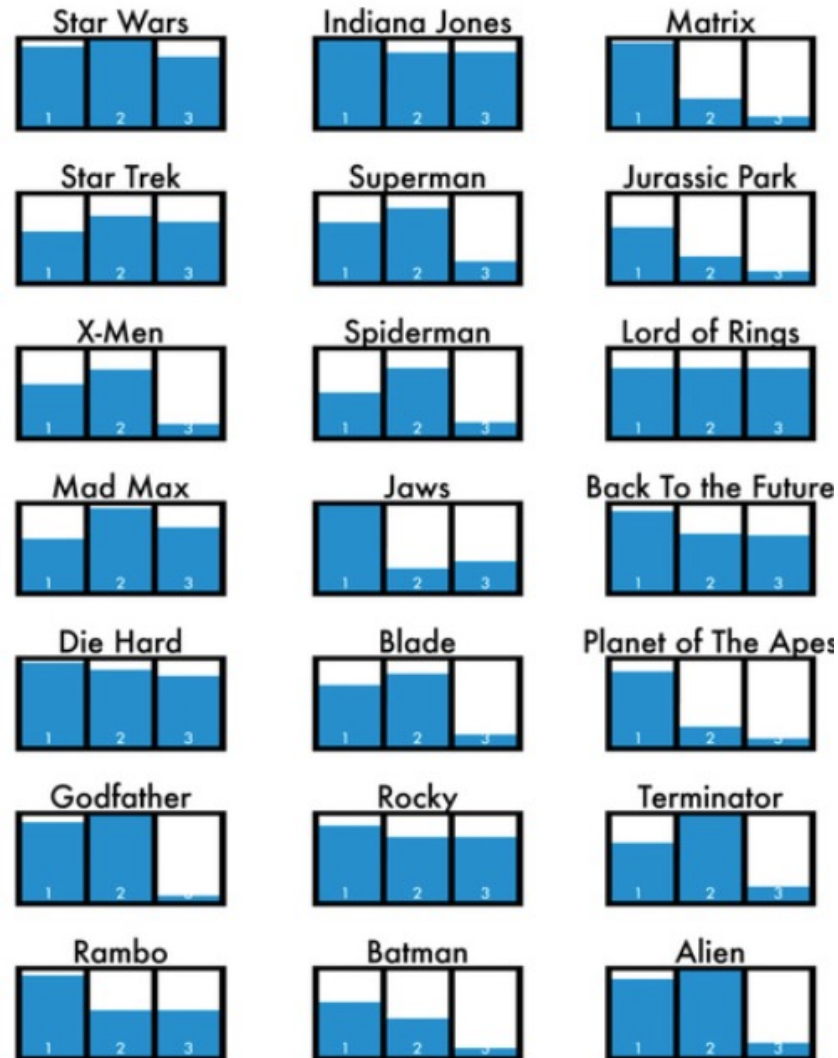
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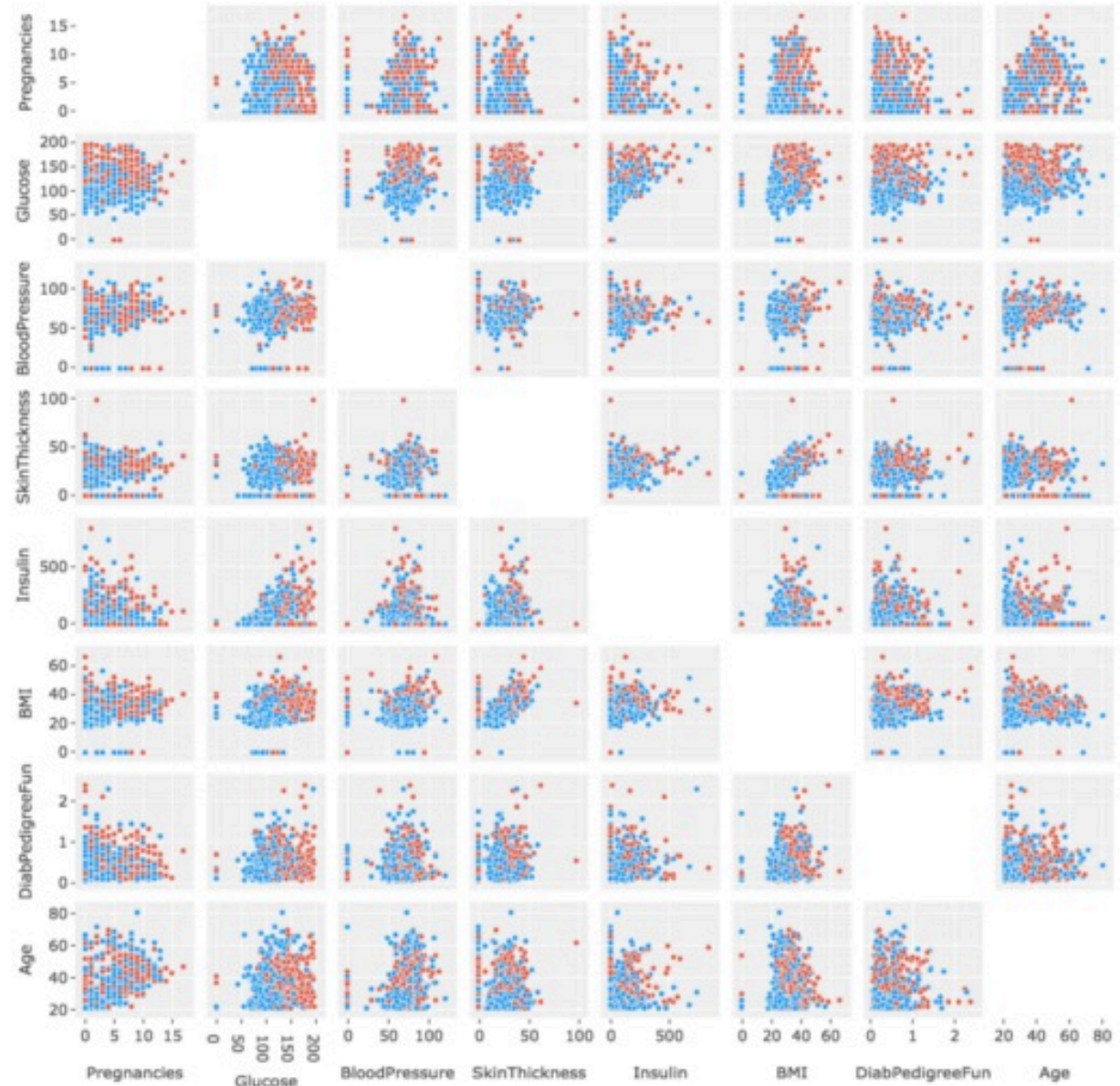


THE TRILOGY METER



Displays: scatter plot matrix

Scatterplot Matrix (SPLOM) for Diabetes Dataset
Data source: [1]



Break-out Discussion!

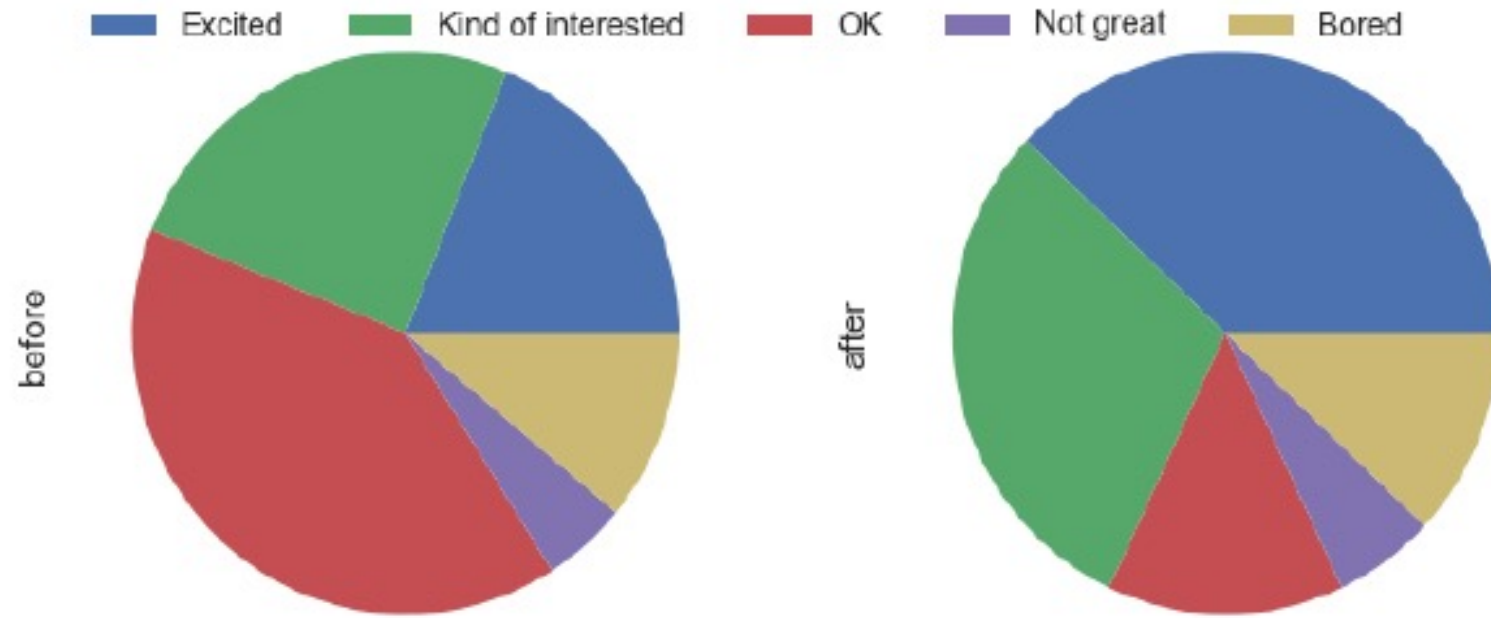
How do you feel about doing science?

Table

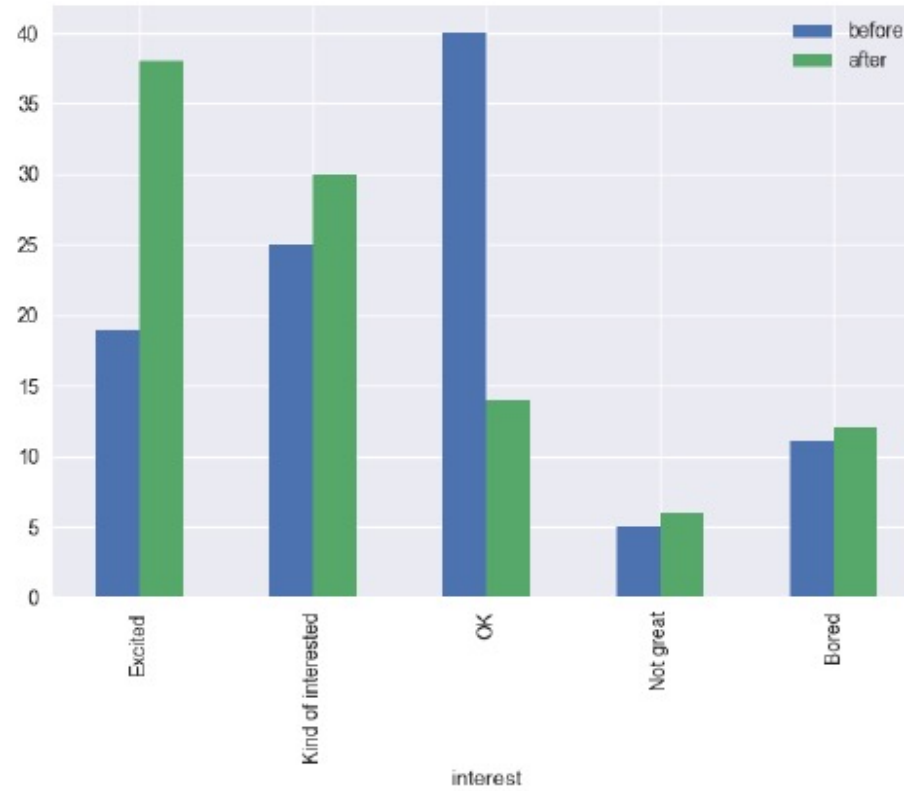
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Kind of interested	25	30
OK	40	14
Not great	5	6
Bored	11	12

