

## Taller de fundamentos de visualización de datos

Hola, este es el material que usé para el taller en la Tarugo#4 (octubre '19) y aunque algunas cosas se entienden bien, este contenido no está pensado para ser auto explicativo.

Cualquier pregunta a [javi@tinybird.co](mailto:javi@tinybird.co) espero que os sirva de ayuda y por lo menos os obligue a pensar un poco la próxima vez que representéis datos en pantalla.

Un saludo  
Javi Santana

# Data Visualization

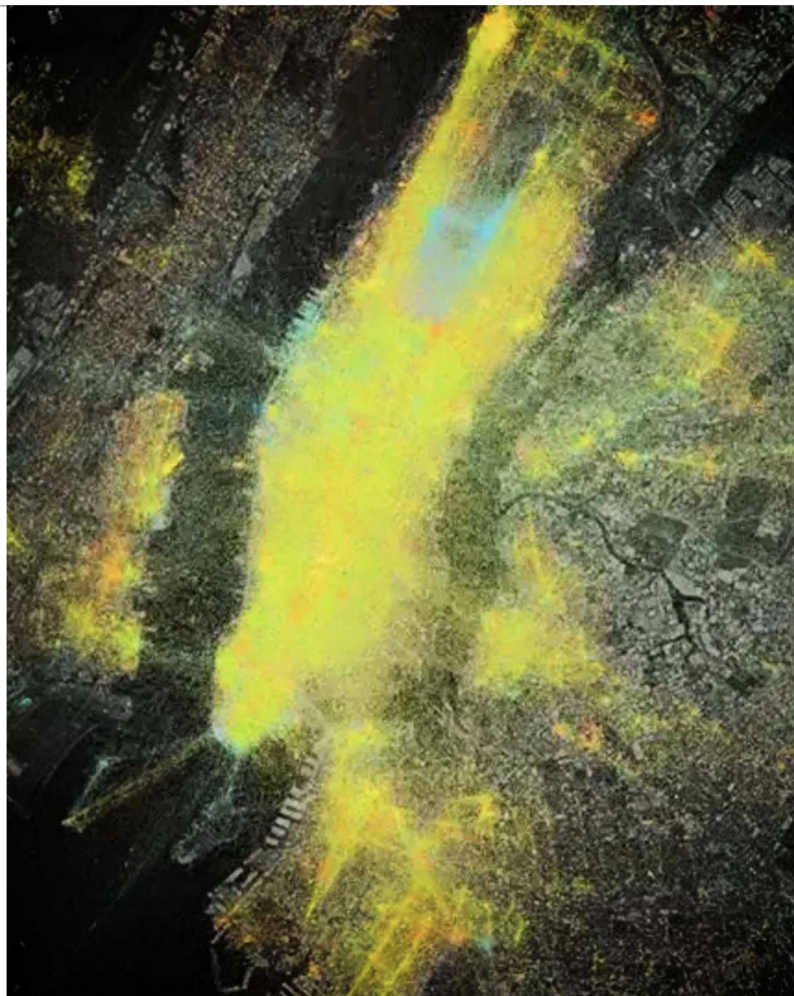
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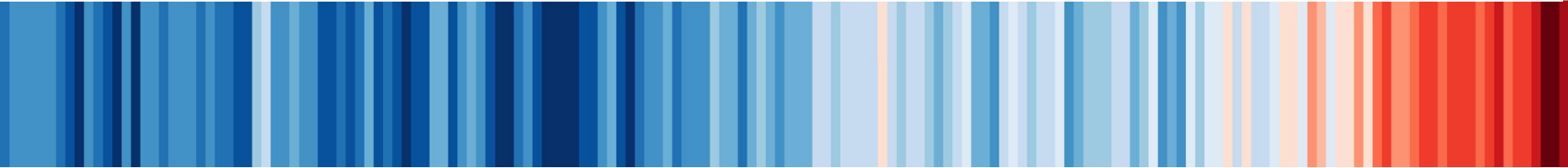
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CHECKING IN | AUG. 27, 2019

# Ten Years On, Foursquare Is Now Checking In to You Even the company is still trying to figure out whether that’s “cool or creepy.”

*By James D. Walsh*





# The Economist

Iran's dangerous game

Lessons from a Wall Street titan

Why rent controls are wrong-headed

Goddess of the Taiwan Strait

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## The climate issue

1850

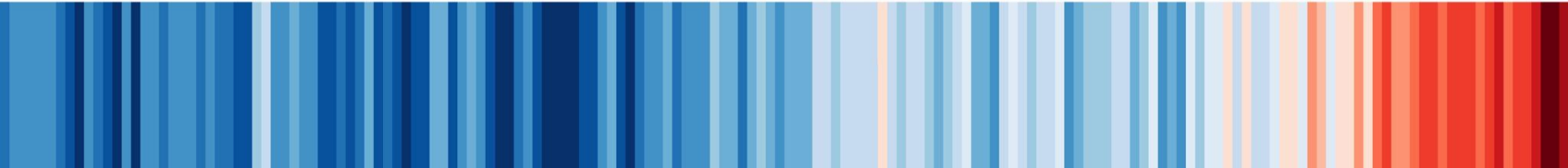
1900

1950

2000

“I was looking for a way to communicate to audiences that aren't used to seeing graphs, or axes, or labels — things that we see day-to-day, but are complicated to them. It may look too mathematical to them, so it turns them off straight away.”

— @ed\_hawkins





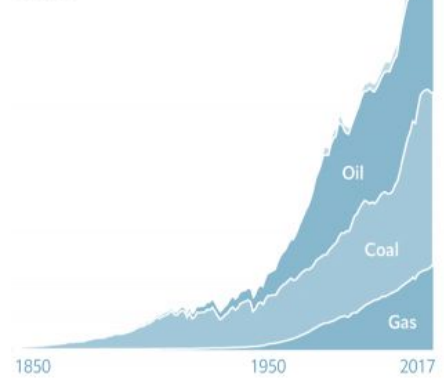
**THE DATAVIZ  
COMMUNITY**

**LEGENDS AND  
PRECISION AND THE  
NON-ZERO Y-AXIS DEBATE**

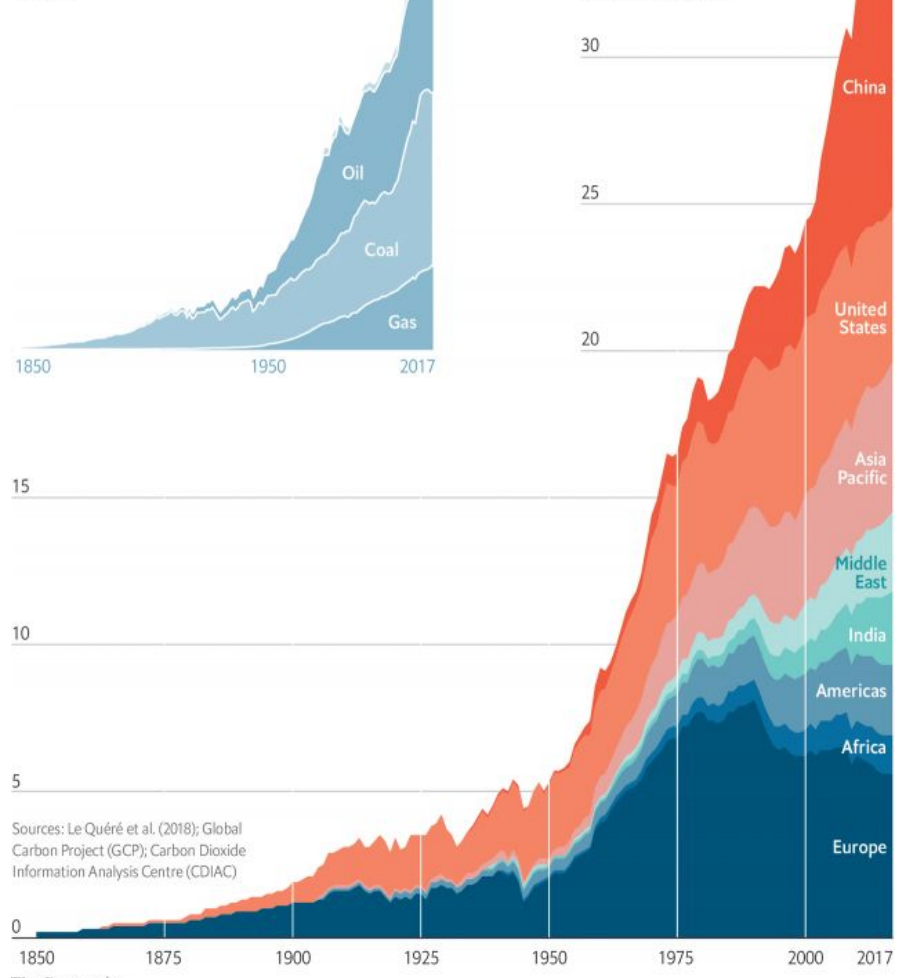
**EFFECTIVE  
VISUAL  
COMMUNICATION**

# CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, gigatonnes

## By fuel



## By country/region



Sources: Le Quéré et al. (2018); Global Carbon Project (GCP); Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Centre (CDIAC)



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What's Data visualization?

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Wikipedia

Data visualization is the graphical representation of data

# What's Data visualization?

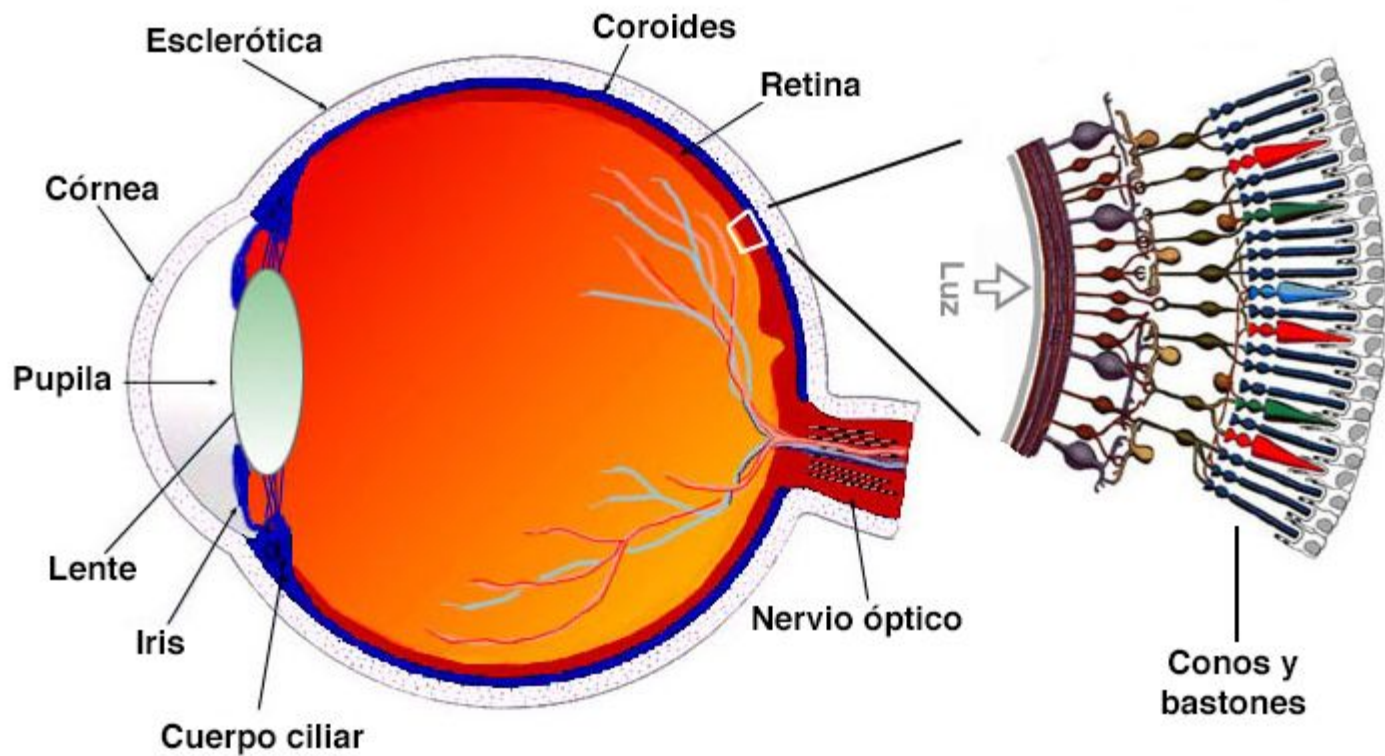
## A number is data visualization



What's Data visualization?

A number is data visualization





What's Data visualization?

Perception

**120M** bastones vs **7M** conos

What's Data visualization?

Perception II

Bastones



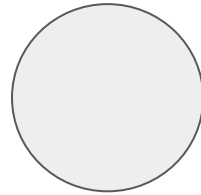
Conos





What's Data visualization?

Perception II



Bastones



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What's Data visualization?

Perception III



Bastones



Conos

What's Data visualization?

