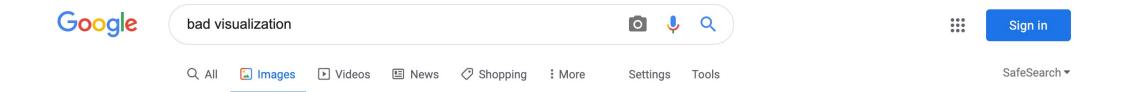
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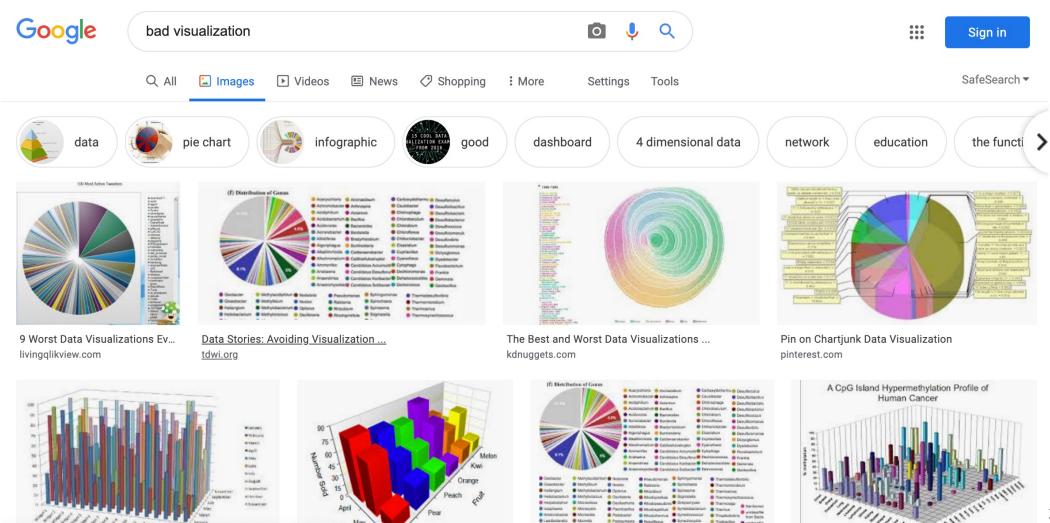
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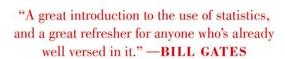
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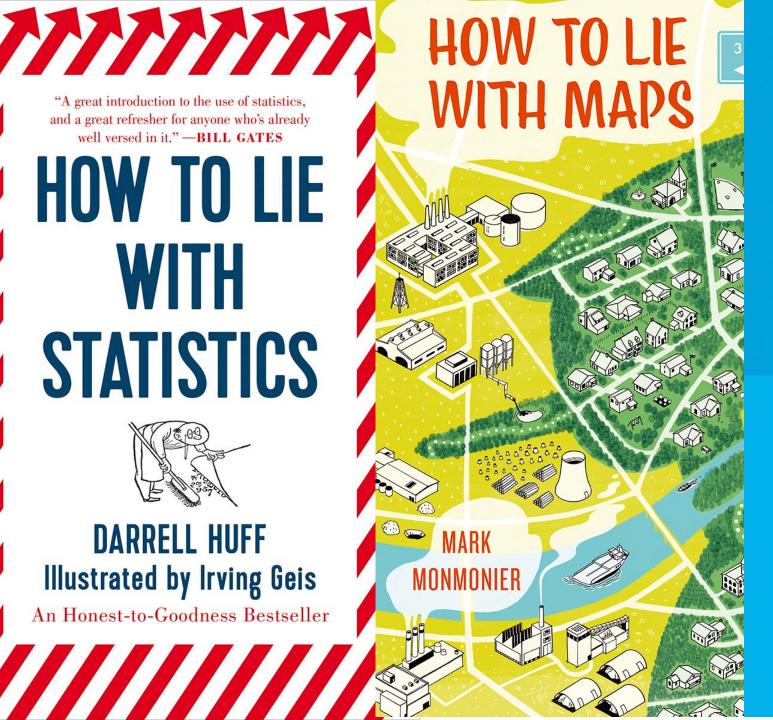


HOW TO LIE WITH **STATISTICS**



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An Honest-to-Goodness Bestseller



How Charts Lie



Getting Smarter about Visual Information

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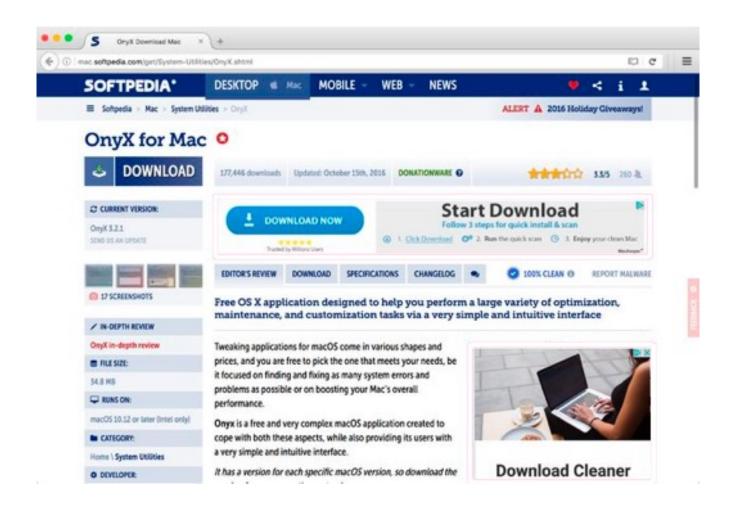
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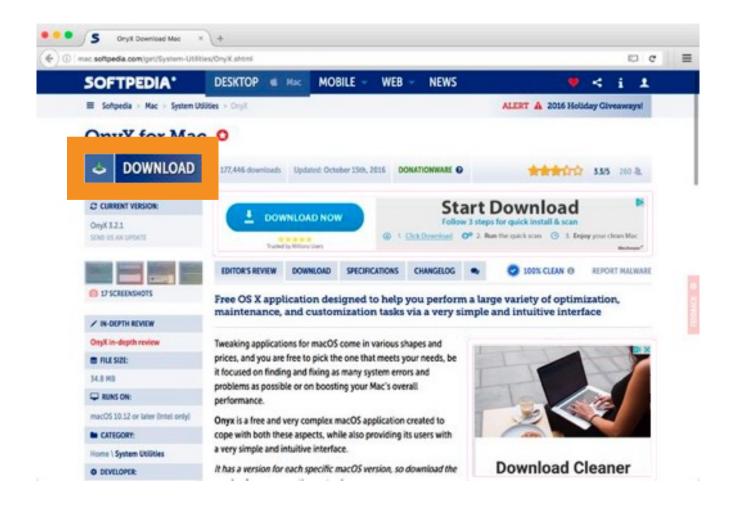
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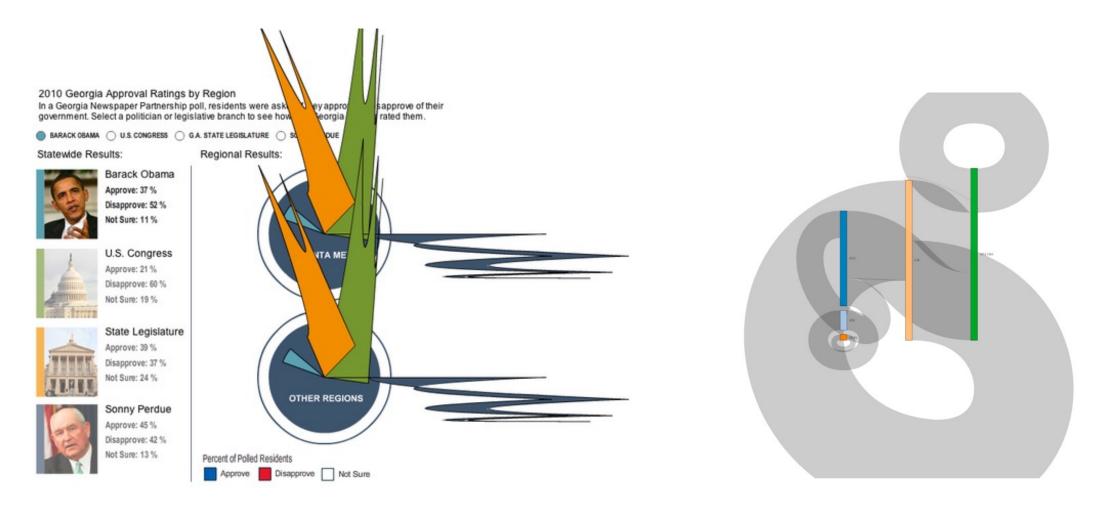
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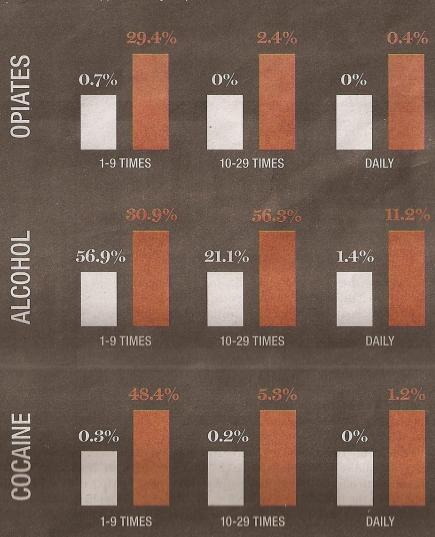
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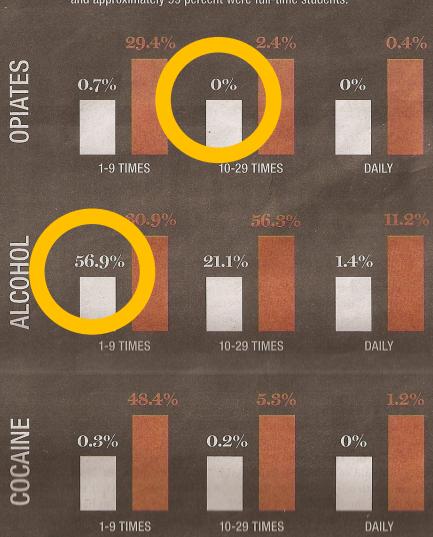
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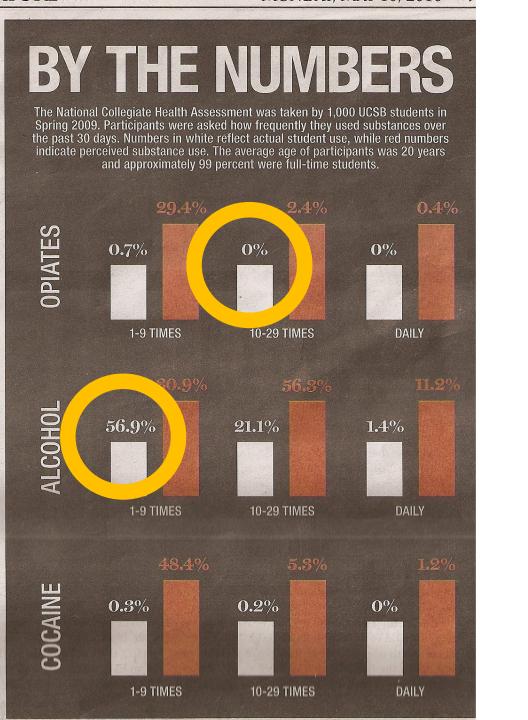
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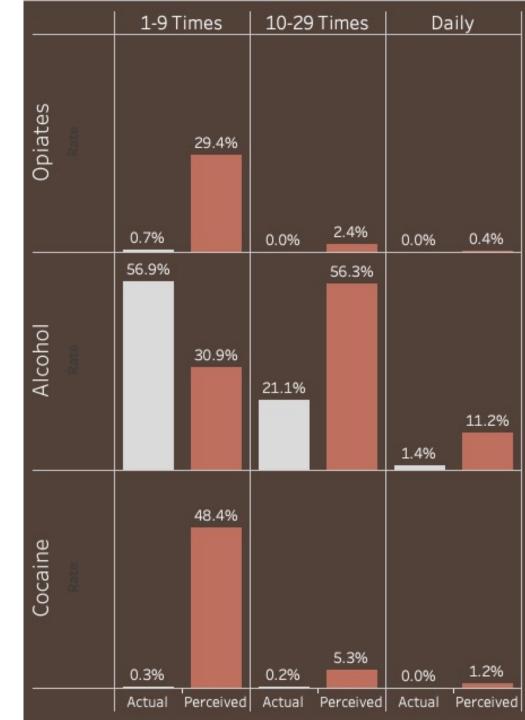
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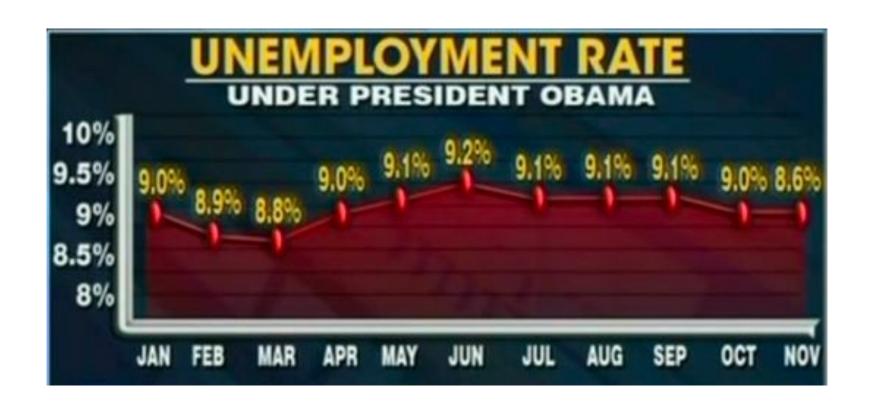
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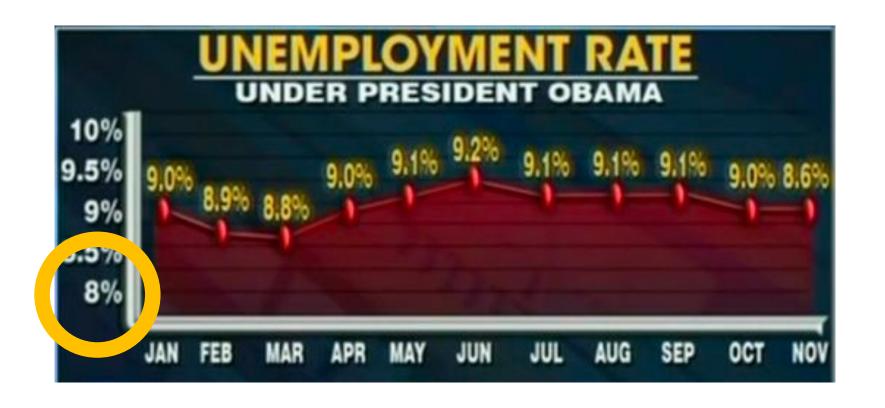
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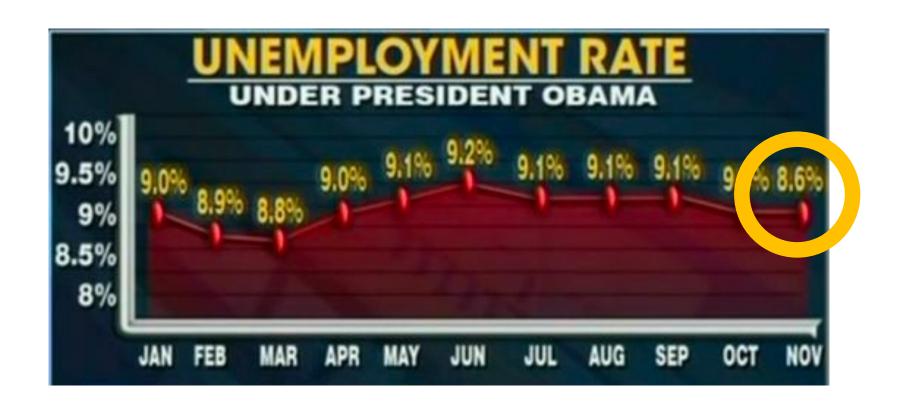
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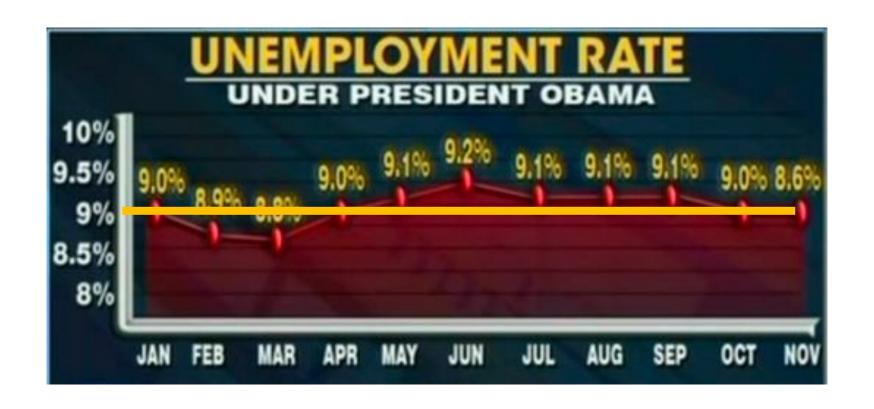
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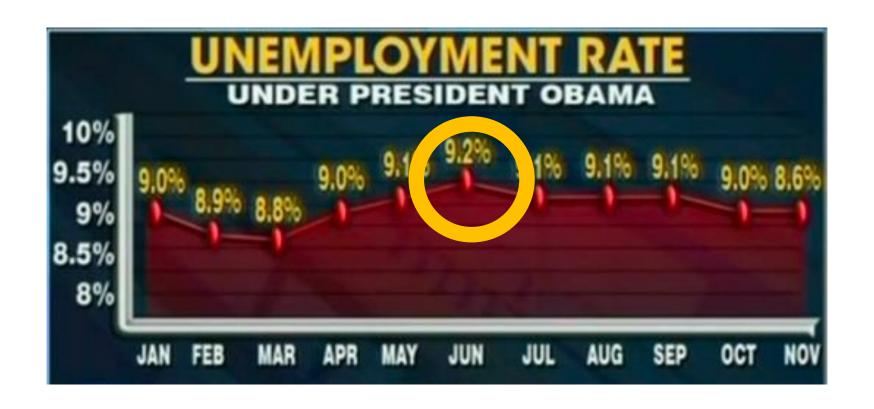