Data courtesy of Cole Nussbaumer

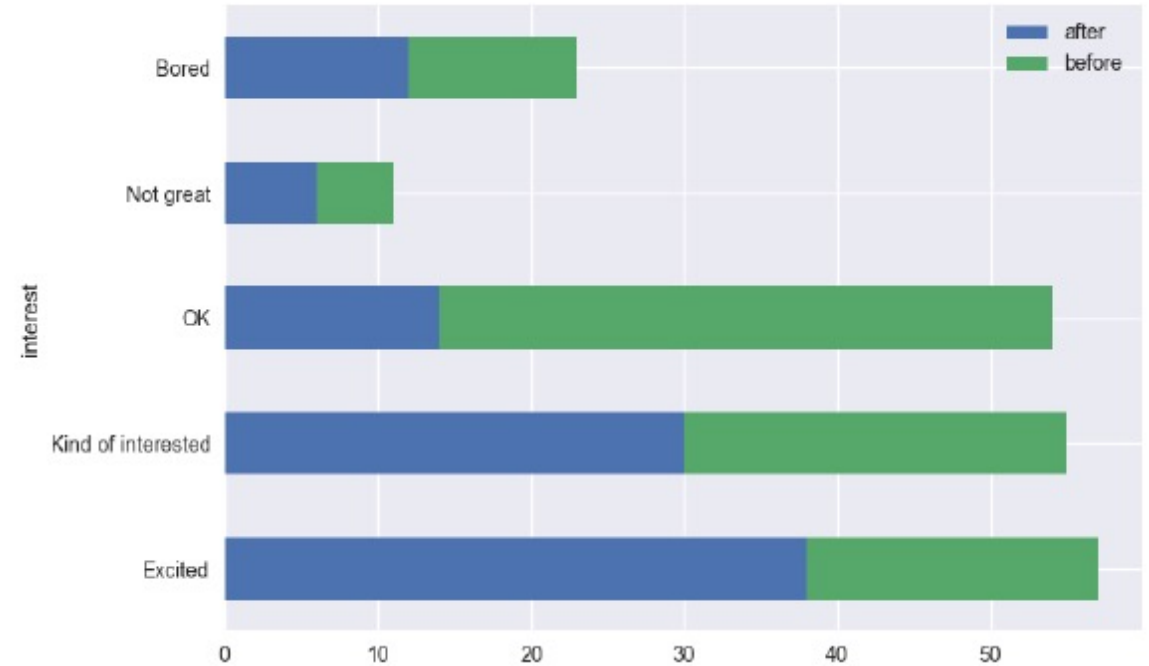
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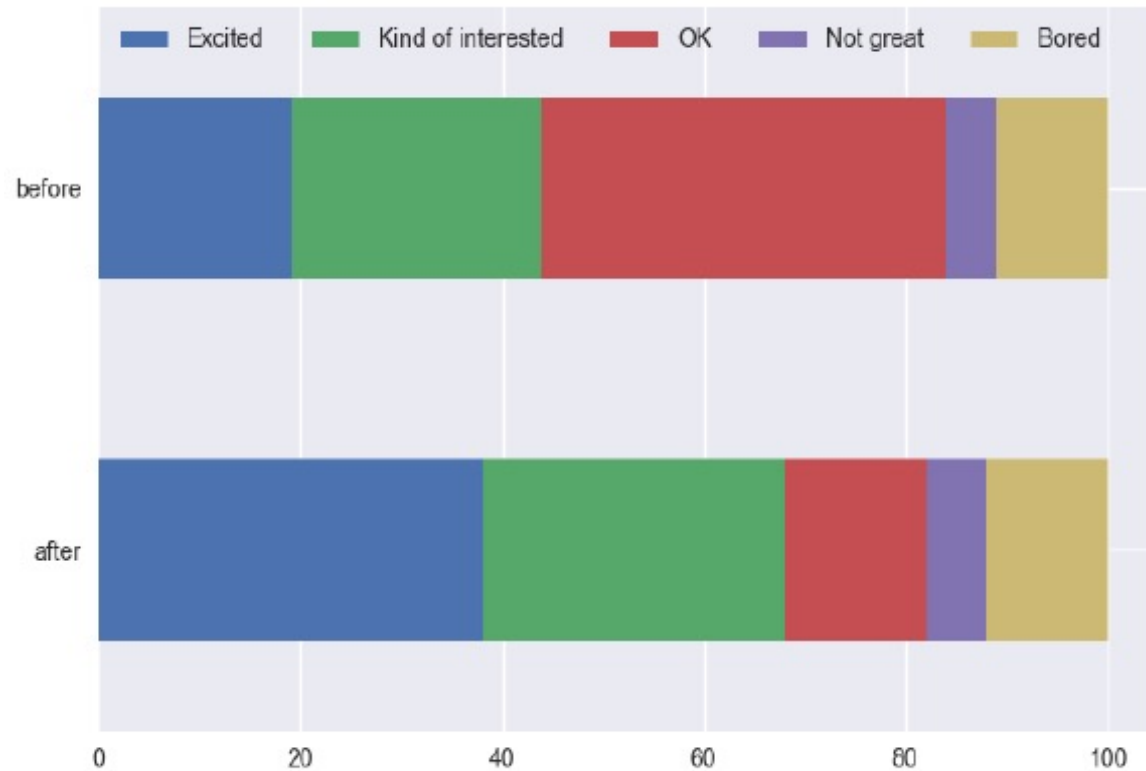
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Stacked bar, not very useful

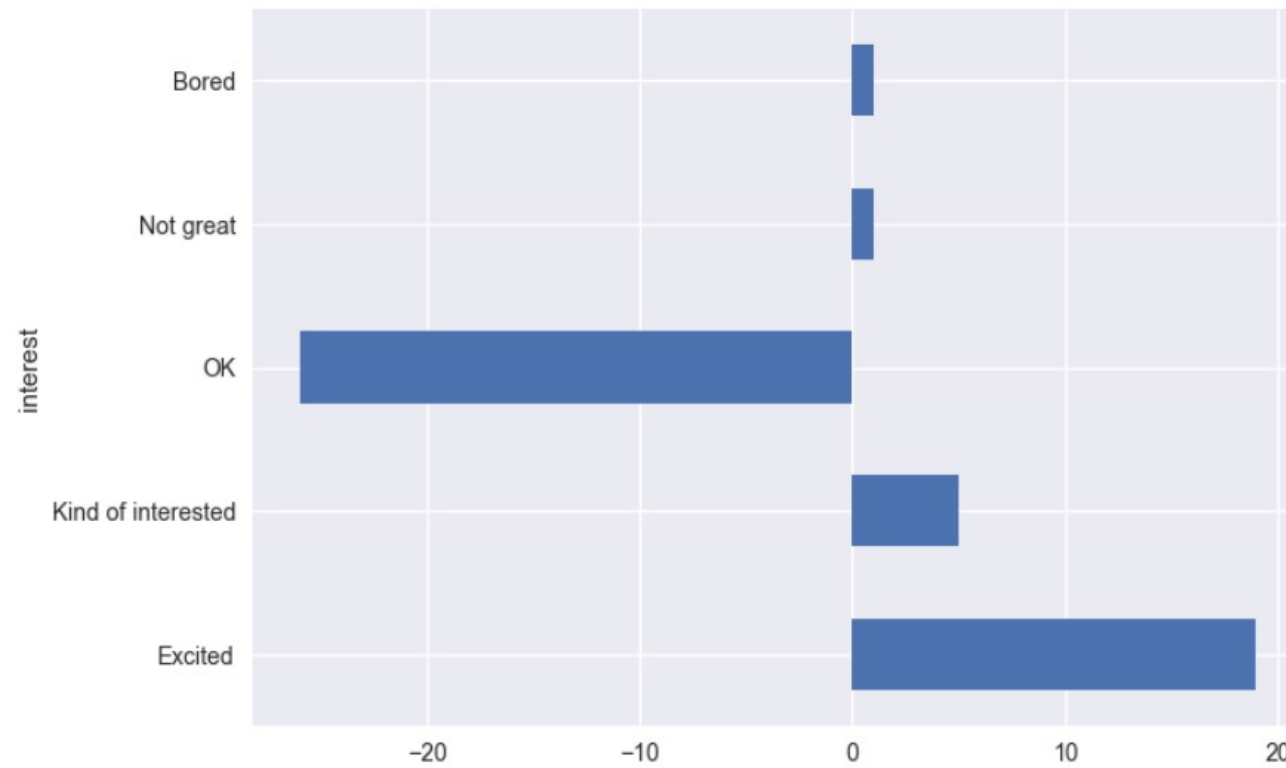


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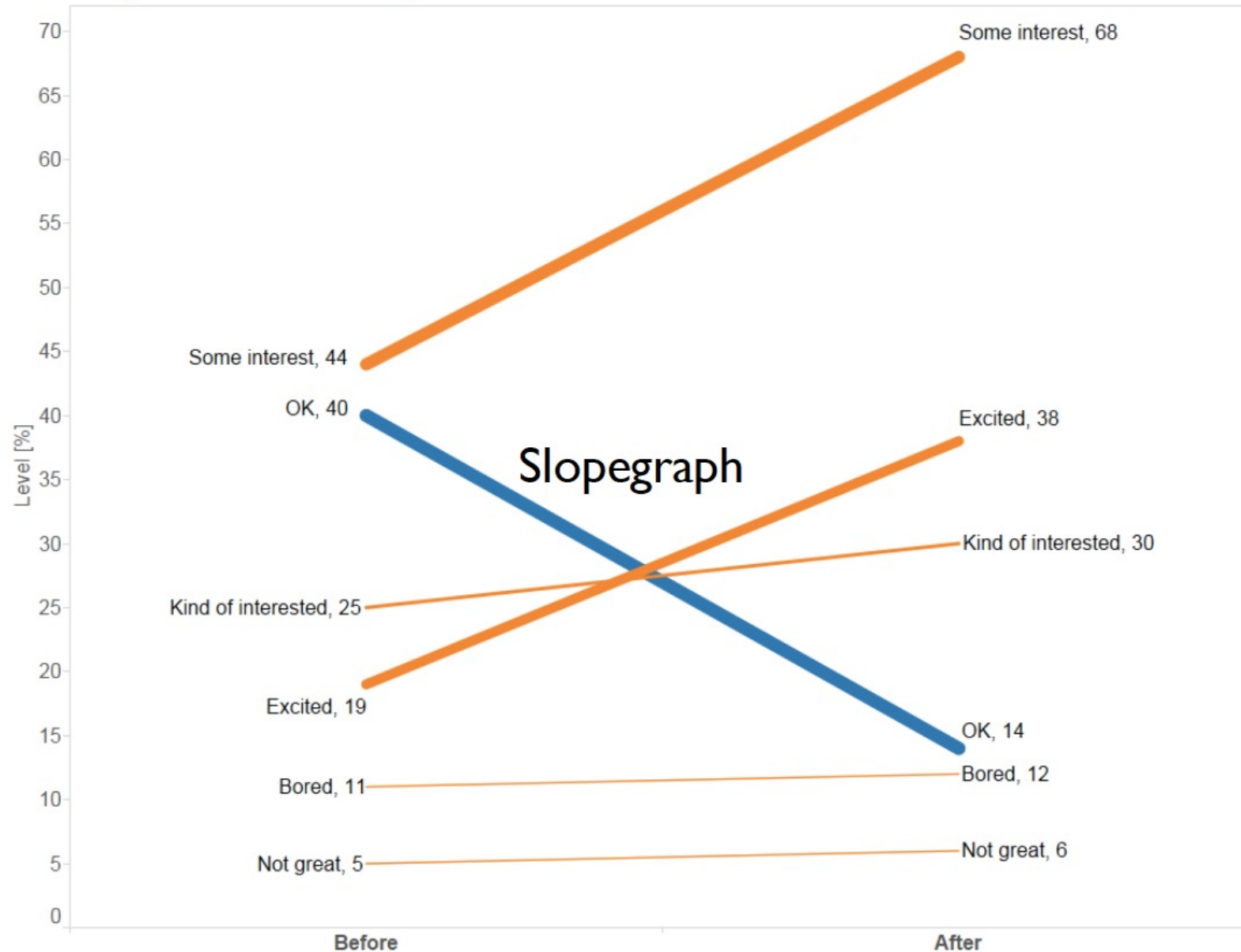
Data Transposed Bar Chart

Difference Bar Chart



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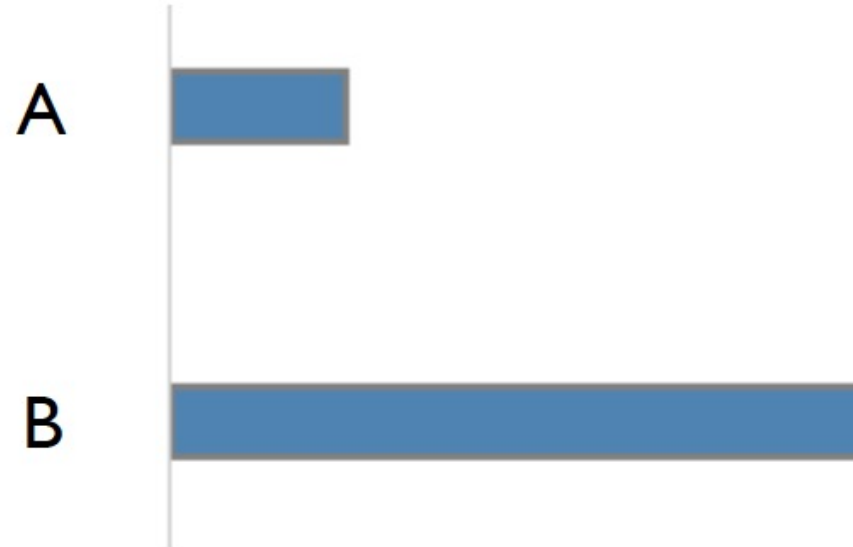
68%

of kids expressed interest towards science,
compared to 44% going into the program.