Perception (and IV)

**Bastones**

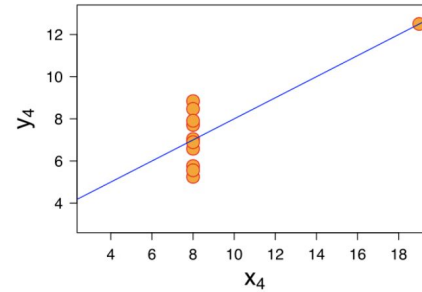
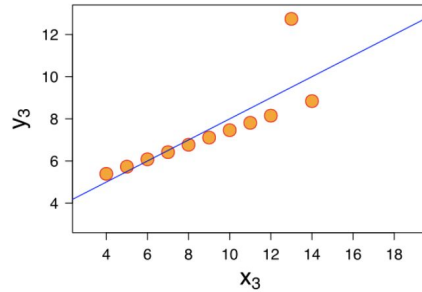
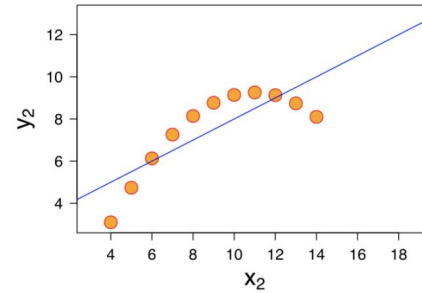
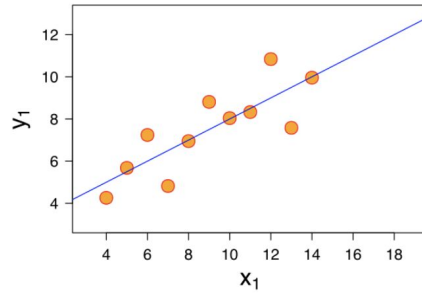
Madrid -> Valencia

**Conos**

Madrid -> Leganés

What's Data visualization?

Why do we need a graphical representation if we have numbers and feelings



02.

The basis

The basis

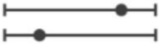
How to represent different kind of data


Magnitudes: age, speed...

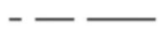
Categories: political party, football team...

## Channels: Expressiveness Types and Effectiveness Ranks

### ➔ Magnitude Channels: Ordered Attributes

Position on common scale 

Position on unaligned scale 

Length (1D size) 

Tilt/angle 

Area (2D size) 

Depth (3D position) 

Color luminance 

Color saturation 

Curvature 

Volume (3D size) 

▲ Most  
Effectiveness  
▼ Least

### ➔ Identity Channels: Categorical Attributes

Spatial region 

Color hue 

Motion 

Shape 

Same  
Same



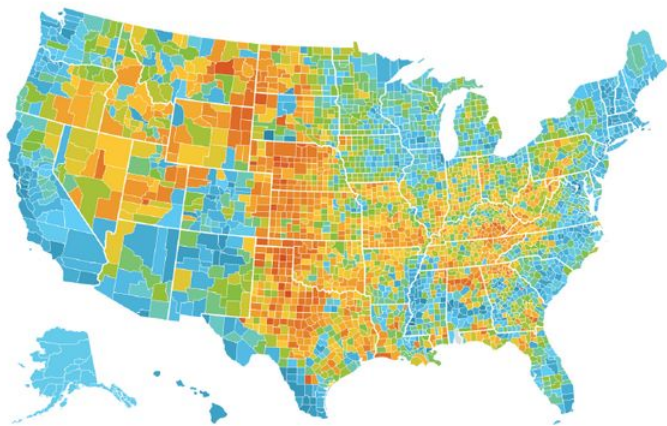


The basis

How to represent different kind of data

- Position and size: easy to understand
- Color: not really

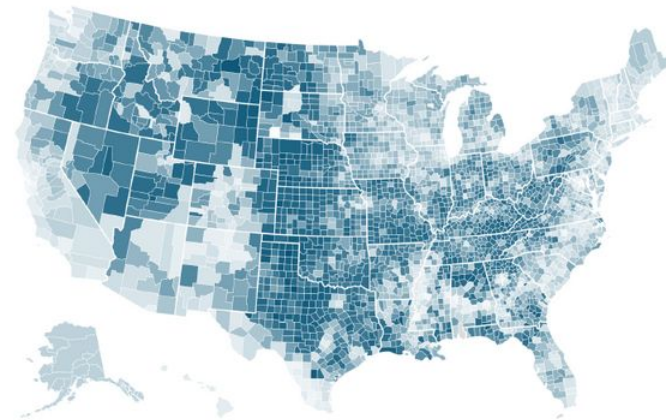
NOT IDEAL



HUE-BASED GRADIENT



BETTER



LIGHTNESS-BASED GRADIENT



## Basics

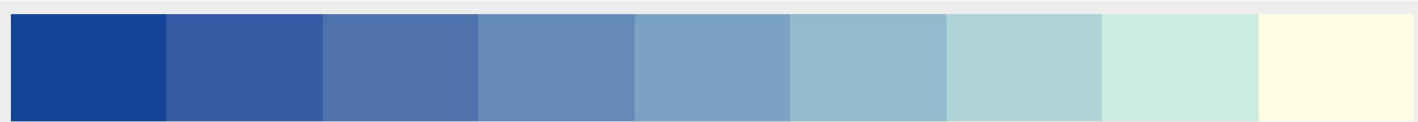
### Using color to represent **magnitudes**

3 Check and configure the resulting palette

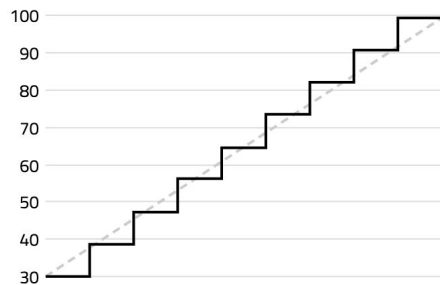
✓ This palette is colorblind-safe.

correct lightness  bezier interpolation

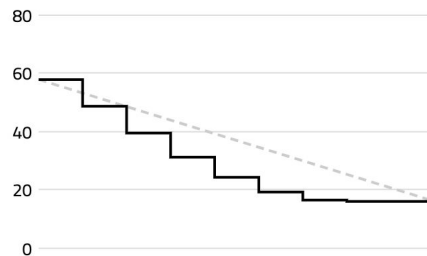
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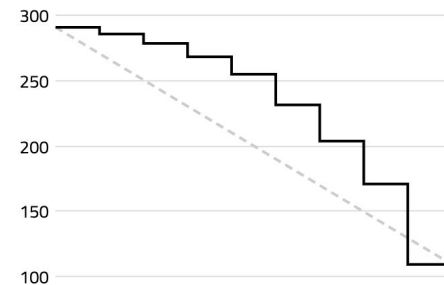
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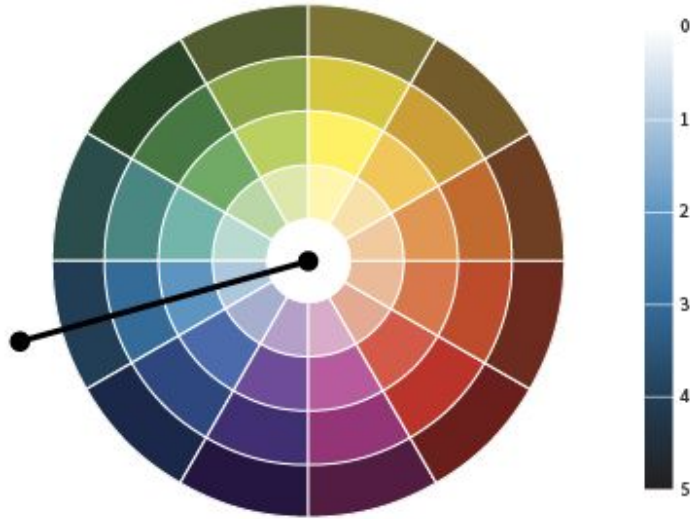


saturation

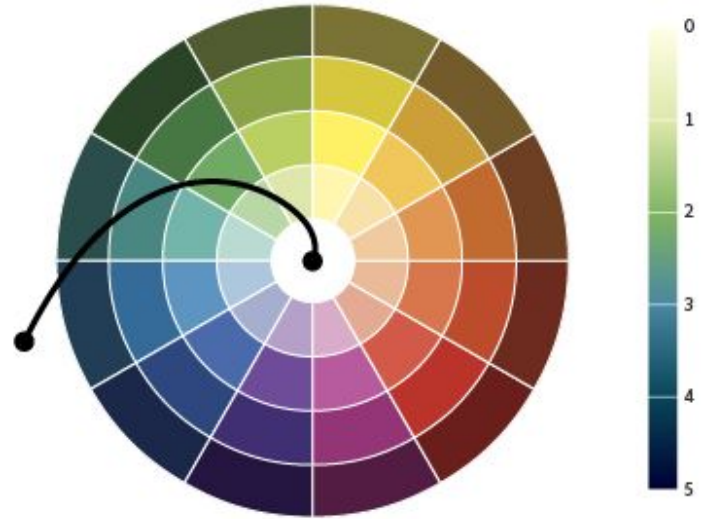


hue



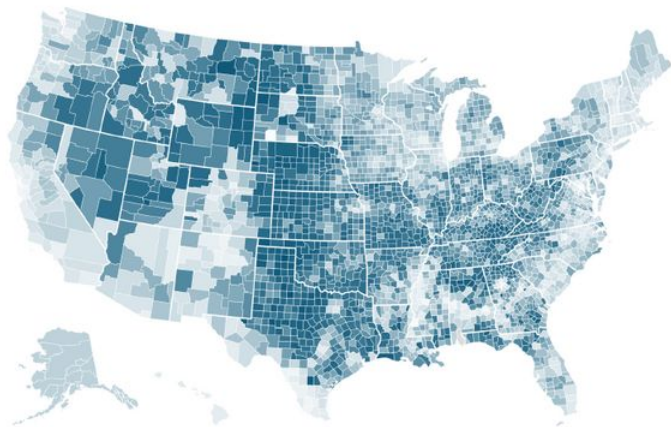


Single-Hue Sequential Color Scale



Multi-Hue Sequential Color Scale

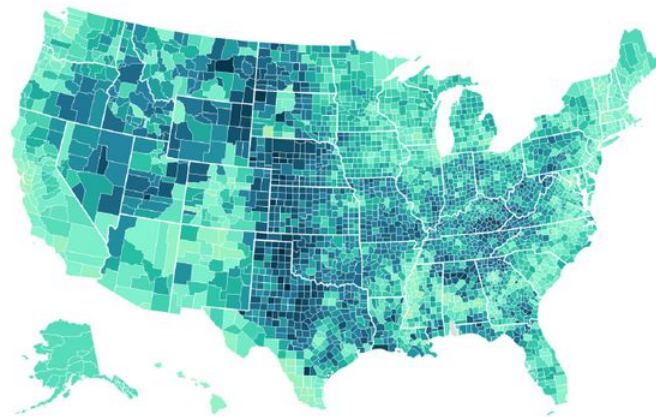
NOT SO BAD



ONE HUE



EVEN BETTER



TWO HUES



Basics

Using color to represent **categories**



The best of both worlds.

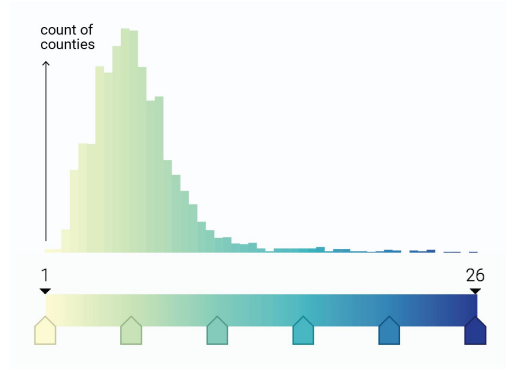
The basis

Partitions

- Differentiate colors is hard so you need to make differences more explicit

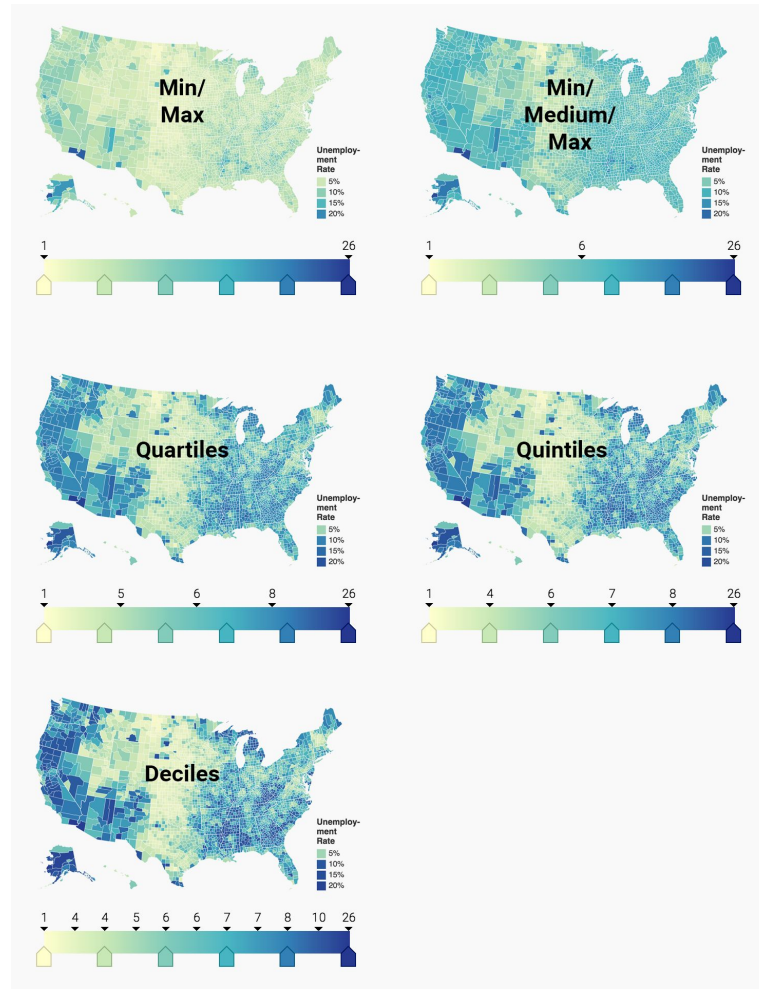
# Basics

## Partitions





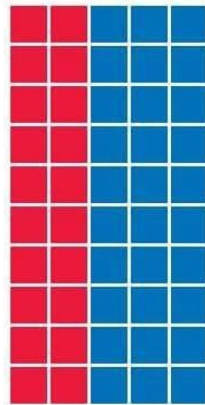
# Basics Partitions



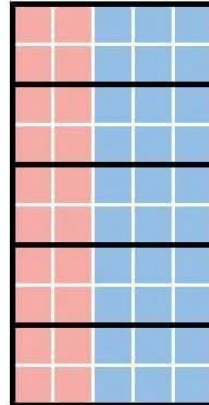
What's Data visualization?