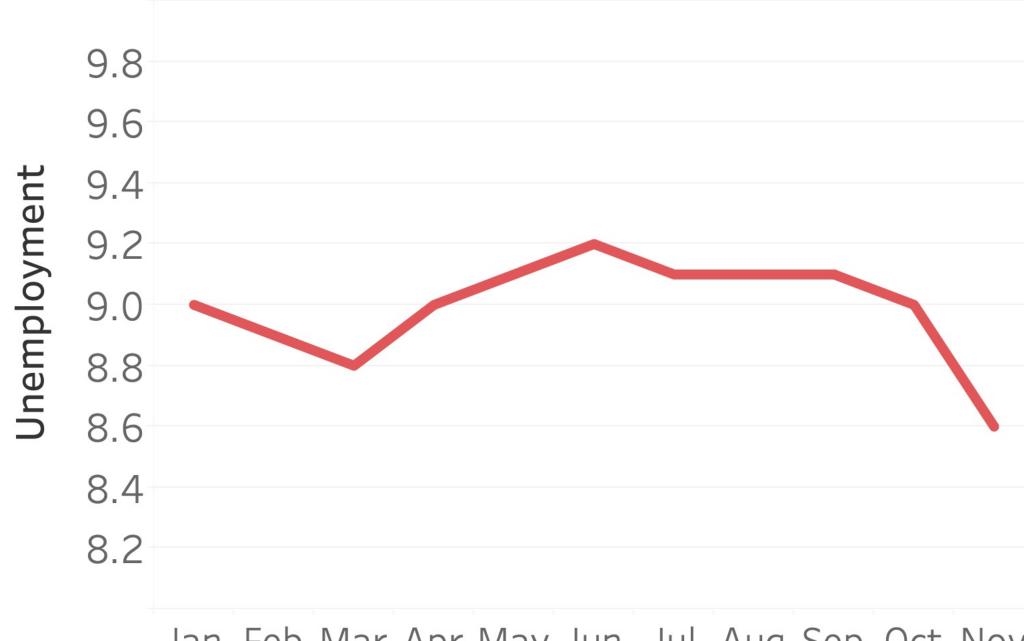












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Incorrect Visualizations

People assume that visualizations properly encode their data

...if we violate that assumption, we can do anything we want.

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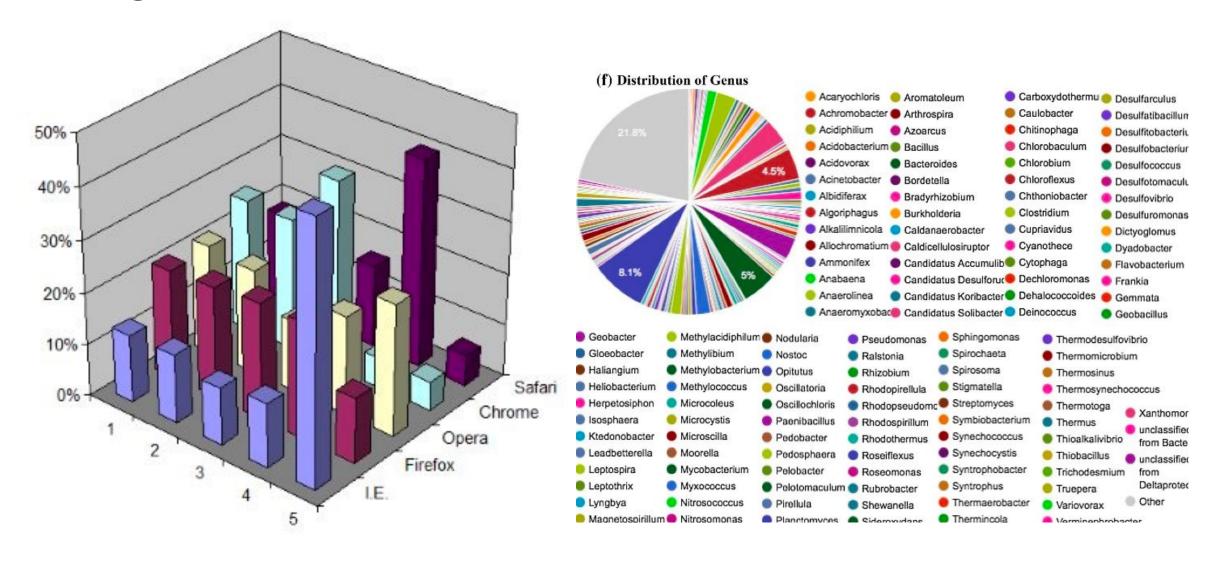
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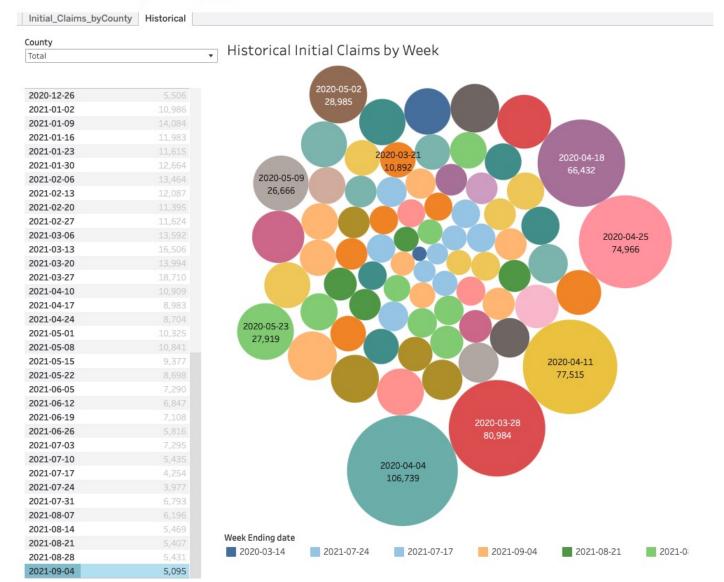
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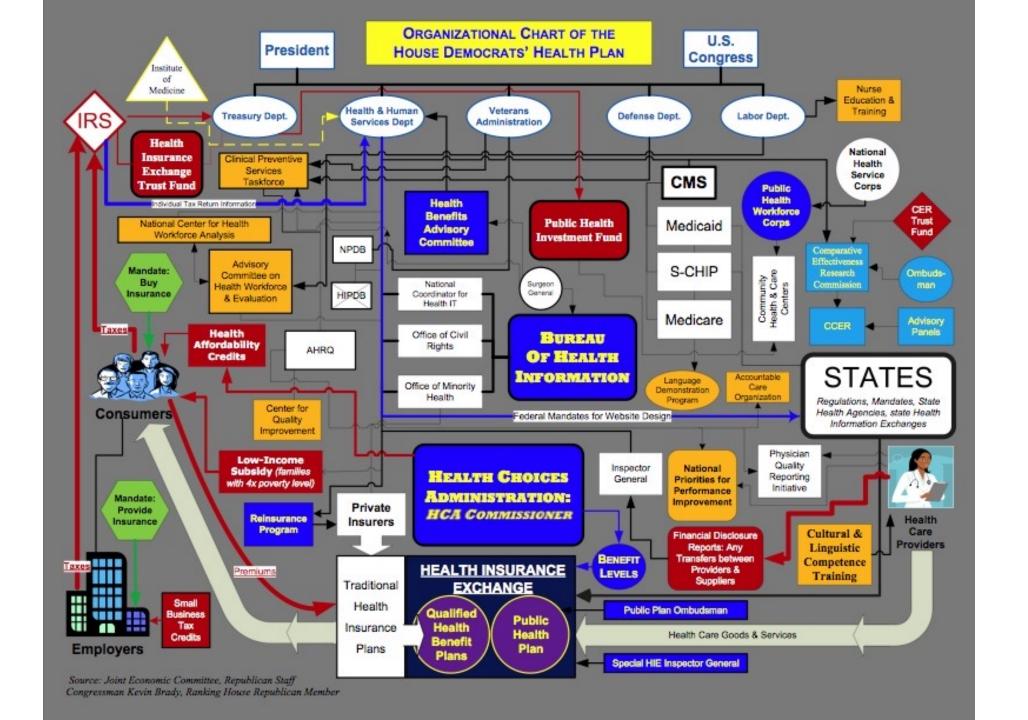
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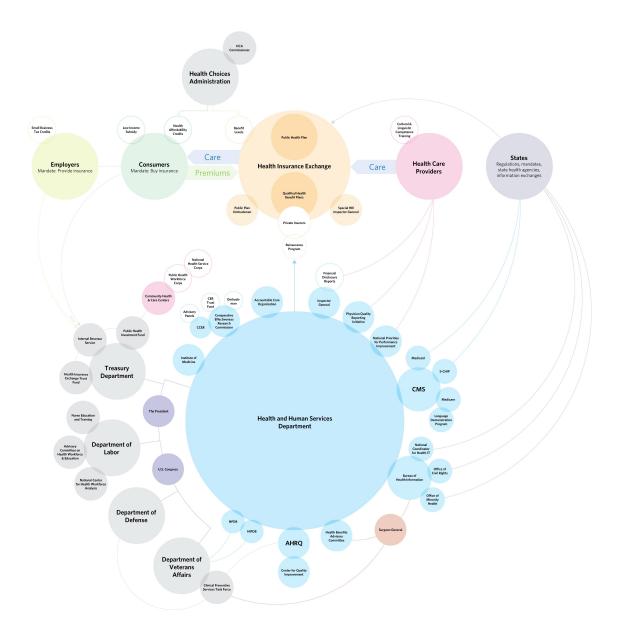
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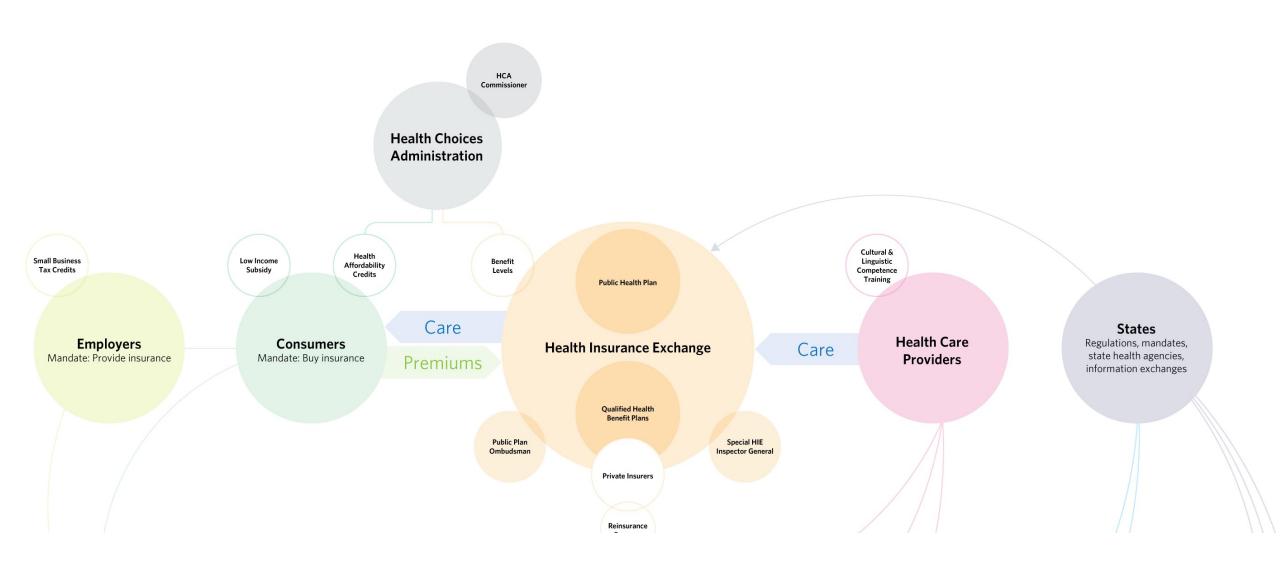
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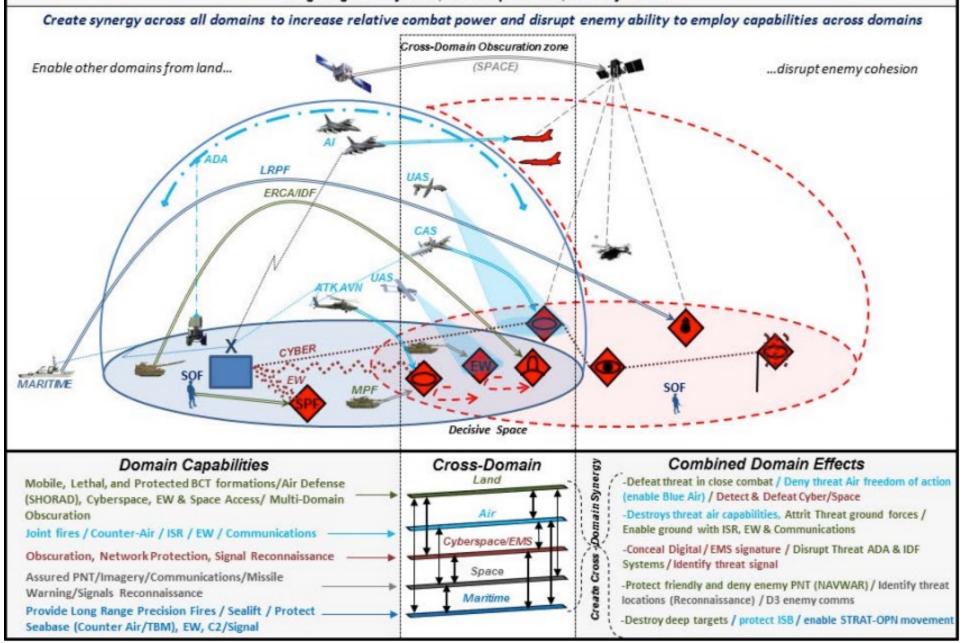
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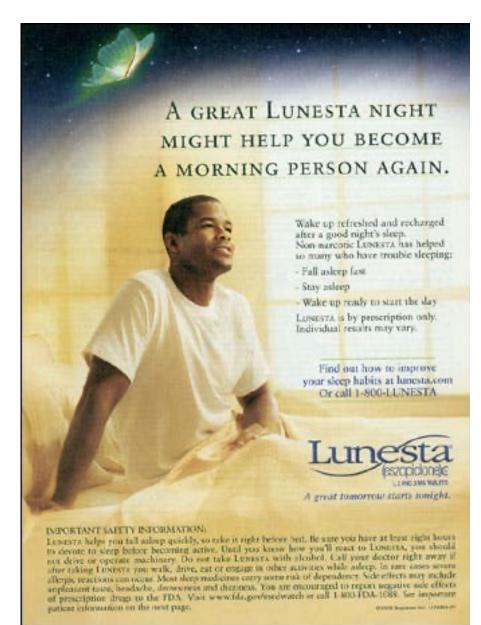


