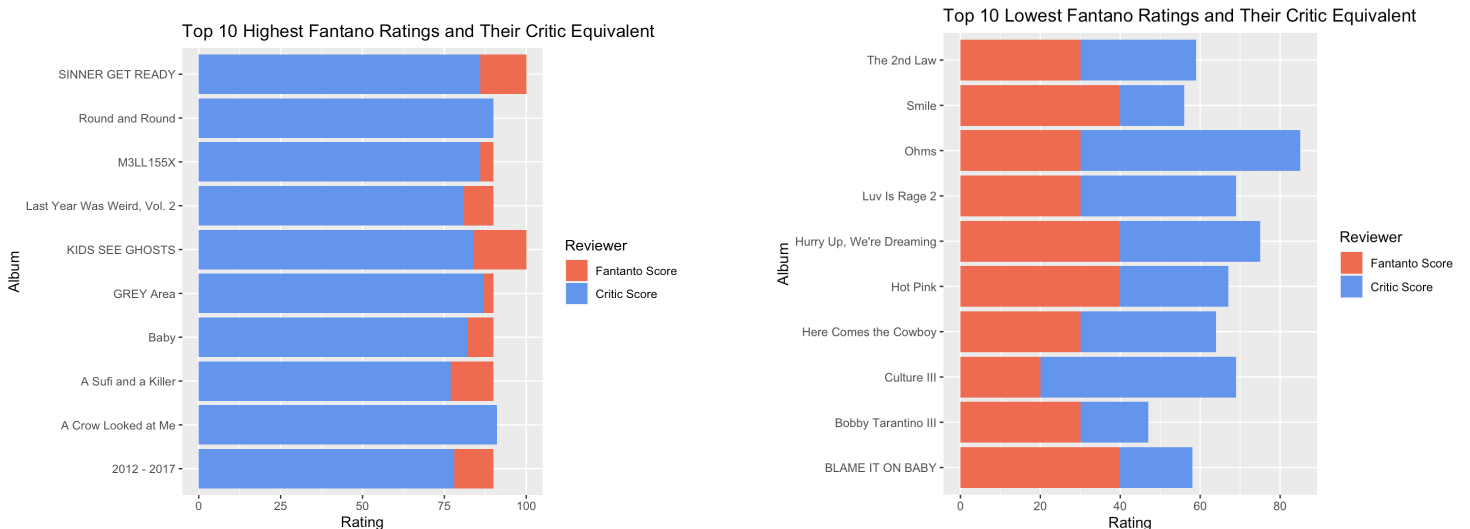


Anthony Fantano: Do his music opinions align with critics and users?

A rather polarizing figure in the music review space, Anthony Fantano's opinions on albums are often highly anticipated and scrutinized due to the infamously strict musical rubric he utilizes in the critiquing process. The question begs to be asked, do his opinions move in accordance with other critics and regular listeners? Using an aggregated database of a large sum of his ratings on albums from 2009-2022 and their corresponding critic and user ratings, we're able to shed some light on this question. Some of the genres of music that Fantano has reviewed the most include **Hip Hop**, **Indie Rock**, **Trap**, **Alternative Rock**, and **Electronic**.

Fantano's rating average for albums per year has remained pretty constant as it averages out from 2009 to 2022 to a score of **63.68**. The average critic rating throughout this same time span, however, averages out to **73.8** and the average user score averages out to **72.11**. This leads to a difference of **8.42** between Fantano and the average user and a difference of **10.122** between Fantano and the average critic - further cementing the strictness with which Fantano grades his albums. Taking a deeper look at this differential, it's interesting to analyze if the gap widens between Fantano and the critics/users when he gives out a high rating or when he gives a low rating. *Which end of the spectrum is more polarizing?*



From these visualizations we can ascertain that when Fantano gives out a high score (a 90 or 100), the critic scores usually fall in accordance with an average difference between his 10 highest ratings given out being **7.8**. The real variation comes, however, when Fantano hands out a low score. Out of the 10 lowest ratings he's given out (40 or below) all of the critic scores are significantly higher with the difference between the two ballooning to **31.9**. This tactic of being conservative about handing out high scores does consistently peak the intrigue of his fans and has cemented his stamp approval to mean much more in the music listening community.