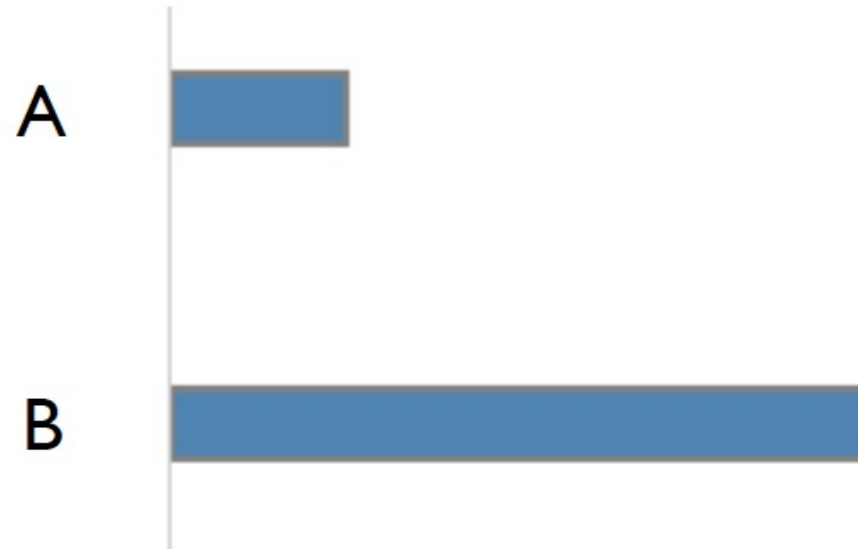
Time for a game



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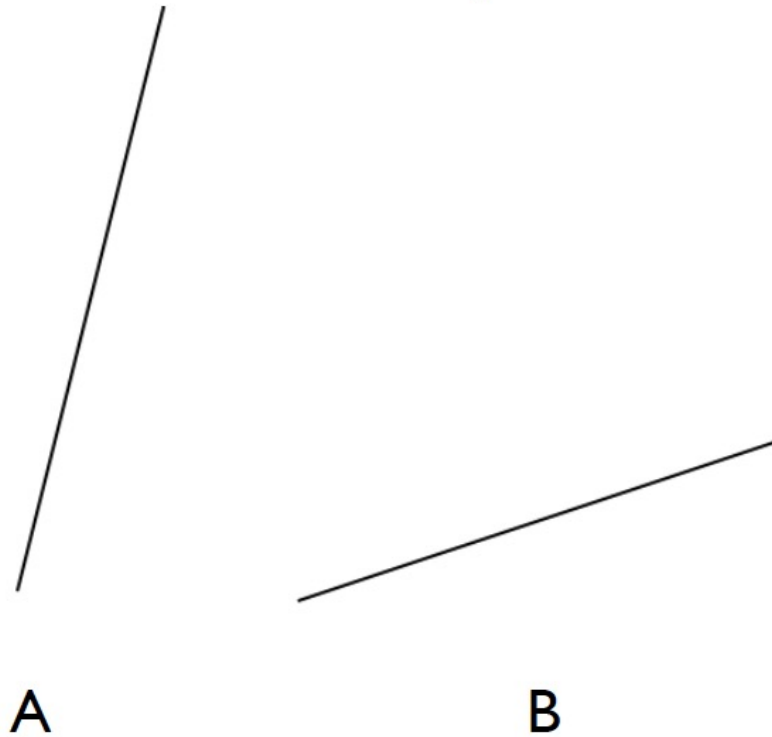


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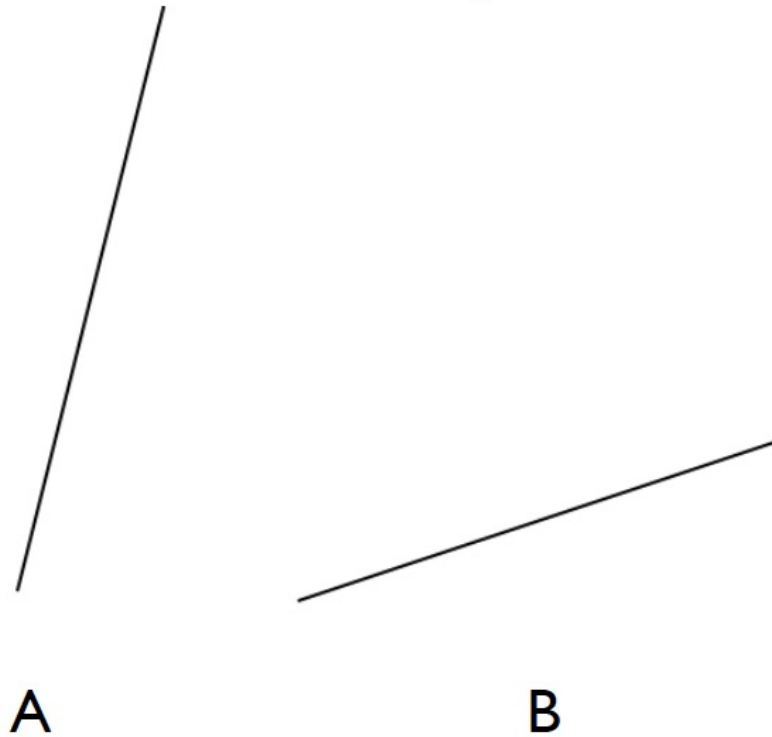


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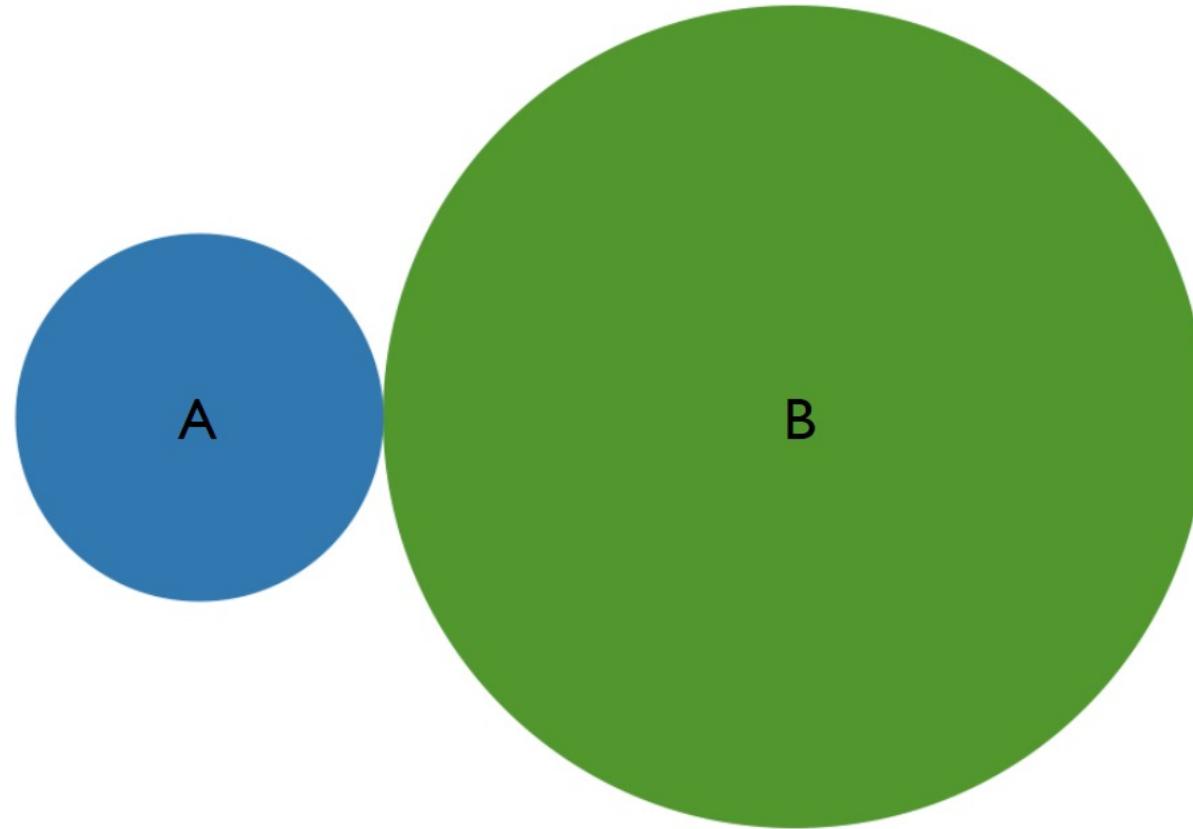


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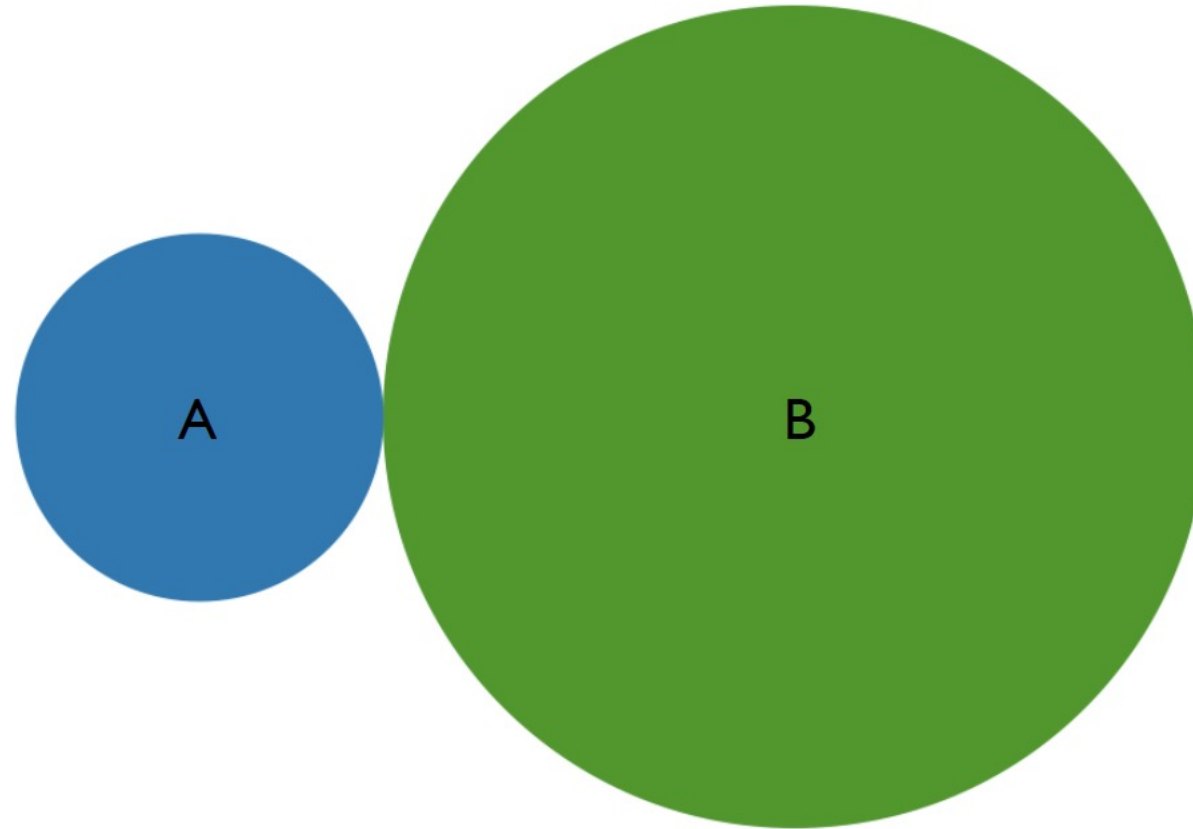


4x

How much larger area?



How much larger area?



4.5x

How much darker?



A



B

How much darker?



A



B

2x

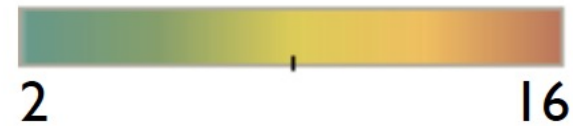
How much bigger value?



A



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How much bigger value?

