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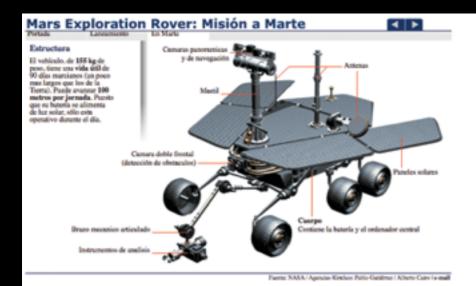
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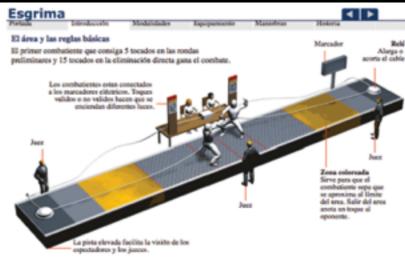


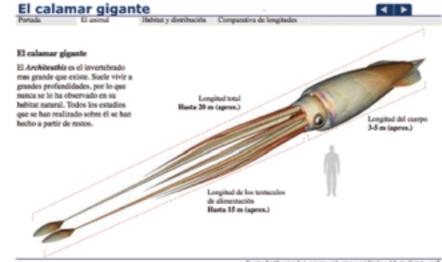
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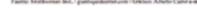
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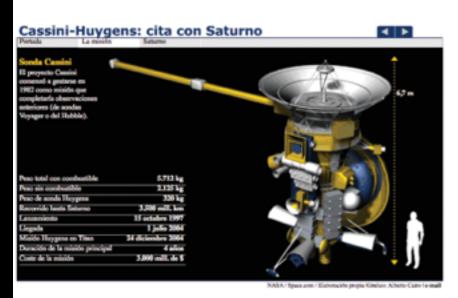
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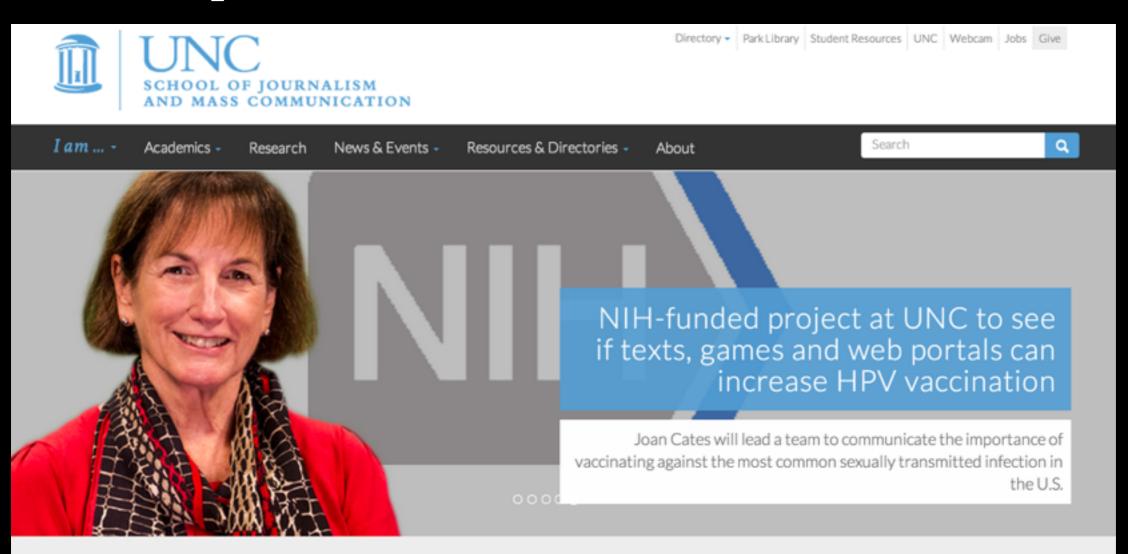
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### UNC-Chapel Hill, 2005-2010



News & Events



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Stuart Scott, 1965 - 2015



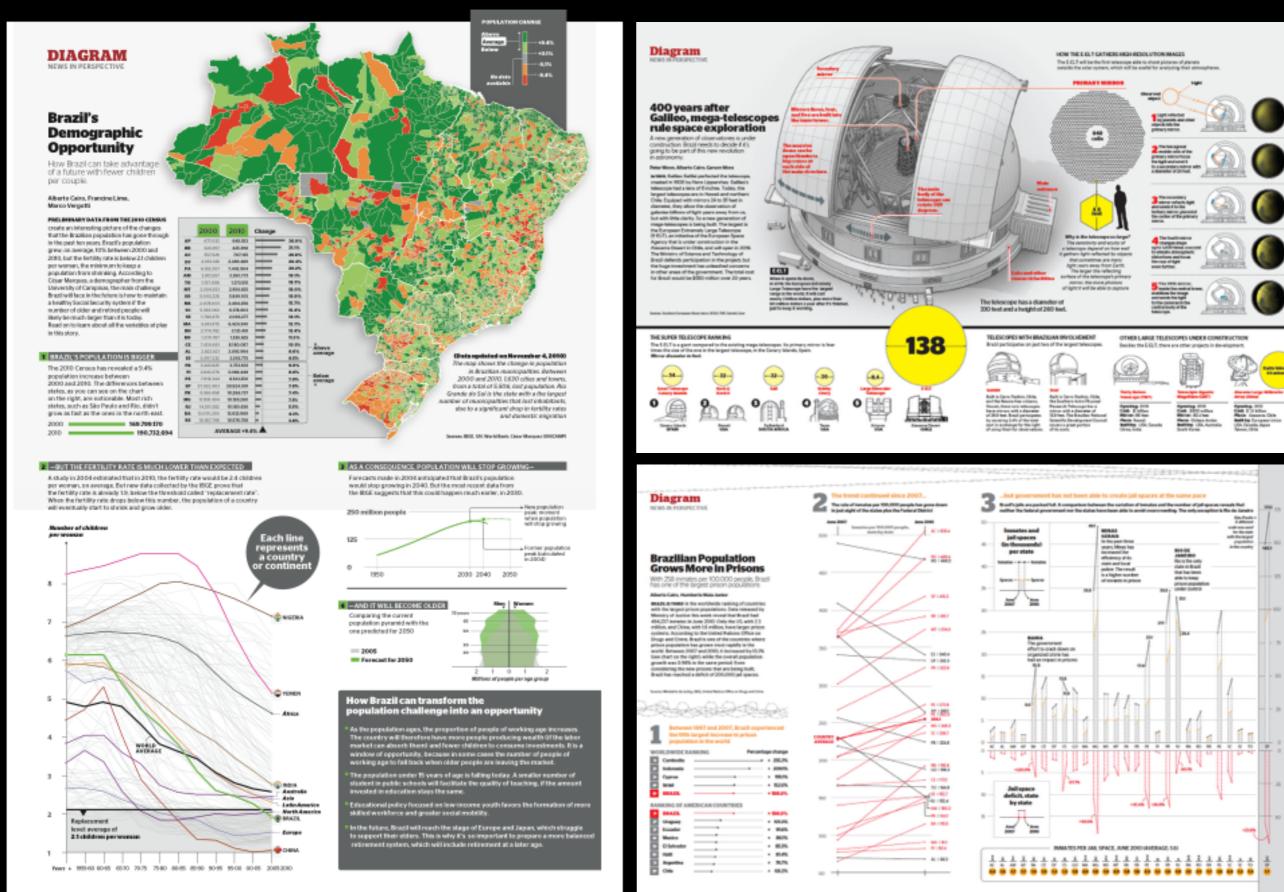
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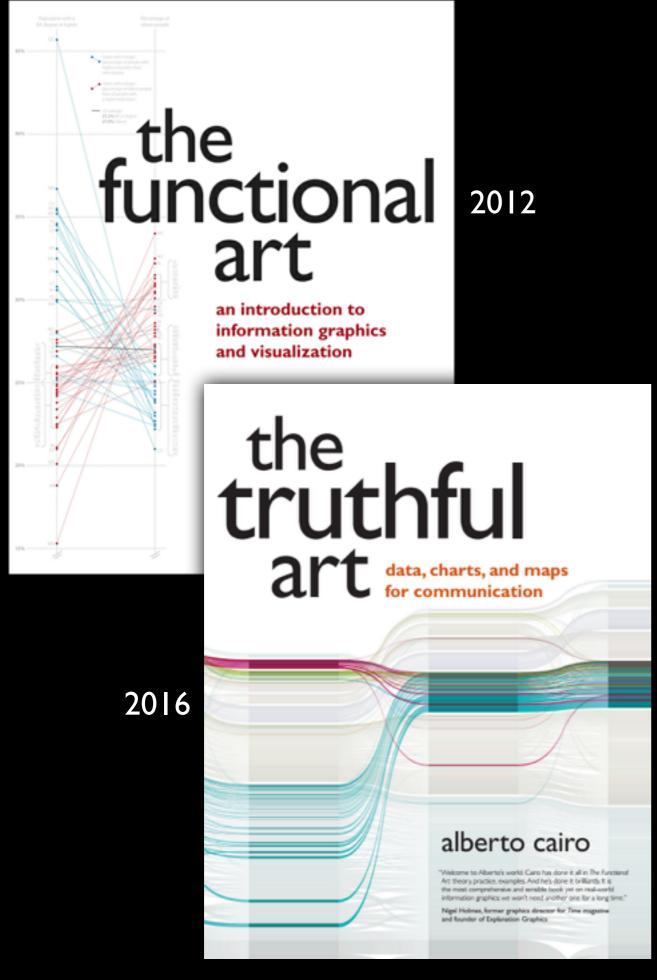
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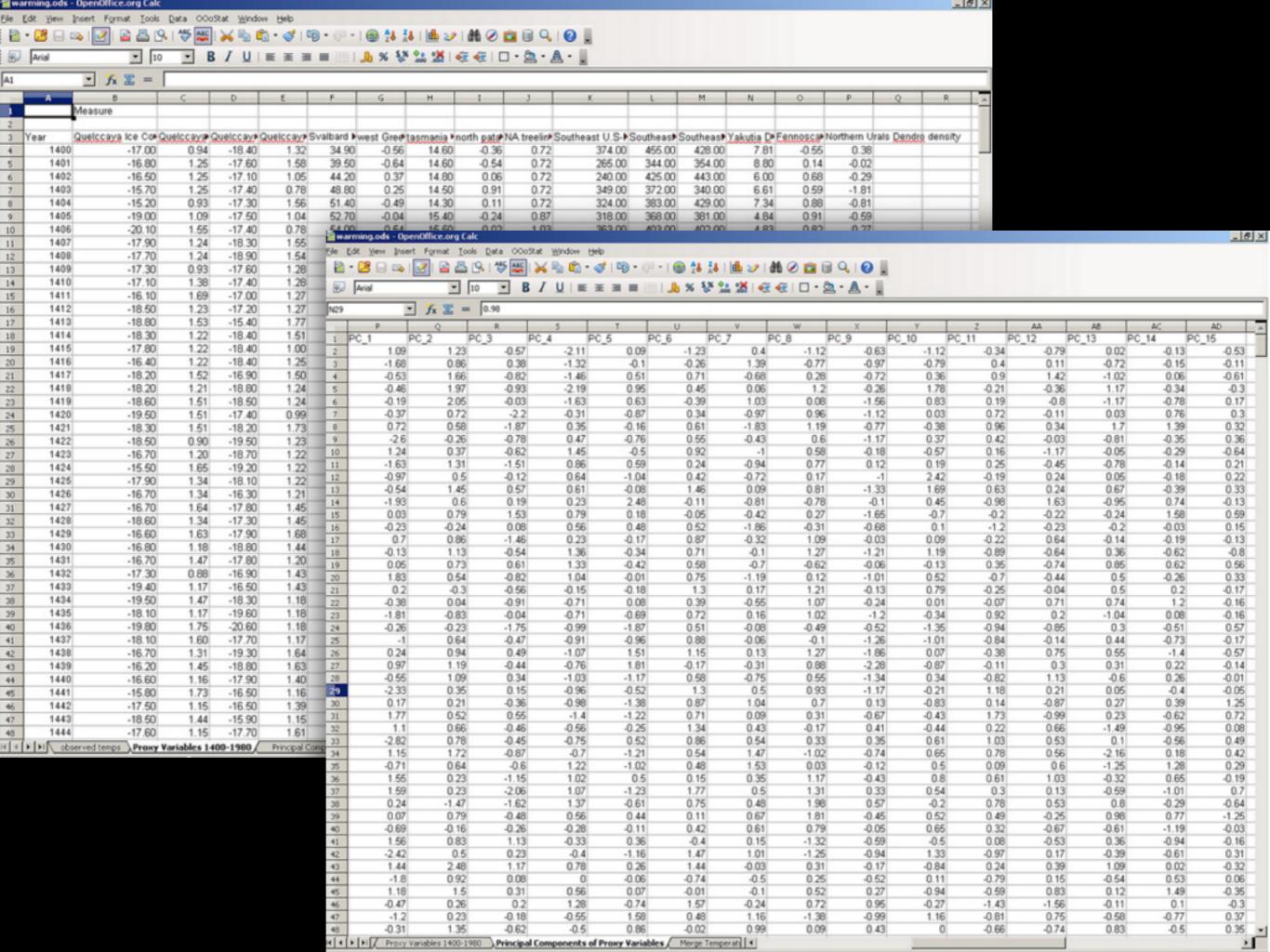
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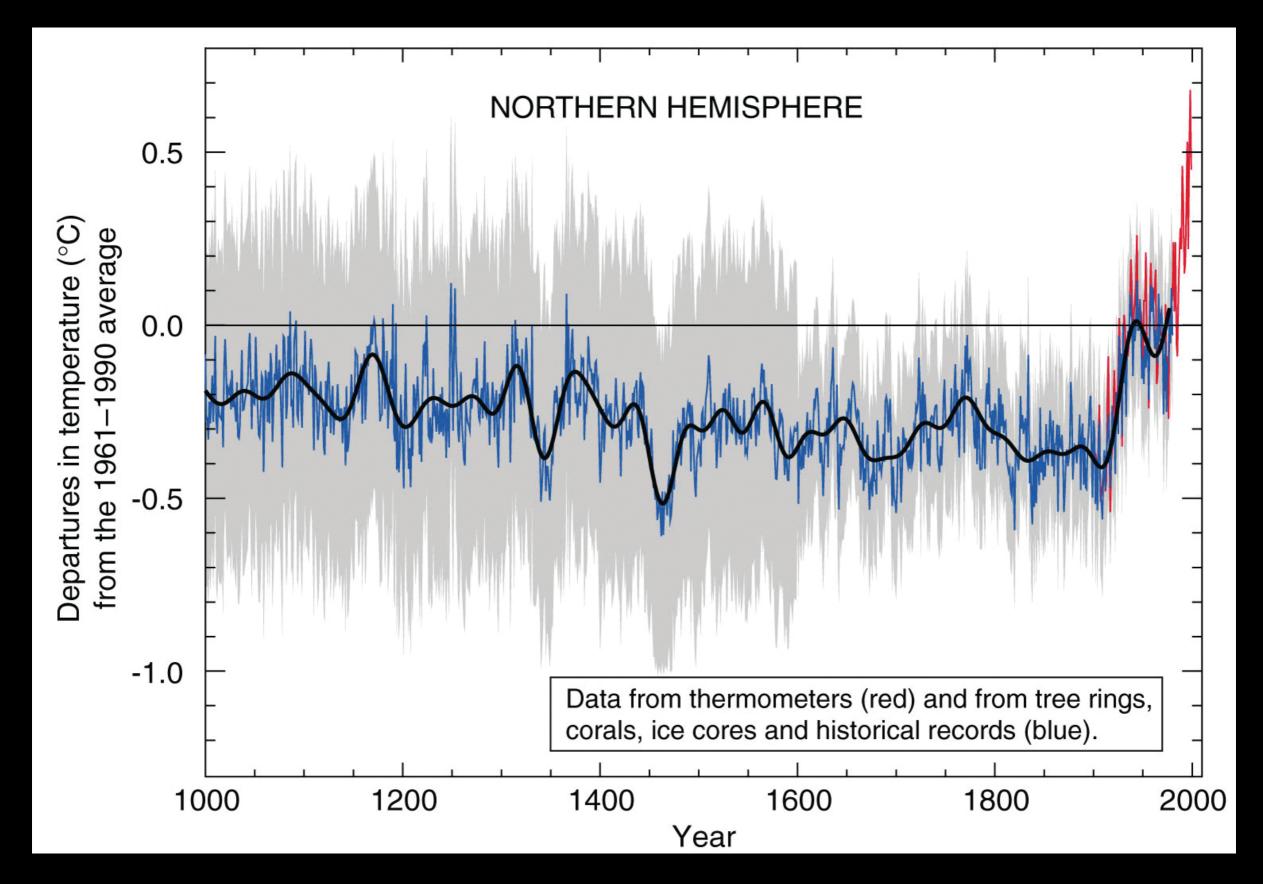
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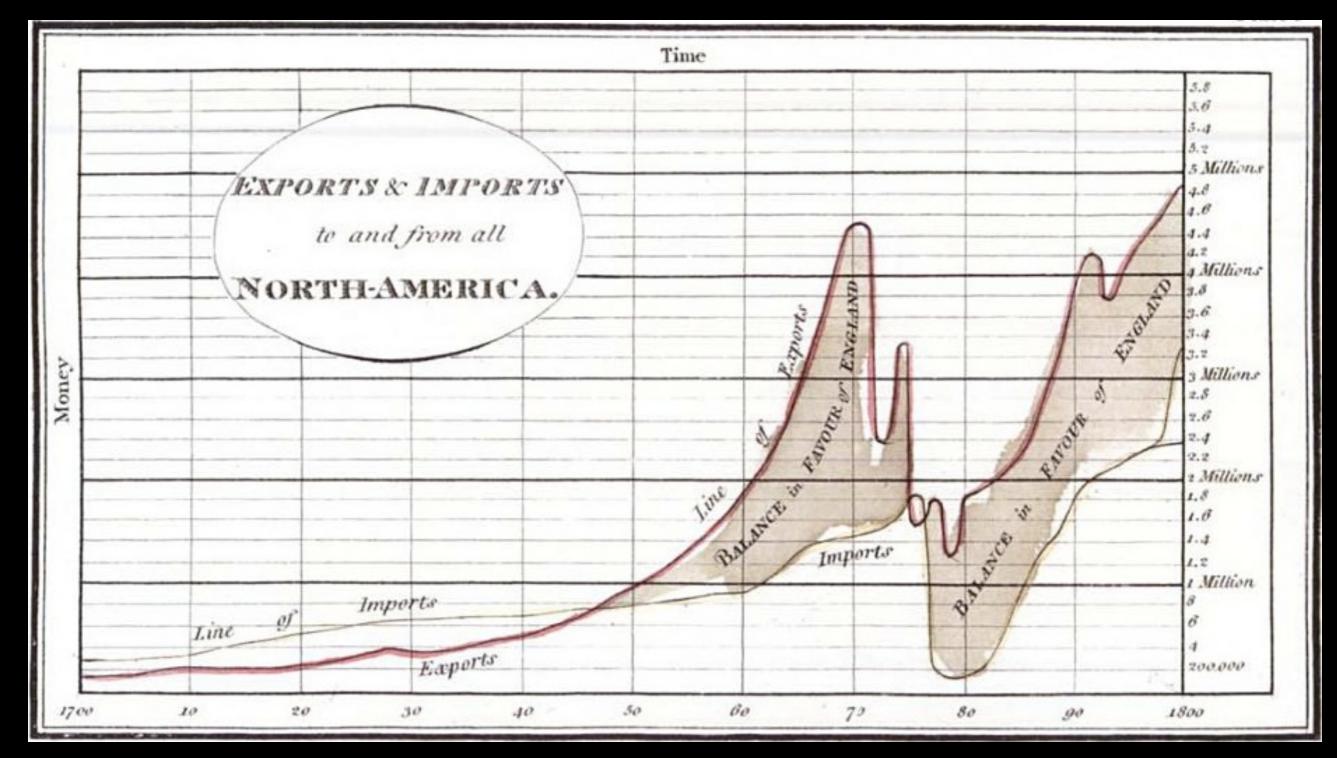
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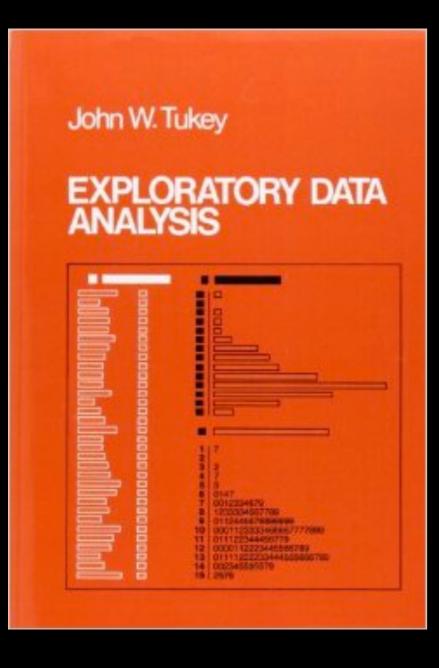