Statistics + Visual representation

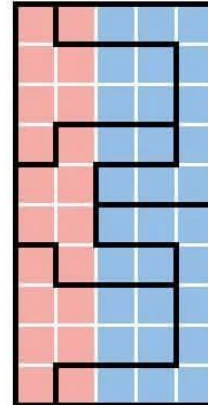
### HOW TO STEAL AN ELECTION



50 PRECINCTS  
60% BLUE  
40% RED



5 DISTRICTS  
5 BLUE  
0 RED  
BLUE WINS



5 DISTRICTS  
3 RED  
2 BLUE  
RED WINS

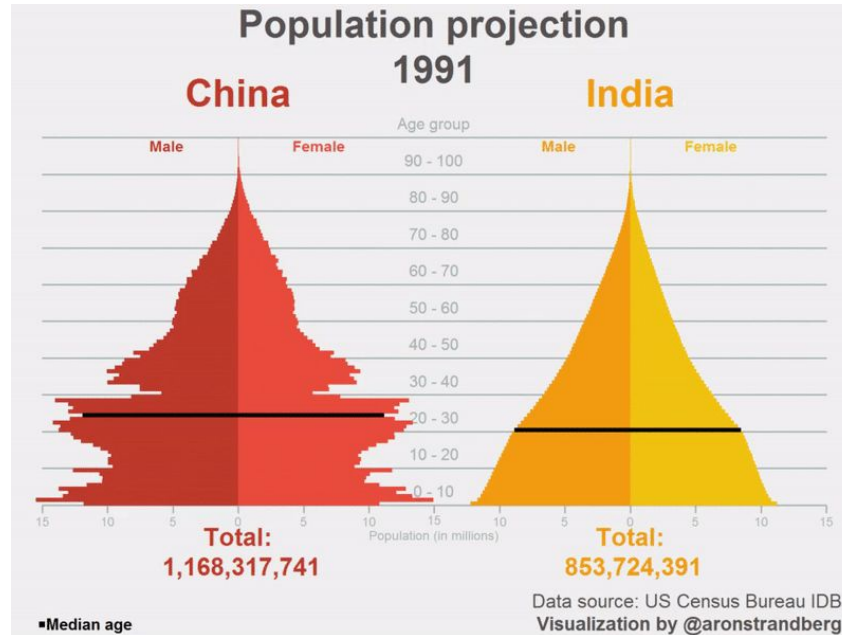
Color is art

No matter what stupid combination you choose there is always someone who made art with those colors

[Live proof](#)

What's Data visualization?

Statistics + Visual representation



Ask yourself this question

What do I want to achieve with the visualization ?

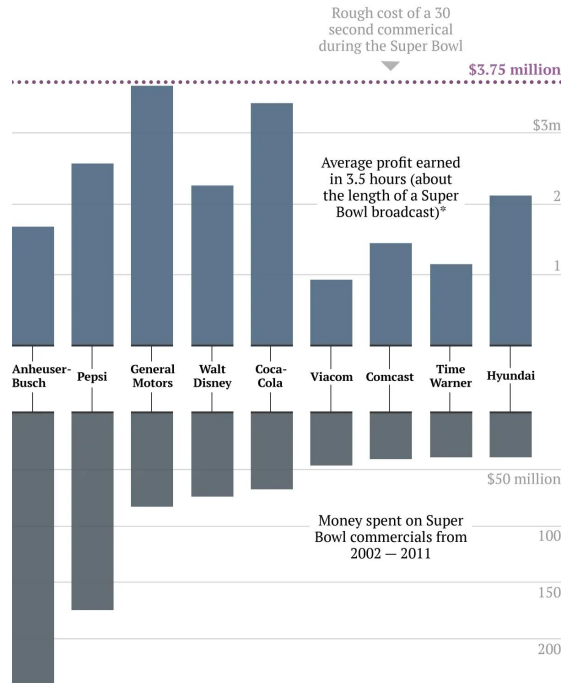
- See global patterns (big data)
- Explore the data (big data, BI)
- Measure / make decisions (dashboards)
- Show results (scientist paper)
- Understand the data (data scientist)
- Tell a story (newspapers)
- Wow factor (newspapers, marketing, usually pretty shitty)
  
- “Business insights” -> BULLSHIT 99%, excel graphs 99%

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Examples

# Examples

## Bar chart



Note: this number is determined by taking the latest fiscal year earnings for each company, dividing by the number of hours in a year, then multiplying by 3.5.

Ritchie King | Quartz

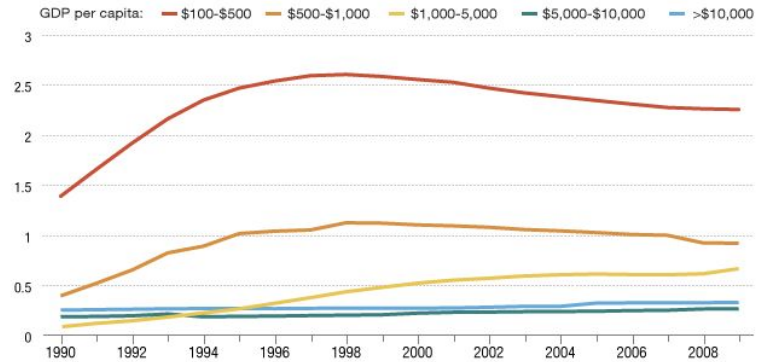
Data: Compiled by Factset, Kantar Media, New York Times

# Examples

## Line chart

### HIV And Wealth

HIV prevalence (percent of the population living with HIV, ages 15 - 49). Average gross domestic product (GDP) per capita from 1990 to 2009 in U.S. dollars.



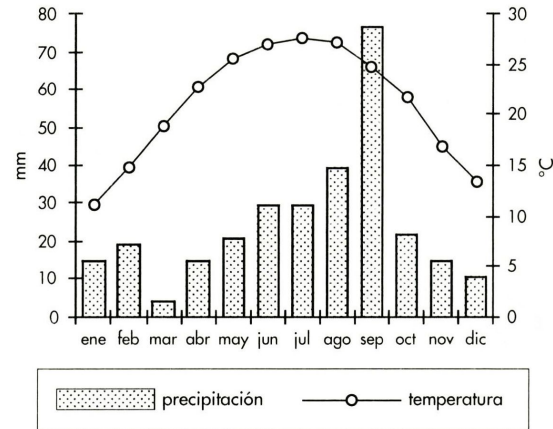
Source: UNAIDS

Credit: Adam Cole, Kevin Urmacher / NPR



## Examples

### Line + bar chart



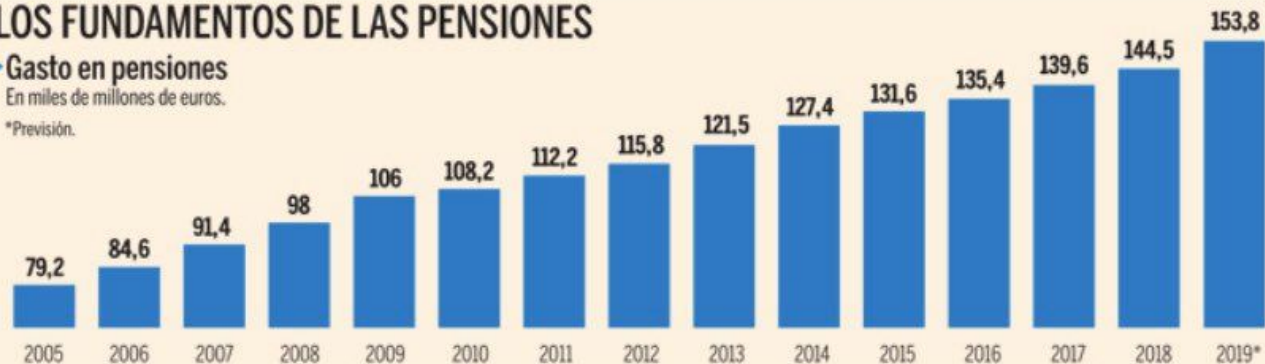
No dejes que la realidad te estropee una buena visualización

## LOS FUNDAMENTOS DE LAS PENSIONES

### > Gasto en pensiones

En miles de millones de euros.

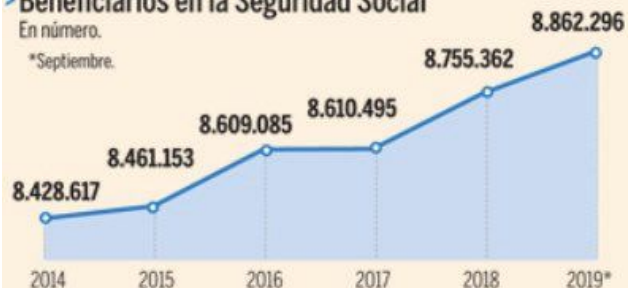
\*Previsión.



### > Beneficiarios en la Seguridad Social

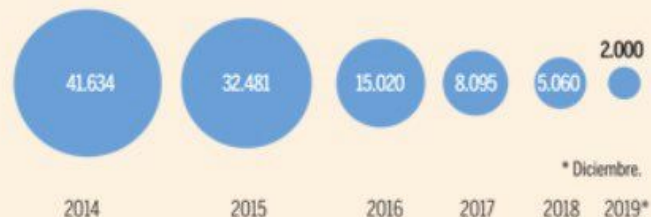
En número.

\*Septiembre.

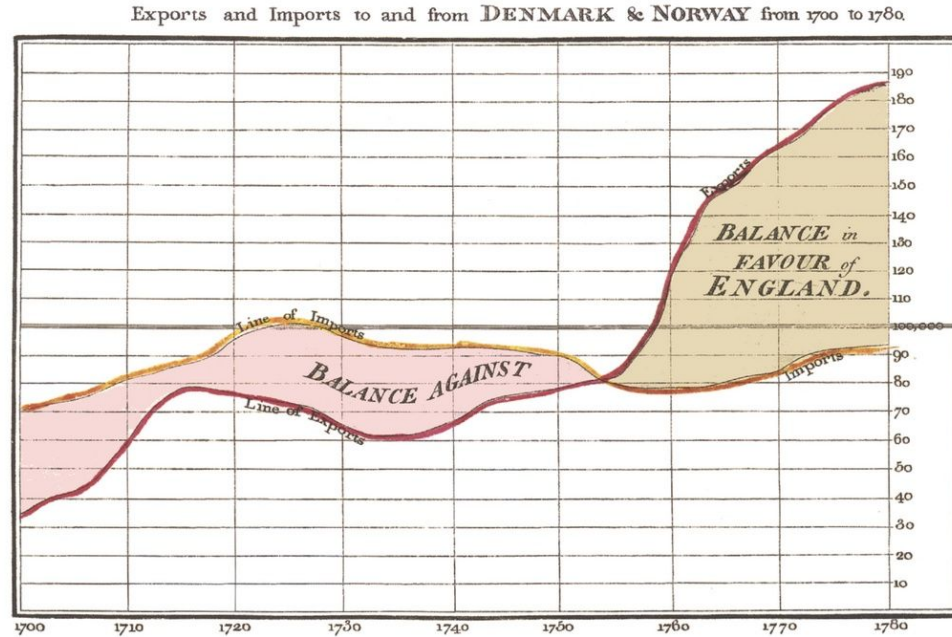


### > Fondo de Reserva de la Seguridad Social

En millones de euros, al cierre de cada ejercicio.



Examples  
Area chart

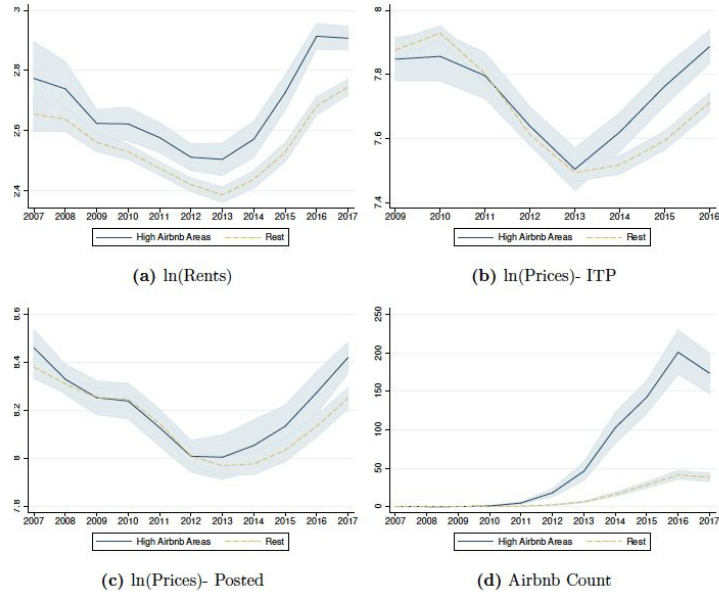


*The Bottom line is divided into Years, the Right hand line into L10,000 each.*  
Published as the Act direct, 1<sup>st</sup> May 1786, by W<sup>m</sup> Playfair.  
Scale scale 352, Strand, London.