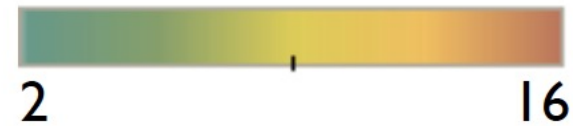


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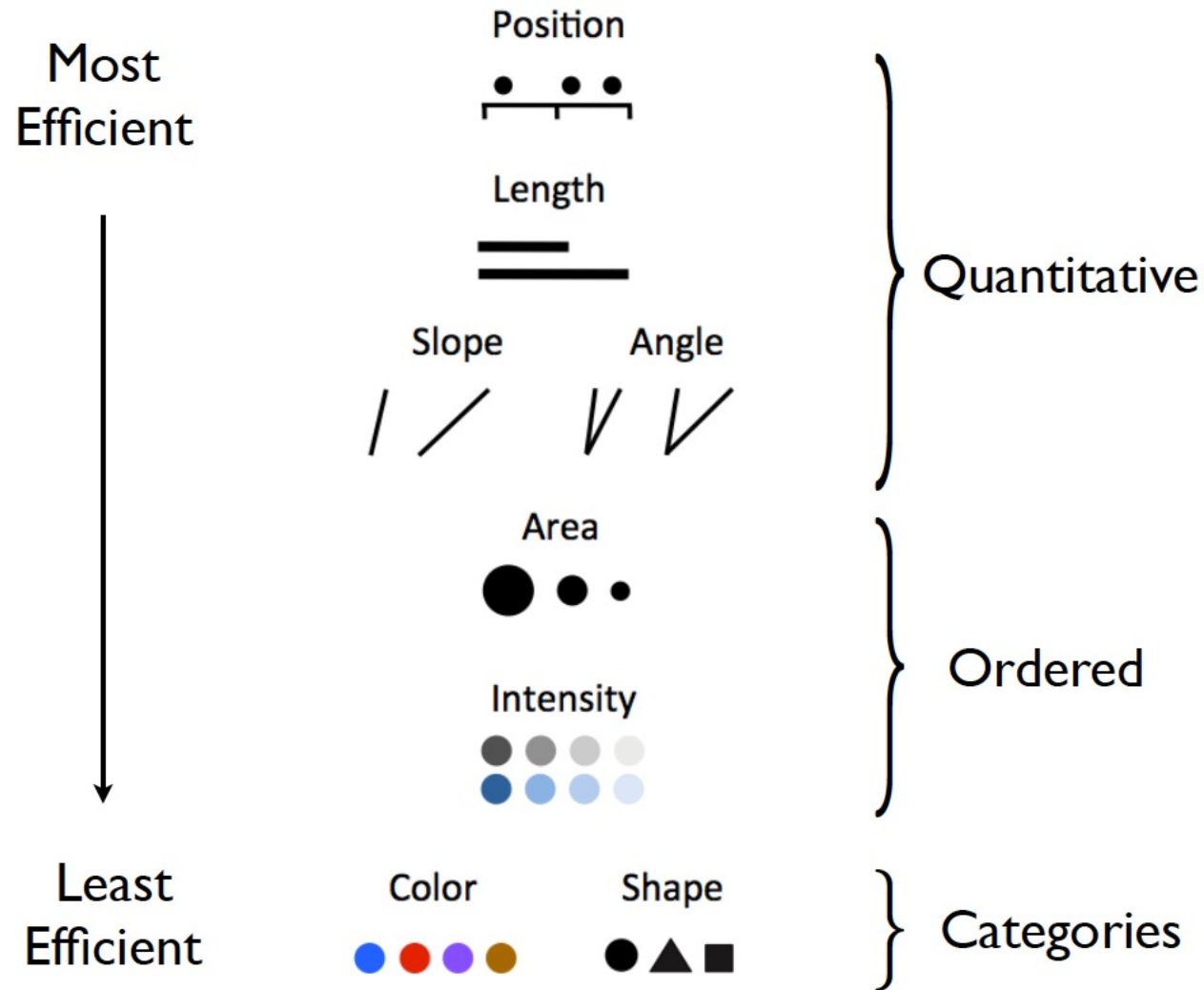


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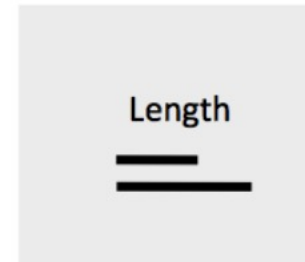
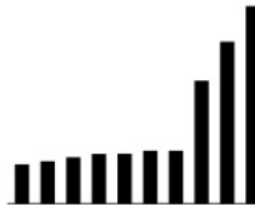
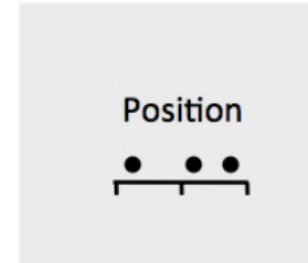
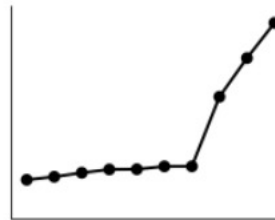


Displays: perceptual effectiveness



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Most Effective



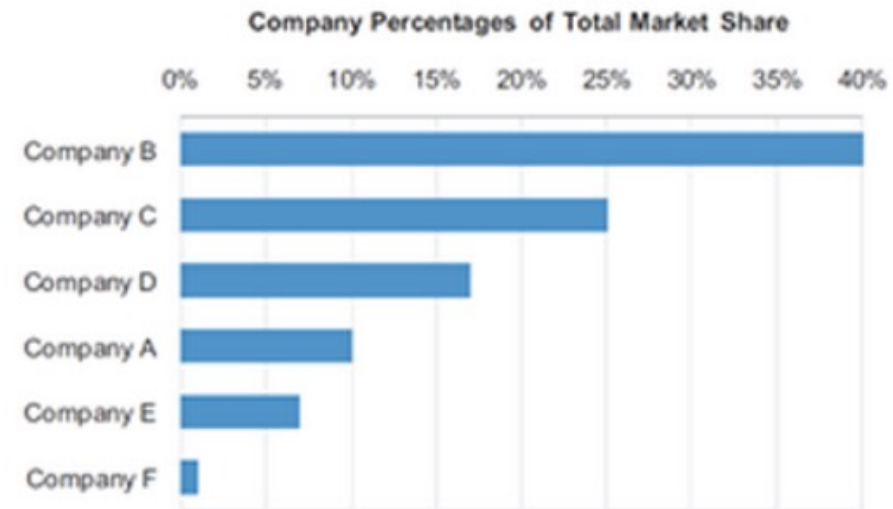
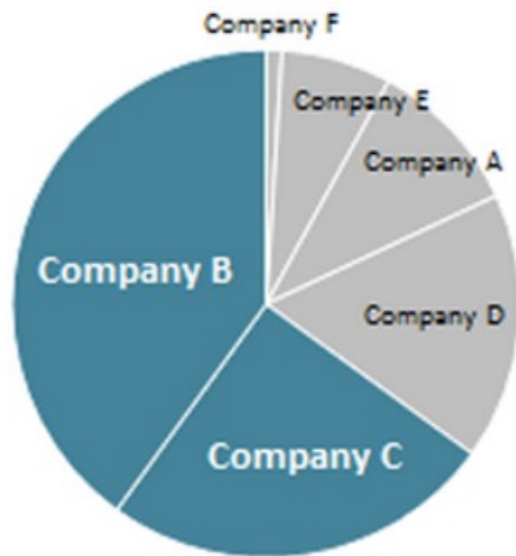
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Less Effective



Pie vs. Bar Charts

65% of the market is controlled by companies B and C



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Colors for Categories

Do not use more than 5-8 colors at once



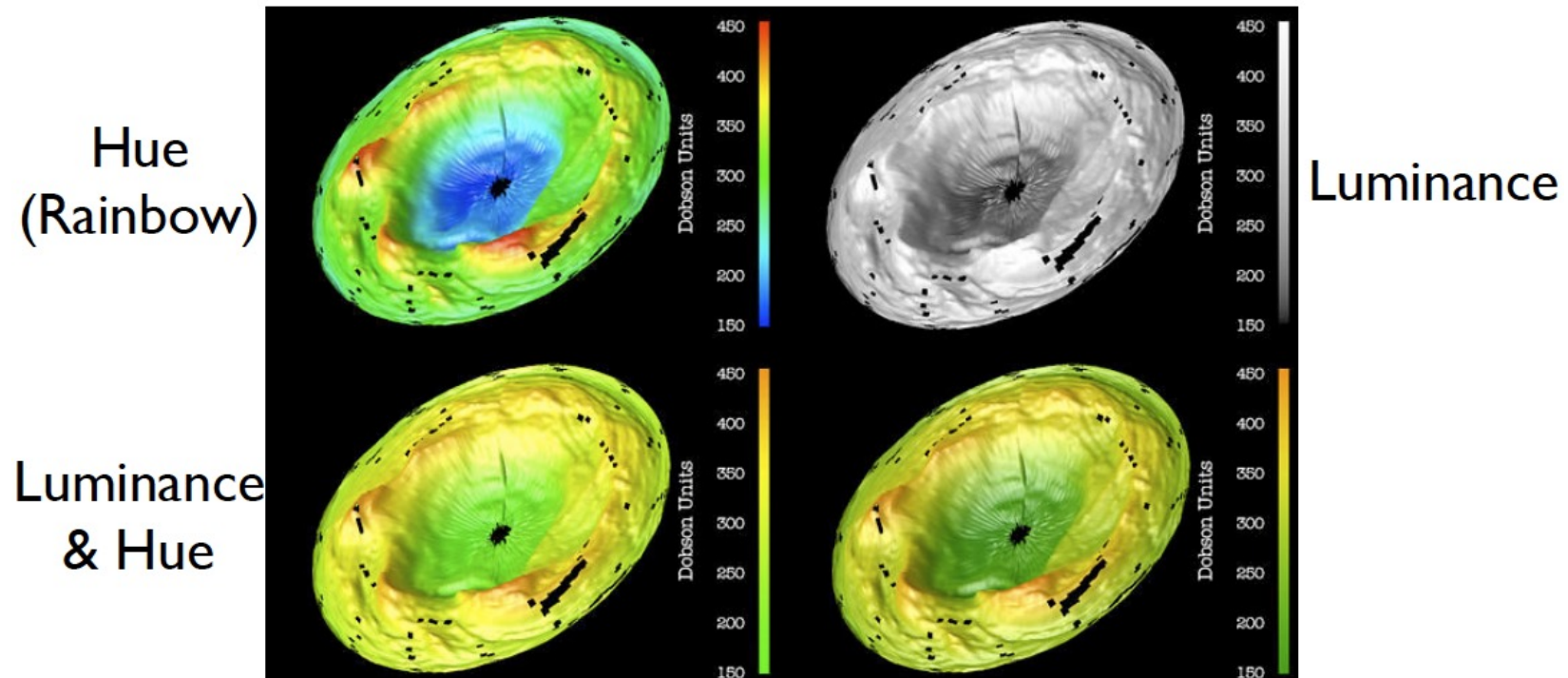
Colors for Ordinal Data

Vary luminance and saturation



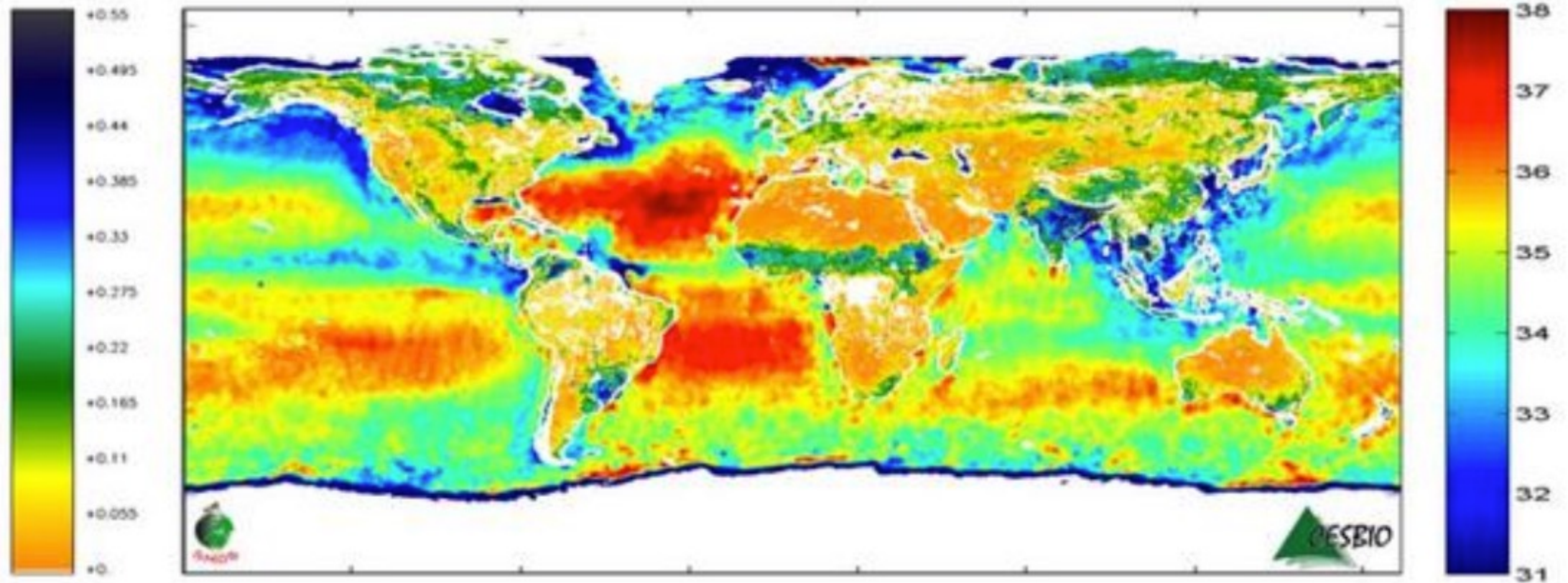
Zeilis et al, 2009, "Escaping RGBland: Selecting Colors for Statistical Graphics"

Colors for Quantitative Data

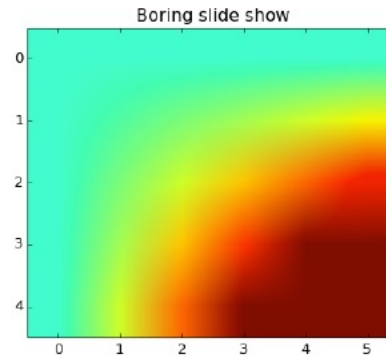
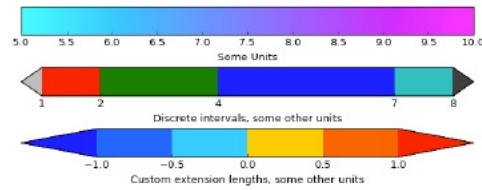


Rogowitz and Treinish, Why should engineers and scientists be worried about color?