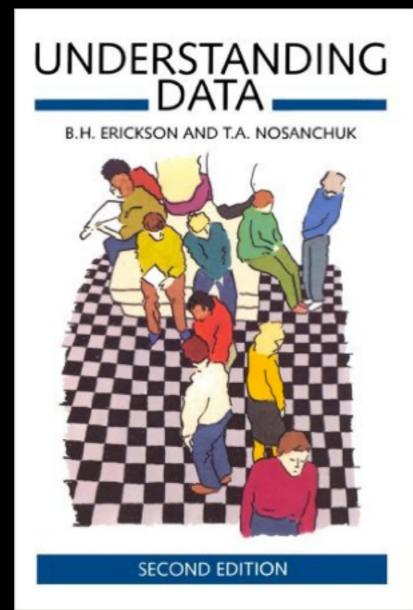
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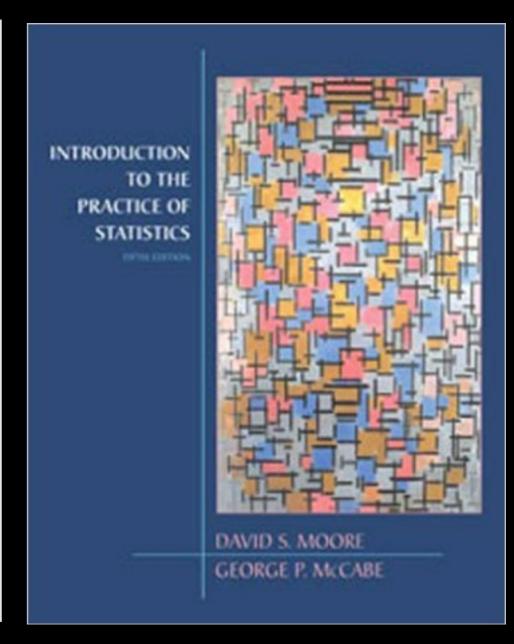
### William Playfair, The Commercial and Political Atlas



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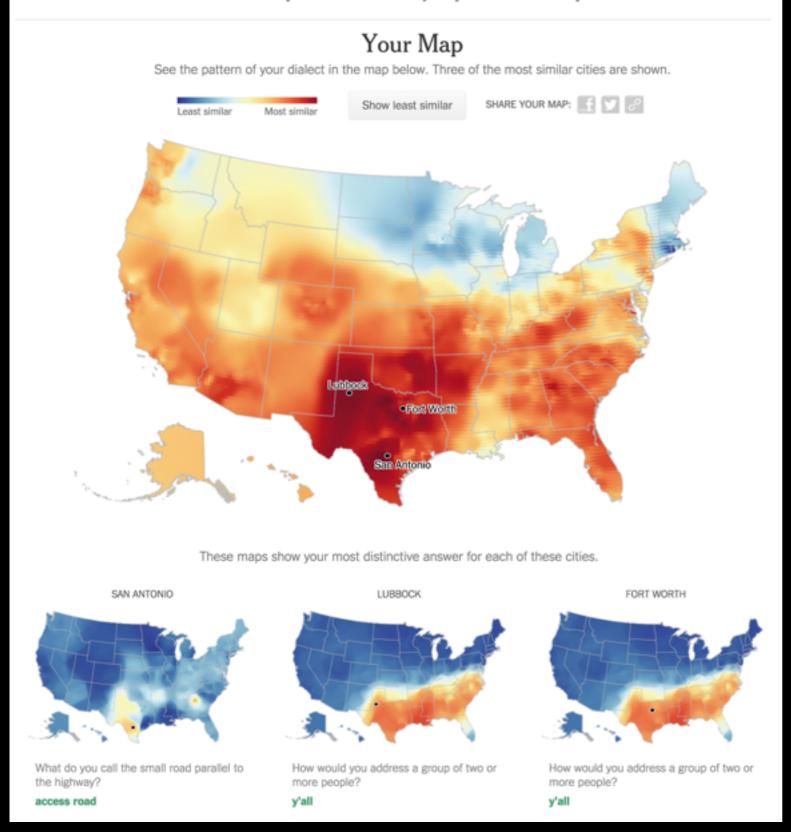






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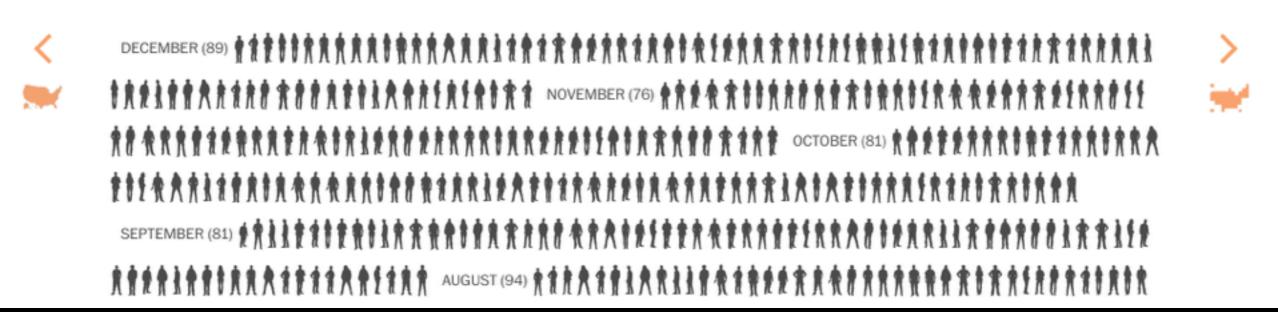


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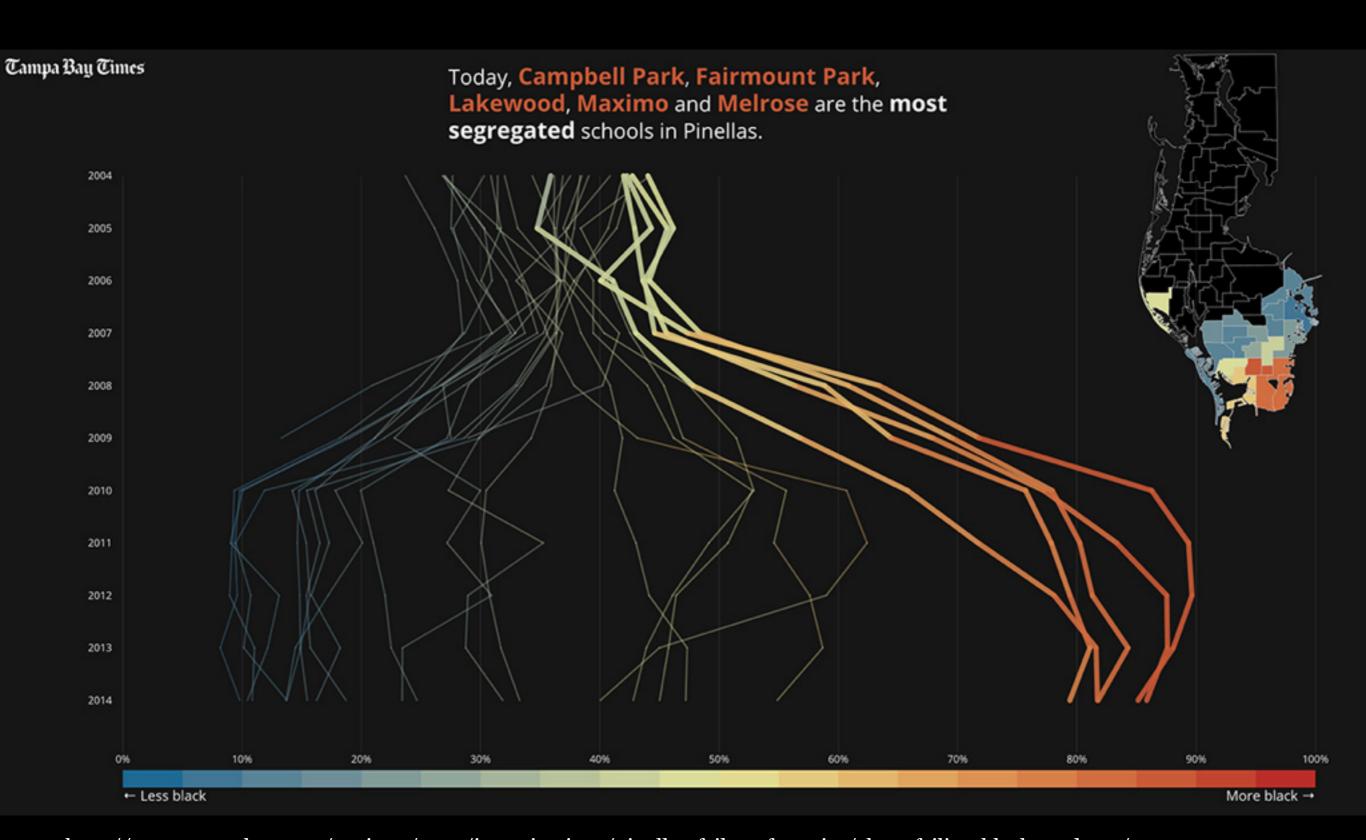
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Research on today's news topics