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Cross-Domain Obscuration

The use of tactics, materials, or technologies in the land, air, cyberspace (to include information and EW), space, and maritime domains that degrade threat sensor capability within selectable portions of the EMS to prevent an enemy or adversary from detecting and effectively targeting friendly units, combat platforms, and key assets.







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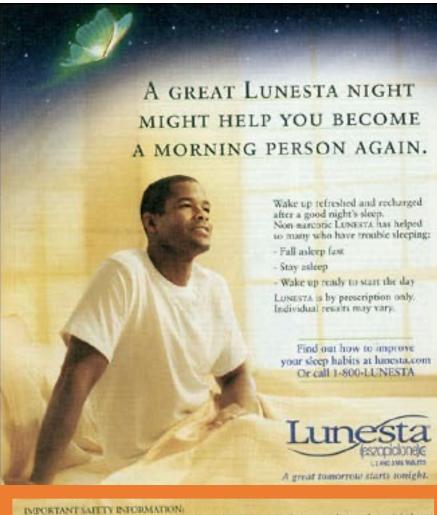
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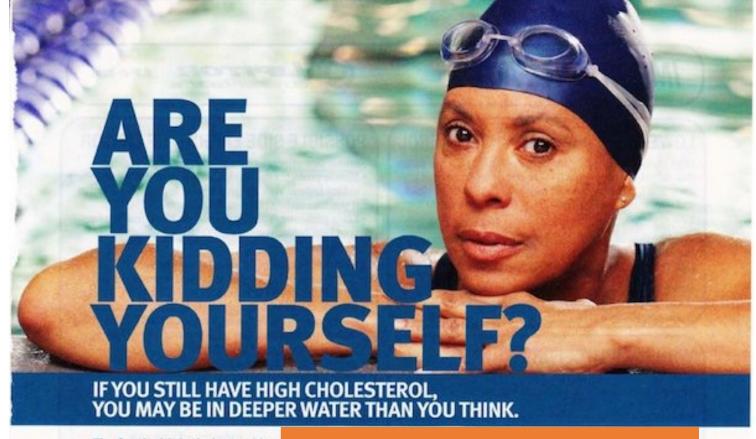
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Illegible Visualizations

People will get lost in the details or overwhelmed by complexity

...if we make things intentionally complex people then people will just assume we know what we're talking about or will be too dazed to check too closely.

Bad Visualizations

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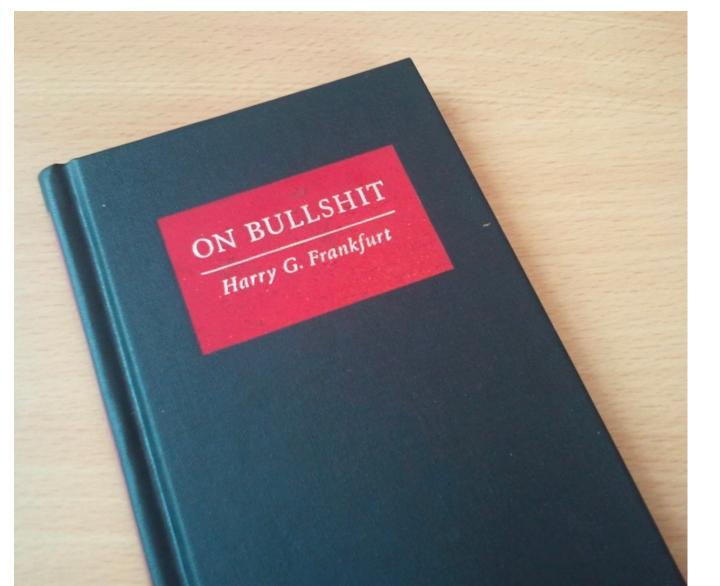
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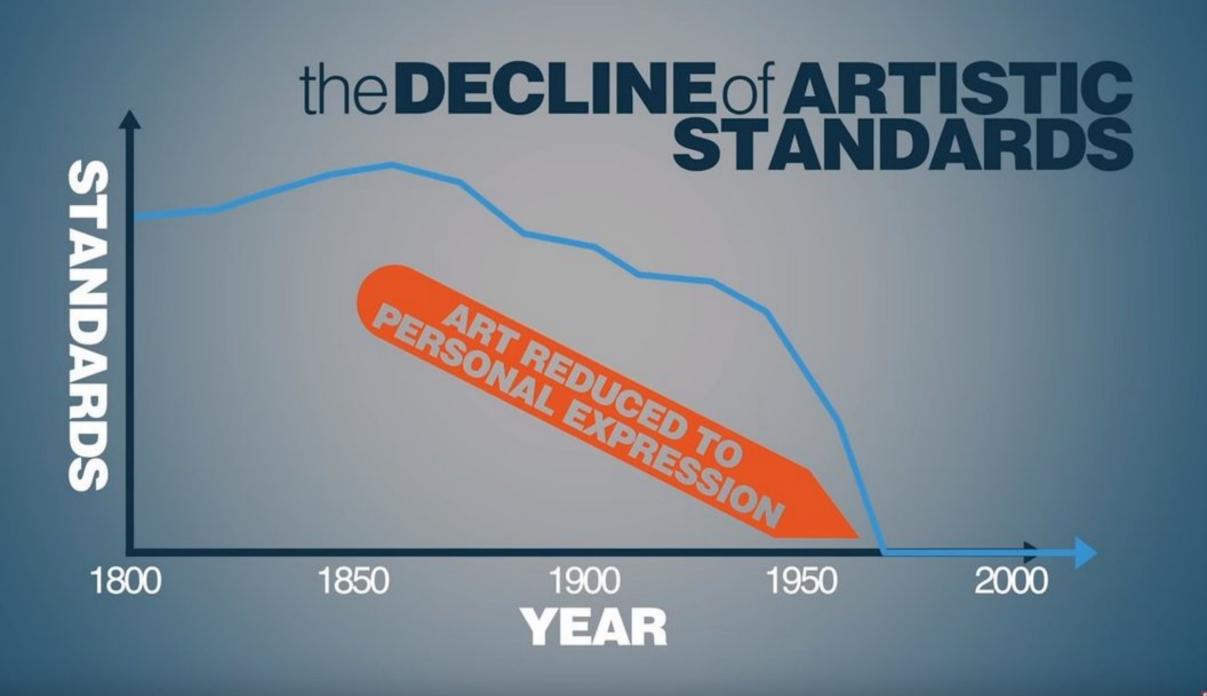
"No, officer, I wasn't speeding"

(you know the truth, but intentionally say something you know is untrue)

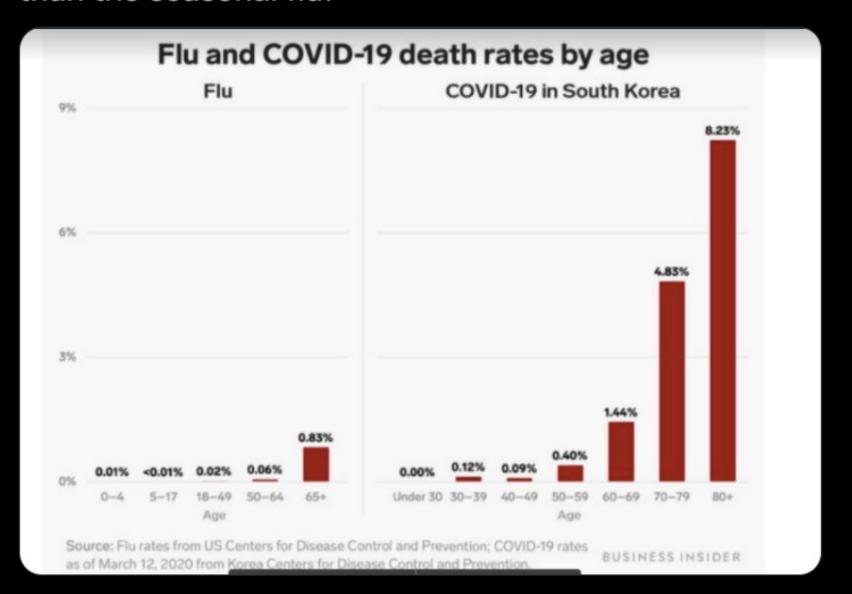
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"The party was lame anyways, it's good I wasn't invited"

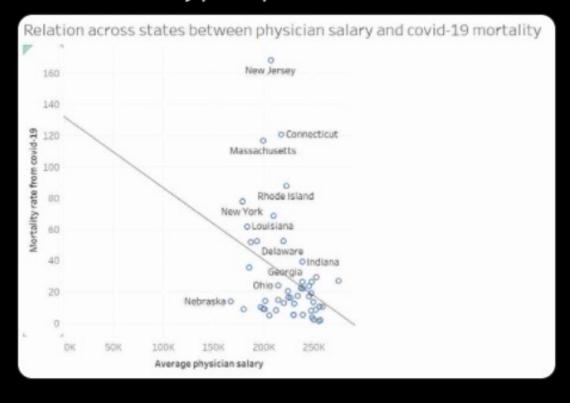
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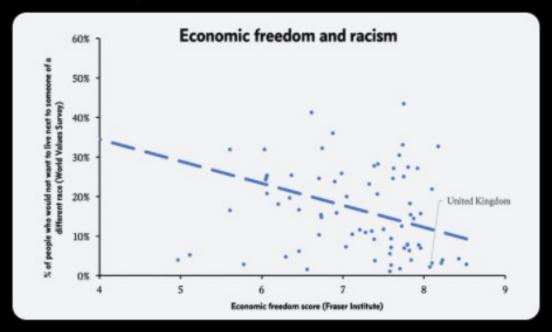
For people under 60, coronavirus is LESS dangerous than the seasonal flu:



States where physicians are highly paid have lower Covid-19 mortality per capita.