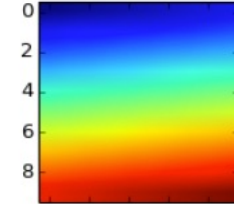
Sensible Design: Color Gradients



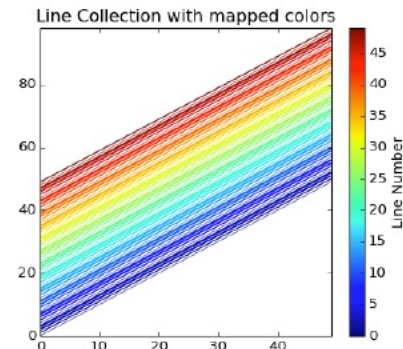
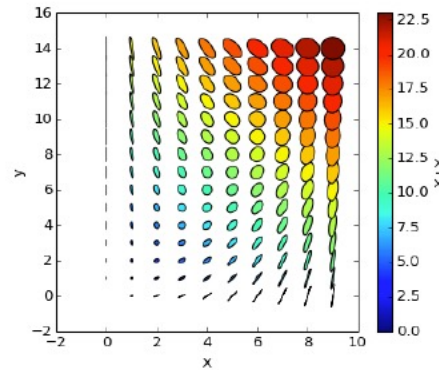
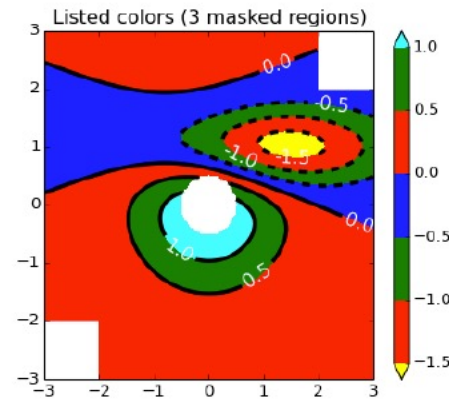
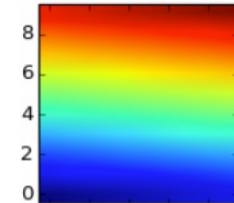
Avoid Rainbow Colors!



