

Data Visualization with ggplot

Election Data Science

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What we'll be learning:

- The 3 main chart types (5 `geom_s`)
 1. Bar charts (`geom_bar` and `geom_hist`)
 2. Dot charts (`geom_dot`)
 3. Line charts (`geom_line` and `geom_smooth`)
- Different aesthetic options
 1. Color/Fill
 2. Size
 3. Transparency
 4. Positioning/Grouping
- Some helpful theme stuff

Let's grab the data:

```
library(tidyverse)
library(anesr)

# 2016 American National Election Survey
data(timeseries_2016)
anes16 <- timeseries_2016
rm(timeseries_2016)
```

First, some semantics.

```
ggplot(data, aes(x=x, y=y, color = z)) + geom_point()  
ggplot() + geom_point(data, aes(x=x, y=y, color = z))  
ggplot(data) + geom_point(aes(x=x, y=y, color = z))
```

These will all make the same images!

Bar Charts (geom_bar)

The Code

Output

```
to_na <- function(x){ifelse(x<0,NA,x)}

anes16a <- anes16 %>%
  select(V161003, V162034) %>%
  mutate(across(everything(), to_na)) %>%
  mutate(V162034 = as.factor(V162034),
         V161003a = case_when(
           V161003 == 1 ~ "Always",
           V161003 == 2 ~ "Most of the time",
           V161003 == 3 ~ "About half the time",
           V161003 == 4 ~ "Some of the time",
           V161003 == 5 ~ "Never"
         ))

# plot
bar <- ggplot(anes16a, aes(x = V161003a)) + geom_bar()
```

Histogram (geom_histogram)

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| <pre>anes16b <- anes16 %>% mutate(V161267 = ifelse(V161267<0,NA,V161267)) hist <- ggplot(anes16b, aes(x = V161267)) + geom_histogram()</pre> | |
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Dot chart (geom_dot)

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| <pre># Age, FT of Trump, 3pt Party ID Interest anes16c <- anes16 %>% select(V161092, V161267, V161155, V161003) %>% mutate(across(everything(), to_na)) dot <- ggplot(data = anes16c, aes(x = V161267, y = V161092)) + geom_po-</pre> | |
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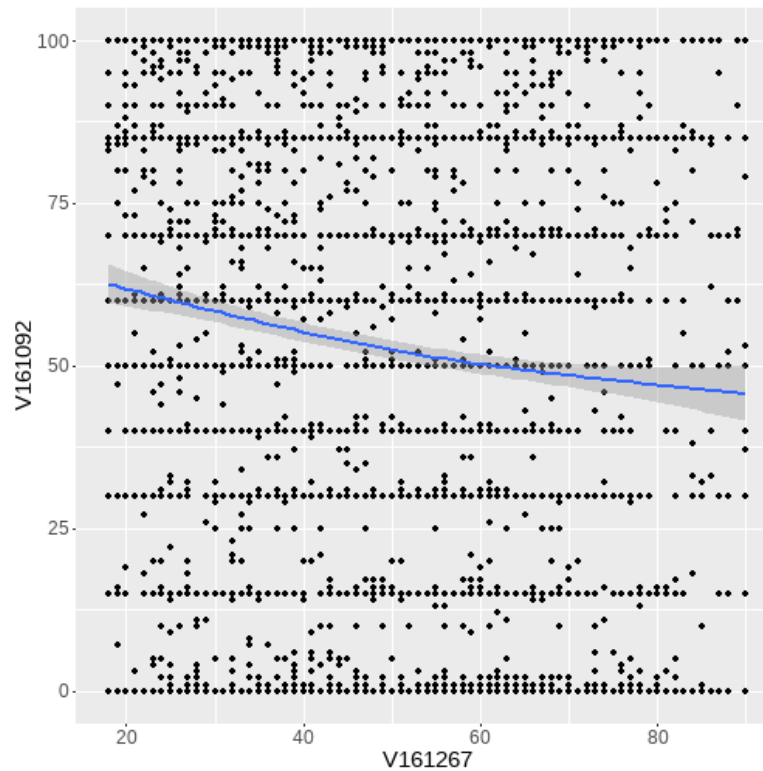
Line Chart (geom_smooth)

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| <pre>anes16ca <- anes16 %>% select(V161092, V161267) %>% mutate(across(everything(), to_na)) smooth <- ggplot(data = anes16ca, aes(x = V161267, y = V161092)) + geor</pre> | |
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Bonus! Point + Smooth

```
dot + geom_smooth()
```



```
# ggplot(data = anes16c, aes(x = V161267, y = V161092 )) + geom_dot + geom_smooth()
```

Line Chart (geom_line)

Code

Output

```
anes16d <- anes16 %>%  
  select(V161267, V161086, V162079) %>%  
  rename(pre = V161086, post = V162079) %>%  
  mutate(across(everything(), to_na)) %>%  
  summarise(`Pre-Election` = mean(pre, na.rm = T),  
            `Post-Election` = mean(post, na.rm = T)) %>%  
  pivot_longer(names_to = "xvar", cols = everything())  
  
line <- ggplot(anes16d, aes(x = xvar, y = value)) + geom_line(group = "-")
```

Color aesthetic (color)

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| <pre>anes16c <- anes16c %>% filter(!(V161155 == 5), !(V161155 == 0)) %>% mutate(V161155 = as.factor(V161155)) dot1 <- ggplot(data = anes16c, aes(x = V161267, y = V161092, color = V161155))</pre> | |
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Dot size

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| <pre>anes16c <- anes16c %>% filter(!(V161155 == 5), !(V161155 == 0)) %>% mutate(V161155 = as.factor(V161155)) dot2 <- ggplot(data = anes16c, aes(x = V161267, y = V161092, size = V161155))</pre> | |
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Transparency

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| <pre>anes16c <- anes16c %>% filter(!(V161155 == 5), !(V161155 == 0)) %>% mutate(V161155 = as.factor(V161155)) dot3 <- ggplot(data = anes16c, aes(x = V161267, y = V161092, alpha = V161155))</pre> | |
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Grouping

Code

Output

```
anes16a <- anes16 %>%
  select(V161003, V162034) %>%
  mutate(across(everything(), to_na)) %>%
  mutate(V162034 = as.factor(V162034),
         V161003a = case_when(
           V161003 == 1 ~ "Always",
           V161003 == 2 ~ "Most of the time",
           V161003 == 3 ~ "About half the time",
           V161003 == 4 ~ "Some of the time",
           V161003 == 5 ~ "Never"
         ))

# plot
bar1 <- ggplot(anes16a, aes(x = V161003a, fill=V162034)) + geom_bar()
```

Helpful theme stuff:

- `theme_`
- `theme`
- `coord_flip`
- `scale_MAP_TYPE`
- `labs`