

# Building on the Legacy of the Du Bois Data Portraits



Atlanta University Debating Team, c. 1900



Women seated on steps of building at Atlanta University c. 1900

# The Philadelphia Negro, 1897

Proportion of Population.	1848.	1880.	1890.*
Under 5 years . . . . .	14.7	9.8	7.8
Under 15 years . . . . .	33.6	. . .	22.5
15 to 50 years . . . . .	41.8	. . .	63.6†
Over 50 years . . . . .	9.9	. . .	6.1‡

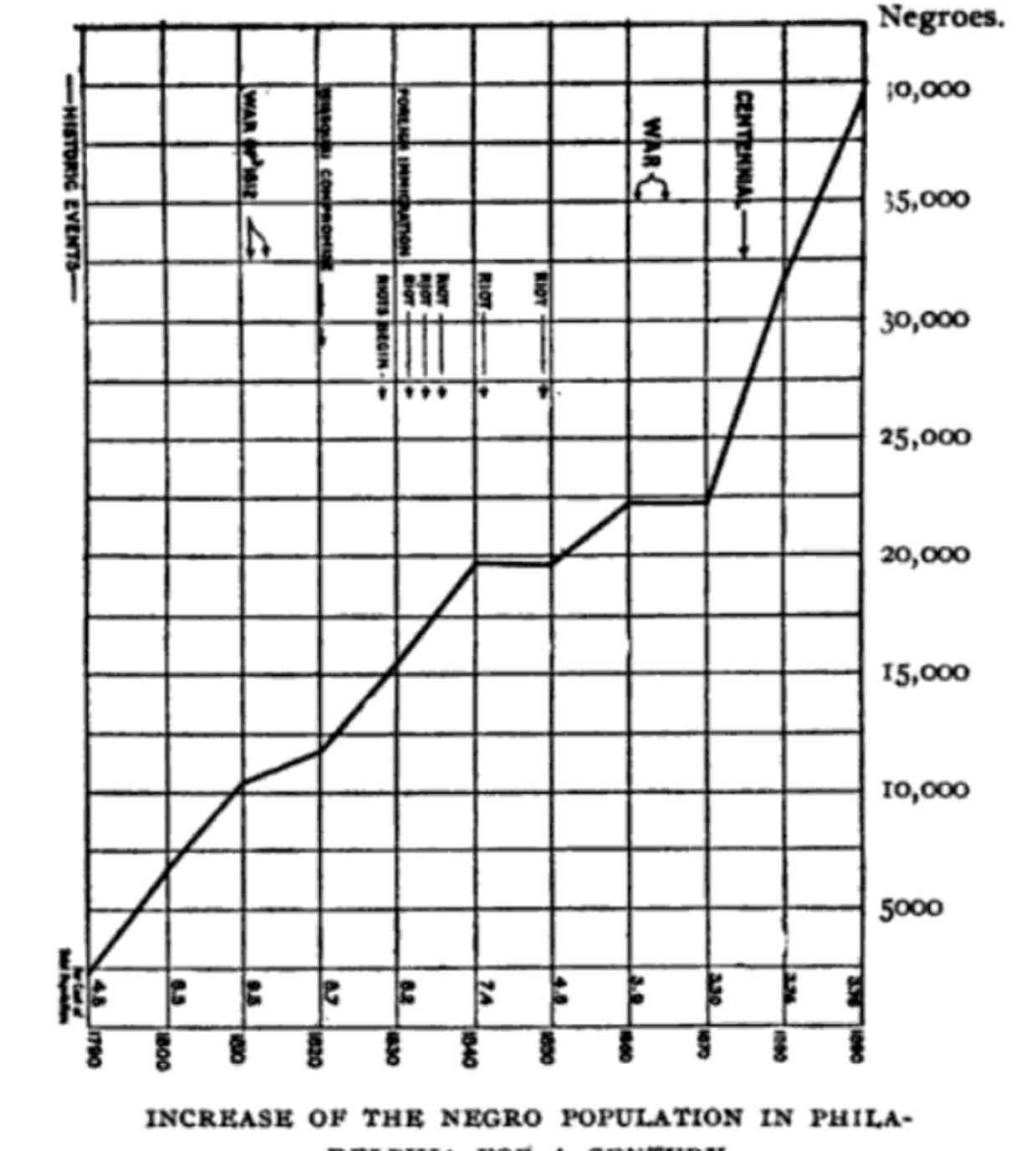
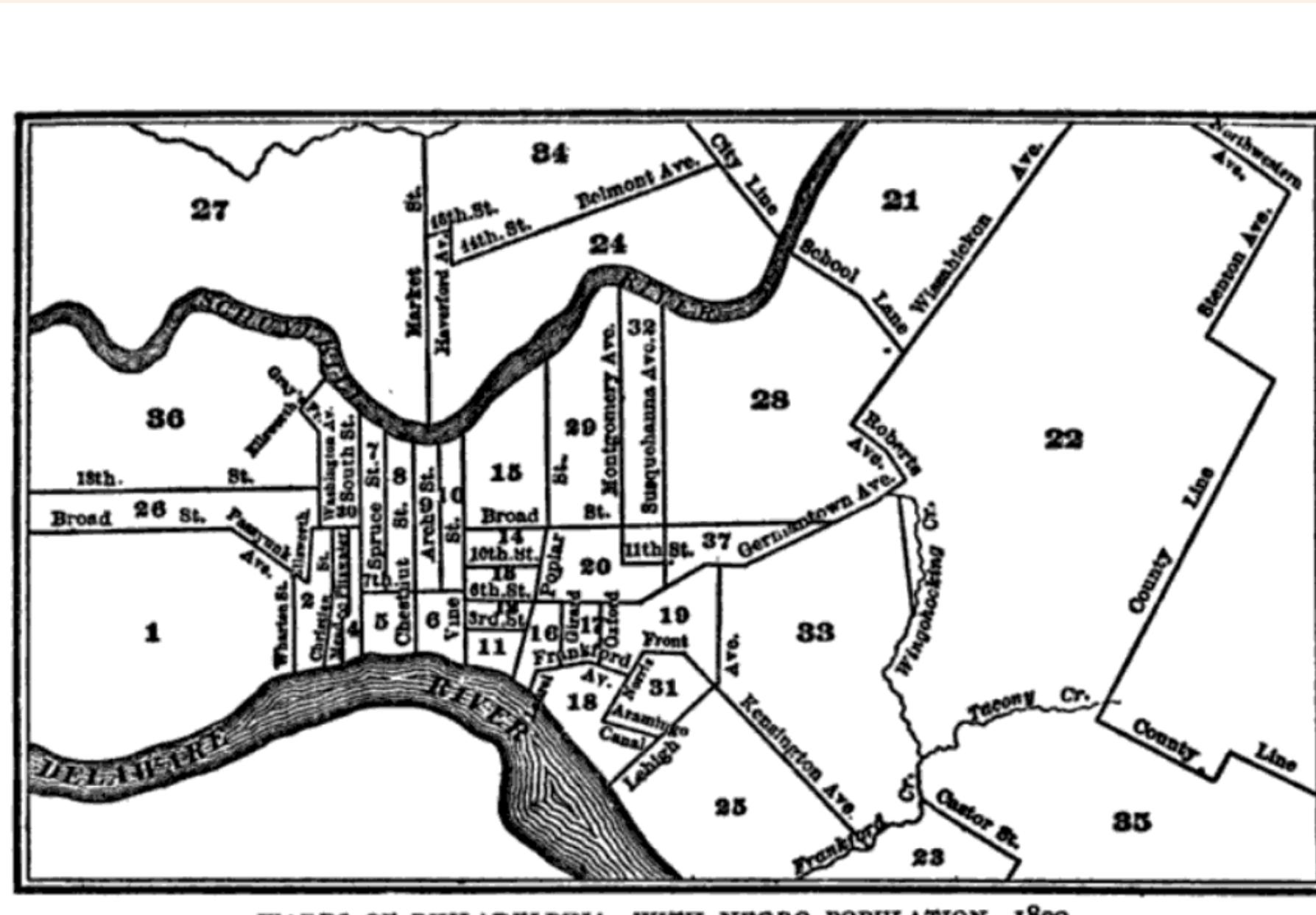
\* Including Chinese, Japanese and Indians. † 15 to 55. ‡ Over 55.