blue should be up



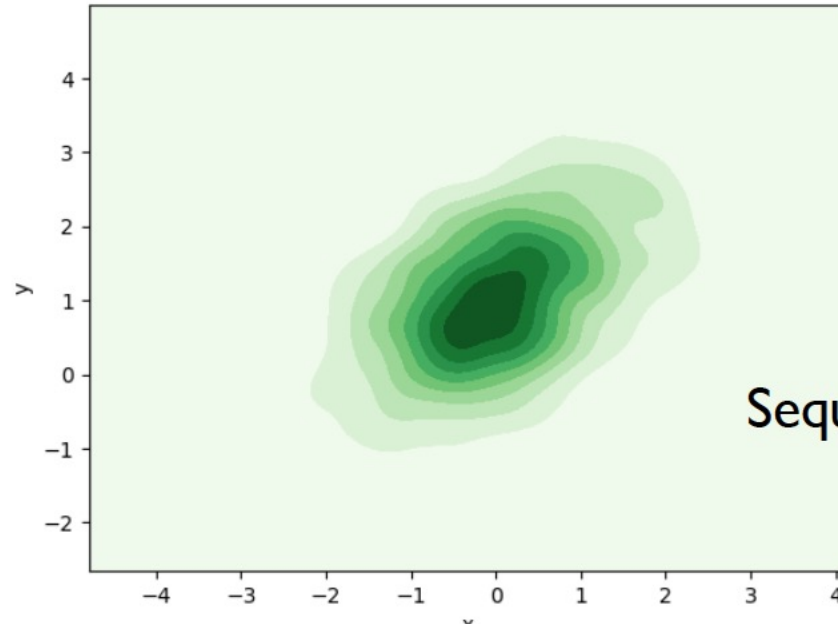
blue should be down



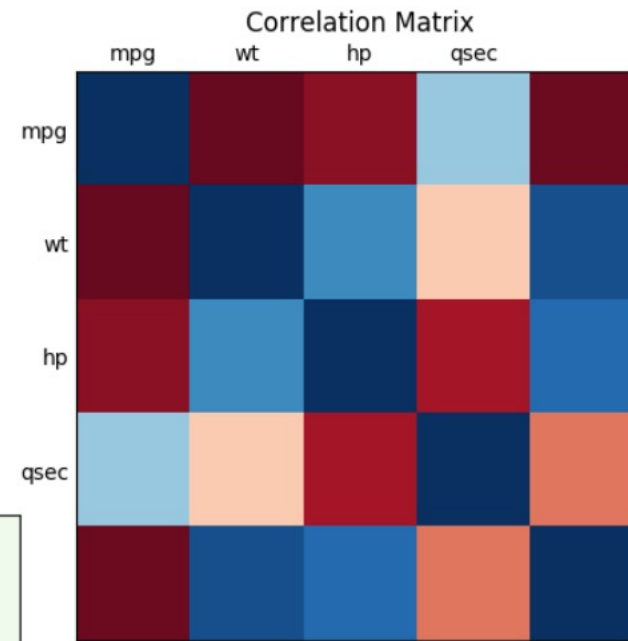
matplotlib gallery

Sensible Design: Color Gradients

Diverging Palette for
Quantitative or Ordinal

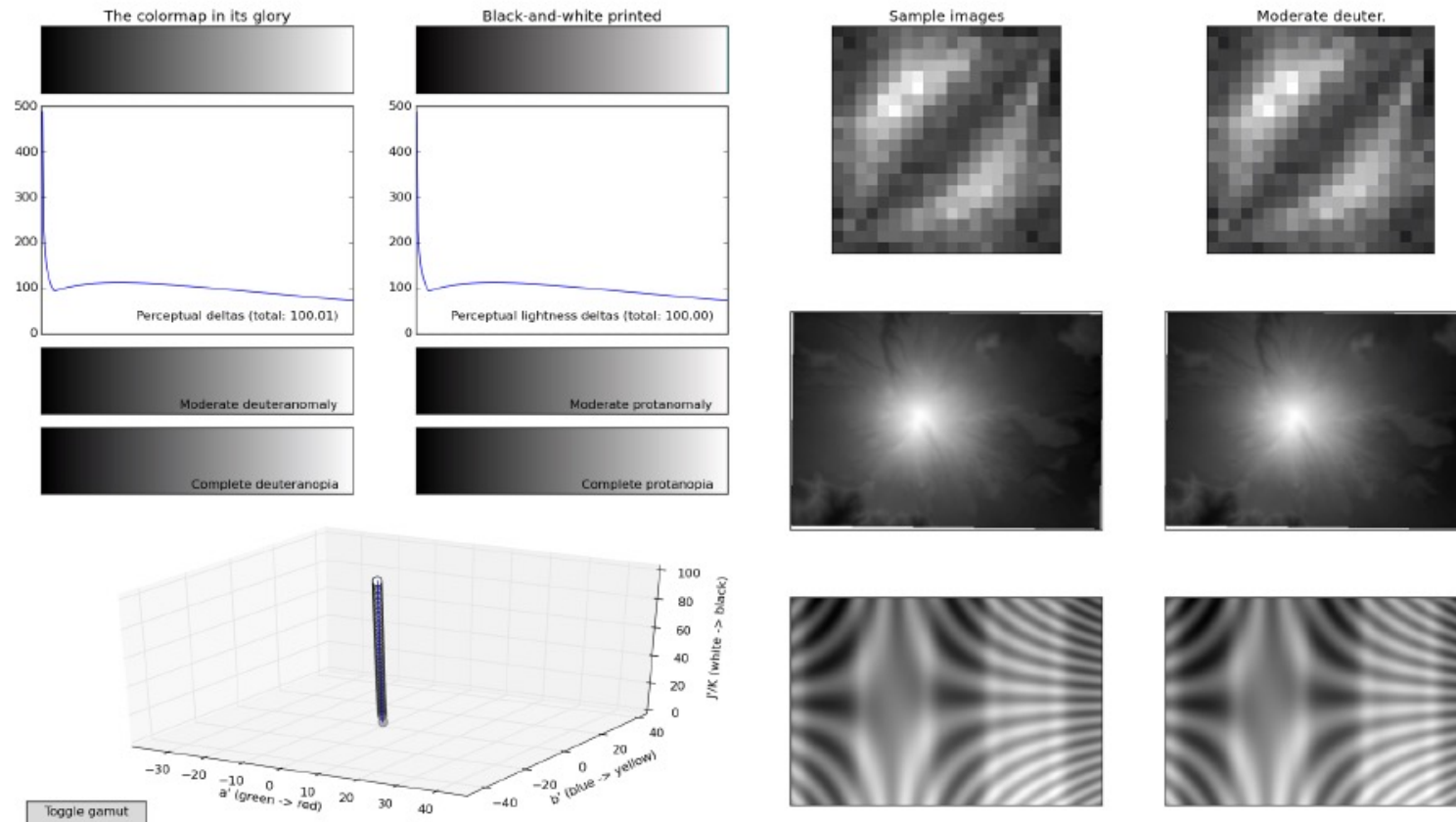


Sequential Palette for Densities



Gray

Colormap evaluation: gray



Color Blindness



Protanope

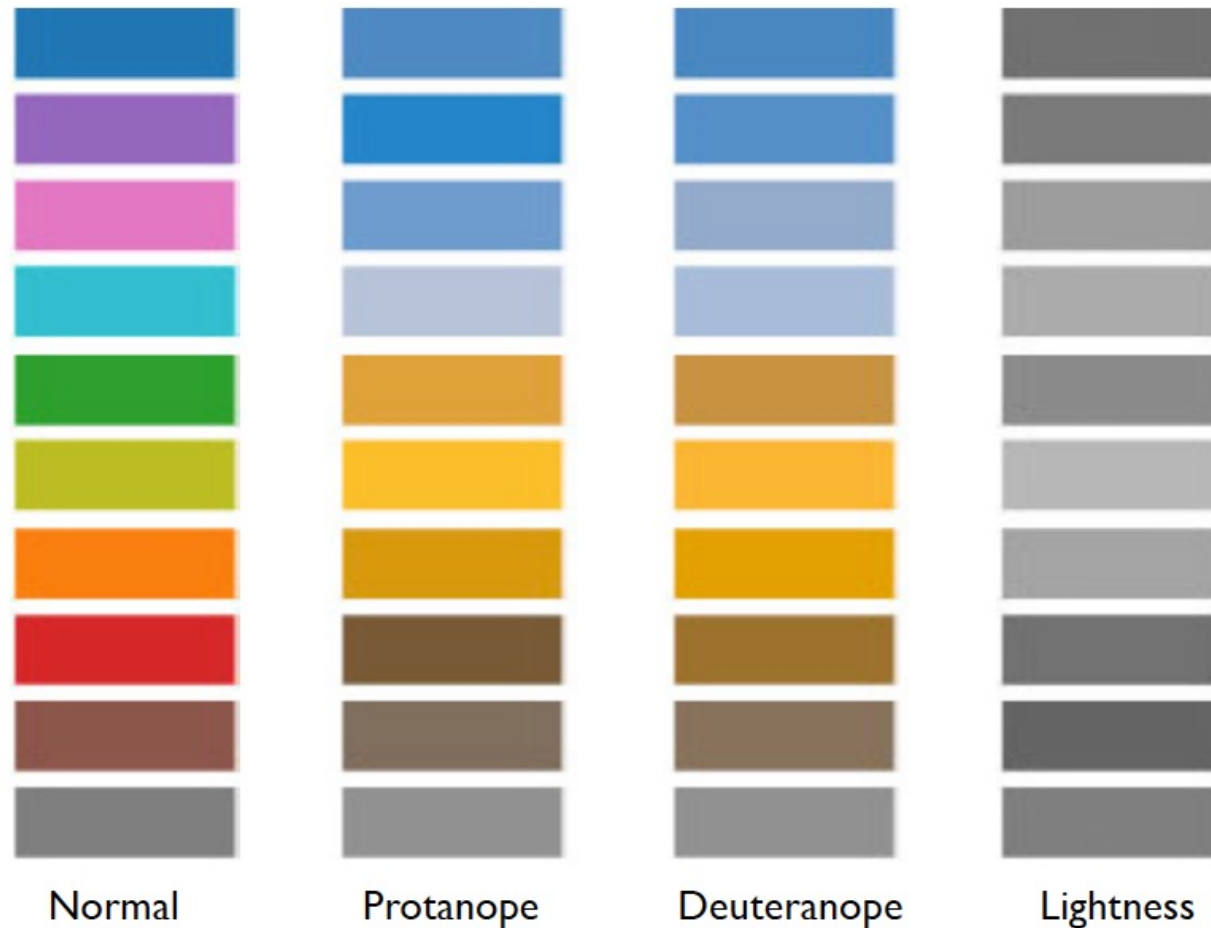
Deuteranope

Tritanope

Red / green
deficiencies

Blue / Yellow
deficiency

Color Blindness

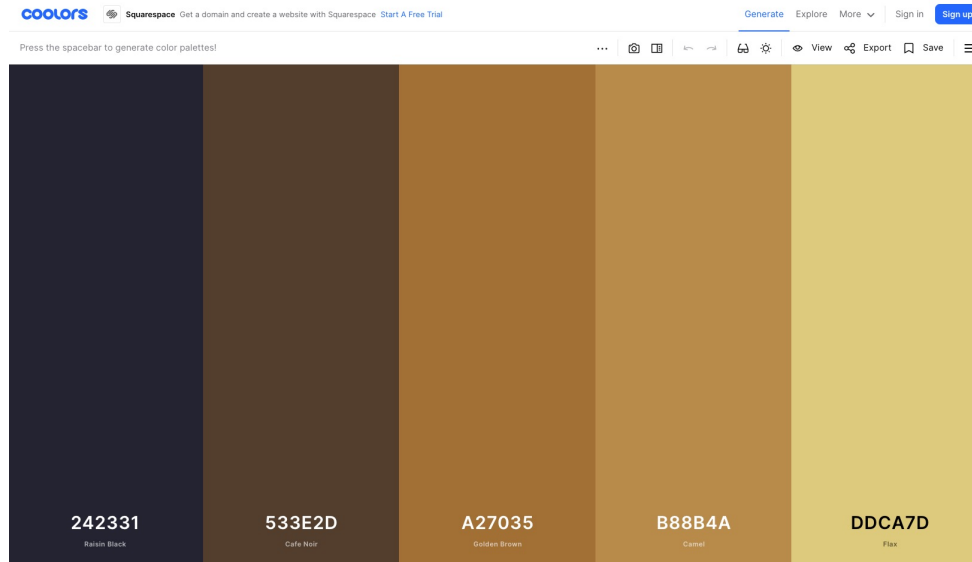


Sensible Design: Color Pickers!

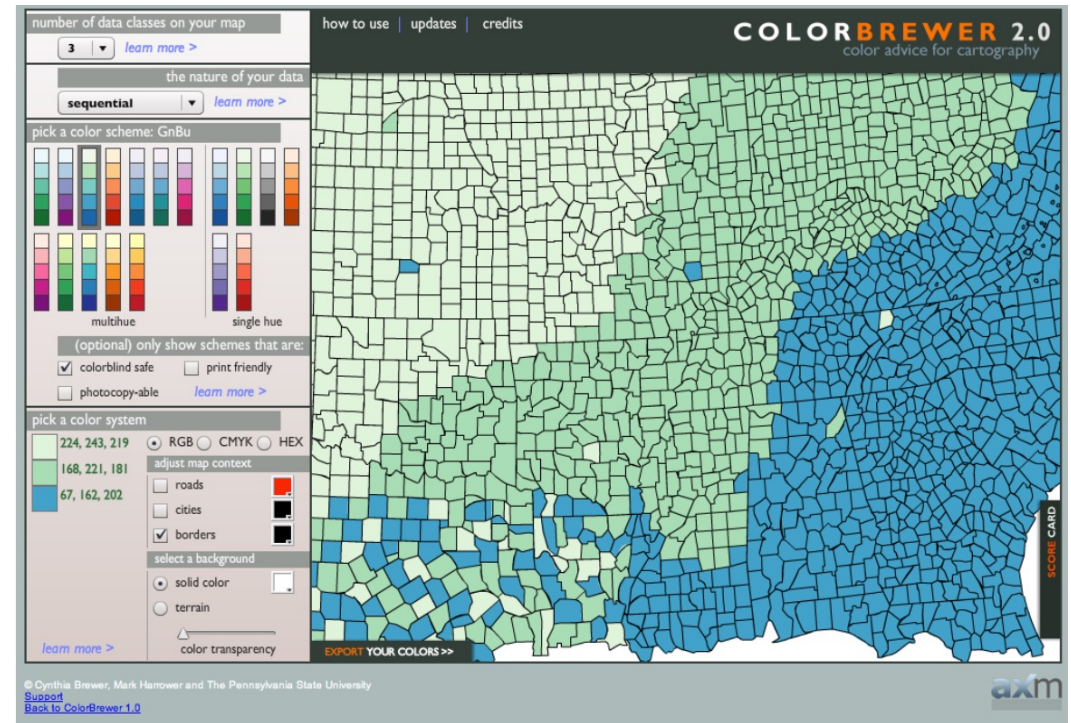
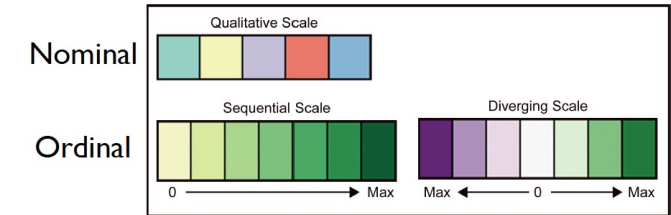
Great sites for selecting color schemes:

- <http://colorbrewer2.org>
- <https://colors.co/>

Coolors.co



Color Brewer



How much do you trust this text?

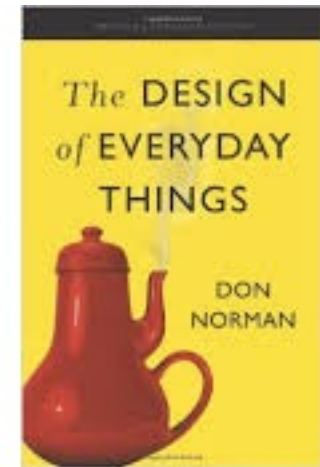
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The everyday items that are designed the best are the ones that we never have to think about how to use/interact with it.

Can you think of examples?



Highly recommended

Lesson V: design matters

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Analyze (Exploratory)

- Explore the data
- Assess a situation
- Determine how to proceed
- Decide what to do

Communicate (Explanatory)

- Present data and ideas
- Explain and inform
- Provide evidence and support
- Influence and persuade

The Persuasive Power of Data Visualization

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After looking into common effects in attitude formation and change we searched for specific mentions to the graphical appearance of charts as a driver for persuasion. Some of the comments we collected seem to back up the findings we found in our results. Some participants explicitly mention the charts as being the main reason for their change: “I already knew that increased incarceration didn’t lower crime, but I wasn’t sure of the statistics. To see it on the graphs is really eye opening.”; “I was influenced by the bar graph showing the reasons why the survey respondents played video games.”; “I would not know exact numbers on this issue - the graphs gave a visual and helped identify the numbers”; “Seeing the graphs conflicted with my previous opinion, so I feel like I need to reevaluate my stance in a way.”

It is also important to mention that the graphical appearance of charts is not the only factor that has a strong impact on people’s attitude. In our collected feedback, we found numerous references to statistics and numbers, suggesting that mere exposure to data does have a persuasive effect – maybe at least partially due to the increased sense of objectivity evidence supported by numbers carries. We found comments like: “It was concrete data that seemed compelling.”; “Seeing numbers is a good indicator of change rather than just reading what someone has to say”; “It showed a large amount of different sources, which made it more credible”. More research is needed to disentangle what kind of specific effects each of these components have on persuasion.

http://lsr.nellco.org/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1476&context=nyu_plltwp

Communication

755



Steroids or Not, the Pursuit Is On

Barry Bonds is taking aim at the career home run record. He needs only six more to tie Babe Ruth and 47 to equal Hank Aaron.

Lines are cumulative home runs.

Hank Aaron
755 homers
23 seasons

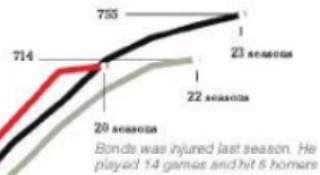


Babe Ruth
714 homers
22 seasons



Barry Bonds
708 homers
20 seasons

Bonds takes lead
Home runs after 16 seasons:
Bonds: 567
Aaron: 554
Ruth: 516



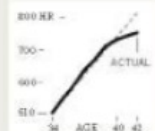
Homer Pace After Age 34

If the accusations are correct, Bonds was 34 in his first season on steroids. Here are projected home run paces for each player after age 34.

----- PROJECTED PACE BASED ON AVERAGE OF PREVIOUS FIVE SEASONS

Aaron

Actual homers slightly outpace projected homers for five seasons.



Ruth

Averaged 46.4 homers a season from age 30 to 34. Averaged 42.5 for next four seasons.



Bonds

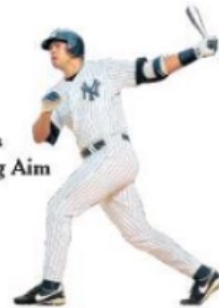
From age 35 to 39, he averaged 14 more homers a season than projected.



Note: Ages as of July 1 of each season.

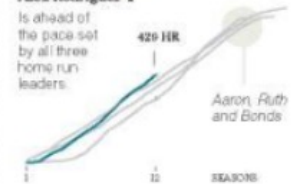
According to allegations in a book about Bonds, he began taking steroids before the 1999 season, his 14th in the league. Two seasons later, he hit 73 home runs, surpassing Aaron's career pace.

Others Taking Aim



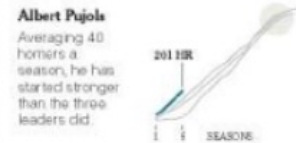
Alex Rodriguez

Is ahead of the pace set by all three home run leaders.



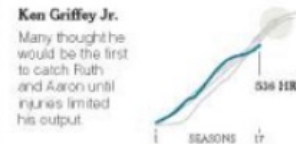
Albert Pujols

Averaging 40 homers a season, he has started stronger than the three leaders did.



Ken Griffey Jr.

Many thought he would be the first to catch Ruth and Aaron until injuries limited his output.



Differing Paths to the Top of the Charts

The top seven players on the career home run list, along with a look at Griffey (12th), Rodriguez (37th) and Pujols (tied 257th).



New York Times



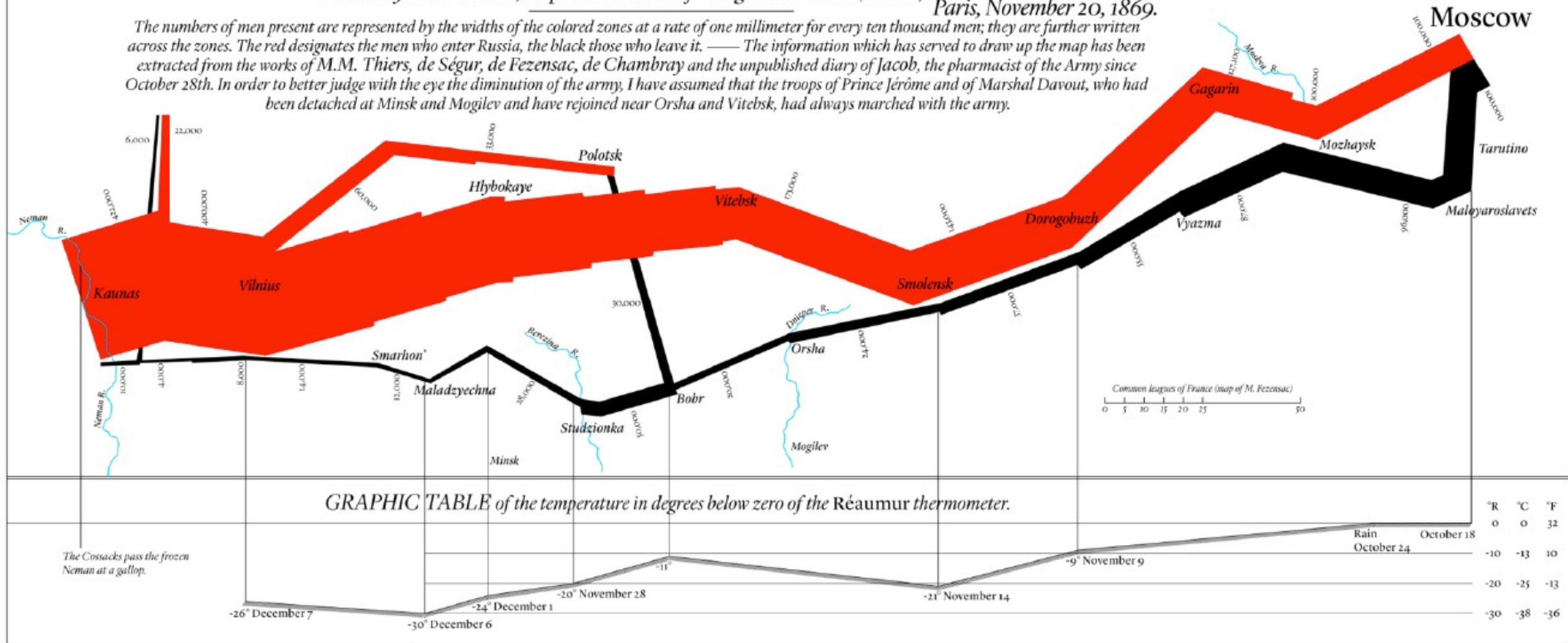
Minard's Graphic on Napoleon's Russia Campaign

Figurative Map of the successive losses in men of the French Army in the Russian campaign 1812 ~ 1813

Drawn by M. Minard, Inspector General of Bridges and Roads (retired).