## Examples

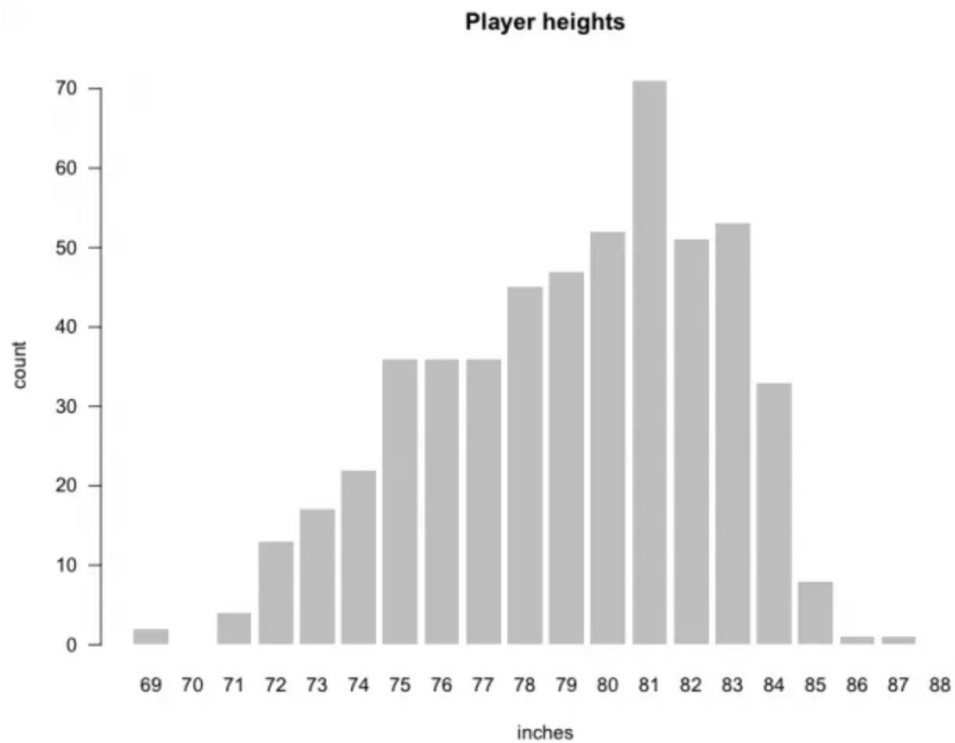
### Area chart + line

Figure 5: Evolution of rents and prices for *High Airbnb Area* vs. the rest



otes: Graph plots raw averages and the appropriate confidence intervals. *High Airbnb Area* are those in the top decile of the Airbnb listings distribution in 2016.

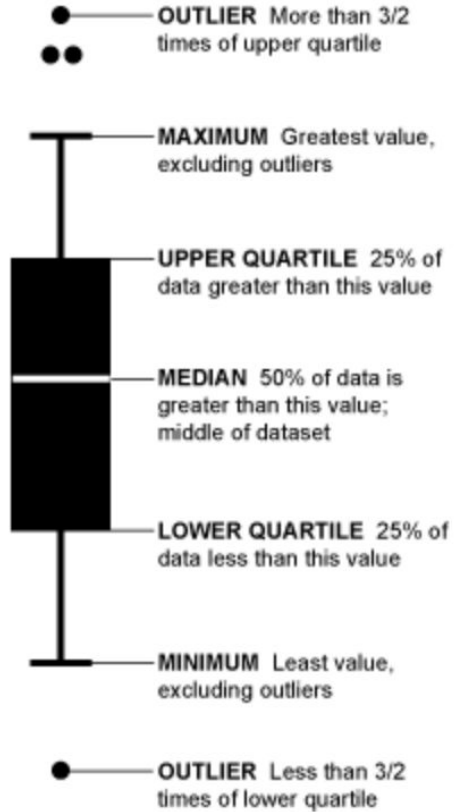
## Examples Histogram





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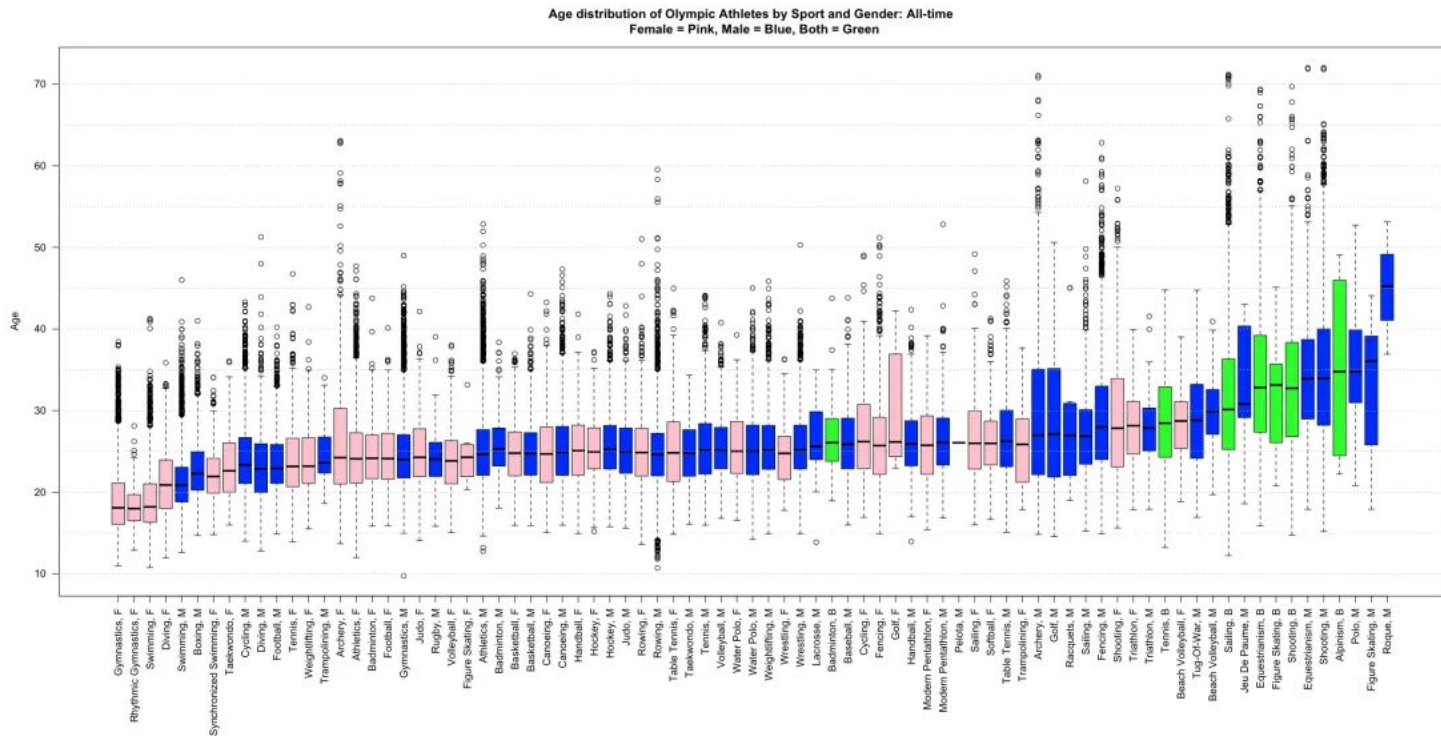
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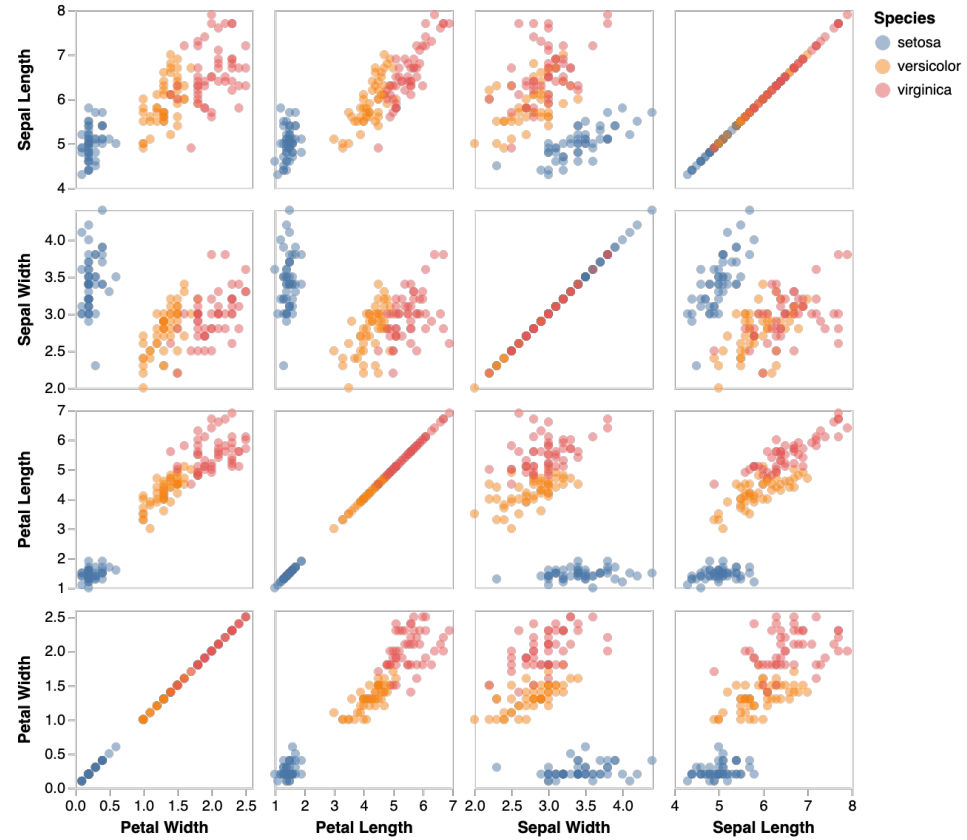


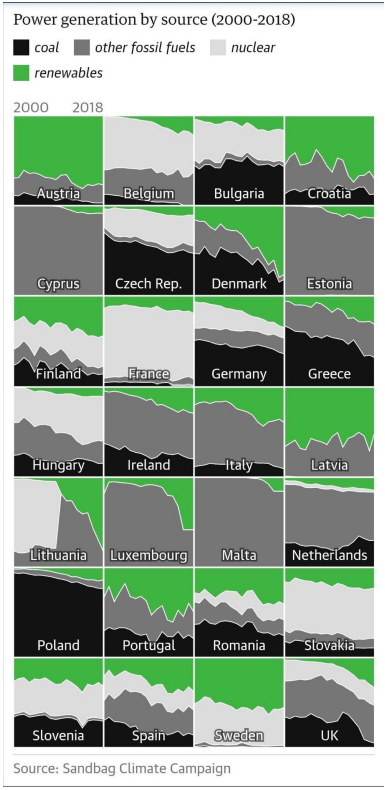
# Examples

## Boxplot



# Examples Scatterplot





<https://twitter.com/ghensel/status/1133350342819815426>



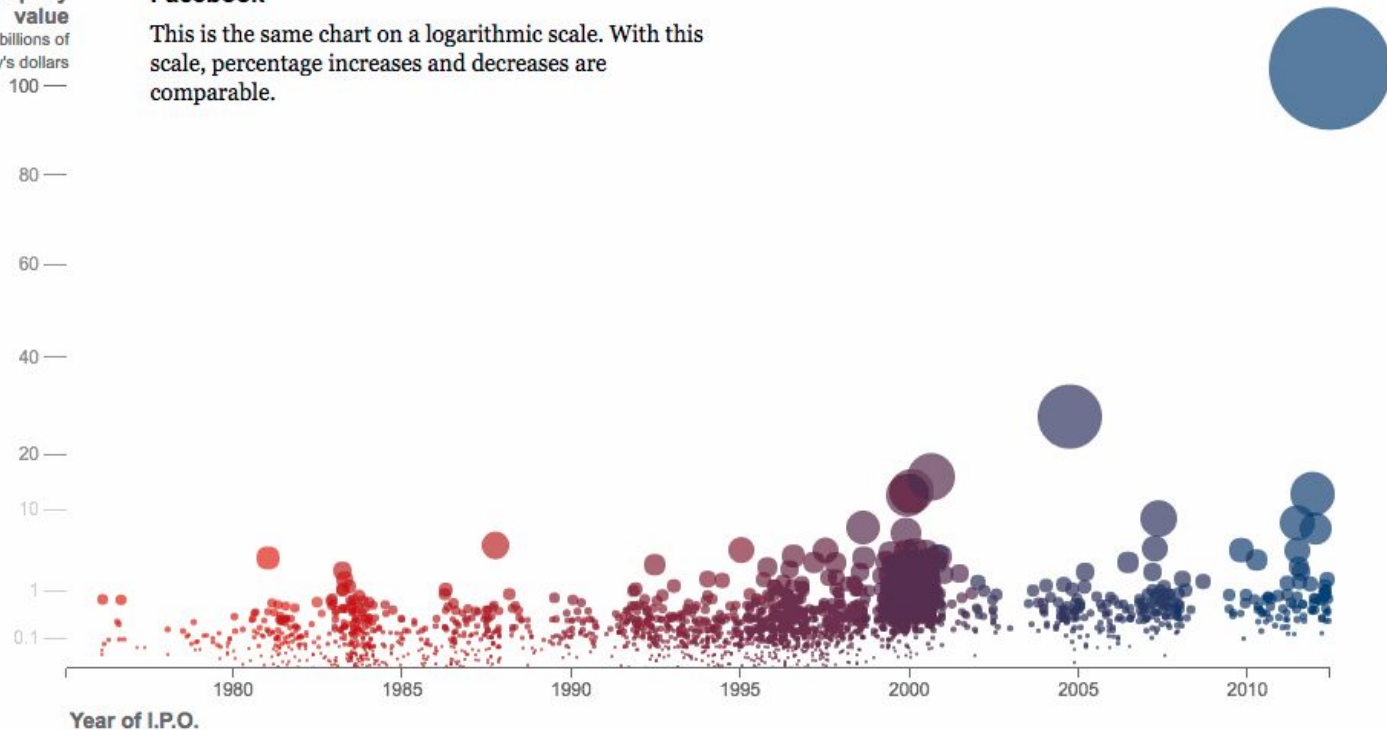


# The Facebook Offering: How It Compares

**Company value**  
In billions of today's dollars  
100 —

## Facebook

This is the same chart on a logarithmic scale. With this scale, percentage increases and decreases are comparable.