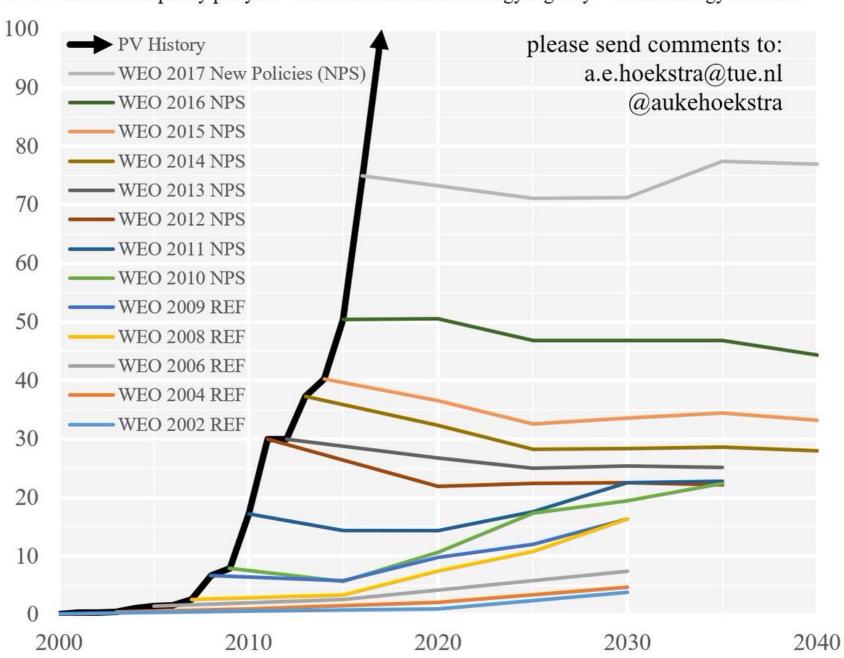


Fact check: Countries with more economic freedom have less racist attitudes, according to the World Values Survey.

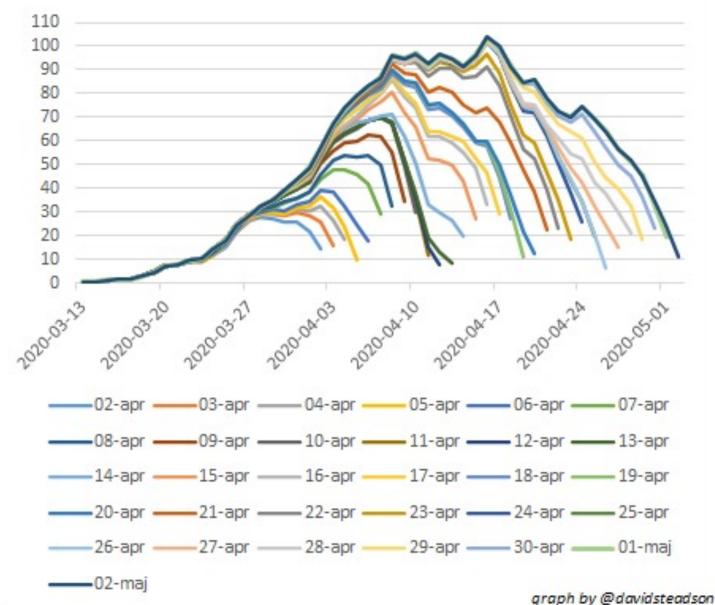


Annual PV additions: historic data vs IEA WEO predictions

In GW of added capacity per year - source International Energy Agency - World Energy Outlook



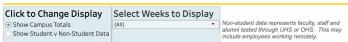
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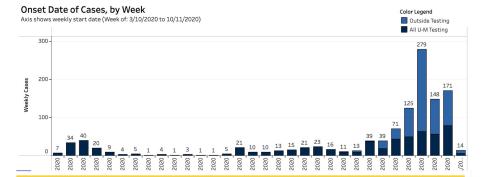


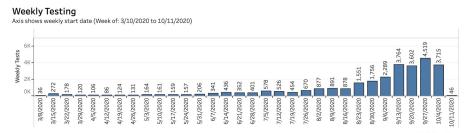
Campus COVID-19 Data and Indicators



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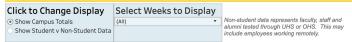
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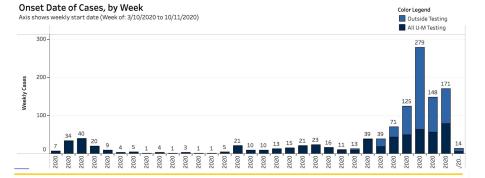
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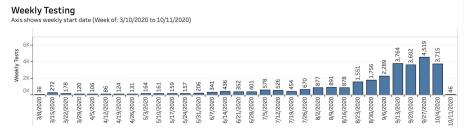
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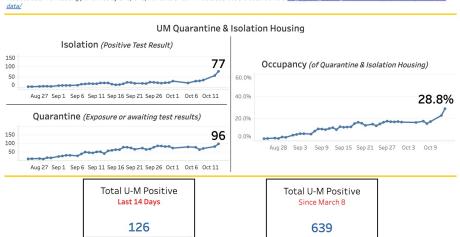
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'Close to Open Revolt'

Graduate students and RAs at the University of Michigan are on strike over the university's COVID-19 response.

By Lilah Burke // September 16, 2020



Consultation Theater

University of Michigan faculty members say administrators have not been transparent about reopening decisions.

By Lilah Burke // September 4, 2020 45

Bullshit Visualizations

You can just make stuff up with no connection to reality

- ...show stuff that looks like data but isn't
- ...assume a conclusion and pretend it's true
- ...or give people data they can't do anything with

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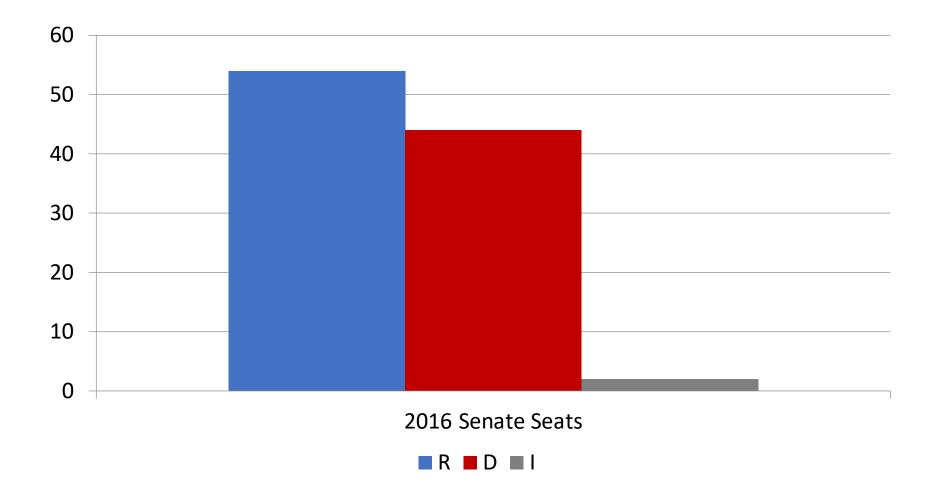
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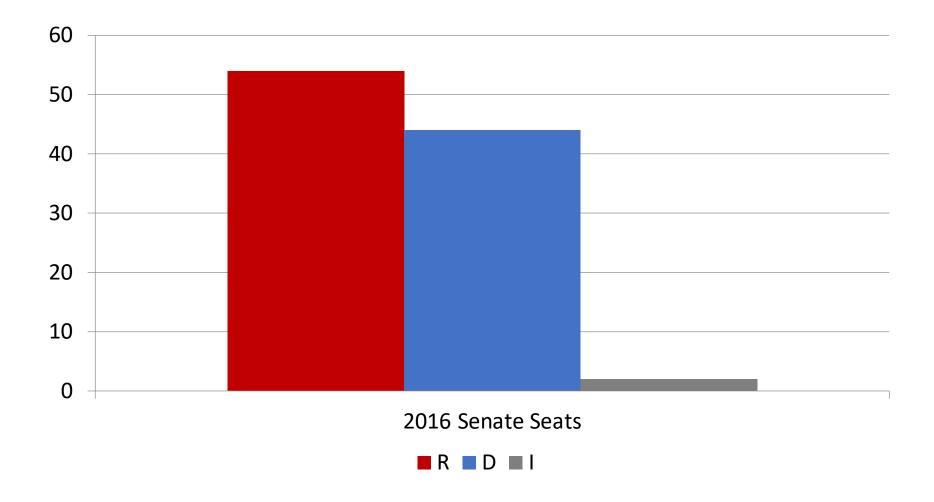
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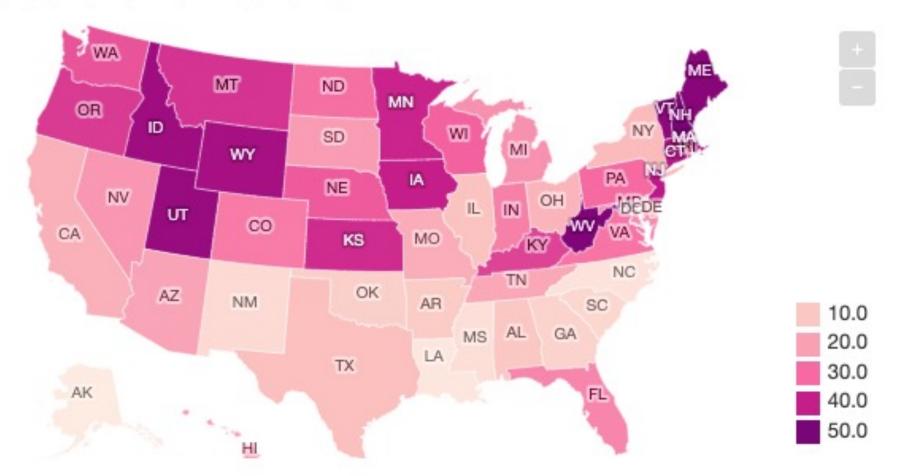


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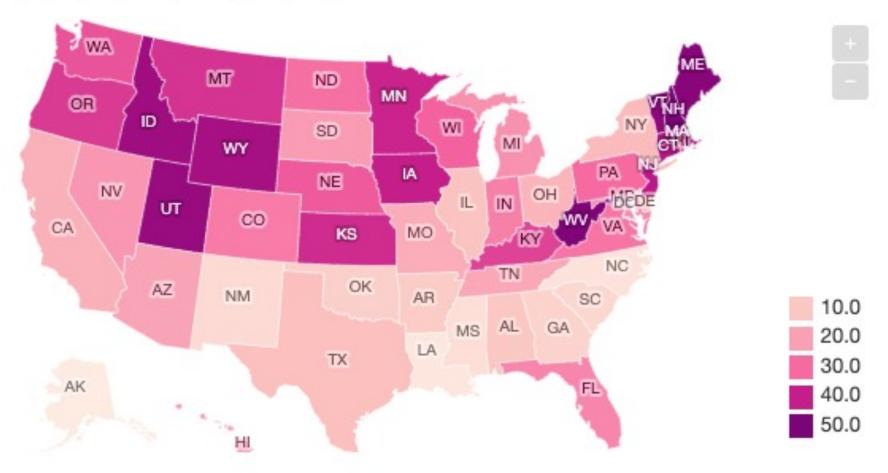




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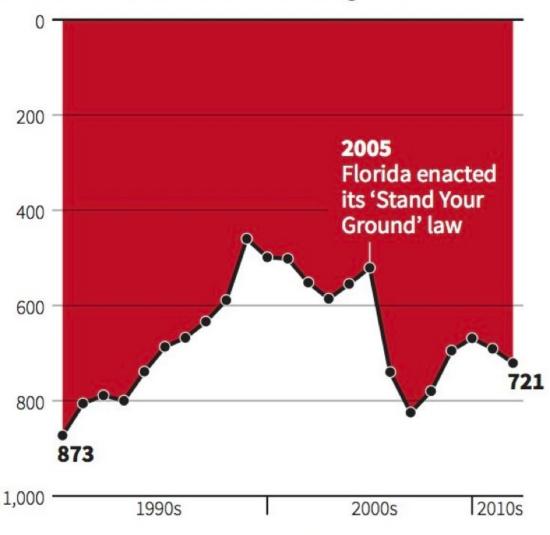
Which states have the most STIs?