Paris, November 20, 1869.

The numbers of men present are represented by the widths of the colored zones at a rate of one millimeter for every ten thousand men; they are further written across the zones. The red designates the men who enter Russia, the black those who leave it. — The information which has served to draw up the map has been extracted from the works of M.M. Thiers, de Ségur, de Fezensac, de Chambray and the unpublished diary of Jacob, the pharmacist of the Army since October 28th. In order to better judge with the eye the diminution of the army, I have assumed that the troops of Prince Jérôme and of Marshal Davout, who had been detached at Minsk and Mogilev and have rejoined near Orsha and Vitebsk, had always marched with the army.



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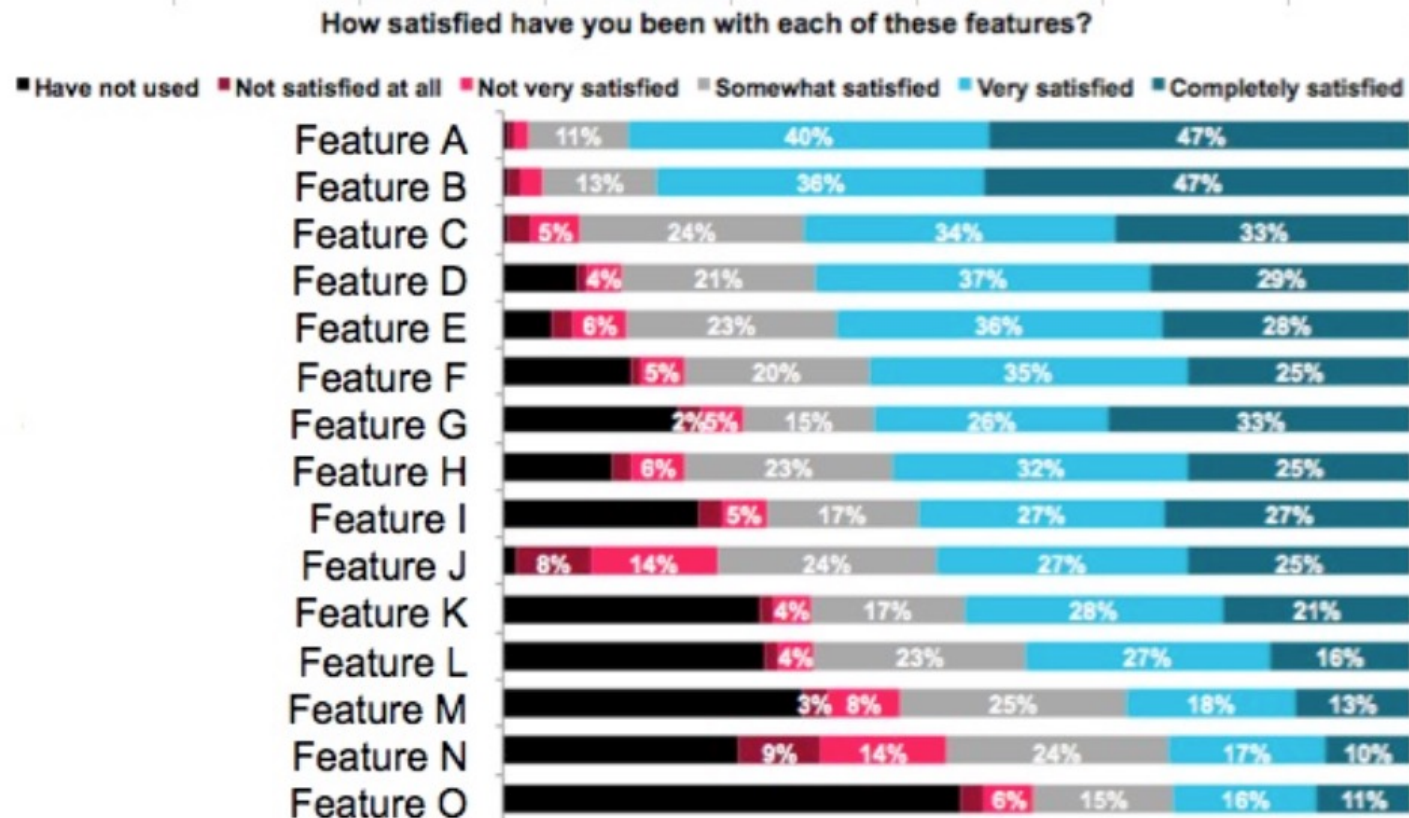
Key Considerations

- Who is your **audience**
- What questions are you answering?
- Why should the audience care?
- What are your major insights and surprises?
- What change do you want to affect?

Don't make them think!

- The audience does not want to spend cognitive energy on dissecting and decoding your intended message.
- Lead them through the **major** steps of your story.
- Point out interesting key facts and insights using **captions** and **annotations**

Don't Bury the Lead



User satisfaction varies greatly by feature

Product X User Satisfaction: Features

• Completely satisfied • Very satisfied • Somewhat satisfied • Not very satisfied • Not satisfied at all • Have not used

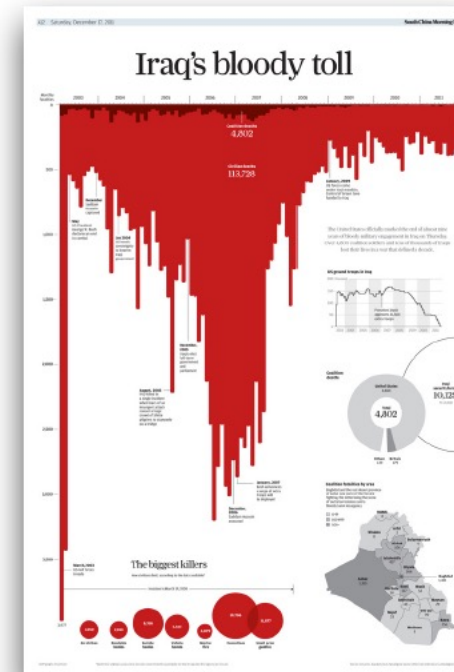
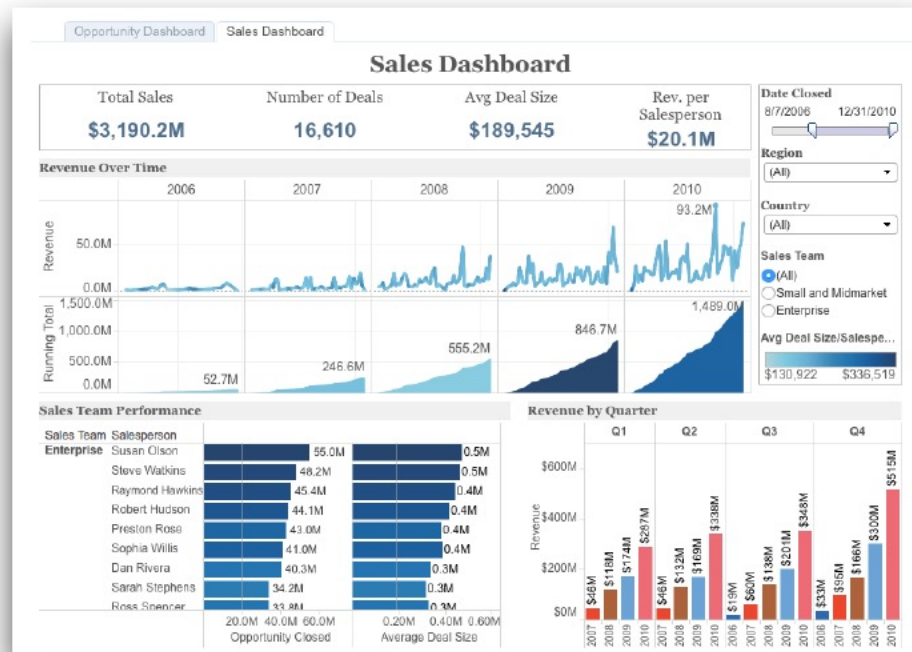


Feature O is least-used feature; what steps can we proactively take with existing users to increase use?

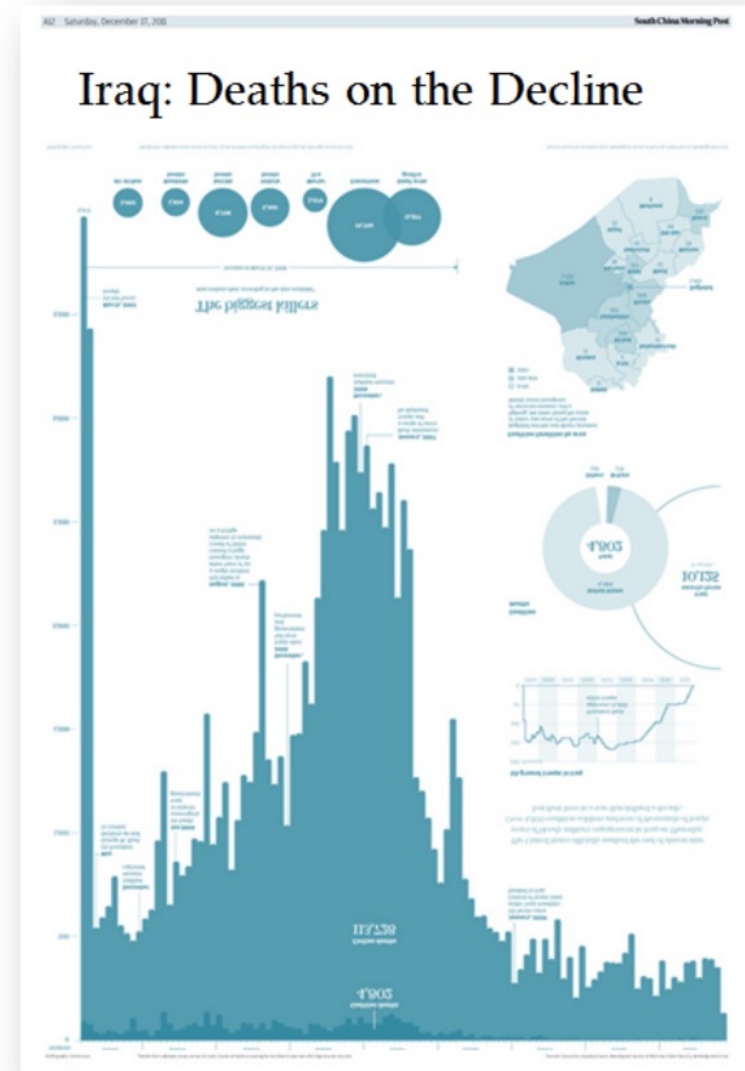
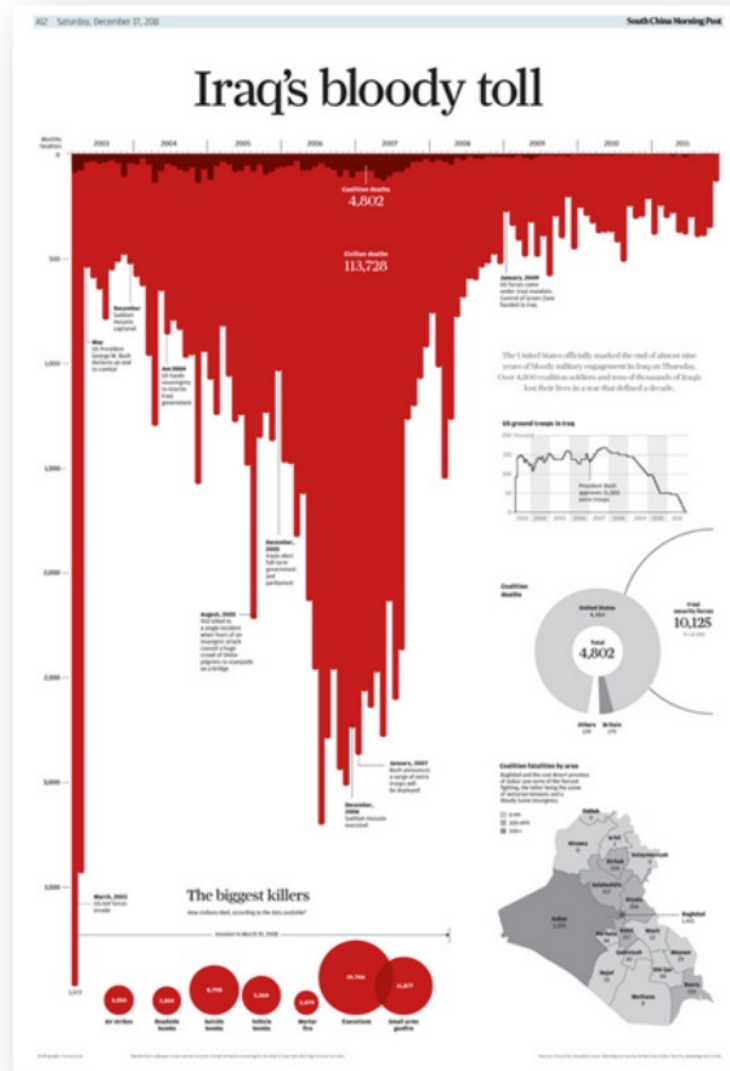
What is the message?