## Examples

### More animated maps

<https://flowingdata.com/2015/12/15/a-day-in-the-life-of-americans/>

<http://javisantana.com/kotar/>

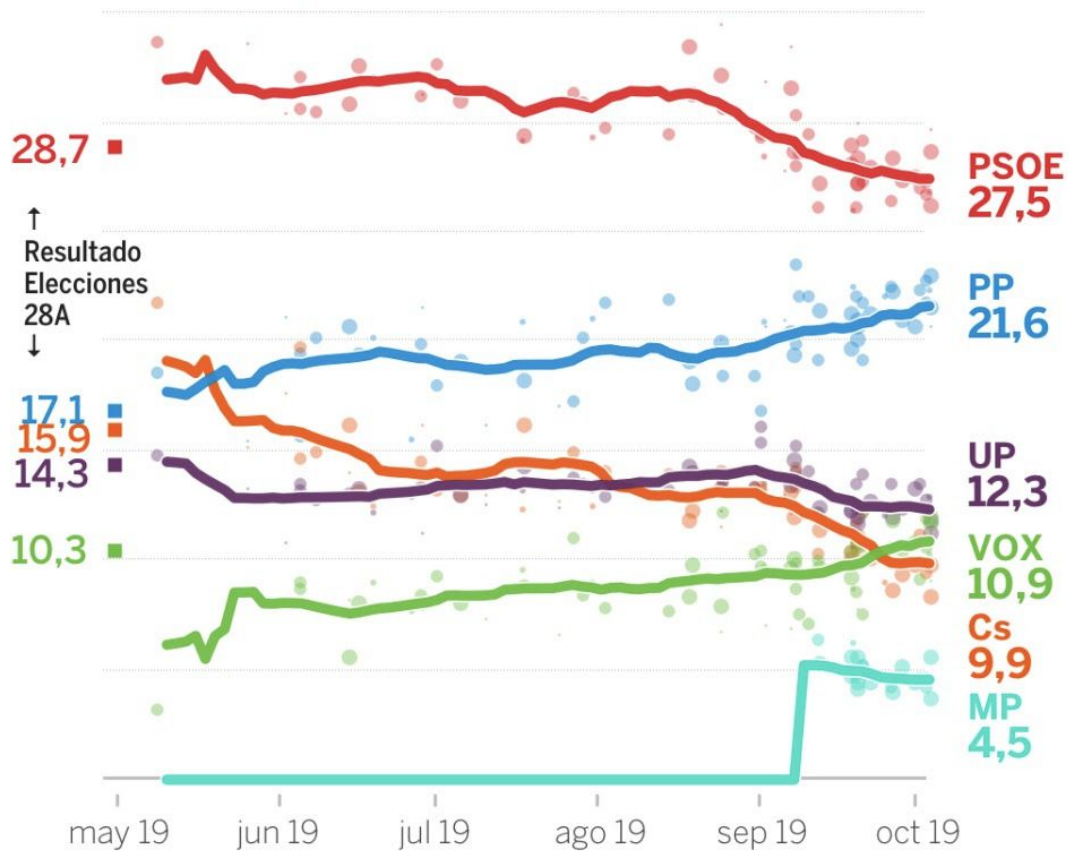
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En realidad puedes hacer lo que quieras

# Estimación de voto según cada encuesta, y **promedio** a partir de todas ellas



Fuente: @kikollaneras

Elaboración propia / EL PAÍS

<http://www.evolutionoftheweb.com/>

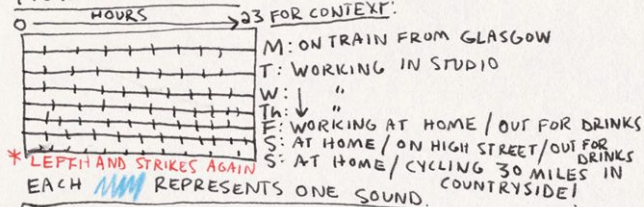


# DEAR DATA - WEEK 32

## A WEEK OF SOUNDS

ABOUT THE DATA: EVERY HOUR I WAS AWAKE I TRACKED THE SOUNDS I HEARD AROUND ME (GENERALLY ON THE TOP OF THE HOUR, SOMETIMES LATER IF I FORGOT)

### HOW TO READ IT:



### SOUND TYPES ARE ORGANISED AS FOLLOWS:

- ① 'ORGANIC' SOUNDS (SOUNDS CREATED BY PEOPLE, PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT, ANIMALS, OR SOUNDS: NATURE)
- A SOUND MY HUSBAND MADE: SPEAKING, DRINKING COFFEE, HUMMING, FIXING BIKE, ETC.
  - PEOPLE'S VOICES
  - CLANKING BOTTLES + CUTLERY
  - ROLLING WHEELS: SUITCASES, CARTS, ETC.
  - RUSTLING, SHUFFLING NEWSPAPERS
  - CRASHES, BANGS, + RATTLES
  - BIRDSONG
  - WIND IN TREES
- ② 'MACHINE' SOUNDS:
- RUNNING WATER
  - APPLIANCES RUNNING: RADIATOR/BOILER, WASHING MACHINE, POWER TOOL, COFFEE MACHINE, ETC.
  - LAPTOP
  - OUR FILM/TV
  - NEIGHBOURS' LOUD TV + MUSIC
  - TRAINS
  - MOTOR VEHICLE
  - AIRPLANE
  - THE HUM OF ELECTRICITY
  - RECORDED MUSIC
- ③ UNUSUAL SOUNDS: STEEL DRUM BAND, ARCHER GAMES, CHURCH BELLS, A HORSE