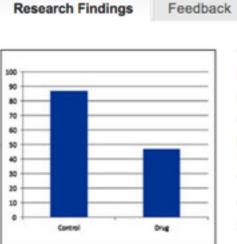




ADS, PUBLIC OPINION, PUBLIC HEALTH

#### How "scientific" graphs and formulas can increase the persuasiveness of advertising media

Last updated: December 3, 2014



"New and improved!" is the oldest line in the advertising book, but it's a book that has gotten plenty crowded in recent years. Once restricted to blazingly obvious banner ads, online advertisers now track users' behavior and slip promotions into search results, Twitter feeds, and Facebook pages. Traditional ads have been joined by "native advertising," which is designed to look like editorial content, and its ability to deceive consumers has received pointed attention from the Federal Trade Commission.

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Whether ads are on broadcast media, in print, or online,

their effectiveness has been the subject of substantial academic research. A 2013 study published in Political Communication found that for political advertising, most persuasion effects are short-lived, particularly with state and local elections. A 2011 study from the University of Toronto and MIT found that increasing online ad visibility could improve viewer interest, but could also backfire. "Contextually targeted" ads were found to increase a viewer's interest more than highly visible ones, but tended to be less memorable.

These are not minor questions given the immense amount of money spent on advertising — a projected \$182 billion in the United States alone in 2015. A fast-growing segment is direct-toconsumer advertising by pharmaceutical companies. According to a 2014 University of Pennsylvania study, pharmaceutical companies spent \$3 billion on consumer advertising in 2012 — more than 20 times what they spent on clinical trials. Such ads often feature claims about the drugs' effectiveness in an attempt to influence consumer decisions, often about subjects about which they had little understanding.

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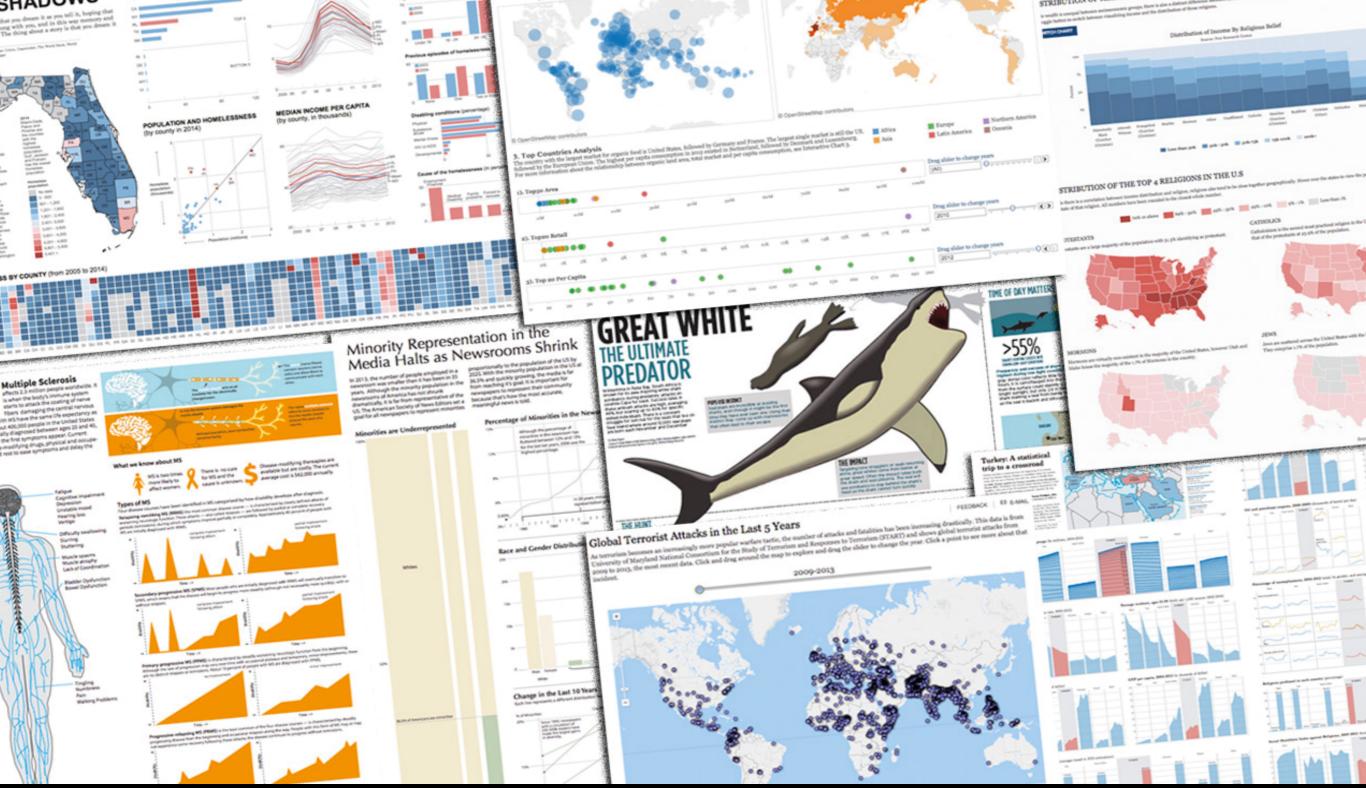






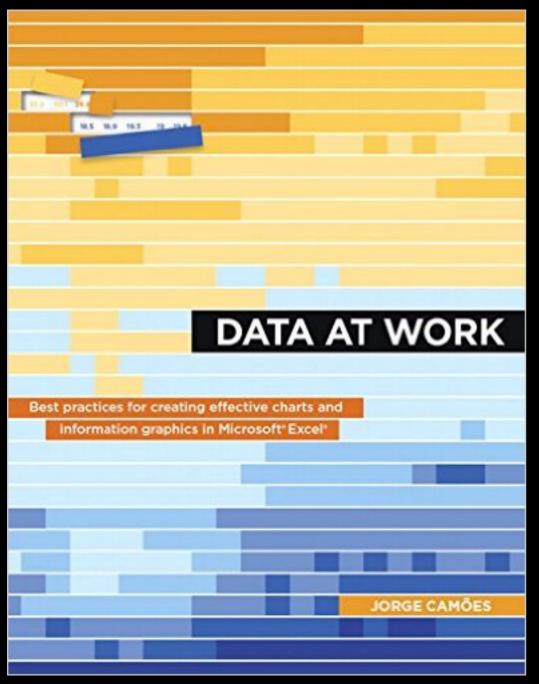


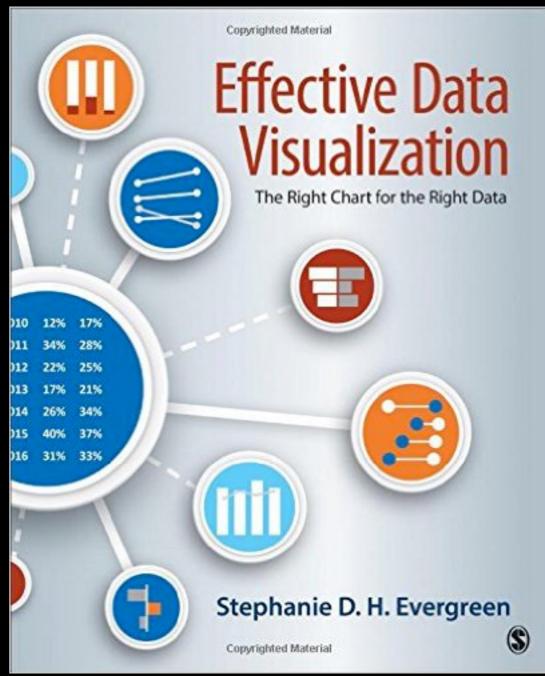
OTHER DATA



### TECHNOLOGIES

### Excel can take you a long way







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  MacOS. To download R, please choose your preferred CRAN mirror.
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#### News:

- R version 3.1.2 (Pumpkin Helmet) has been released on 2014-10-31.
- The R Journal Volume 6/1 is available.
- useR! 2014, took place at the University of California, Los Angeles, USA June 30 - July 3, 2014.
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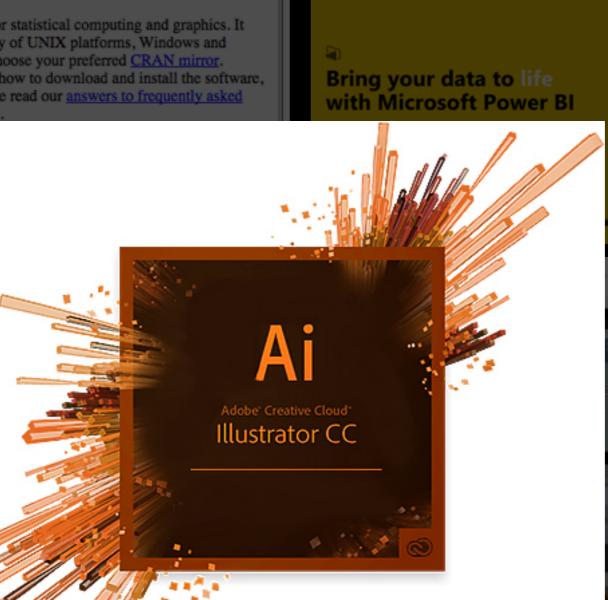
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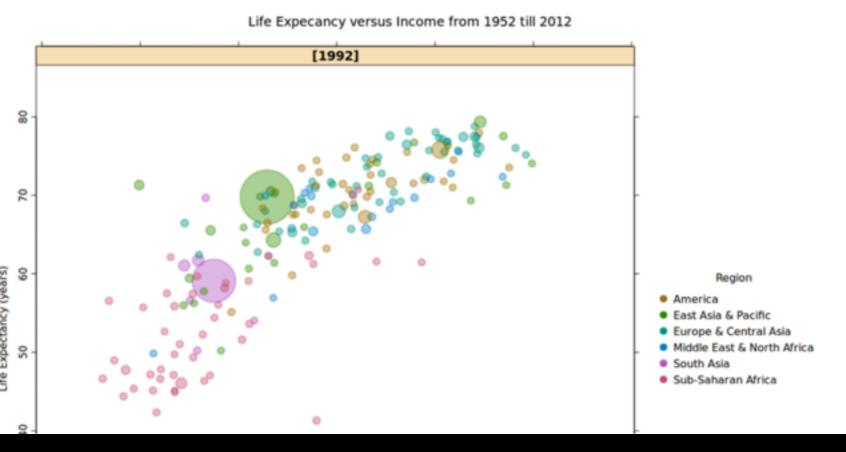
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#### yeroon.net/ggplot2

#### Introduction

yeroon.net/ggplot2 is a web interface for Hadley Wickham's R package ggplot2. It is used as a tool for rapid prototyping, exploratory graphical analysis and education of statistics and R. The interface is written completely in javascript, therefore there is no need to install anything on the client side: a standard browser will do. All major browsers are supported but a recent and standards-compliant browser is highly recommended. Best performance is achieved by using Google Chrome.

#### Mirrors

Currently these public mirrors are available:

- rweb.stat.ucla.edu (Up) (US mirror by UCLA dept. of Statistics)
- labs.dataspora.com (Up) (US mirror by Michael Driscoll)
- app.rapache.net (Up) (US mirror by Jeffrey Horner)

<u>More mirrors are needed</u> to keep this application online. If you are able to supply or sponsor a dedicated or virtual server, please contact the author.