"Each state has been rated from one to 50: the higher the score, the smaller the proportion of STIs. So on the map - the darker the colour, the smaller the rate of STIs."

Gun deaths in Florida

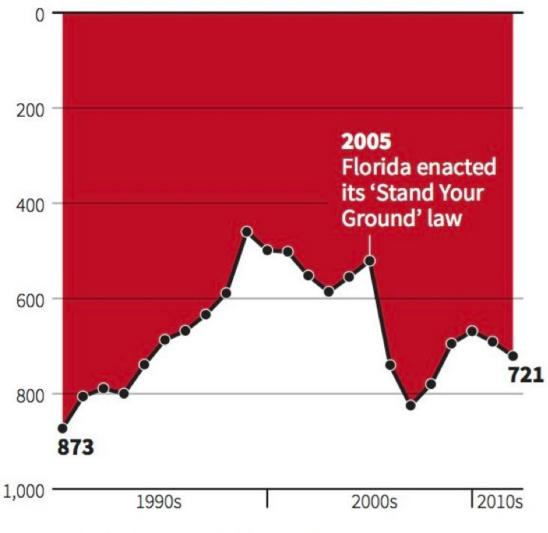
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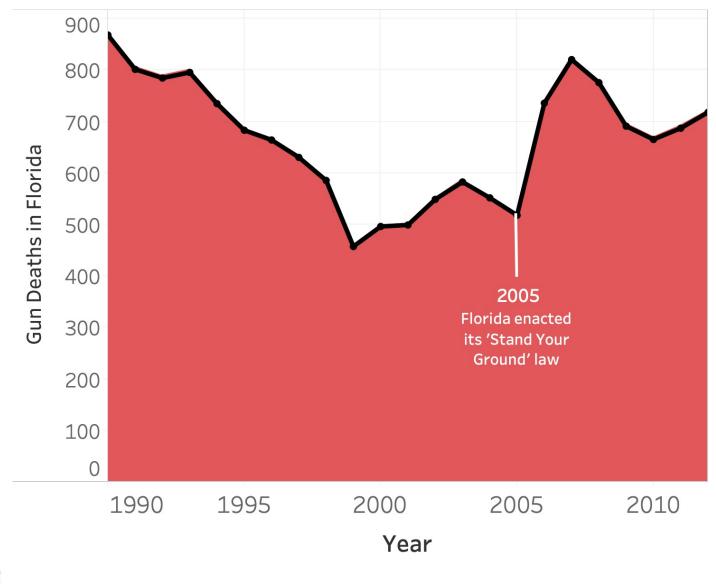


Source: Florida Department of Law Enforcement

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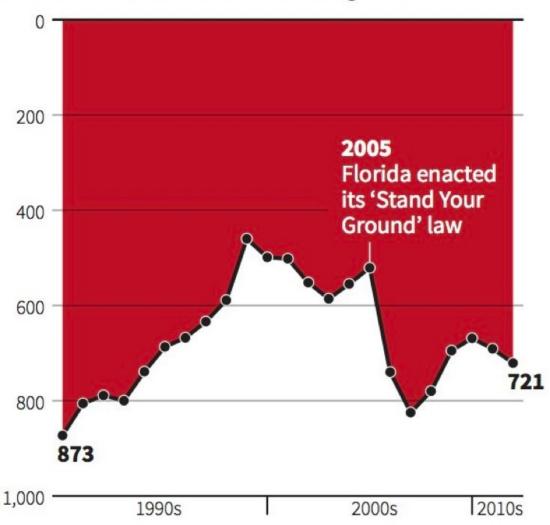
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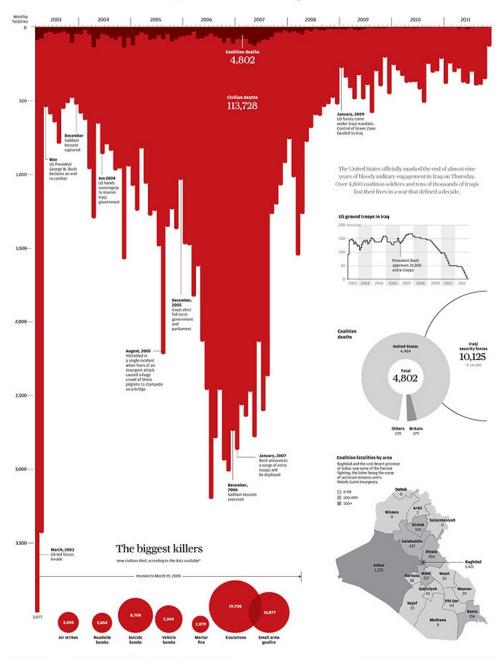
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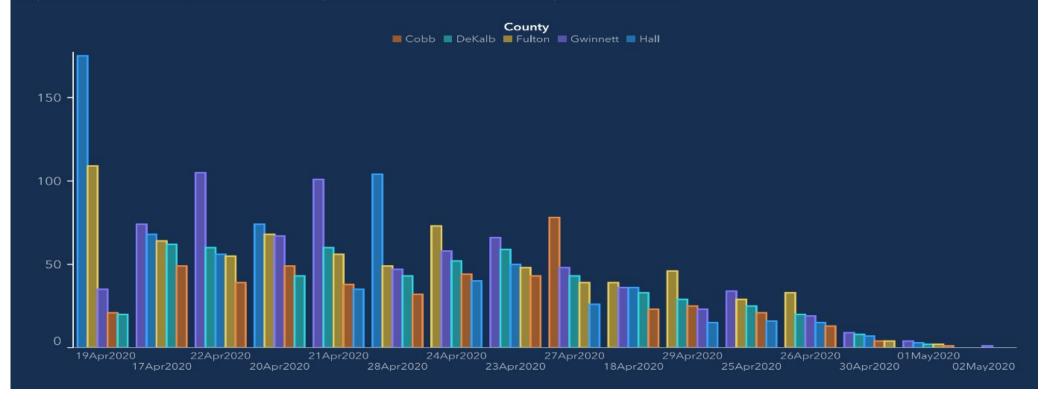
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Iraq's bloody toll



Top 5 Counties with the Greatest Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

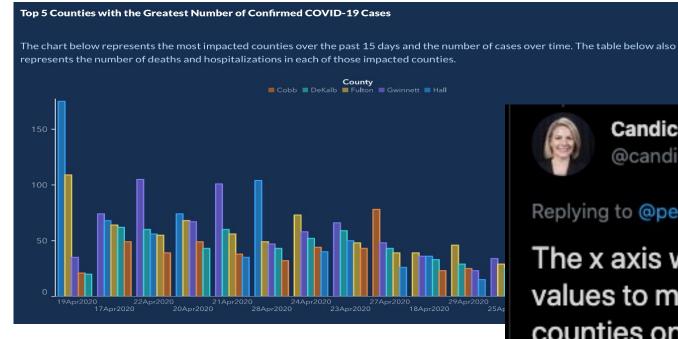
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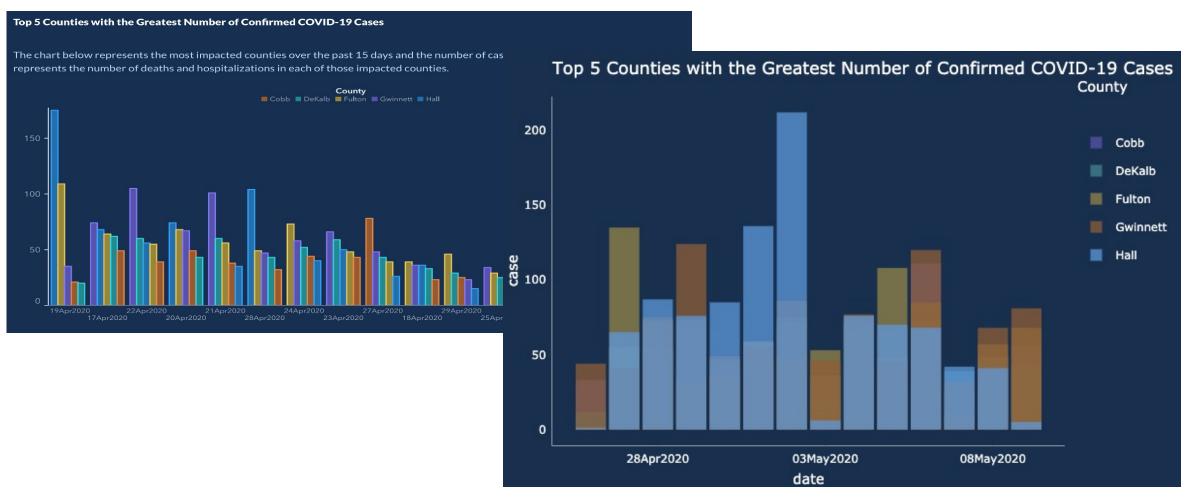


Replying to @petecorson and @AJCInteractives

The x axis was set up that way to show descending values to more easily demonstrate peak values and counties on those dates. Our mission failed. We apologize. It is fixed.

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Why does college have to cost so much?