FROM: S POSAVEC  
LONDON  
UK



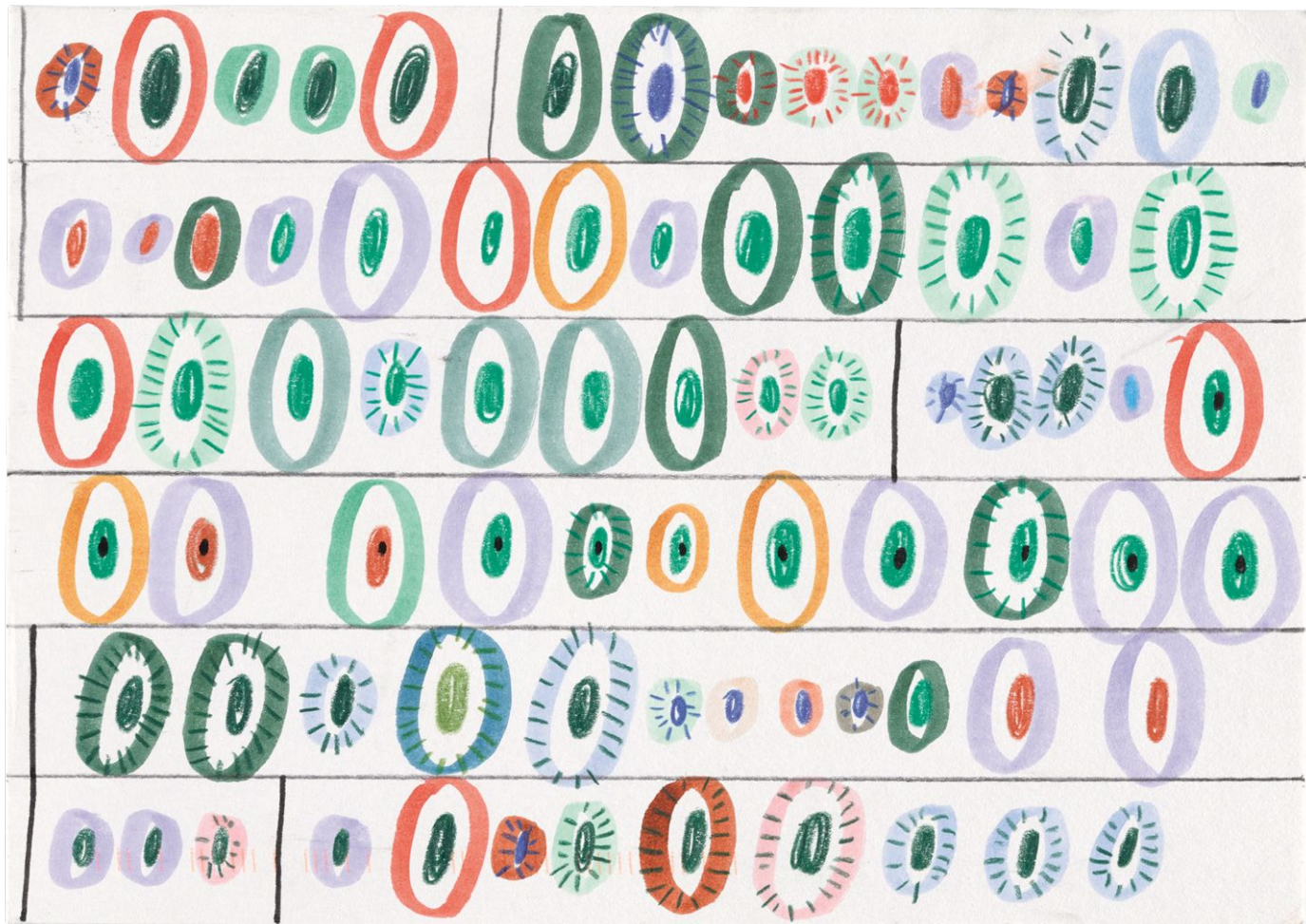
TO: GIORGIA LUPI

BROOKLYN, NY

USA



\* ALSO INCLUDES SOME RIDICULOUSLY STUPID SOUNDS HE WAS MAKING TO MESS UP THE DATA

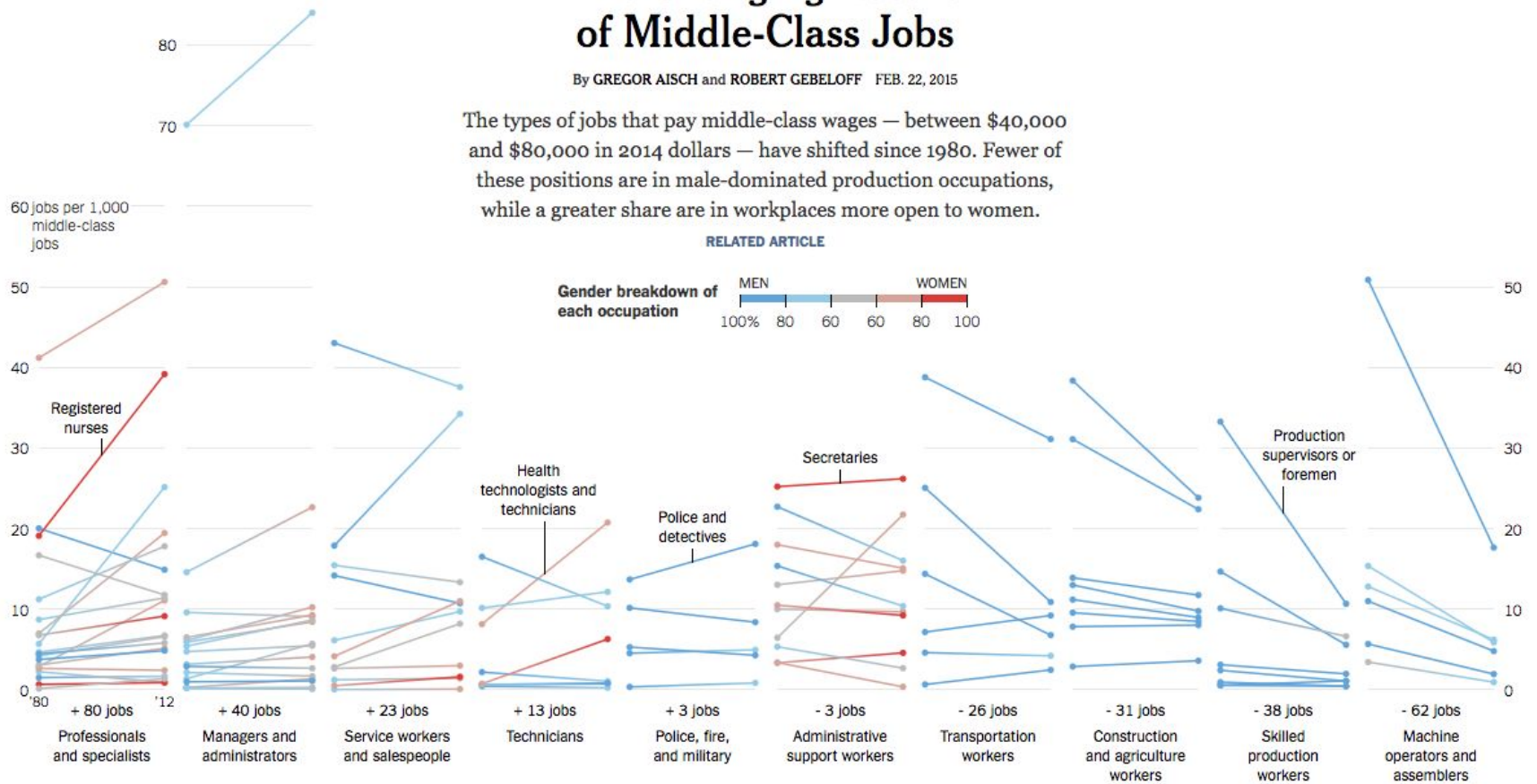


# The Changing Nature of Middle-Class Jobs

By GREGOR AISCH and ROBERT GEBELOFF FEB. 22, 2015

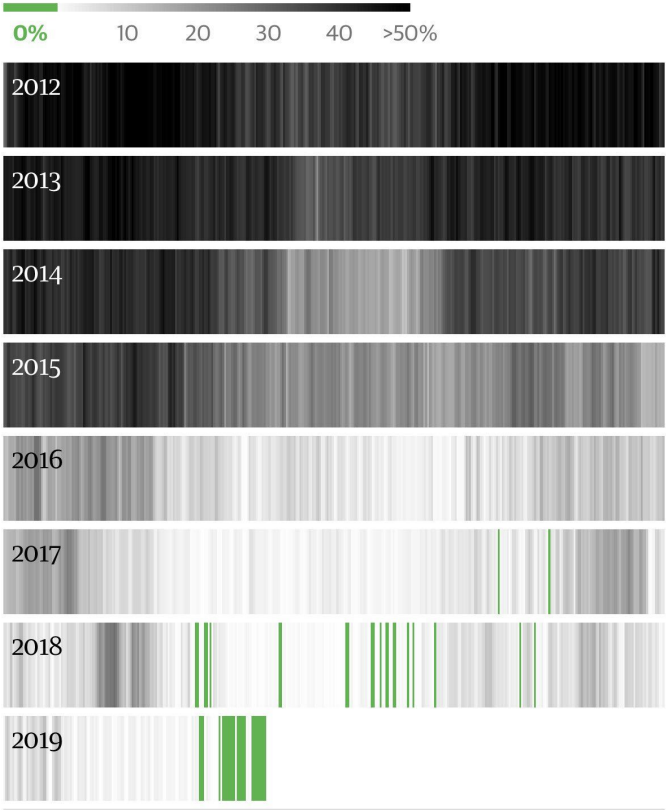
The types of jobs that pay middle-class wages — between \$40,000 and \$80,000 in 2014 dollars — have shifted since 1980. Fewer of these positions are in male-dominated production occupations, while a greater share are in workplaces more open to women.

RELATED ARTICLE



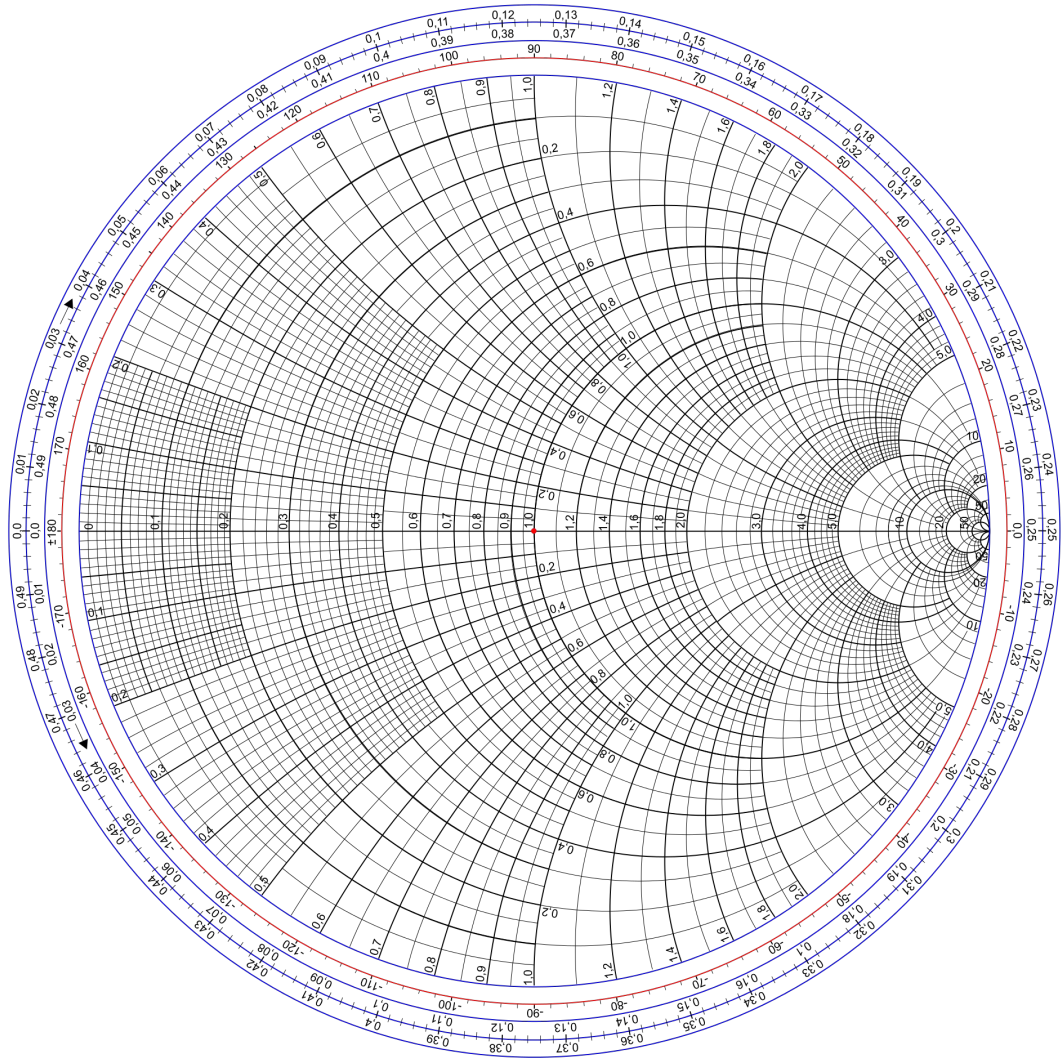
# Britain is rapidly phasing out coal

Daily share of Britain's power generated by burning coal

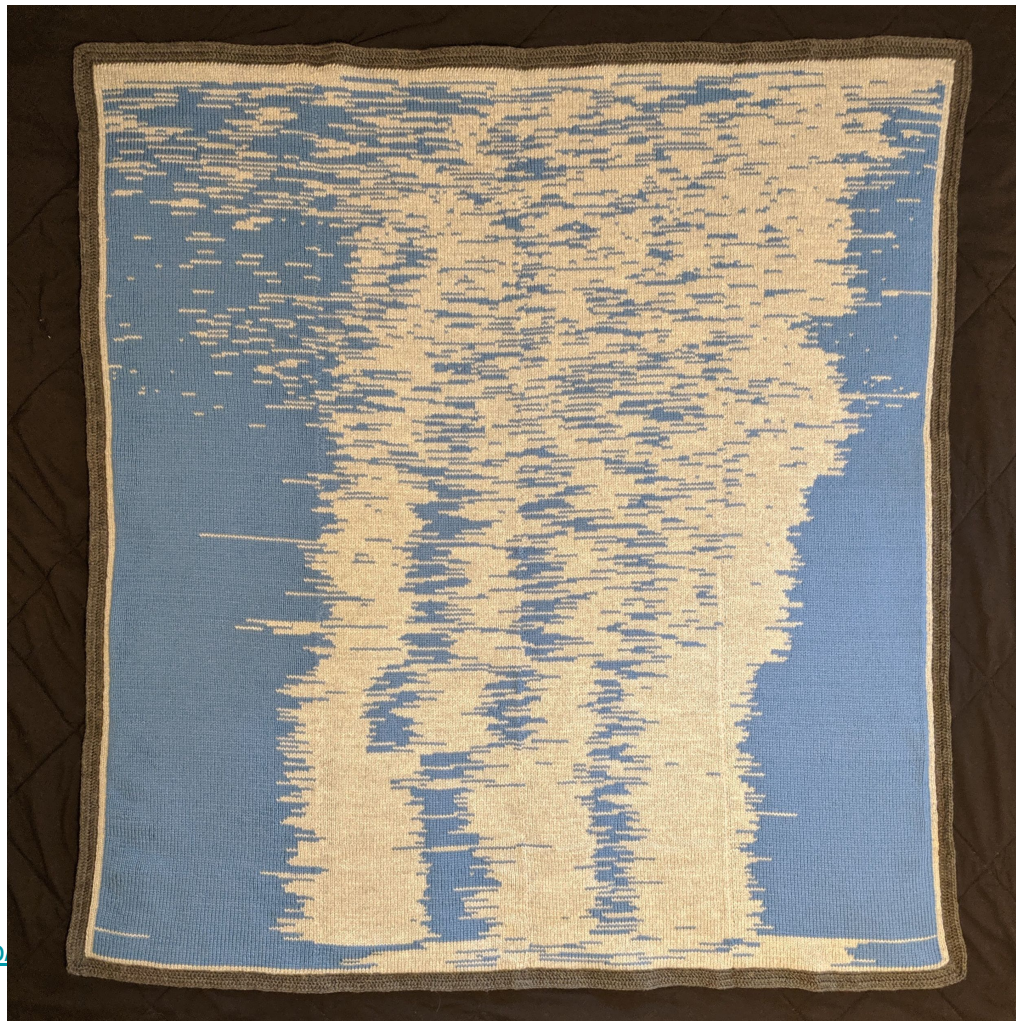


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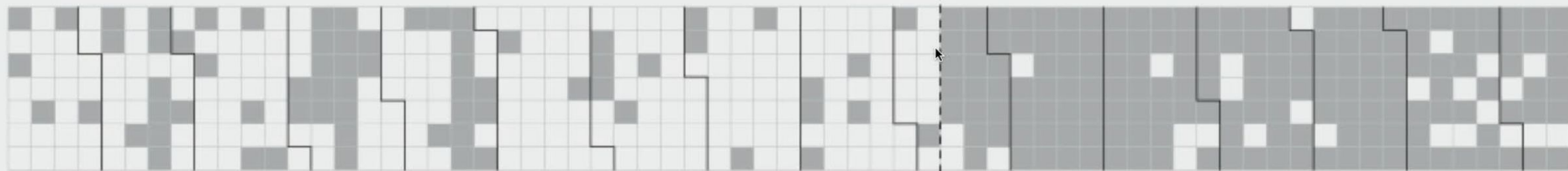
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## Picture days

Before my son was born

After



2013

2014

04

Conclusions



## Conclusions

### Tufte

- Less is usually more (ink-data ratio)
- Graphical excellence consists of complex ideas communicated with clarity, precision, and efficiency
- Keep it proportional! “Lie Factor = *size of effect shown in graphic* divided by *size of effect in data*”
- You don’t have to use a graphic when there isn’t much data — a table is often better.
- Pie charts are useless. Period. DO NOT USE PIE CHARTS.

## Conclusions

### Santana

- La visualización de datos normalmente sirve para saber qué preguntas hacer, no para resolverlas
- “All non-trivial abstractions, to some degree, are leaky” (Joel)
- No hay una forma buena de visualizar algo
- No te dejes engañar por las pintas de una visualización
- A hacer visualización se aprende haciendo visualizaciones (y copiando y probando)
- No quieres ser este tipo de persona:

“No dejes que la realidad te estropee una buena visualización”



05.

Must reads

## Must reads

- Visual display of quantitative information (Tufte)
- @flowingdata
- @MKrzywinski
- @lisacrost
- Dataviz project <https://datavizproject.com>
- <https://nadaesgratis.es> data analysis + vis

06.

HANDS ON! (Santana's way)

Before start

## About the visualization

This visualization could be done with a library in a few minutes, we are trying to show how easy is to visualize data with no tools.

It might be too easy for experienced developers. The code is not the important part.

## Use case

### NO2 in Madrid

- Lots of public data in a reusable format
- This is a big problem, we are all breathing this thing right now (72  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  today)

Use case

The process

- Get Data -> Visualize

## Use case

### The process - the data

- Understand the source data: format, meaning and so on
- Understand the actual data: histograms, max, min...
- Clean the data
- Prepare the data to be visualized
  - Depending on the data size this step is mandatory

## Use case

### Some [random] data tools

- Cleaning: Trifacta // Open refine // Python // R // ...
- Prepare data: Any database SQL database (Postgres) / CSVKit / Python...
- Understand the data: excel // pandas...
- Serve: S3 // github // datasette // carto // tinybird

### Santana's choice:

- Python // clickhouse // vega (tinybird)



## Use case

### The process - the visualization

- Decide what we want to show
- Go for a visualization type, remember
  - See global patterns
  - Explore the data
  - Measure / make decisions
  - Tell a story
  - Wow factor
- Iterate 100 times

Use case

Some [random] vis tools

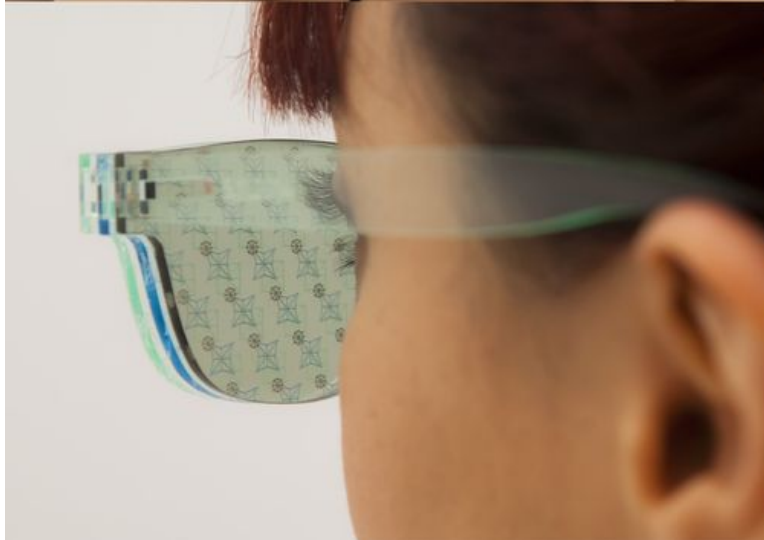
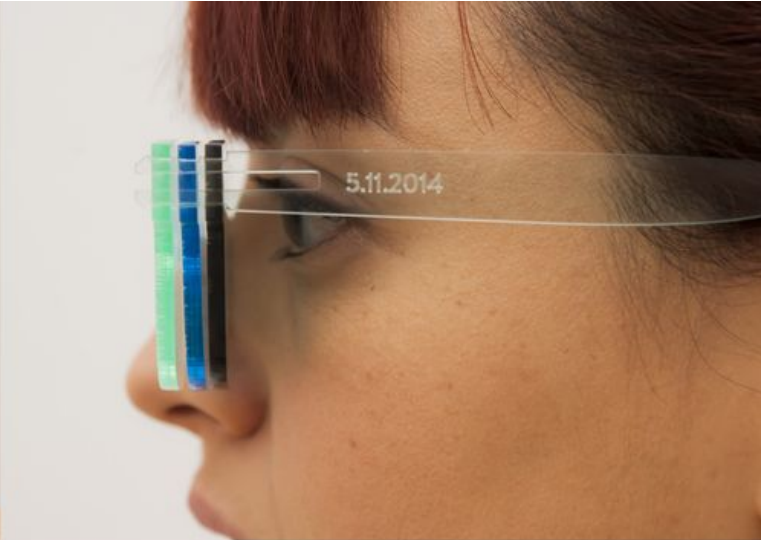
- Vega, D3, observable
- Pandas (matplotlib)
- Datastudio/tableau/qlik/....