#### Use case videos

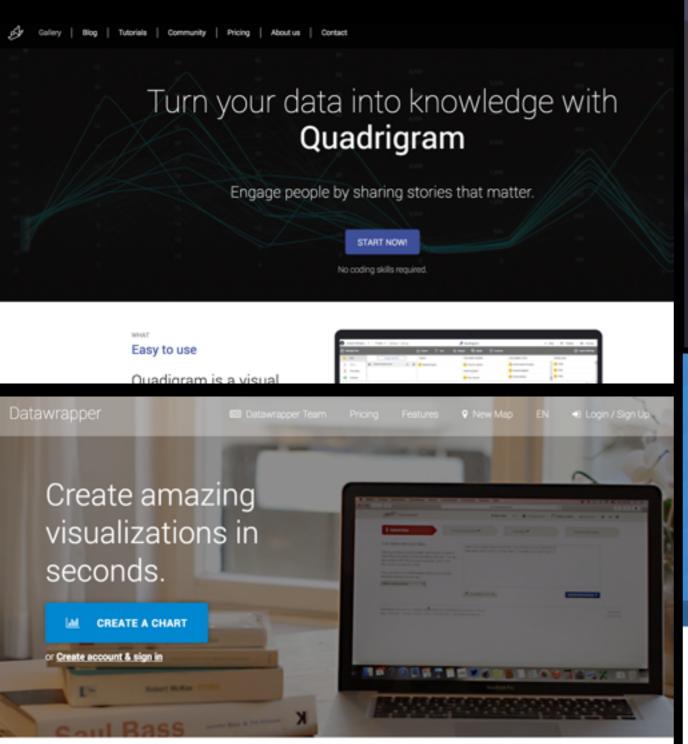


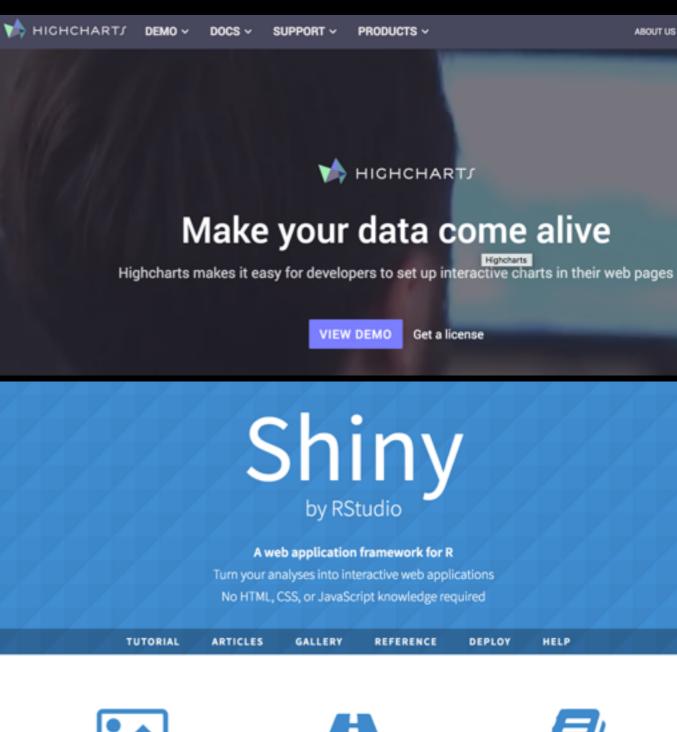
#### Short introduction

- Uploading datafiles
- Importing data from Google Documents
- Univariate and Bivariate plots
- Converting a variable to factor
- Using the Syntax panel

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# CHALLENGE: Becoming software-driven

Good graphics...

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NEWS & **EVENTS** 

WHO WE ARE

INDUSTRY DATA

**BLOG** 

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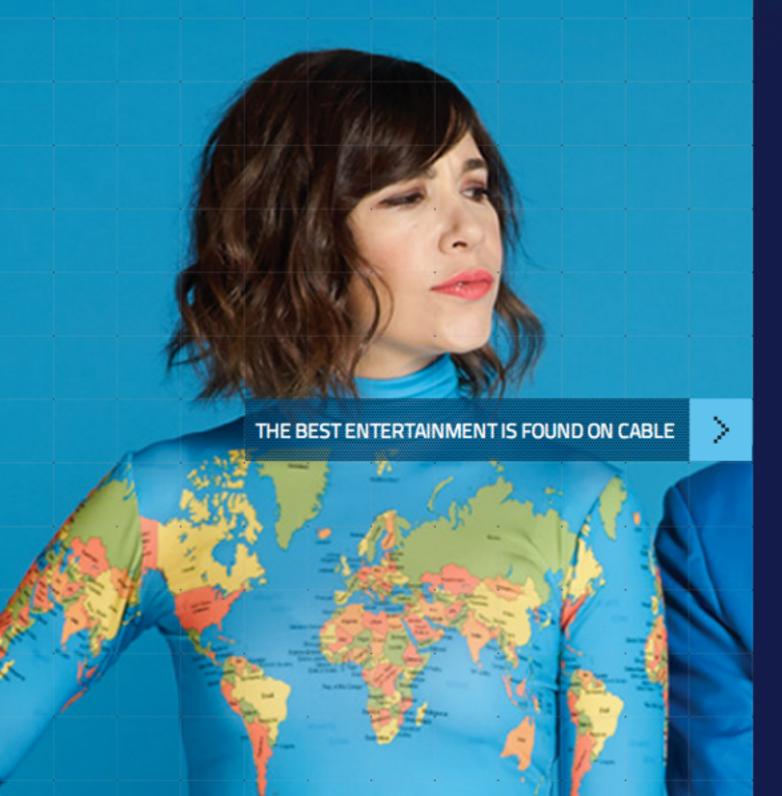






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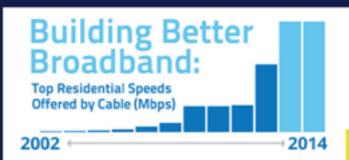
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Get the Facts About Broadband Investment and Innovation

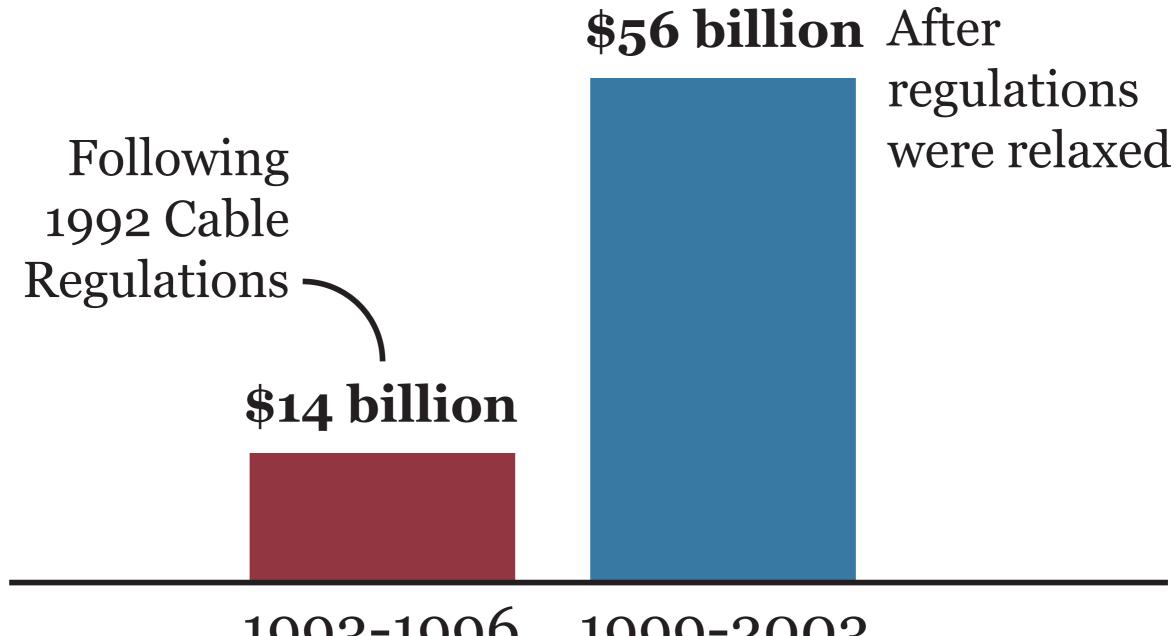








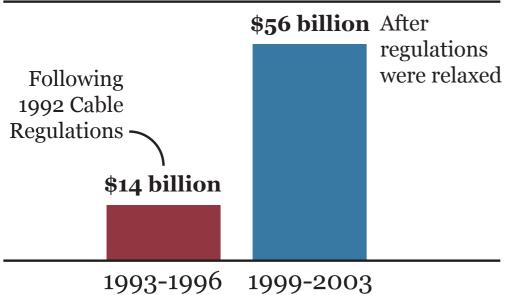
## Less regulation = More Industry Investment



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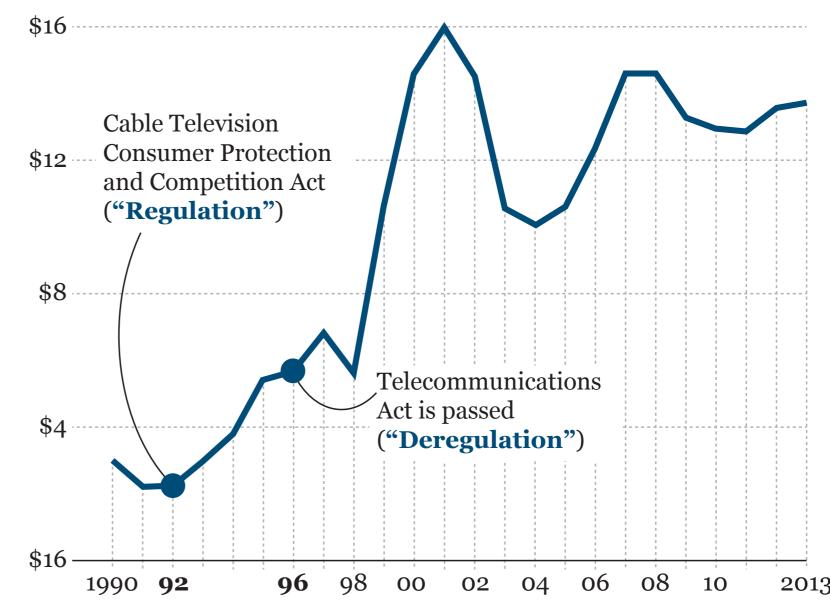
Based on a chart by the National Cable & Telecommunications Association

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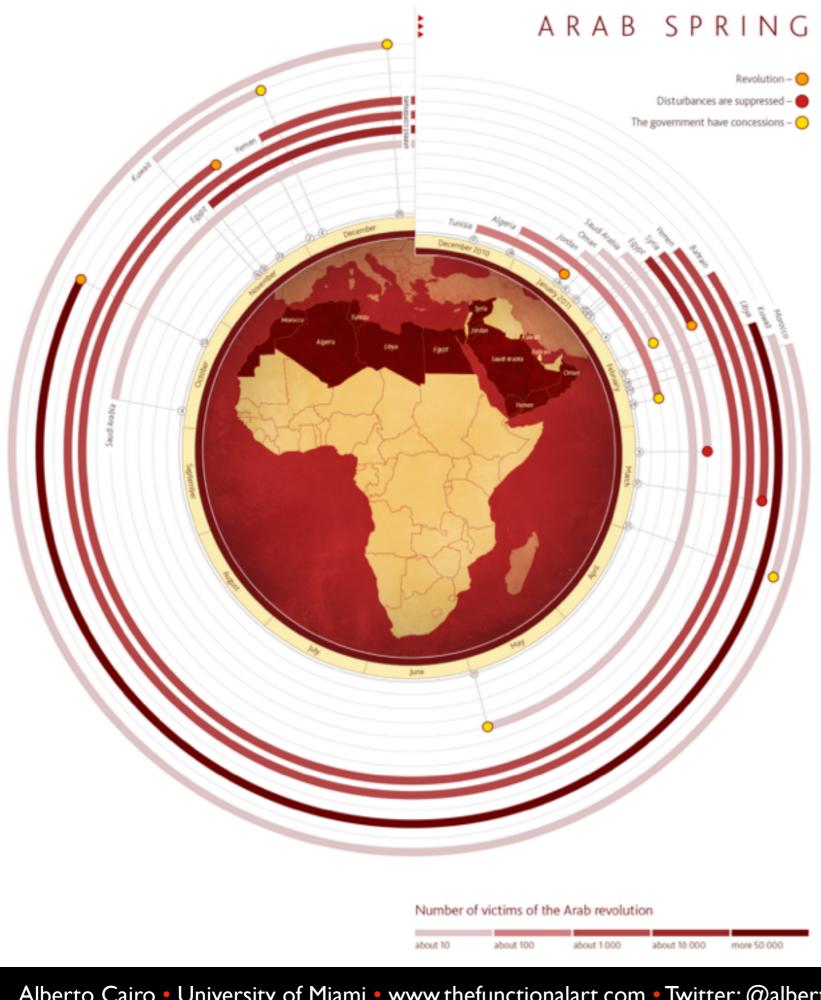


