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Dr. Altman has authored over sixty-five books and articles that have been published in leading outlets such as *Nature, Political Analysis, Political Geography, The Journal of Statistical Software, The National Academies Press. The Washington Post,* and dozens of other professional journals spanning information science, statistics, computer science, political science, law, history, and geography.   His books correct common computational errors made across the range of social sciences, and articulate principles for data management and dissemination. Dr. Altman's work has been recognized with awards from professional organizations, citations by the U.S. *Supreme Court*, and coverage by numerous national and regional media.

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