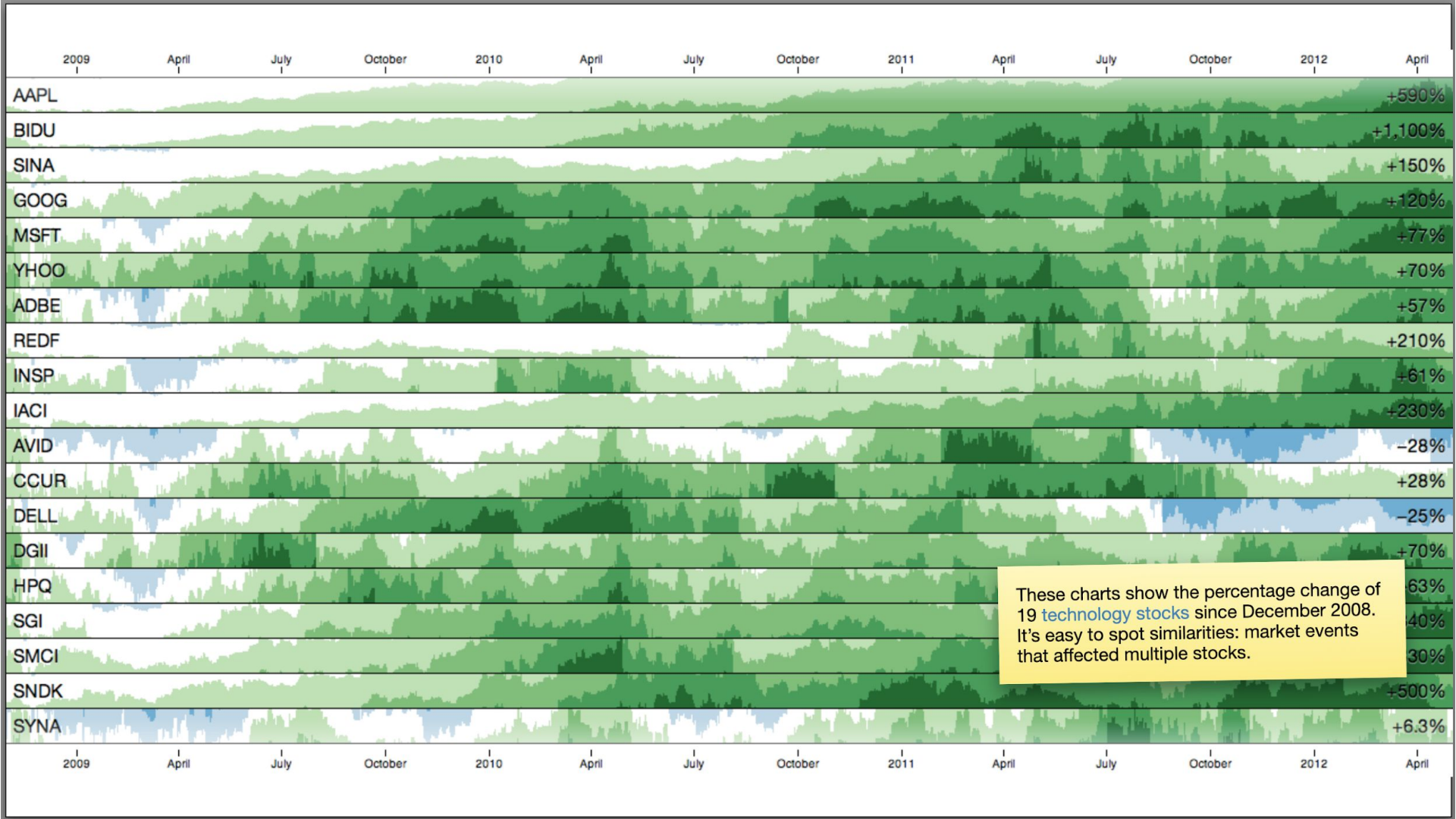
Santana's choice:

- Vanilla js, d3, pandas









Si has vivido

**5 años** cerca de

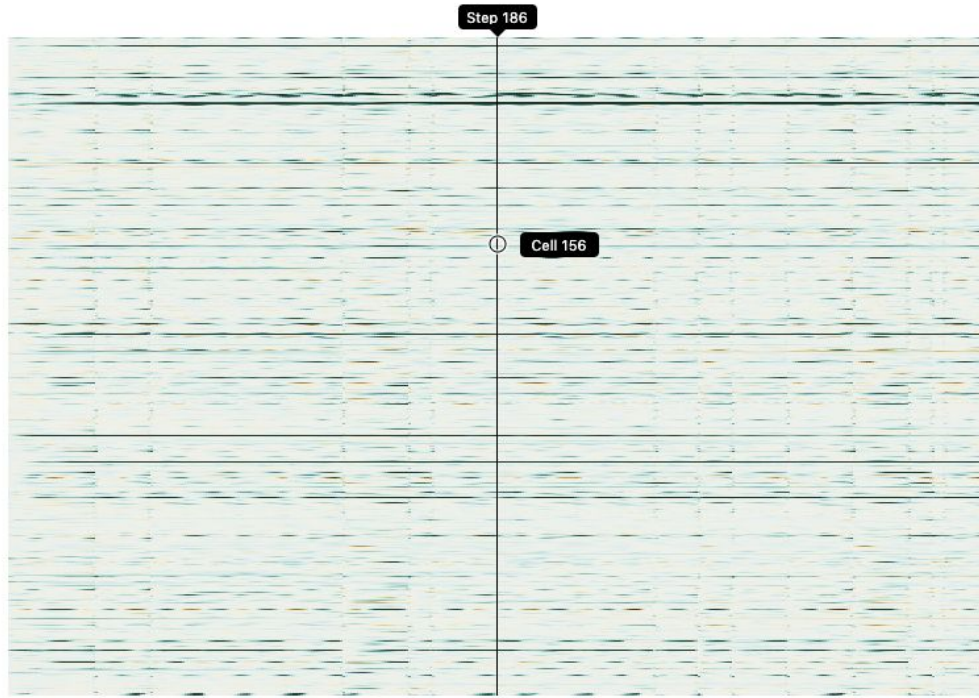
**Gran Vía**

has respirado el equivalente a

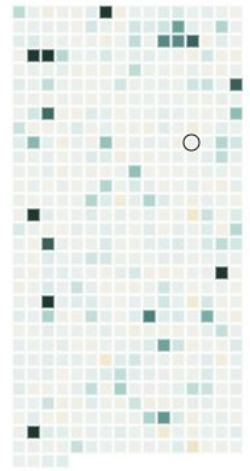
Comer **3.4kg** de **carbonilla**



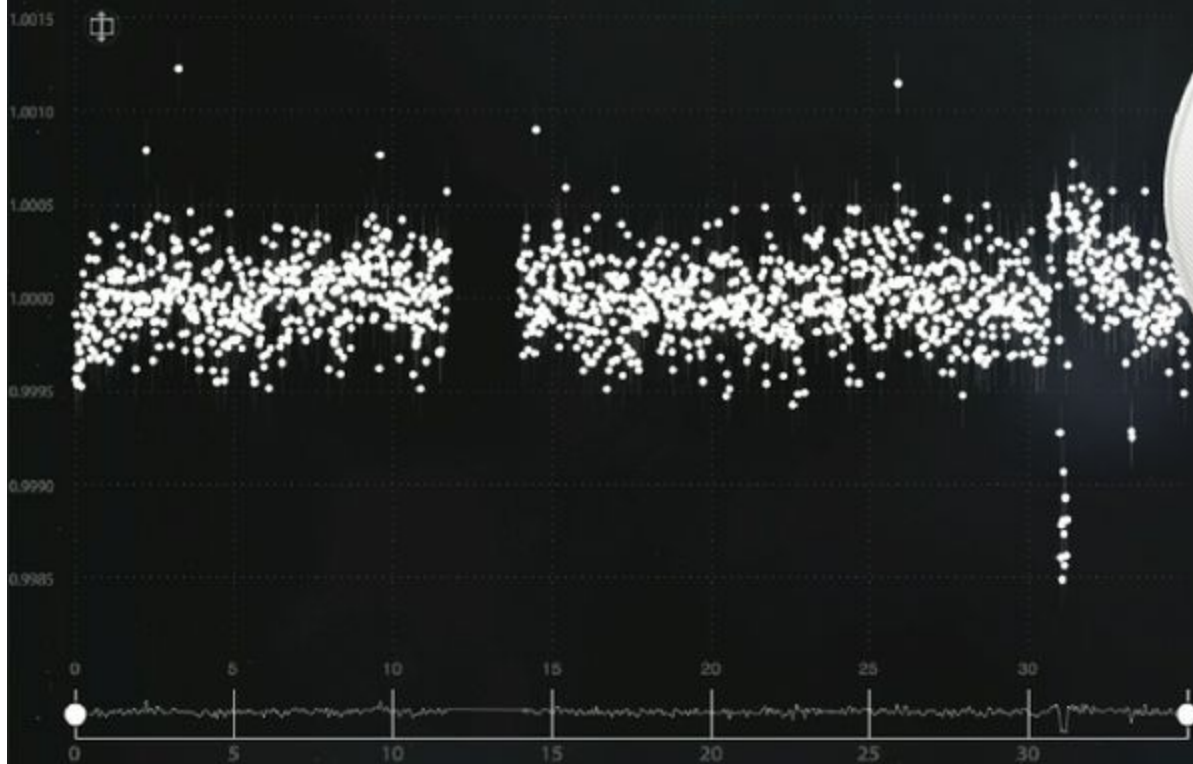
Some freaky



Activations at step 186







DAYS FROM BEGINNING OF THE QUARTER

HELP

RESTART

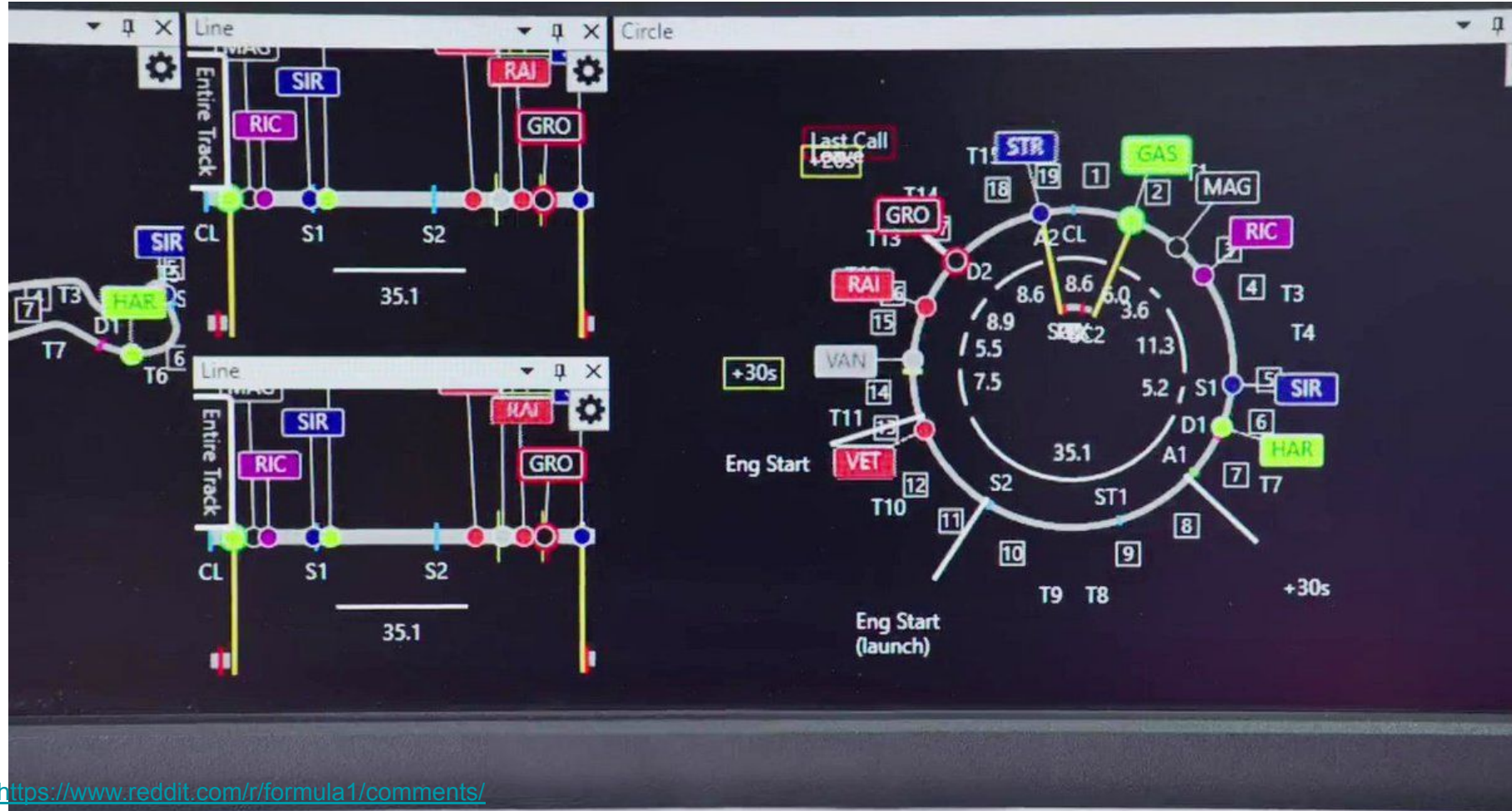
Does the star have any transit features?