#### **Cable Industry Infrastructure Expenditures**

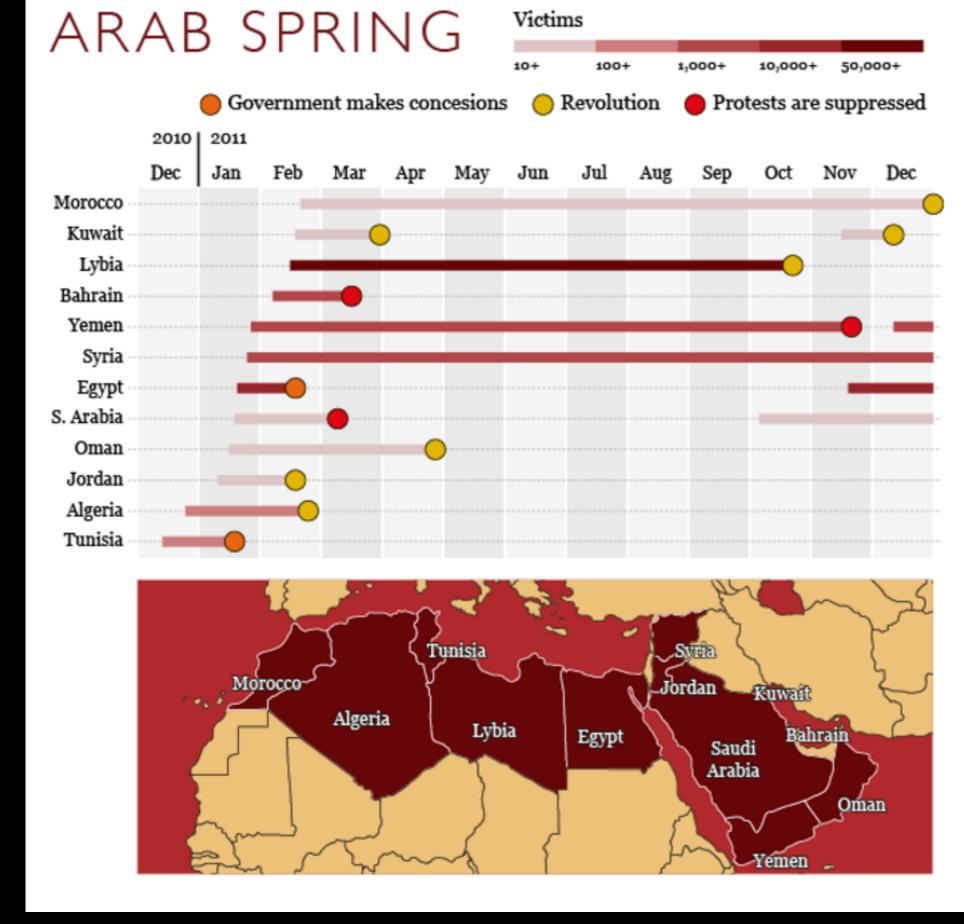




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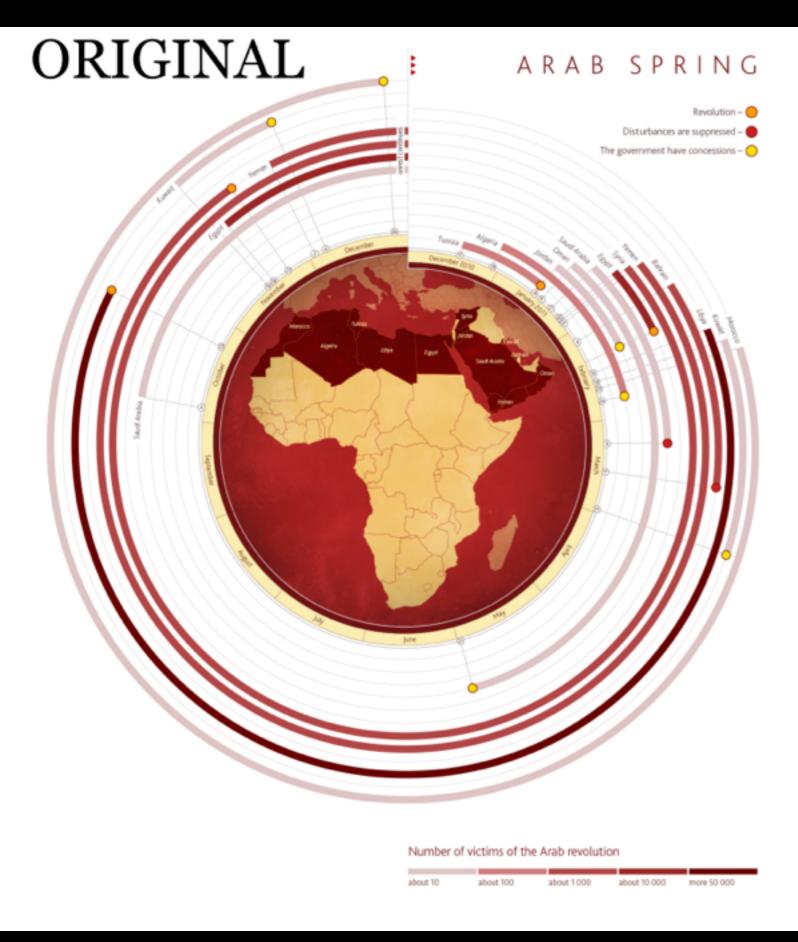


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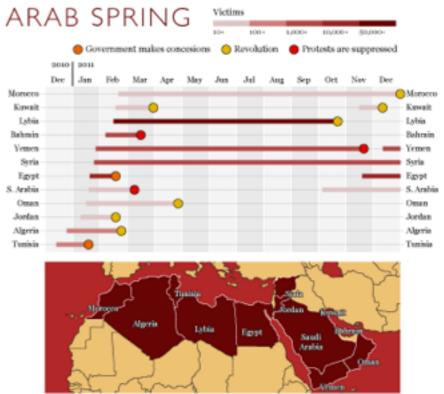


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## CHOOSING GRAPHIC FORMS

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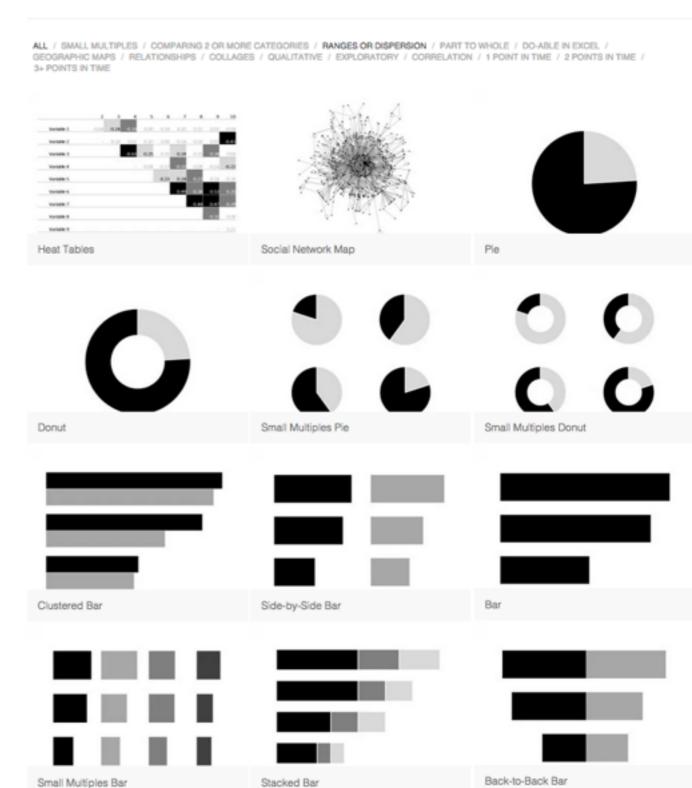
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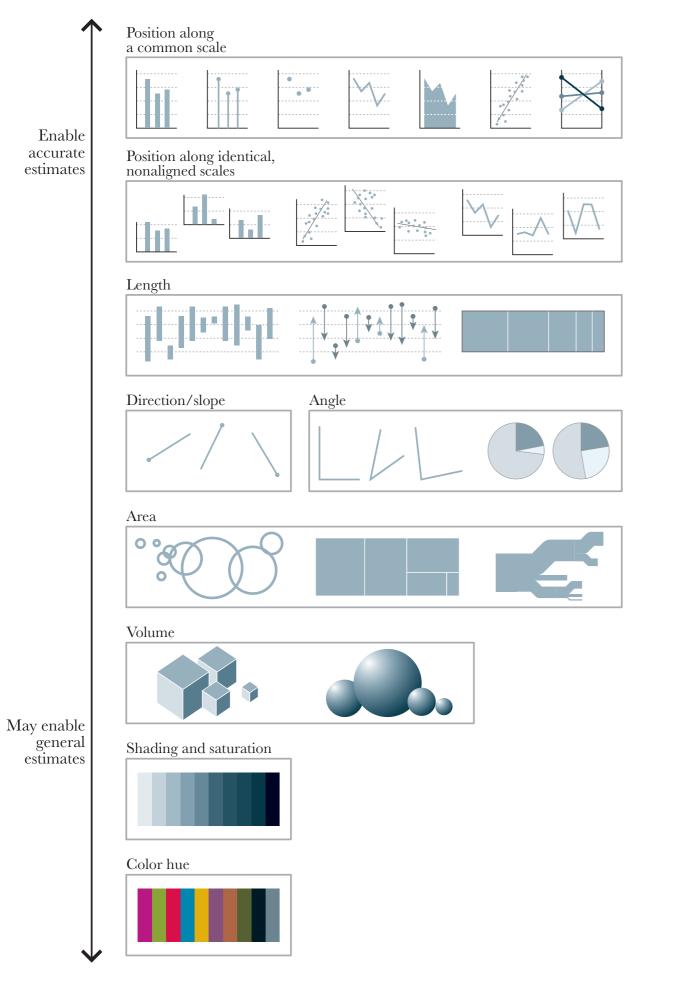
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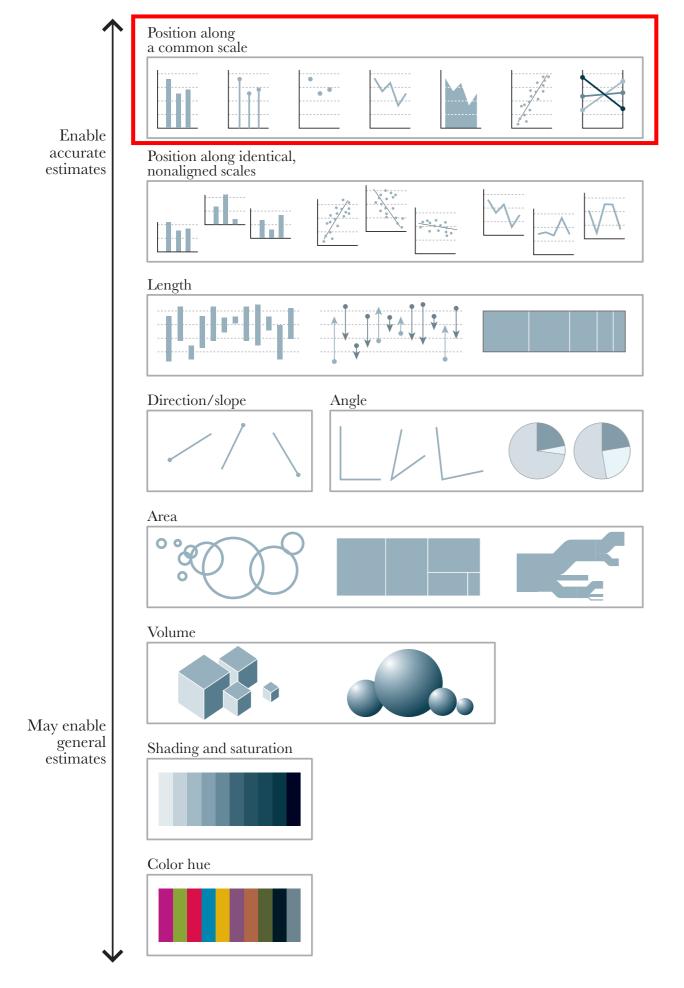
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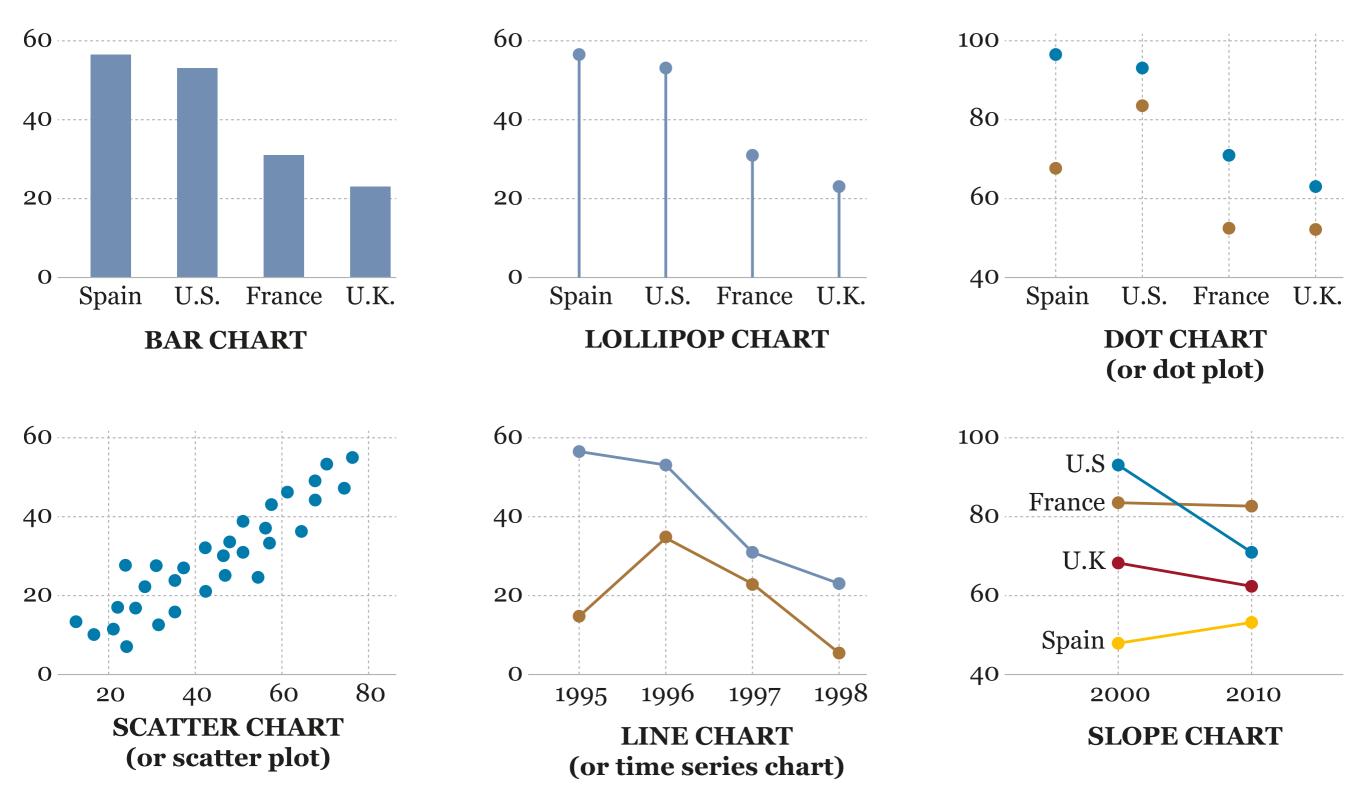
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# What graphic forms are more appropriate to represent your data?

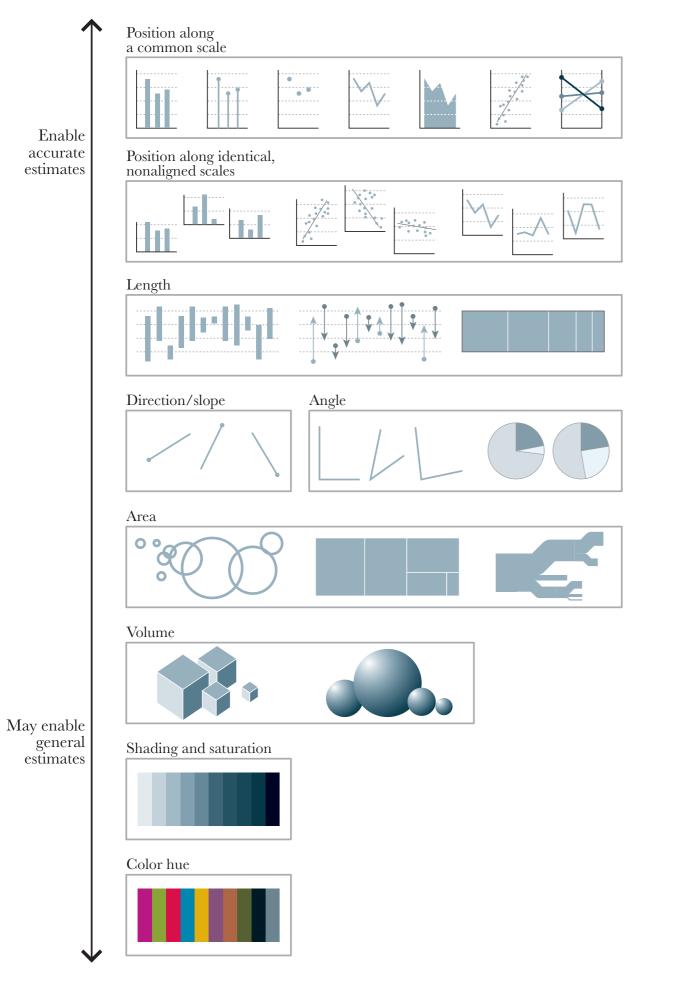
- 1. Think about the audience and the publication
- 2. Think of the questions your graphic should help readers answer
- 3. Can you understand it without reading every single figure?