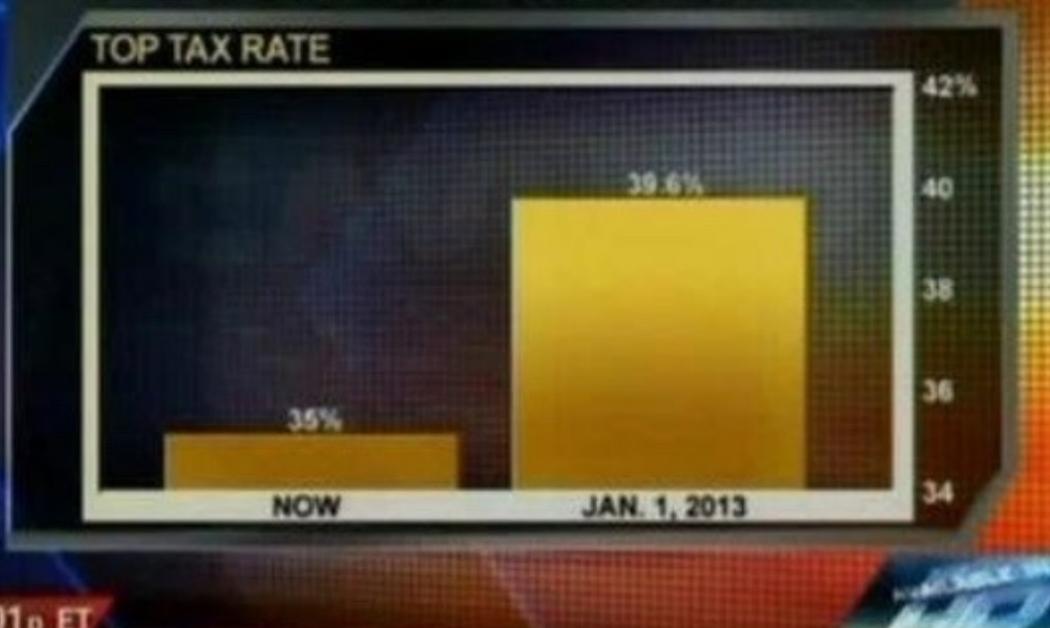
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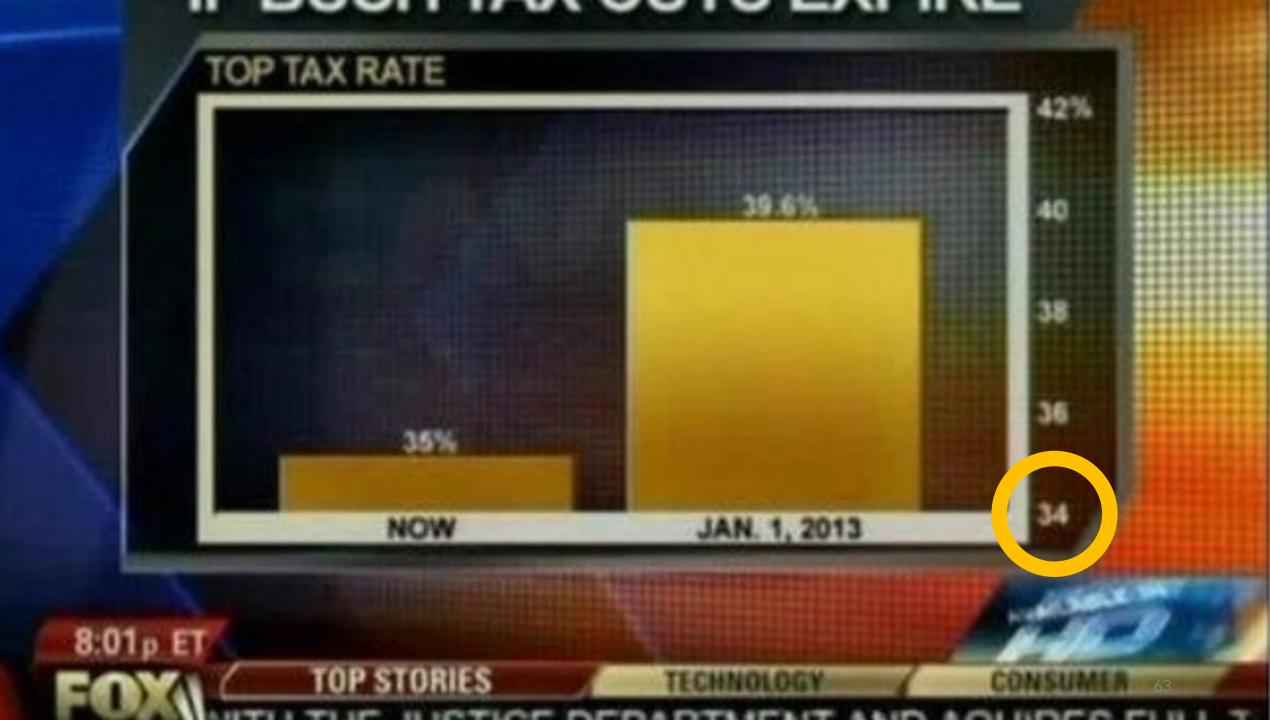
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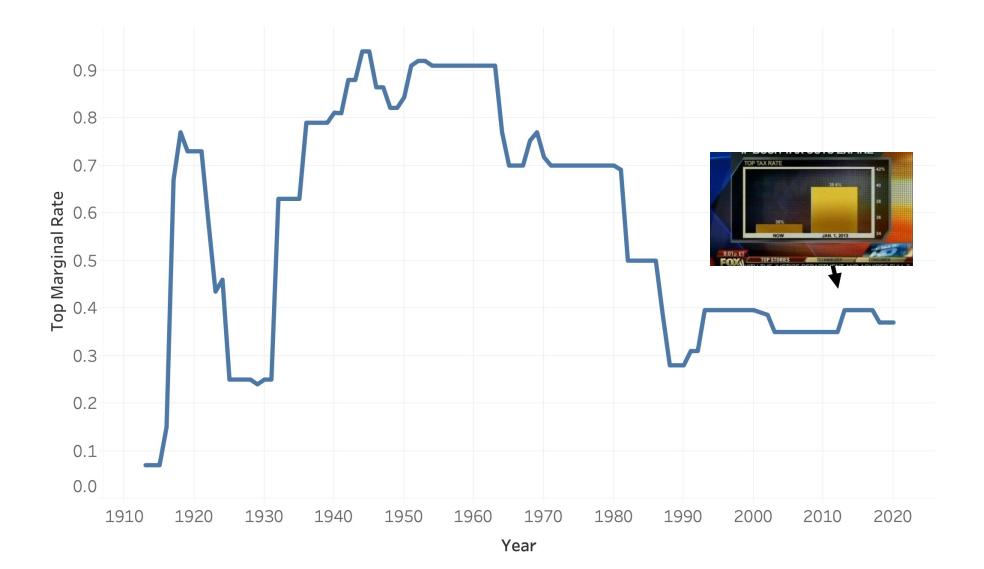
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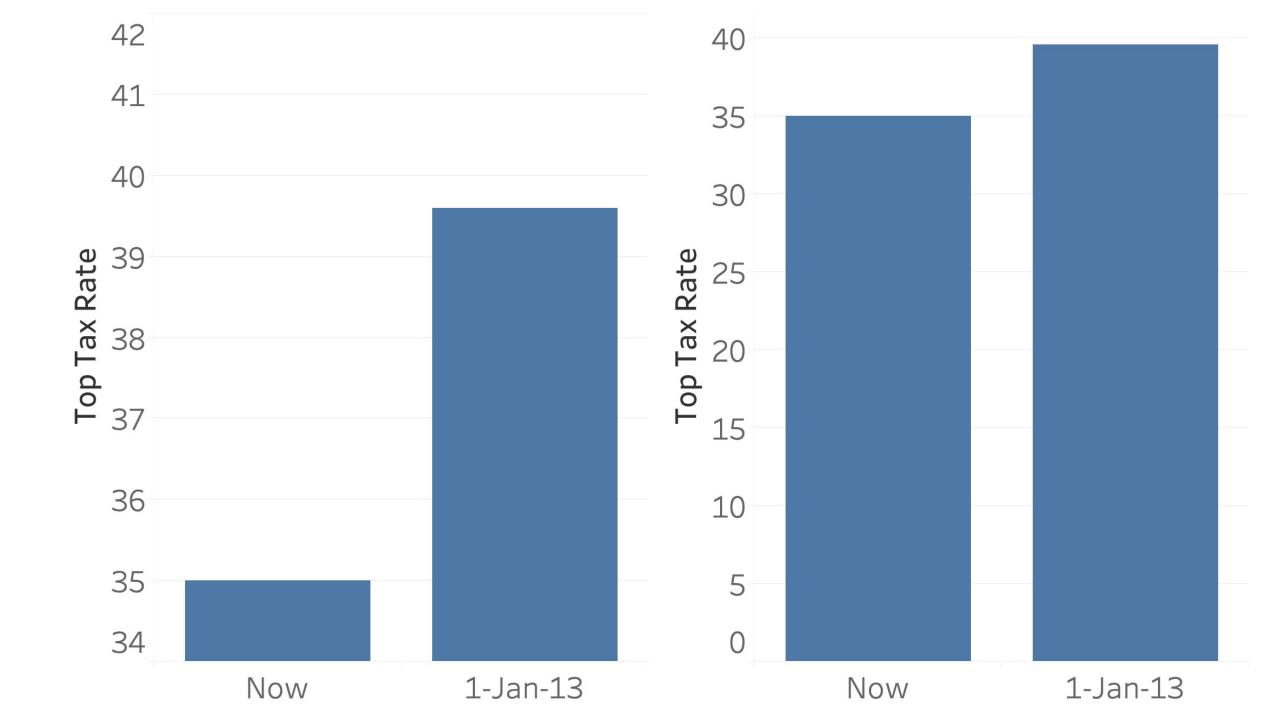
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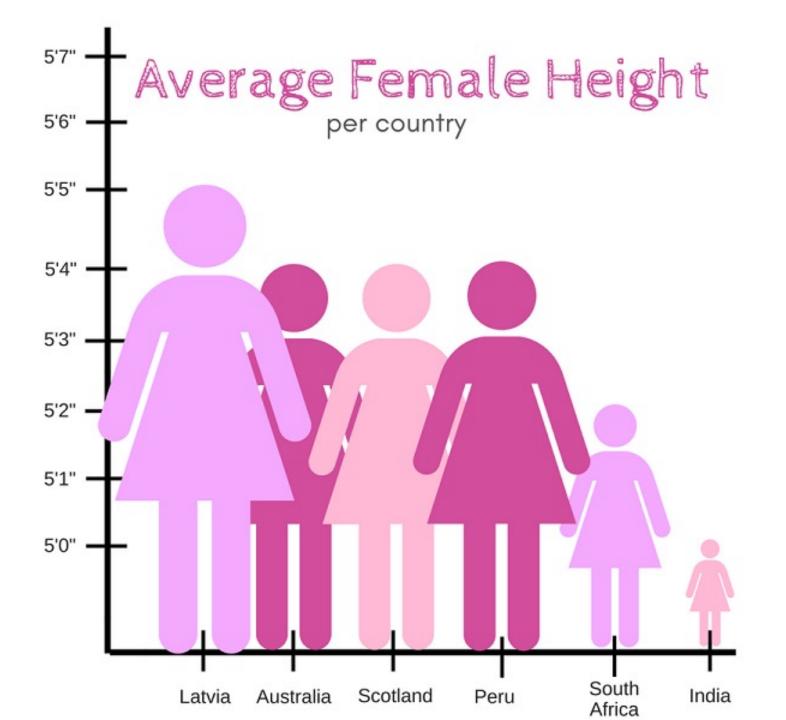
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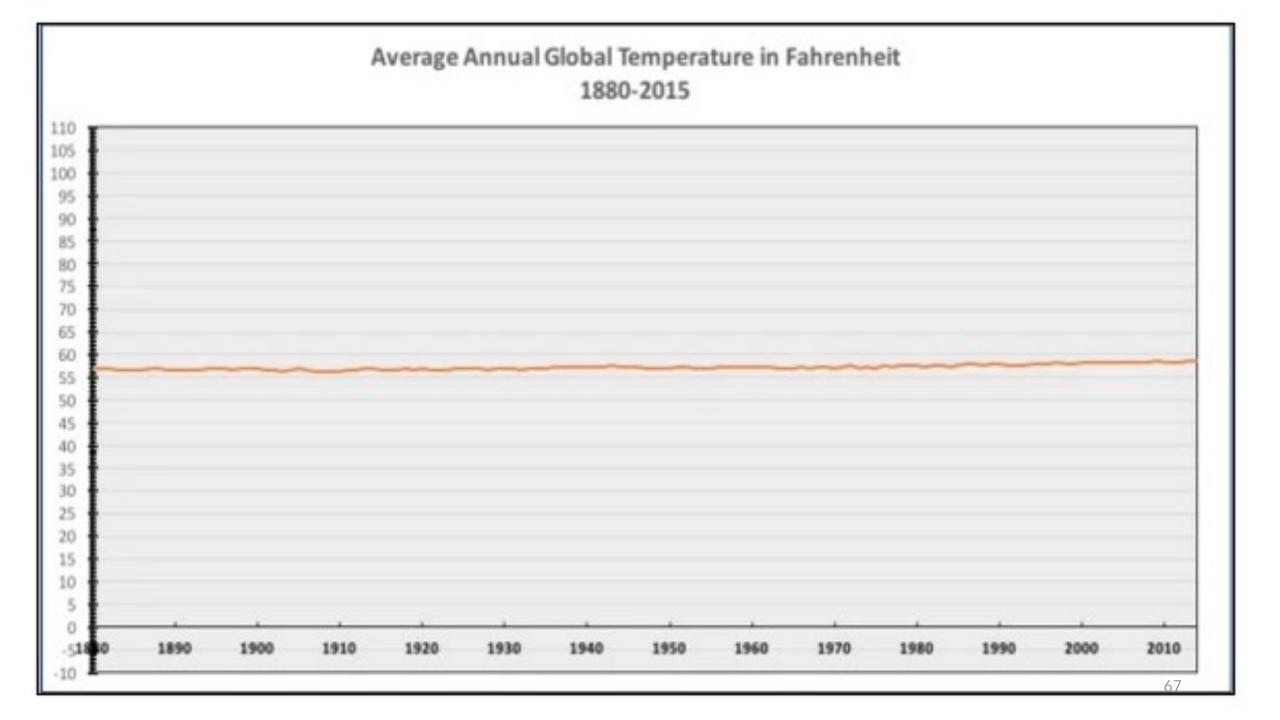
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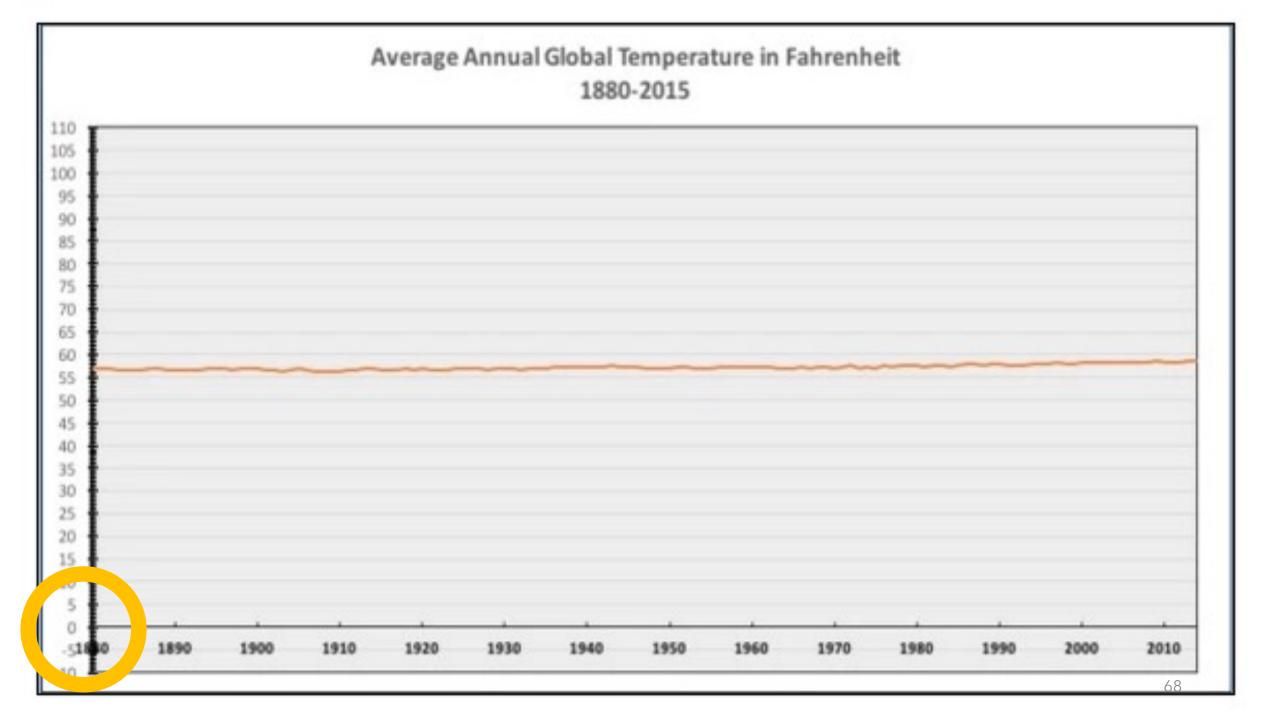