YES

NO

Type of star: Dwarf  
Apparent visual magnitude: 13.9  
Temperature: 6015 (K)  
Radius: 0.8x Sol

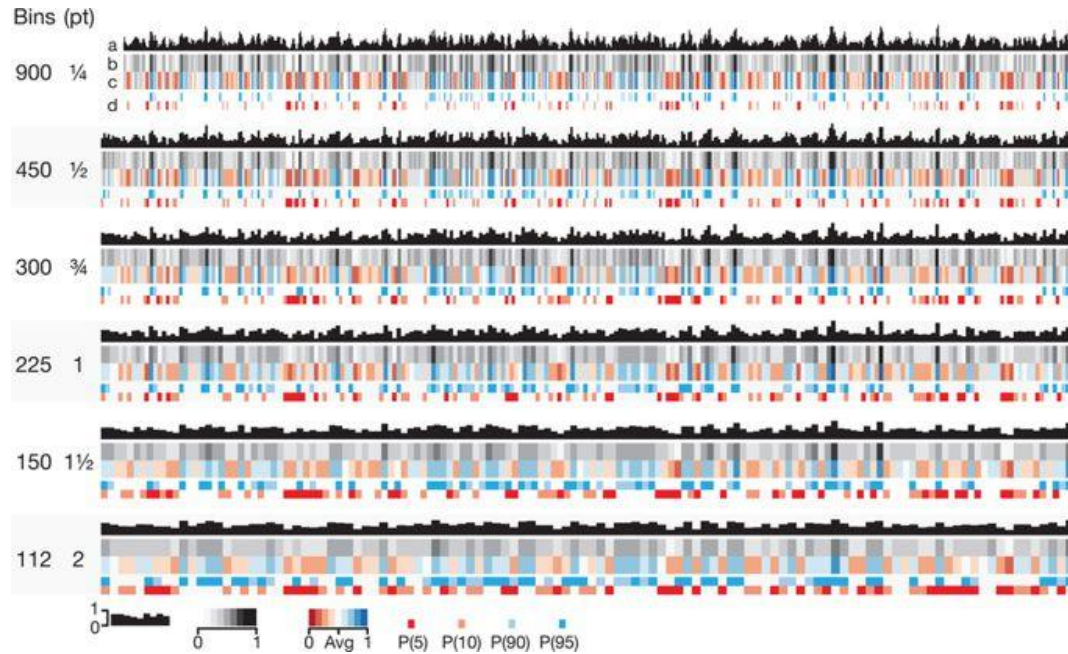
★ MARK AS FAVORITE



[https://www.reddit.com/r/formula1/comments/baps2h/some\\_interesting\\_qualifying\\_data\\_visualization/](https://www.reddit.com/r/formula1/comments/baps2h/some_interesting_qualifying_data_visualization/)

Use case

What kind of vis?

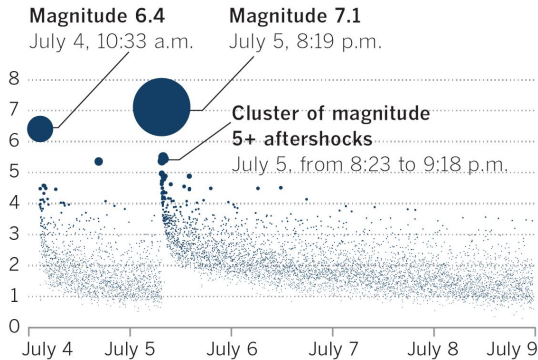


## Use case

### What kind of vis?

#### Ridgecrest aftershocks tapering off

Thousands of aftershocks have followed two larger earthquakes near Ridgecrest last week. They've followed a predictable, decreasing pattern.

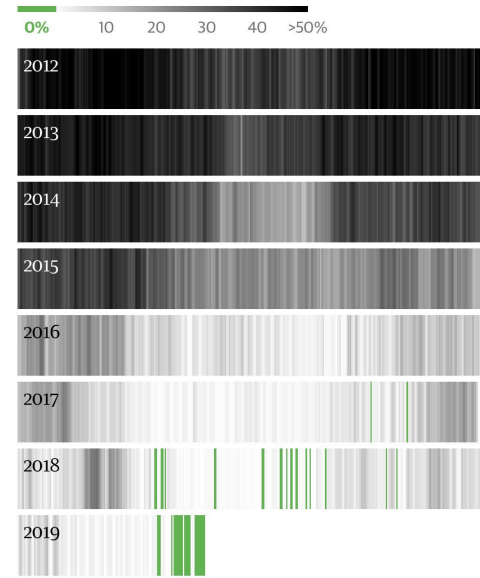


Points show earthquakes between 10 a.m. July 4 and 10 a.m. July 9 near Ridgecrest, Calif. The gap in aftershocks following the magnitude 7.1 is because instruments are unable to detect smaller earthquakes following a main shock.

Sources: U.S. Geological Survey, Caltech, Times Reporting  
Chris Keller / Los Angeles Times

#### Britain is rapidly phasing out coal

Daily share of Britain's power generated by burning coal

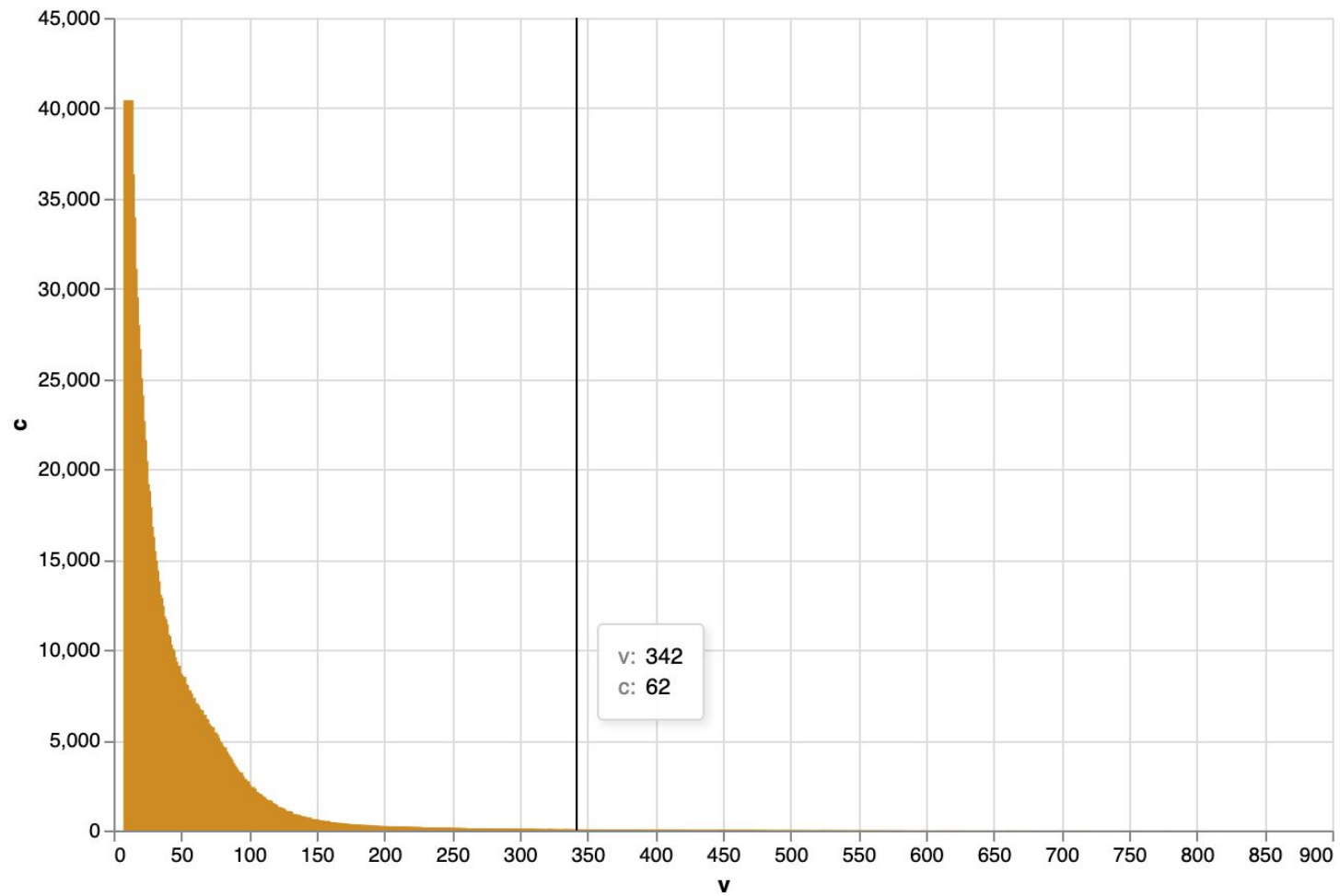


[http://javisantana.com/\*\*data\\_vis\\_workshop\*\*/](http://javisantana.com/data_vis_workshop/)

Use case

## Steps

- JSON
- Render a square
- Render the data
- Color
- More on colors
- Text



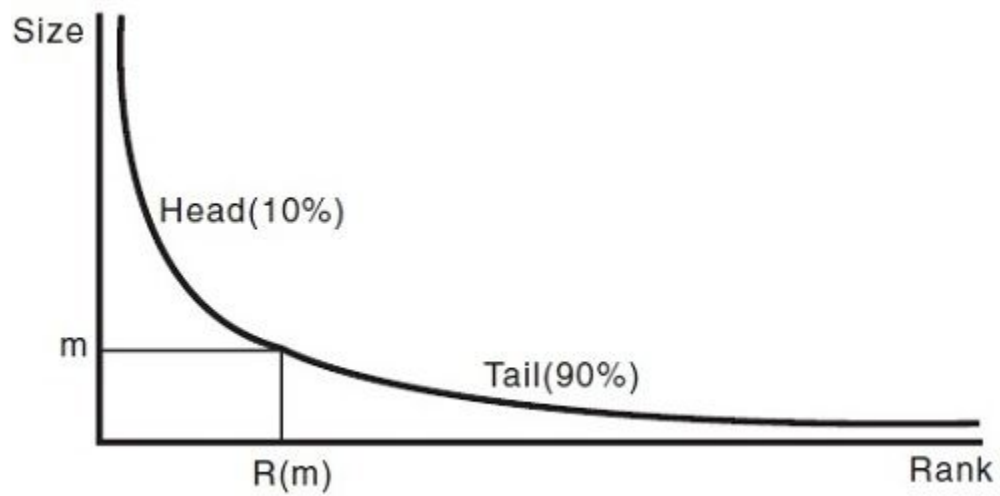
Use case

## Protocolo anticontaminación

- Alerta: 180
- Aviso: 200

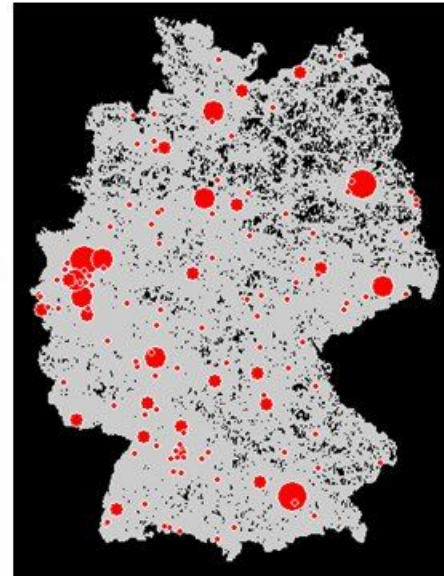
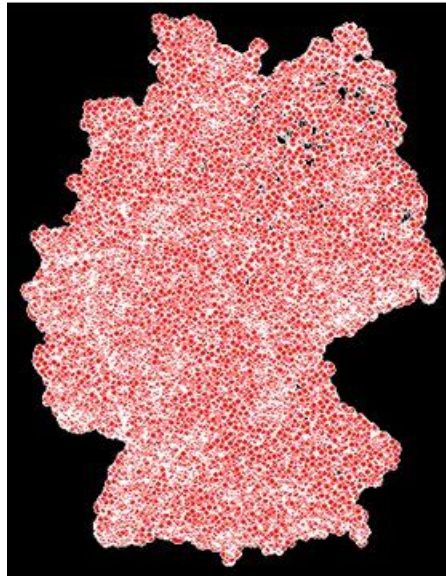


Use case  
Head/tails



Use case  
Head/tails

- [34,65,91,123,169,237,321]



Thanks - QA  
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Full hands on

Hands on video from data to vis

In this video I don't work on the same visualization but the process is the same

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1nbigUstGA>