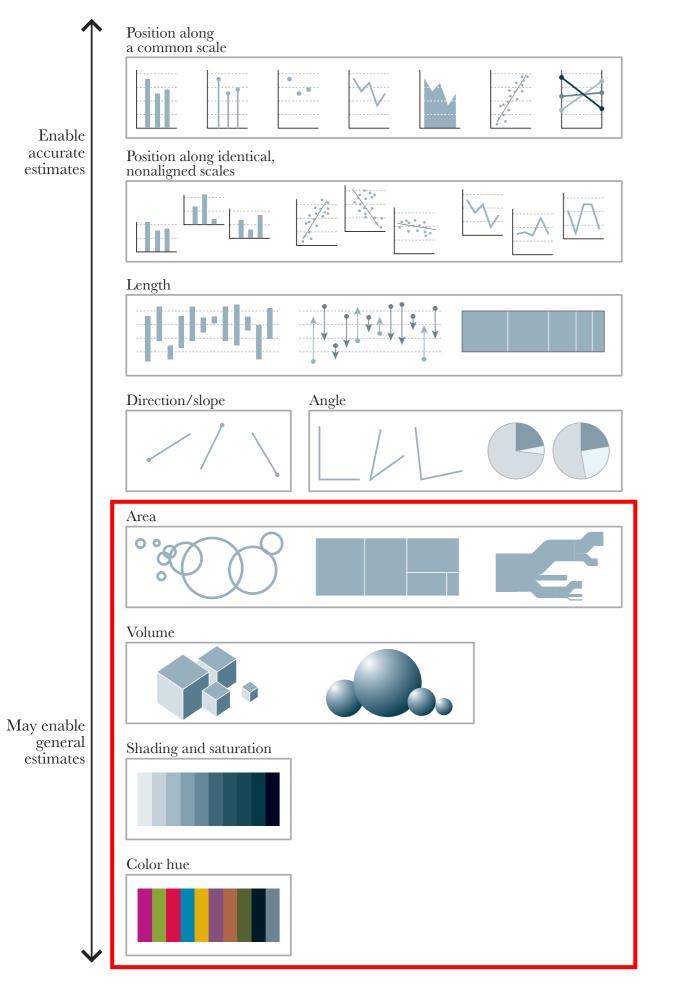


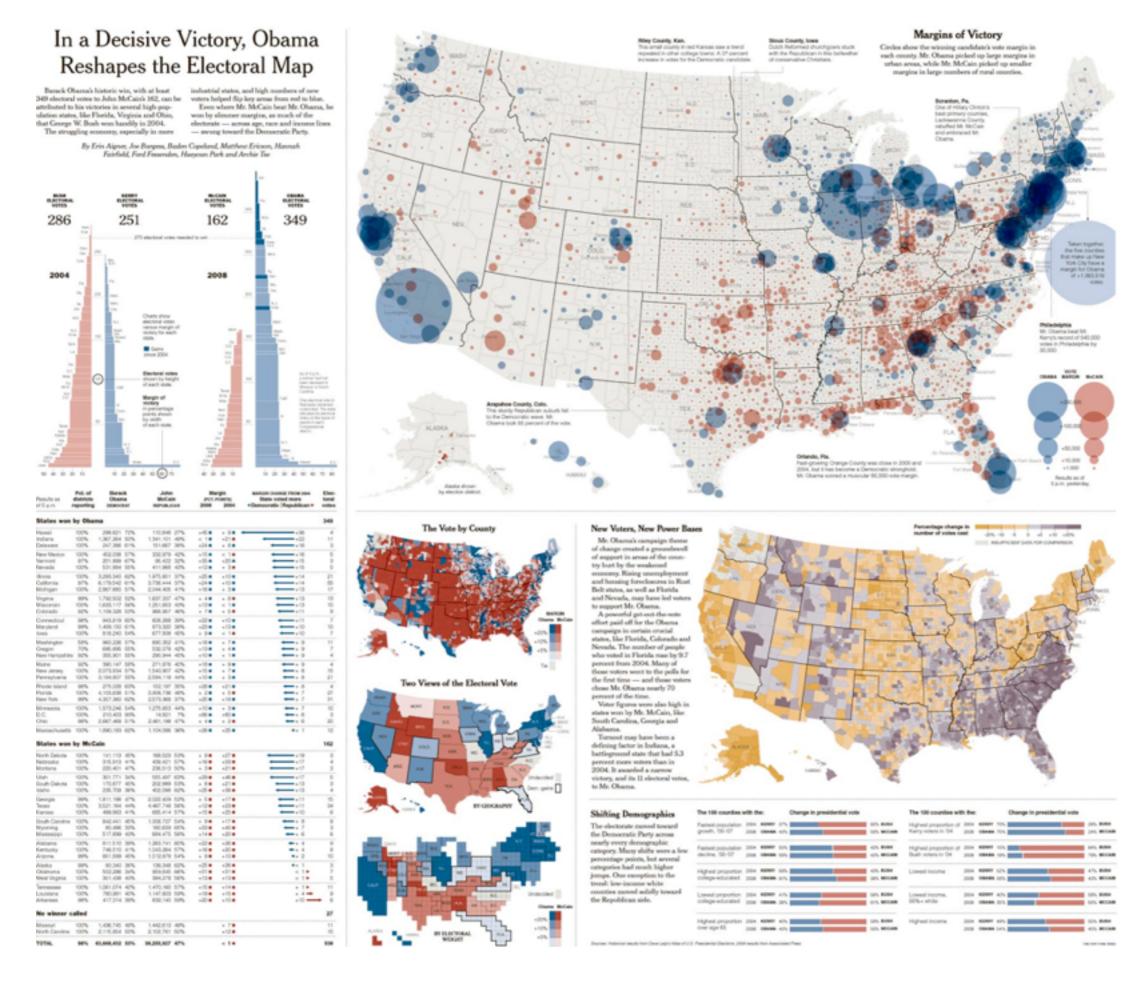


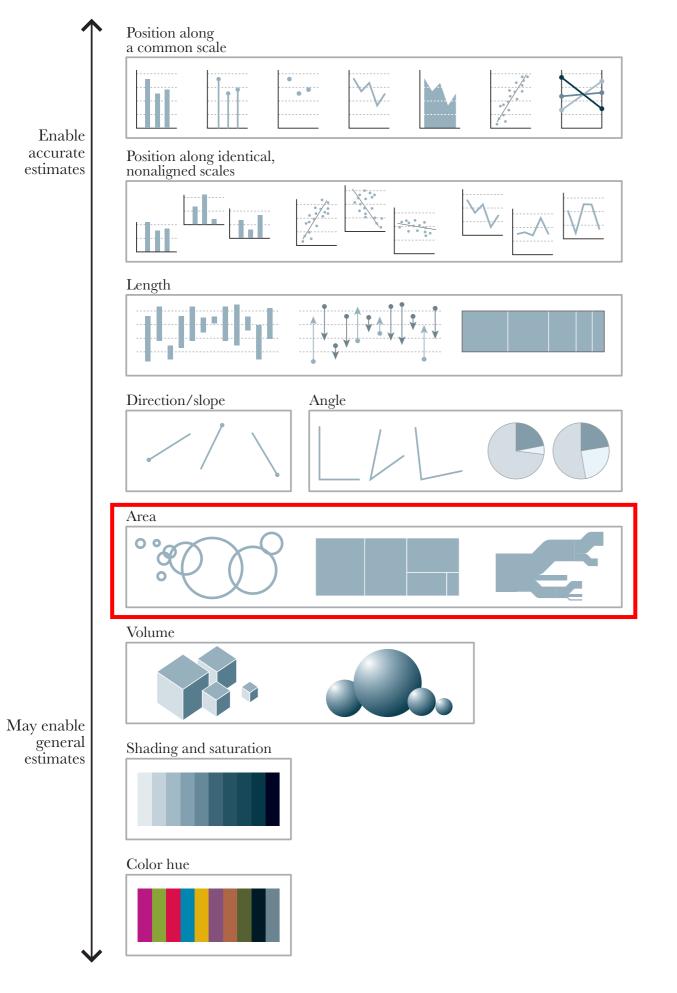


Great for accurate judgments: Comparisons, relationships, etc.





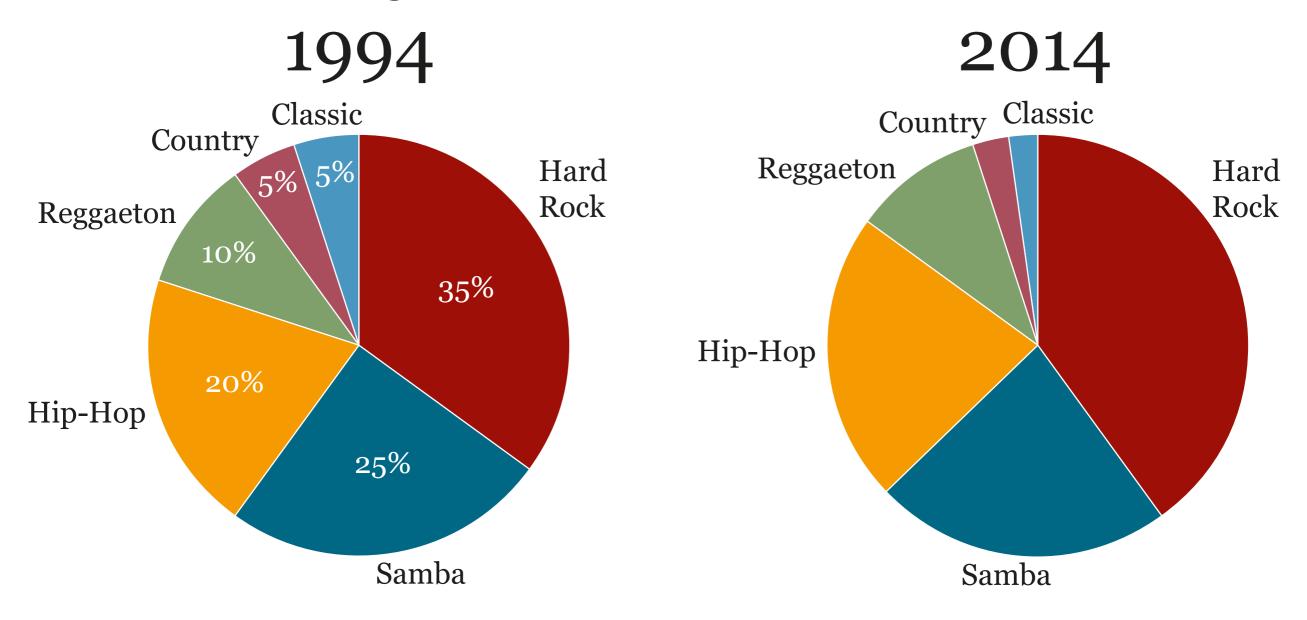




# Using graphic forms erroneously

## How Music Preferences Have Changed in Two Decades

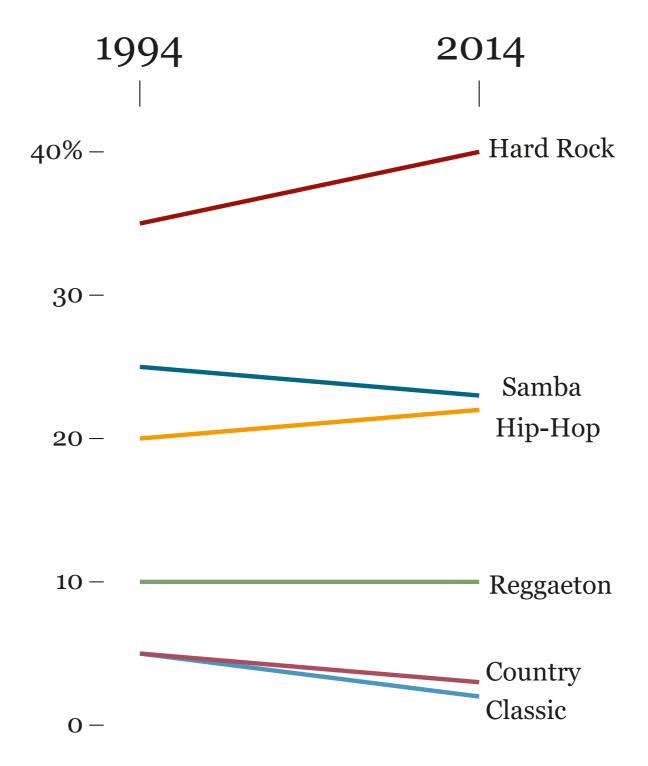
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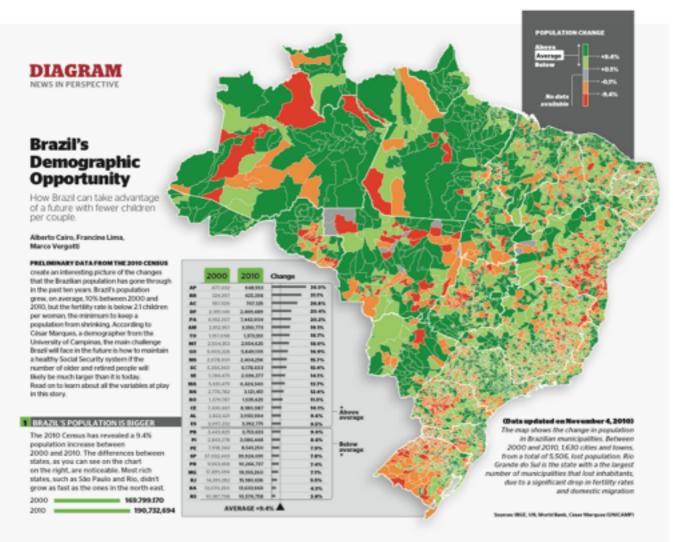
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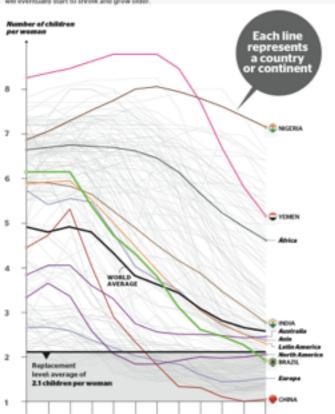


## ENGAGING VISUALIZATION



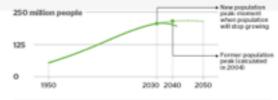
#### ■ BUT THE FERTILITY RATE IS MUCH LOWER THAN EXPECTED

A study in 2004 estimated that in 2010, the fertility rate would be 2.4 children per woman, on average, But new data collected by the IBGE prove that the fertility rate is already 1.9, below the threshold called "replacement rate". When the fertility rate drops below this number, the population of a country will eventually start to shrink and grow older.