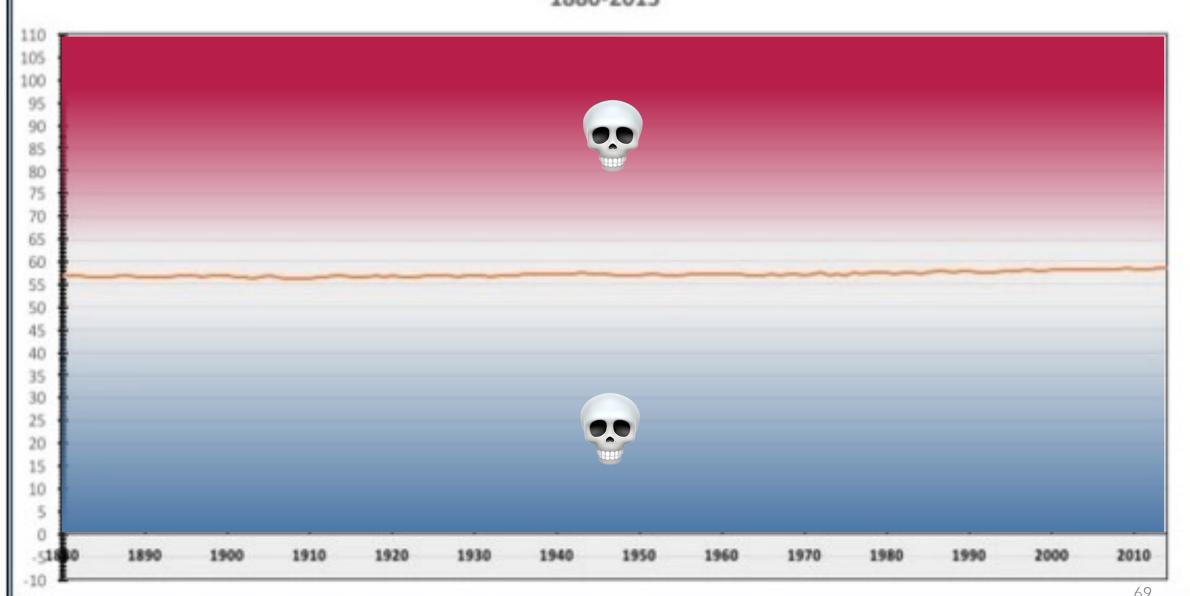


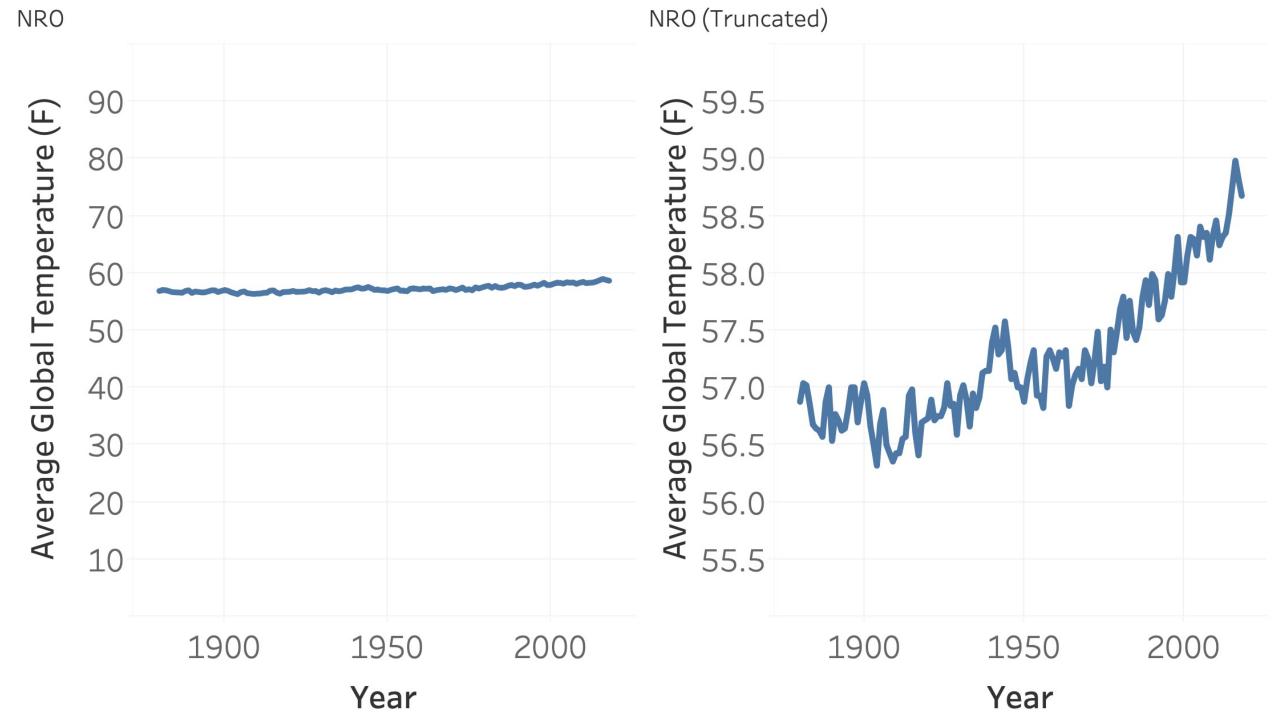












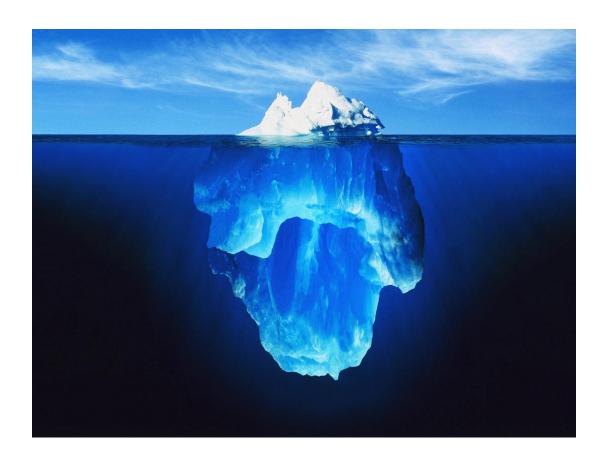
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People have tacit conventions on how they interpret charts (around colors, axes, slopes)

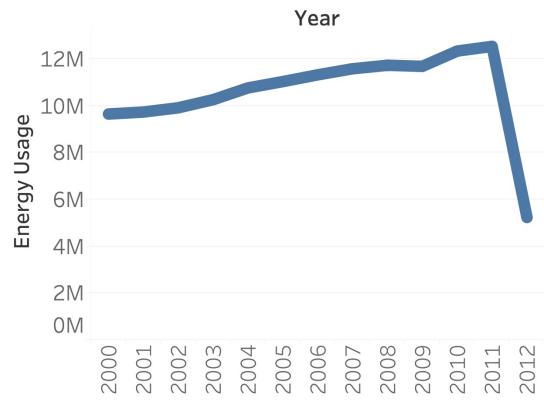
...if you violate those conventions, you can catch people off guard.

Other Types of Bad Visualizations

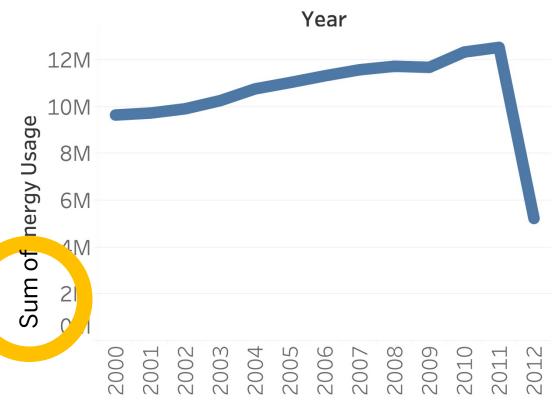
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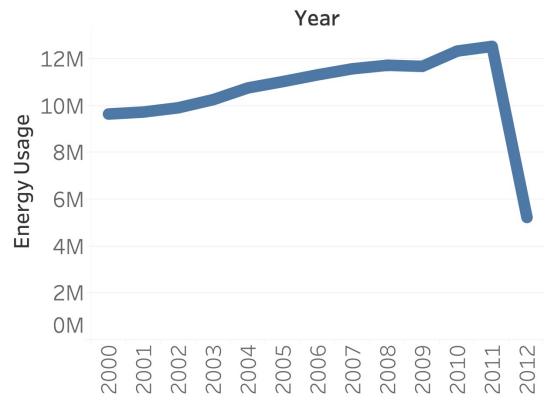
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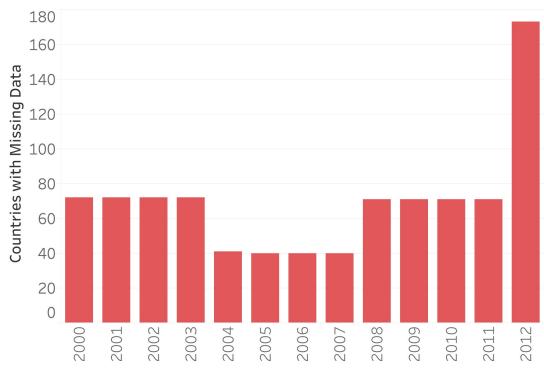


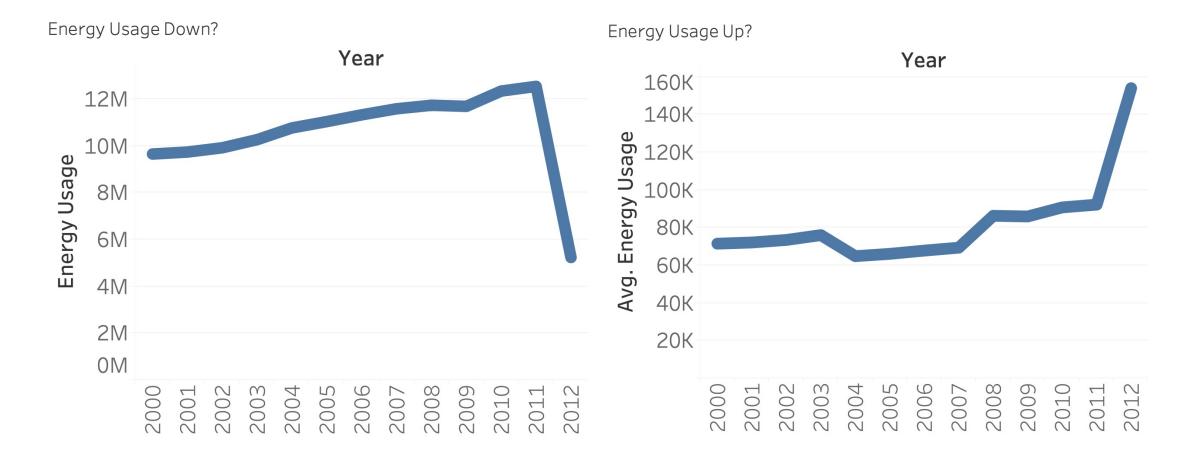
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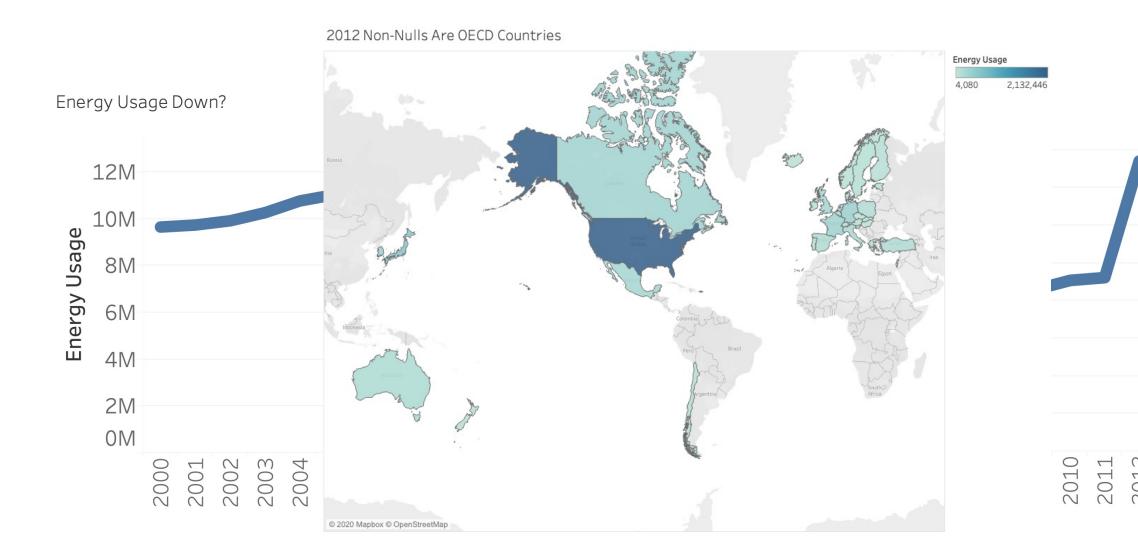


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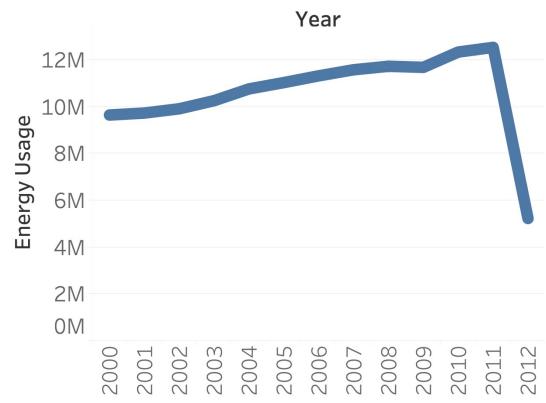