Exploratory
Neutral

Explanatory
Opinionated



Communication



Andy Cotgreave, Tableau

Final Takeaways

- How you choose to display your data greatly influences how people interpret the data
- Humans are *visual, emotional* creations; make graphs that don't make others **feel** confused, insulted, etc.
- Your graphs should illicit good feelings and effectively convey your narrative

Suggested Python Packages











- Matplotlib
- Seaborn
- plotly
- ggplot

Further Good Examples

- <https://www.nytimes.com/> tends to have incredibly high-quality visualizations that convey information seamlessly
- <https://www.reddit.com/r/dataisbeautiful/>
- fivethirtyeight.com

Cases and deaths by state and county

This table is sorted by places with the most cases per 100,000 residents in the last seven days. Charts are colored to reveal when outbreaks emerged.

Cases		Deaths		Search counties	
	TOTAL CASES	PER 100,000	CASES IN LAST 7 DAYS	▼ PER 100,000	WEEKLY CASES PER CAPITA
					FEWER MORE
+ North Dakota MAP »	23,553	3,091	2,754	361	
+ South Dakota MAP »	24,418	2,760	2,853	322	
+ Wisconsin MAP »	139,941	2,403	17,769	305	
+ Montana MAP »	14,738	1,379	2,547	238	
+ Utah MAP »	77,618	2,421	6,675	208	
+ Iowa MAP »	92,584	2,934	6,394	203	
+ Nebraska MAP »	47,807	2,471	3,807	197	
Guam	3,586	2,128	331	196	
+ Arkansas MAP »	87,013	2,883	5,770	191	
+ Idaho MAP »	43,964	2,460	3,291	184	
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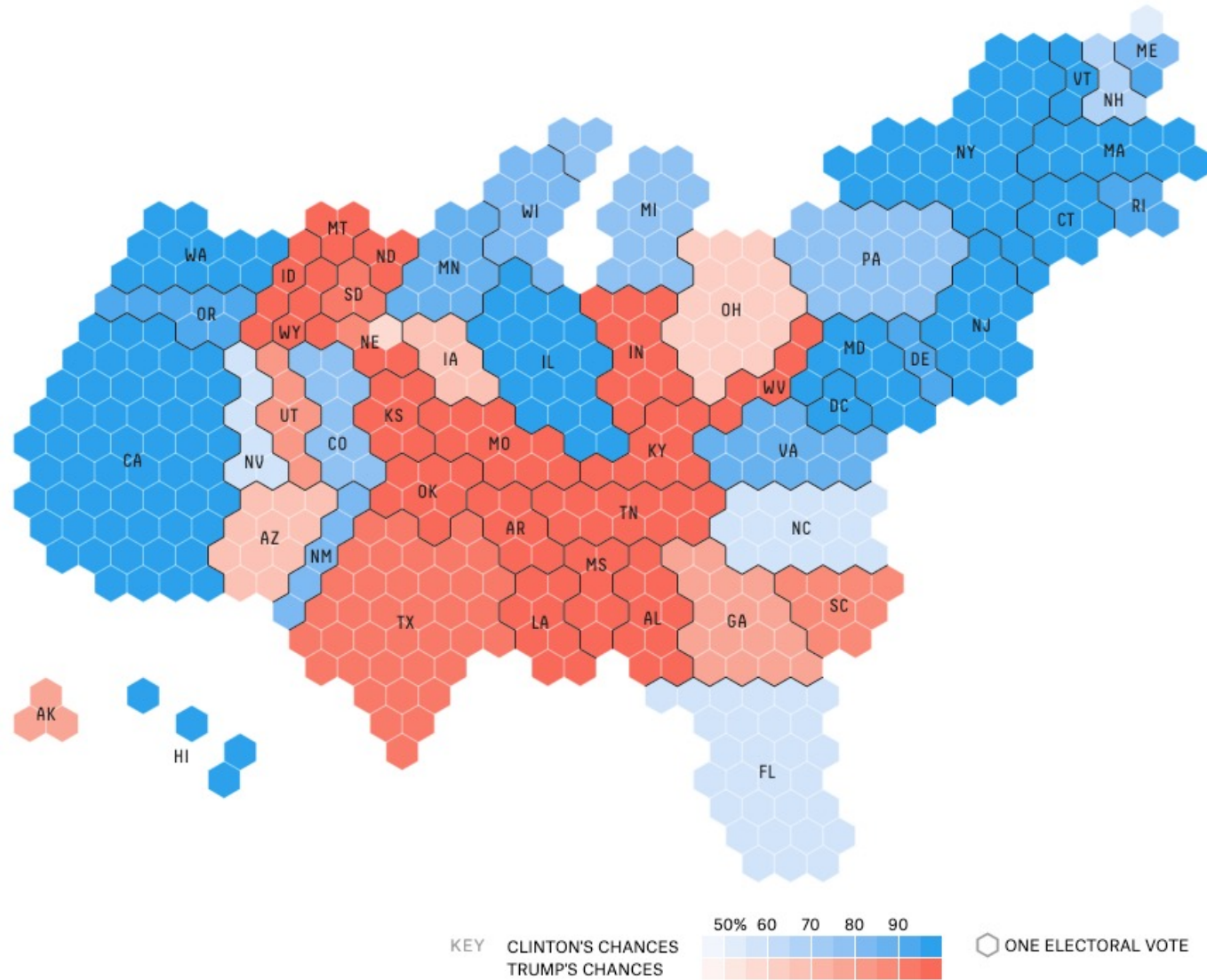
Where new cases are higher and staying high

States where new cases are higher had a daily average of at least 15 new cases per 100,000 people over the past week. Charts show daily cases per capita and are on the same scale. Tap a state to see detailed map page.



It's all about the 538 Electoral College votes

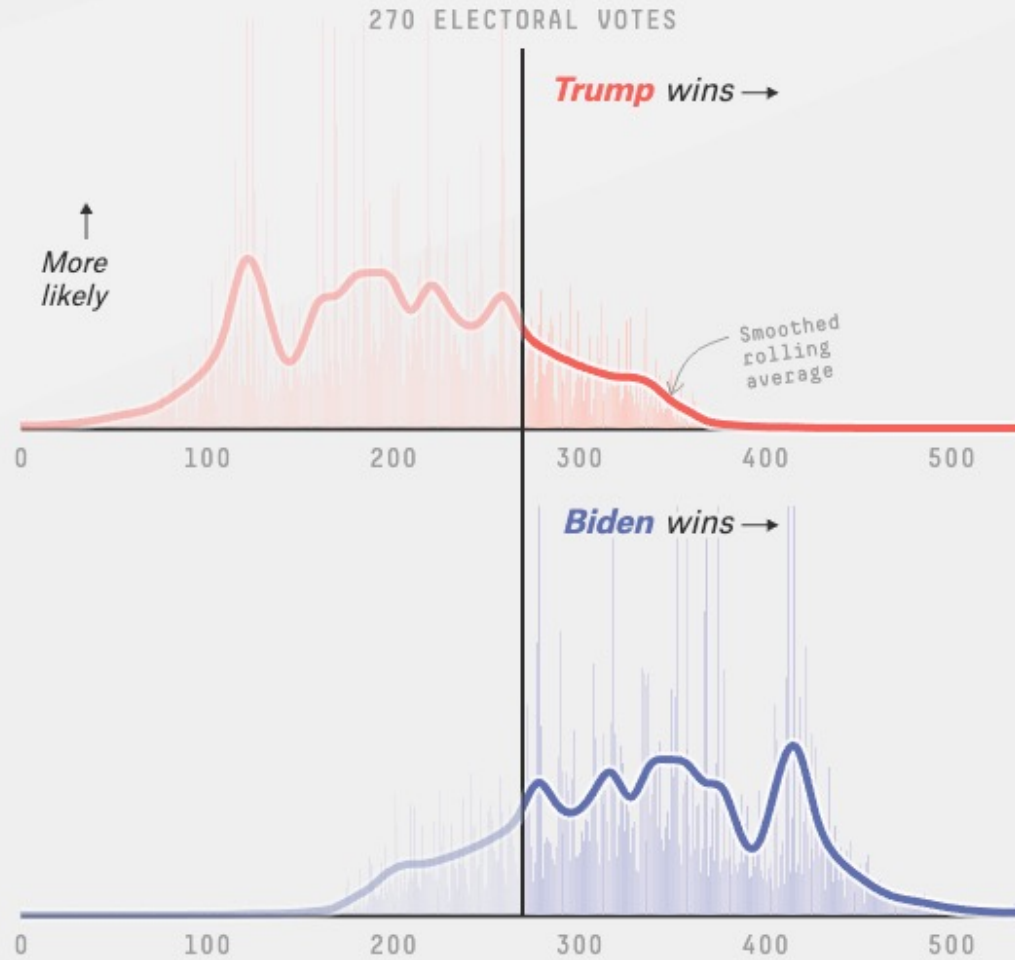
Here's a map of the country, with each state sized by its number of electoral votes and shaded by the leading candidate's chance of winning it.



<https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/2016-election-forecast/>

Every outcome in our simulations

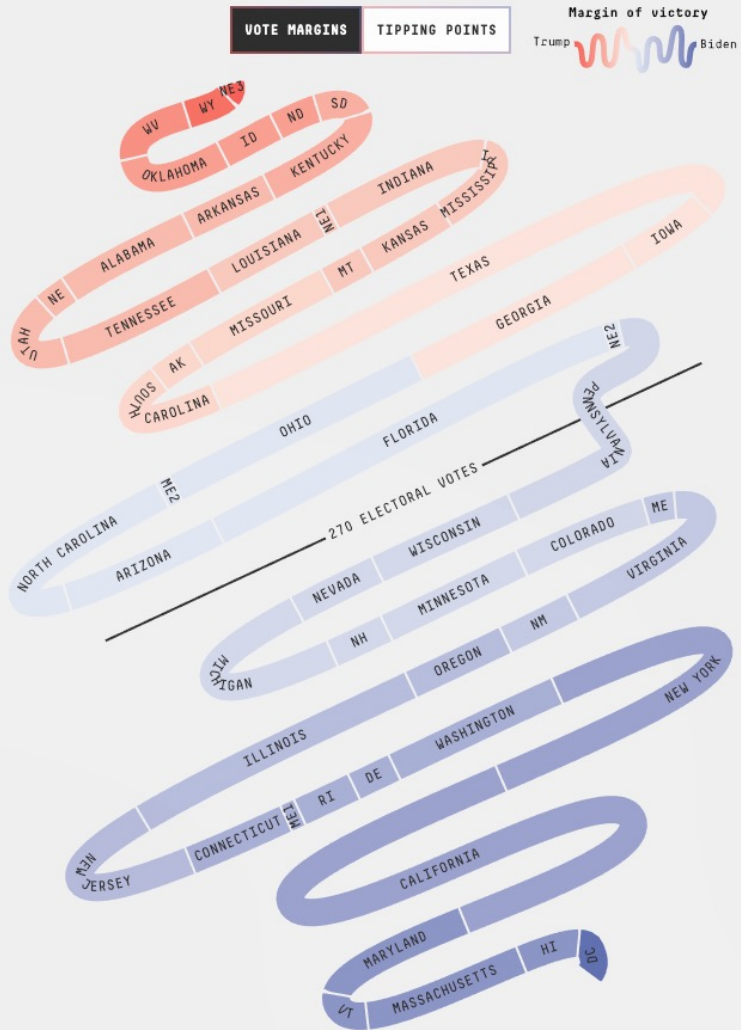
All possible Electoral College outcomes for each candidate, with higher bars showing outcomes that appeared more often in our 40,000 simulations



More bars to the right of the 270 line means more simulations where that candidate wins. Some of the bars represent really weird outcomes, but you never know!

The winding path to victory

States that are forecasted to vote for one candidate by a big margin are at the ends of the path, while tighter races are in the middle. Bigger segments mean more Electoral College votes. Trace the path from either end to see which state could put one candidate over the top.



Maine and Nebraska's congressional districts are shown separately because those states split their Electoral College votes, allotting some to the statewide winner and some to the winner of each district.

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Exercise time!