#### AS A CONSEQUENCE, POPULATION WILL STOP GROWING—

Forecasts made in 2004 anticipated that Brazil's population would stop growing in 2040. But the most recent data from the IBCE suggests that this could happen much earler, in 2030.





#### How Brazil can transform the population challenge into an opportunity

- As the population ages, the proportion of people of working age increases. The country will therefore have more people producing wealth of the labor market can absorb them) and fewer children to consume investments. It is a window of opportunity, because in some cases the number of people of working age to fall back when older people are leaving the market.
- The population under 15 years of age is falling today. A smaller number of student in public schools will facilitate the quality of teaching, if the amoun invested in education stars the same.
- Educational policy focused on low-income youth favors the formation of mor skilled workforce and greater social mobility.
- in the future, Brazil will reach the stage of Europe and Appan, which struggle to support their elders. This is why it's so important to prepare a more balanced retirement system, which will include retirement at a later age.

# Build a narrative; integrate words and visuals

### **DIAGRAM**NEWS IN PERSPECTIVE

#### Brazil's Demographic Opportunity

How Brazil can take advantage of a future with fewer children per couple.

Alberto Cairo, Francine Lima, Marco Vergotti

#### PRELIMINARY DATA FROM THE 2010 CENSUS

create an interesting picture of the changes that the Brazilian population has gone through in the past ten years. Brazil's population grew, on average, 10% between 2000 and 2010, but the fertility rate is below 2.1 children per woman, the minimum to keep a population from shrinking. According to César Marques, a demographer from the University of Campinas, the main challenge Brazil will face in the future is how to maintain a healthy Social Security system if the number of older and retired people will likely be much larger than it is today. Read on to learn about all the variables at play in this story.

#### BRAZIL'S POPULATION IS BIGGER

The 2010 Census has revealed a 9.4% population increase between 2000 and 2010. The differences between states, as you can see on the chart on the right, are noticeable. Most rich states, such as São Paulo and Rio, didn't grow as fast as the ones in the north east.

2000	169.799.170
2010	190,732,694

#### POPULATION CHANGE Average +9.4% +0.1% -0.1% -9,4% 2000 2010 Change 36.6% 477.032 648,553 31.5% 324,397 425,390 557,526 707,125 26.8% 20.4% 2,051,146 2,469,489 6,192,307 7,443,904 20.2% 2,812,997 3,350,773 19.1% 10.7% 1,373,551 1157,058 MT 2 504 353 2 954 625 18.0% 60 5.003,228 5.849,105 16,9% 2.078.001 2.404,256 15.7% 5,356,360 6,176,603 15.4% 2,036,277 1,784,475 MA 5,651,475 6,424,340 13.7% 2,776,762 3.121.451 12.4% RO 1,379,787 1,535,625 11.3% 8,180,087 7,430,661 10.7% Above average 2.822.629 1001004 9.6% (Data updated on November 4, 2010) 3,097,232 3,392,775 9.5% The map shows the change in population 3,753,633 9.0% 3.443.825 in Brazilian municipalities. Between 3,086,448 0.6% 2,843,276 Below 2000 and 2010, 1,630 cities and towns. 7.918.344 8,541,250 7.9% average 37,032,403 39,924,091 7.8% from a total of 5,506, lost population. Rio 9,561,458 10,266,737 7.4% Grande do Sul is the state with a the largest 17.891.494 19159260 7.1% number of municipalities that lost inhabitants, 14.391.282 15,180,636 8.8% due to a significant drop in fertility rates BA 13,070,250 13,633,969 4.3% and domestic migration 10,187,798 10,576,758 3.6% AVERAGE +9.4% Sources: IBGE, UN. World Bank, César Marques (UNICAMP)

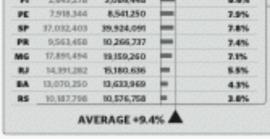
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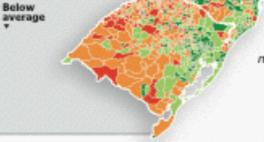
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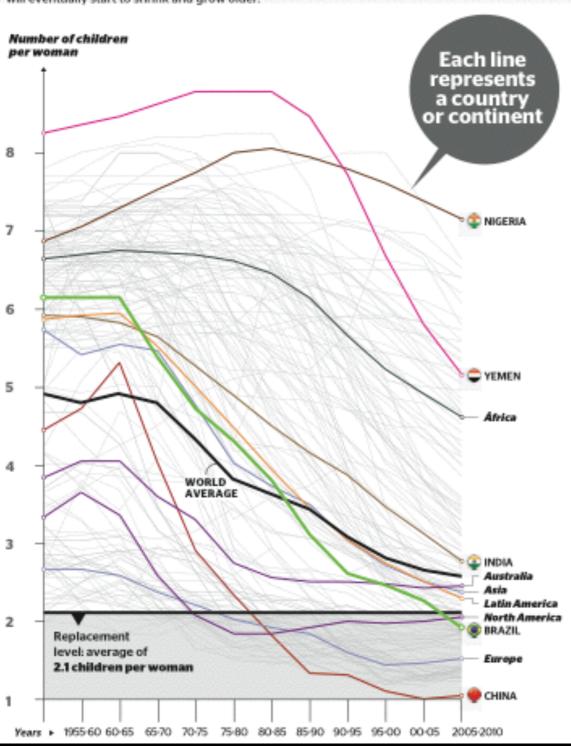
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2000 and 2010, 1,630 cities and towns. from a total of 5,506, lost population. Rio Grande do Sul is the state with a the largest number of municipalities that lost inhabitants, due to a significant drop in fertility rates and domestic migration

Sources: IBGE, UN. World Bank, César Marques (UNICAMP)

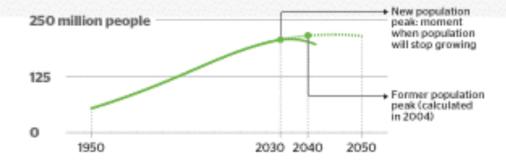
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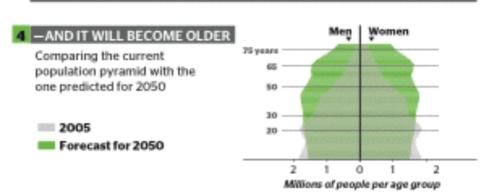
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#### 3 AS A CONSEQUENCE, POPULATION WILL STOP GROWING—

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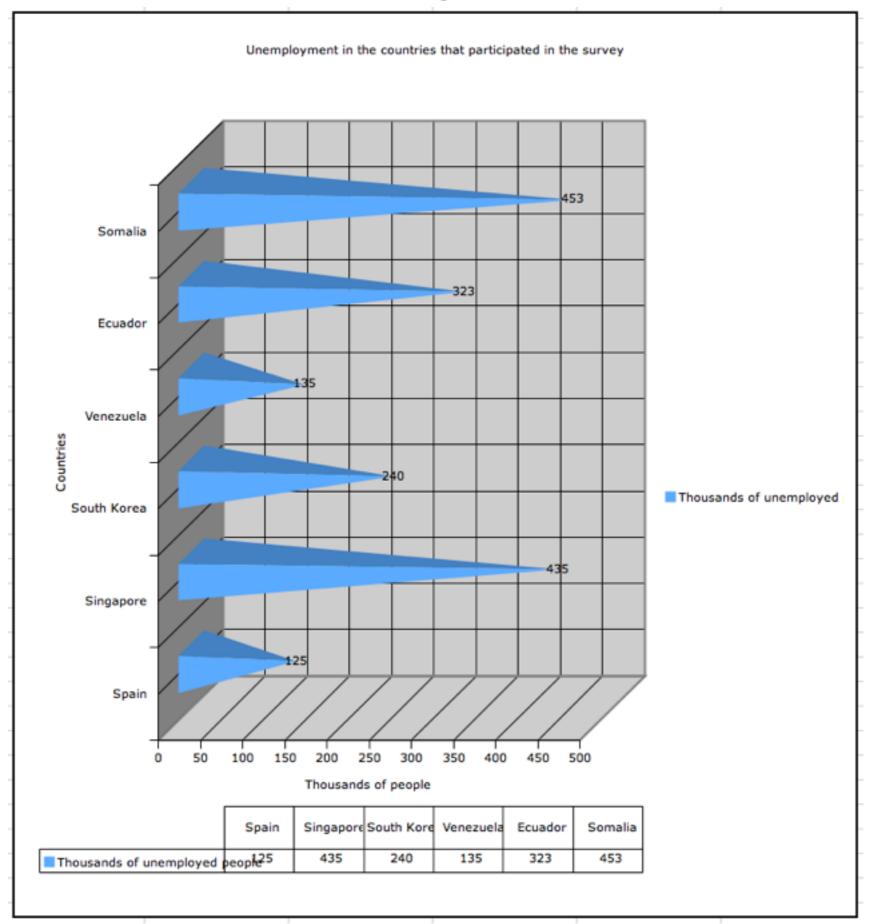