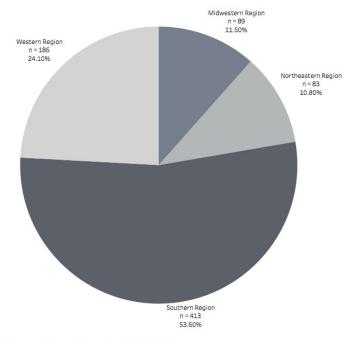




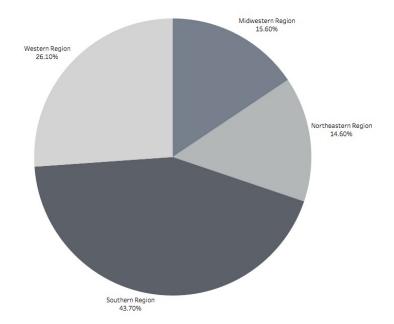
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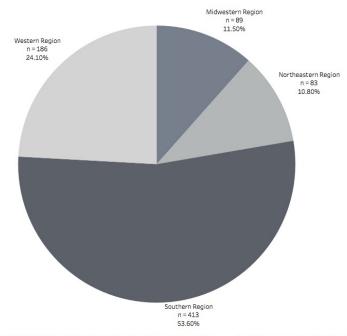
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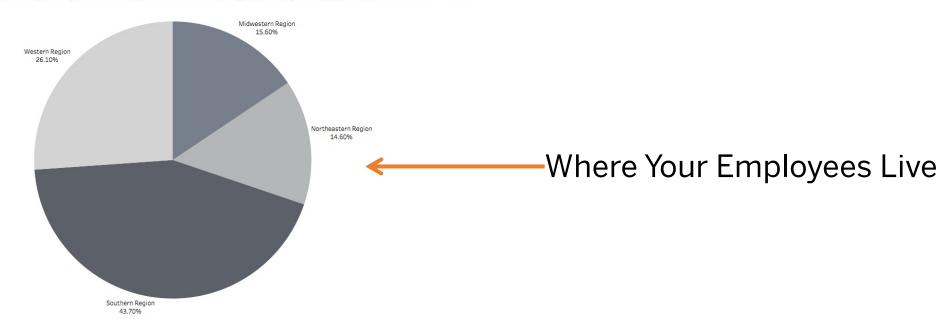
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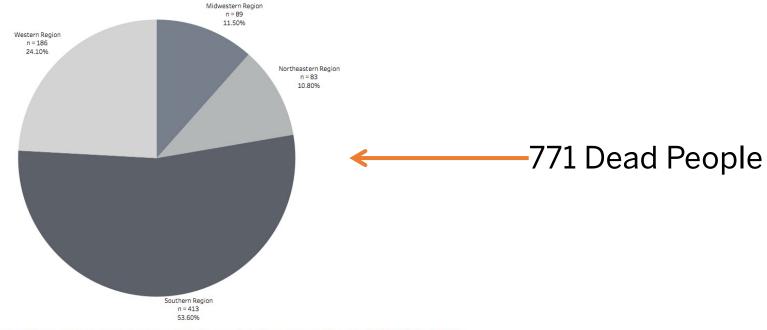
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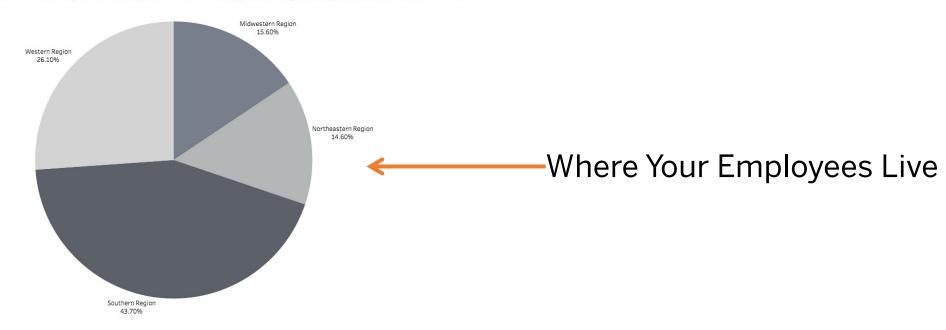
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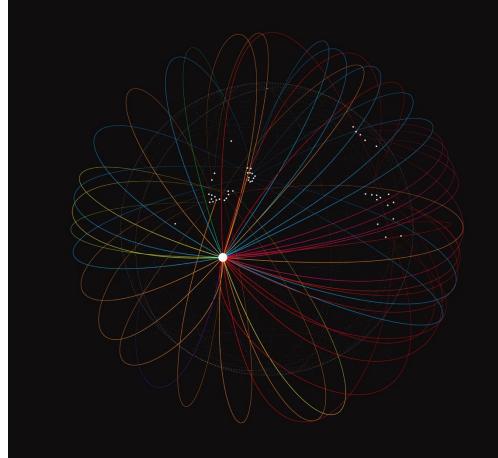
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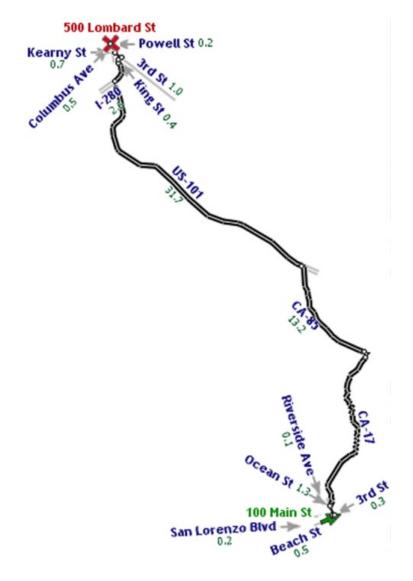
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-Alberto Cairo





Visualization "White Lies"





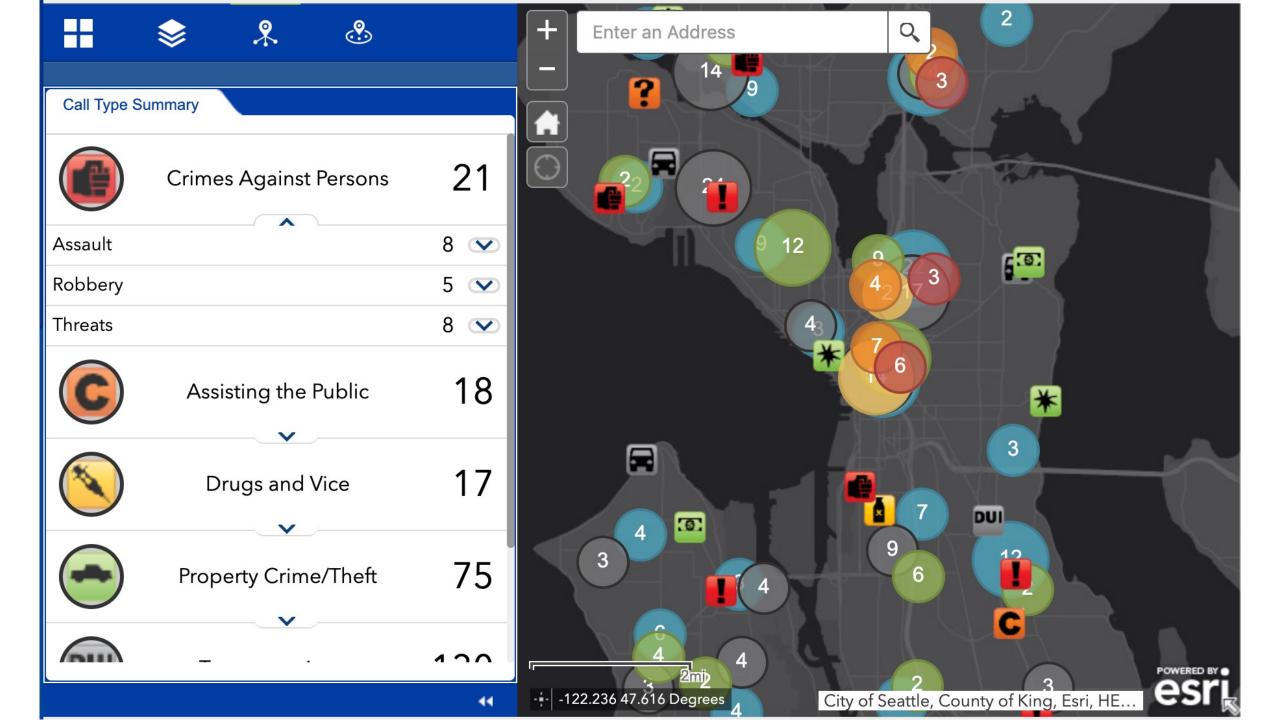
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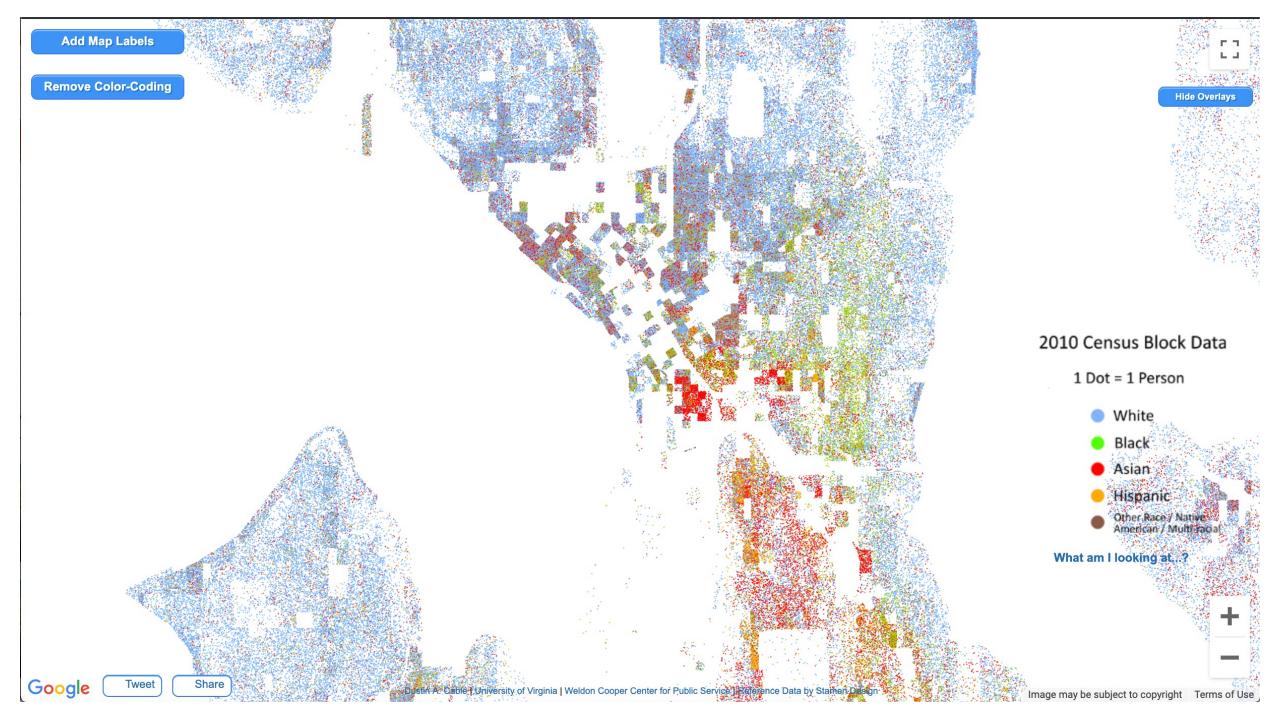
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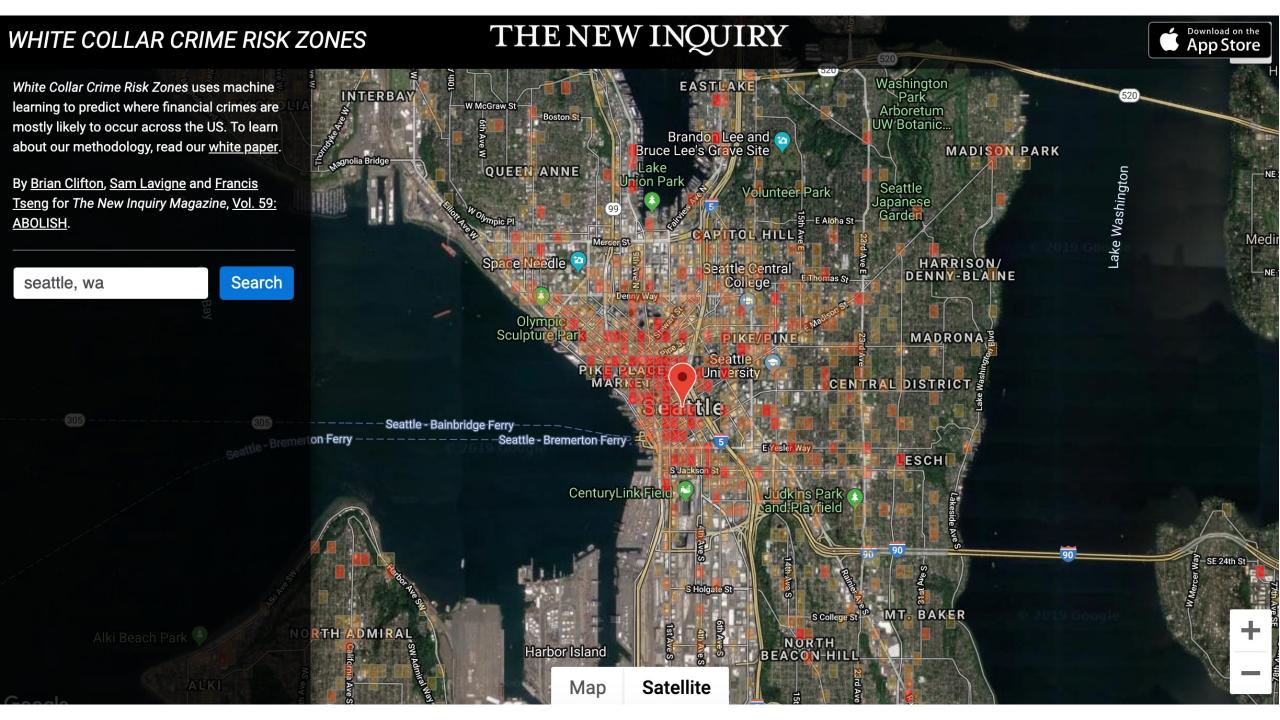
Breaking assumptions, expectations, conventions, drowning people in details... or just making stuff up.

Nuance:

Not every chart that breaks a "rule" is misleading Not every chart that follows the "rules" is truthful







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