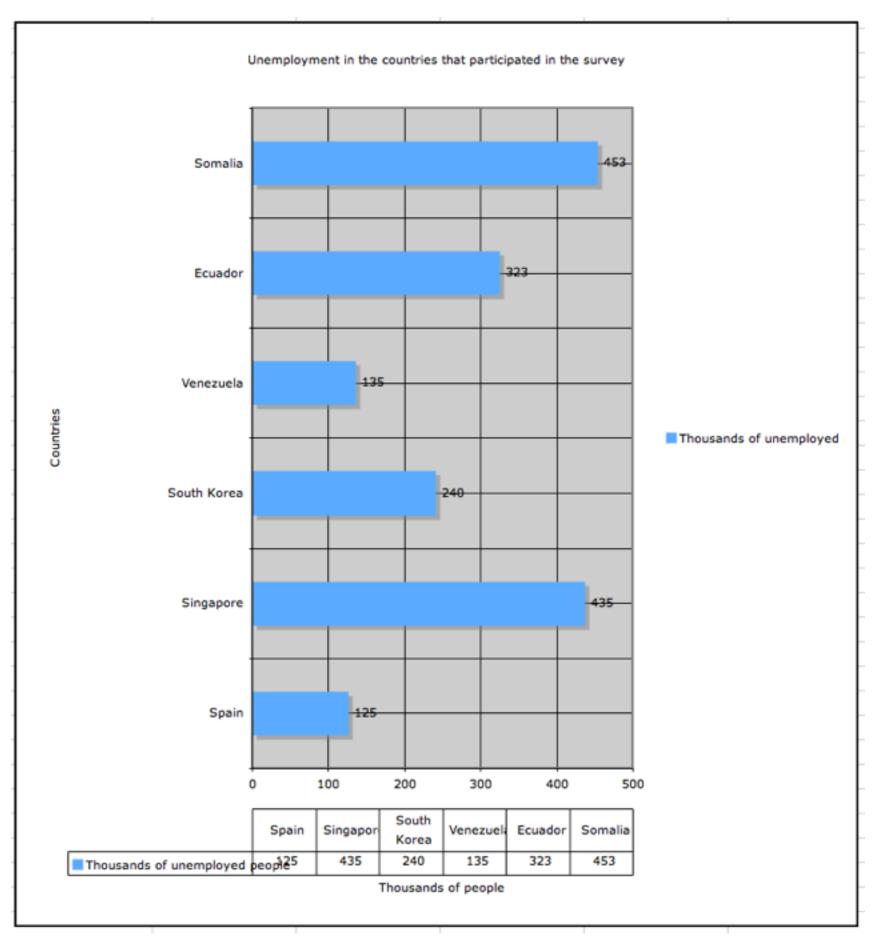


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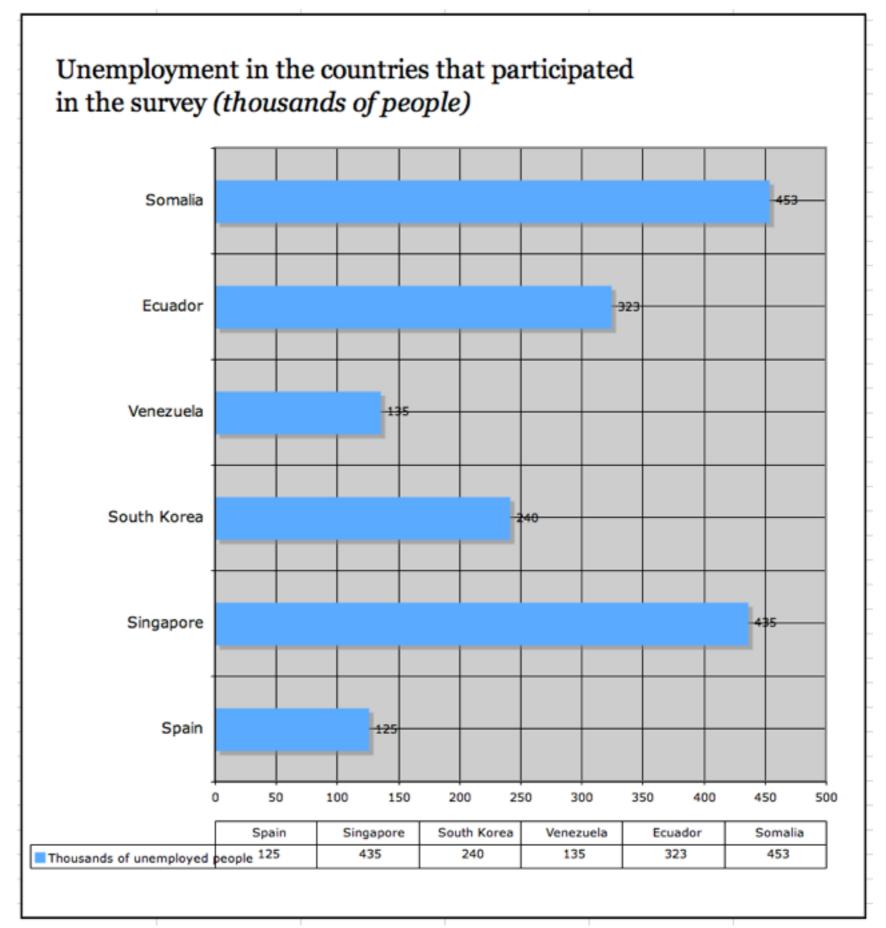
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- The population under 15 years of age is falling today. A smaller number of student in public schools will facilitate the quality of teaching, if the amount invested in education stays the same.
- Educational policy focused on low-income youth favors the formation of more skilled workforce and greater social mobility.
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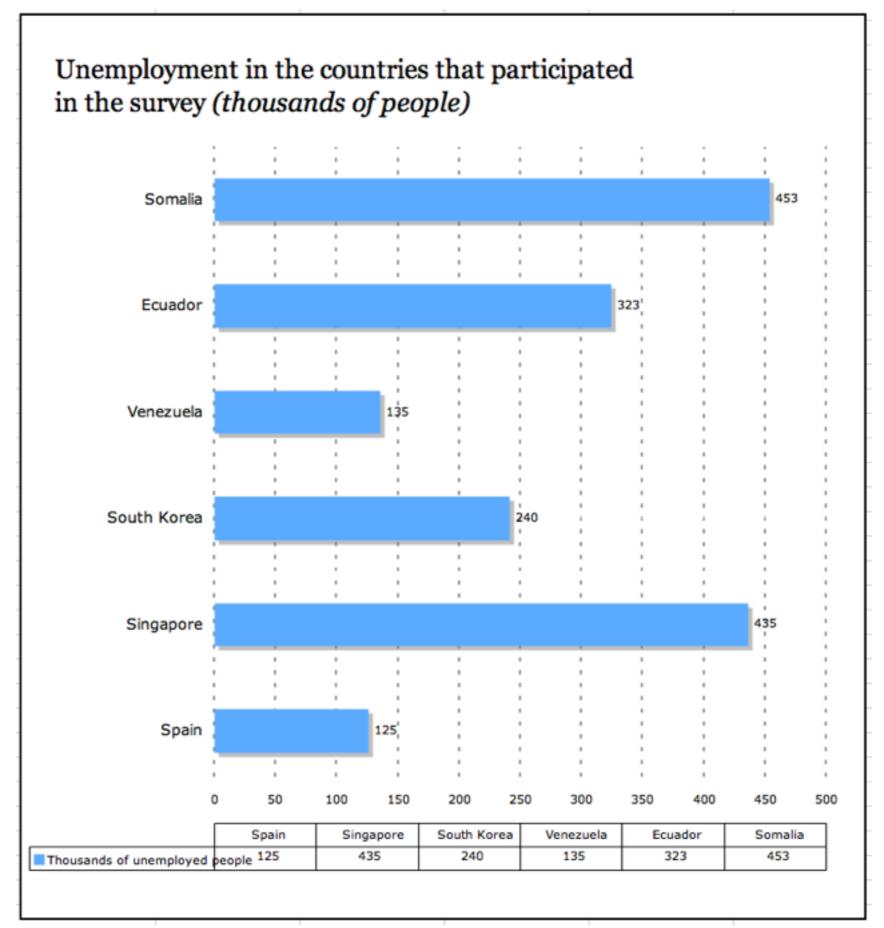




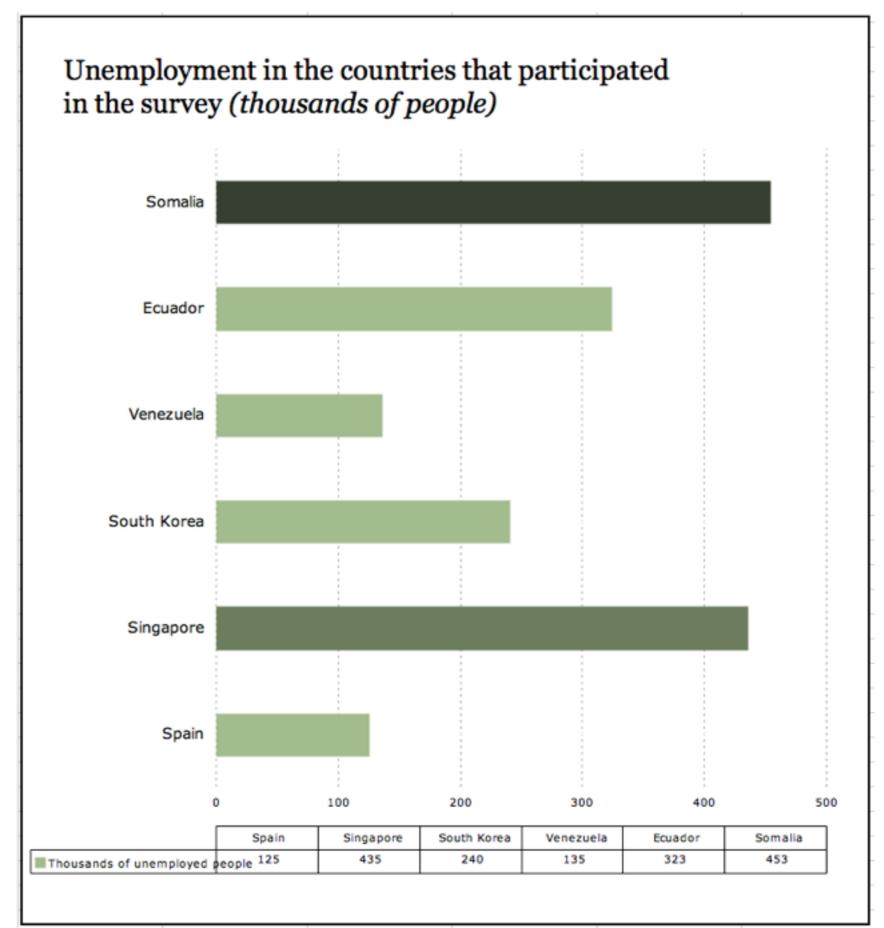
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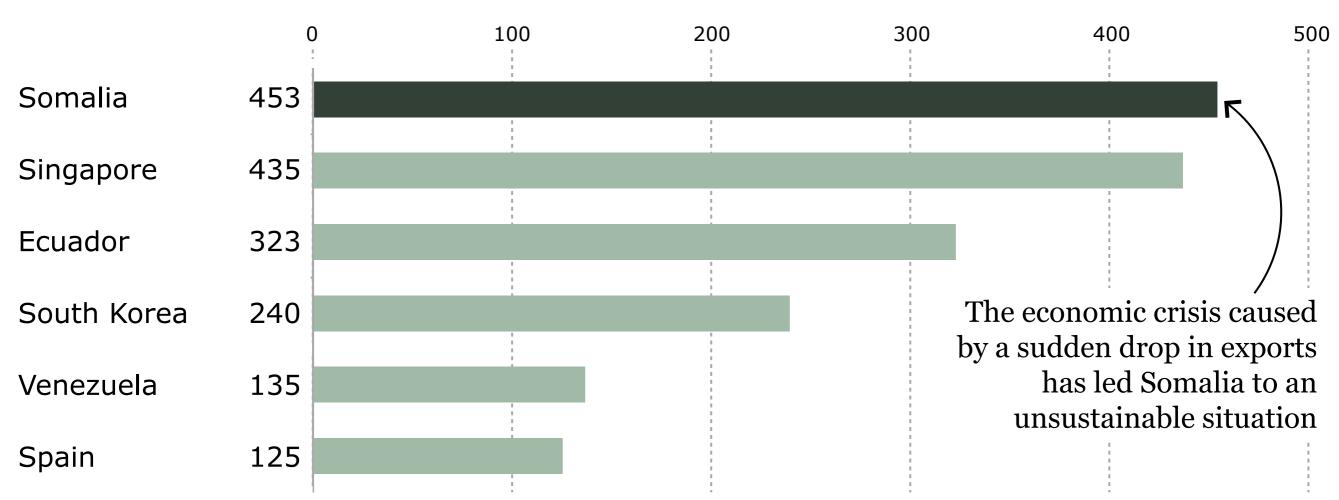


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### Somalia leads the countries that participated in the survey

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#### 1. Introduction

The public health problem posed by malaria has made it a top priority for control efforts and the general consensus globally, is that its elimination is crucial for continued international development. Consequently, there is ongoing research in different regions including South America (SA) to better understand the disease dynamics with the intent that findings may establish scientific framework that would support the development of new intervention strategies for malaria elimination in areas with seasonal malaria. One of such investigations is undertaken by the International Centers of Excellence in Malaria Research (ICEMR) under a National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant.

While only about 3% of the global malaria burden is borne by SA1, undertaking malaria research in the region is currently important because an estimated 23million people are still at risk2 and approximately about 80% of clinical cases are found in Northern South America (NSA)3. A key factor limiting effective control is lack of data and uneven implementation of control measures, including use of bednets, sprays, early diagnosis, and treatment. As part of the ICEMR investigation, this project seeks to model the spatial patterns of malaria risk in NSA through vector distribution and land-use changes. Furthermore. I intend to investigate the perceptions of malaria risk in order to identify barriers to adoption and how they can be circumvented.

#### 2. Significance

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  - · Hypothesis 2.1: Knowledge of perception of malaria risk can aid design of malaria control strategies. Objective: Obtain and analyze data on subjective perceptions of risk.
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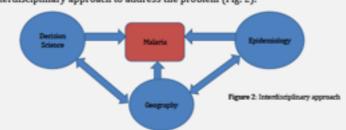
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#### 4. Materials and Methods

French Guiana, Guyana, Panama, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela. These countries account for approximately 90% of clinical cases in the region hence, the choice as study area (Fig. 1).



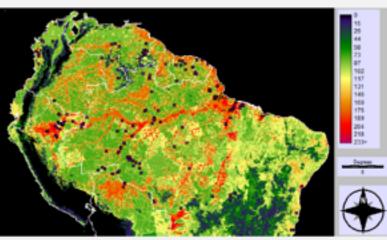
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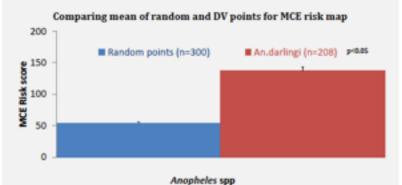


Figure 4: Plot showing the MCE risk values for randomly sampled points and for occurrence points of a DV. An. durlings

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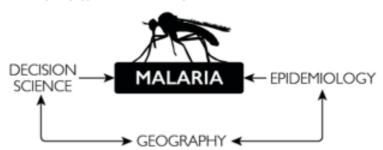
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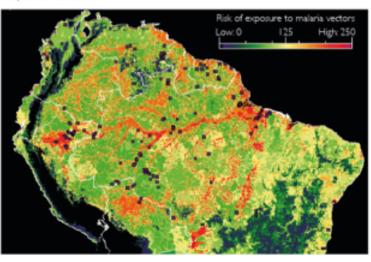


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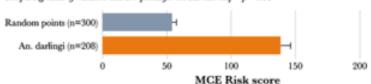
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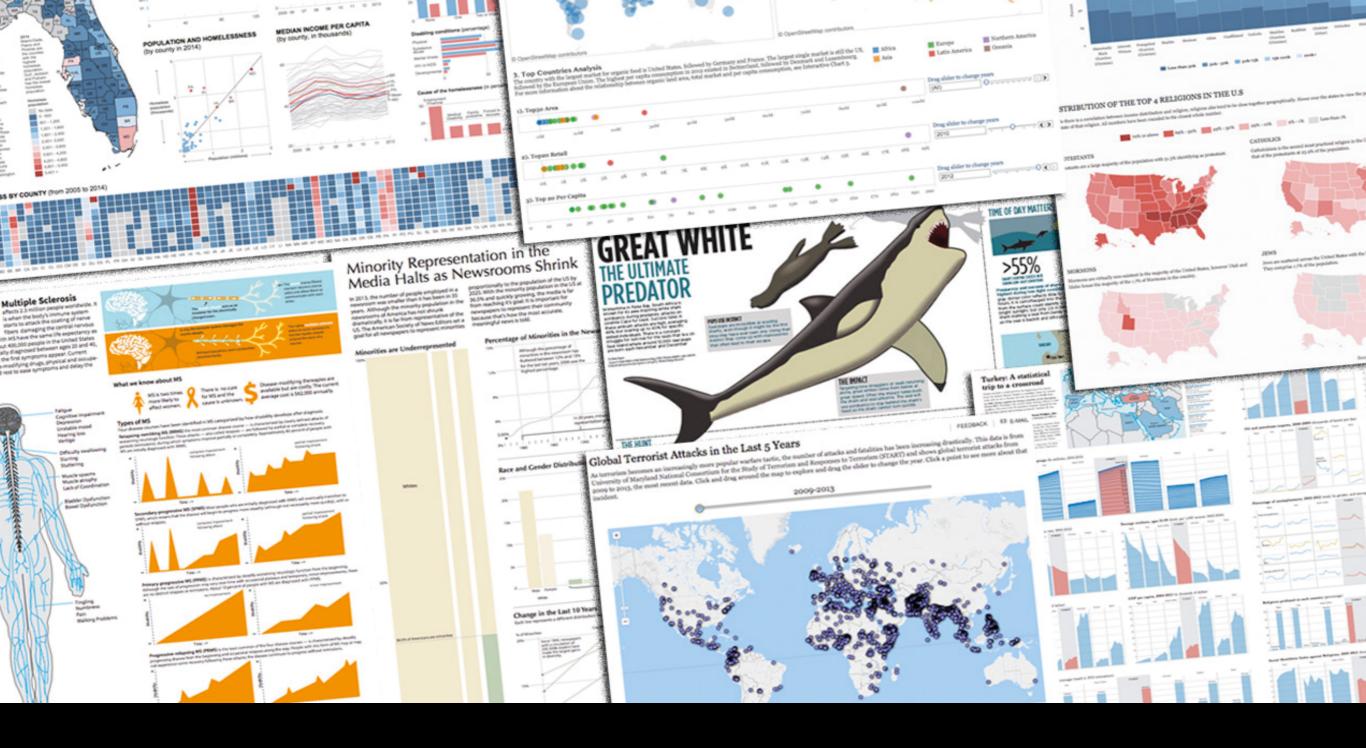
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