This table is too meagre to be conclusive, but it is probable that while the age structure of the Negro urban population in 1848 was about normal, it has greatly changed in recent years. Detailed statistics for 1890 make this plainer:

NEGROES\* OF PHILADELPHIA BY SEX AND AGE, 1890.

Ages.	Males.	Per Cent.	Females.	Per Cent.	Total.
Under 1 . . . . .	400	2.1	369	1.7	769
1 to 4 . . . . .	1,121	5.9	1,264	5.9	2,385
5 to 9 . . . . .	1,458	7.7	1,515	7.1	2,973
10 to 14 . . . . .	1,409	7.5	1,567	7.4	2,976
15 to 19 . . . . .	2,455	7.7	2,123	9.9	3,578
20 to 24 . . . . .	2,408	12.9	3,133	14.8	5,541
25 to 29 . . . . .	1,521	13.5	2,774	13.1	5,295
30 to 34 . . . . .	2,034	10.9	2,046	9.6	4,080
35 to 44 . . . . .	3,375	18.0	3,139	14.8	6,514
45 to 54 . . . . .	1,645	8.7	1,783	8.4	3,428
55 to 64 . . . . .	581	3.1	799	3.9	1,380
65 and over . . . . .	376	2.0	726	3.4	1,102
Unknown . . . . .	177	..	176	..	353
Total . . . . .	18,960	100.0	21,414	100.0	40,374

\* Includes 1003 Chinese, Japanese and Indians.



"This inquiry extended over a period of fifteen months, and sought to ascertain something of the geographical distribution of this race, their organizations, and above all their relation to their million white fellow-citizens"



W.E.B. DuBois in Paris 1900



Exposition of the American Negro, Paris, 1900

# Historical Context



“Black America” Fair

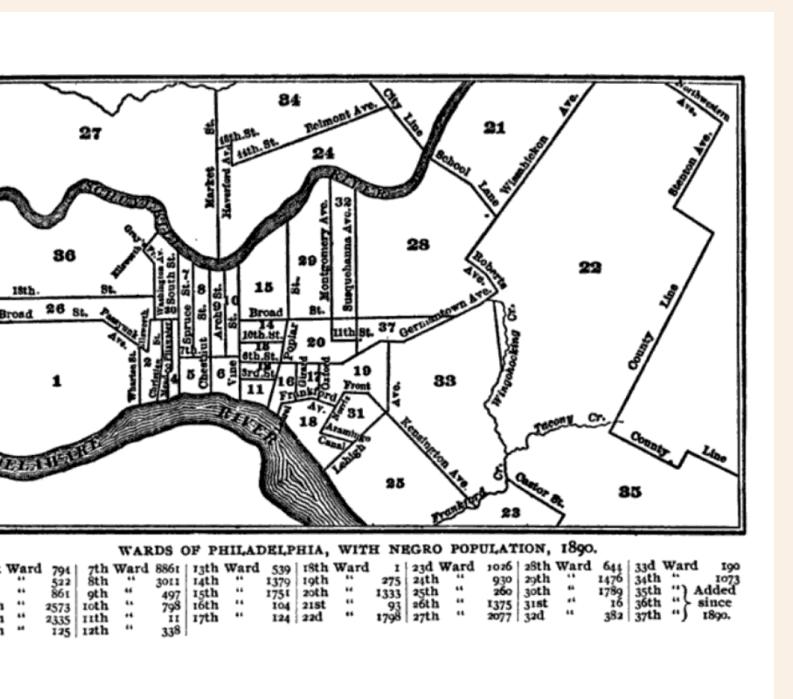
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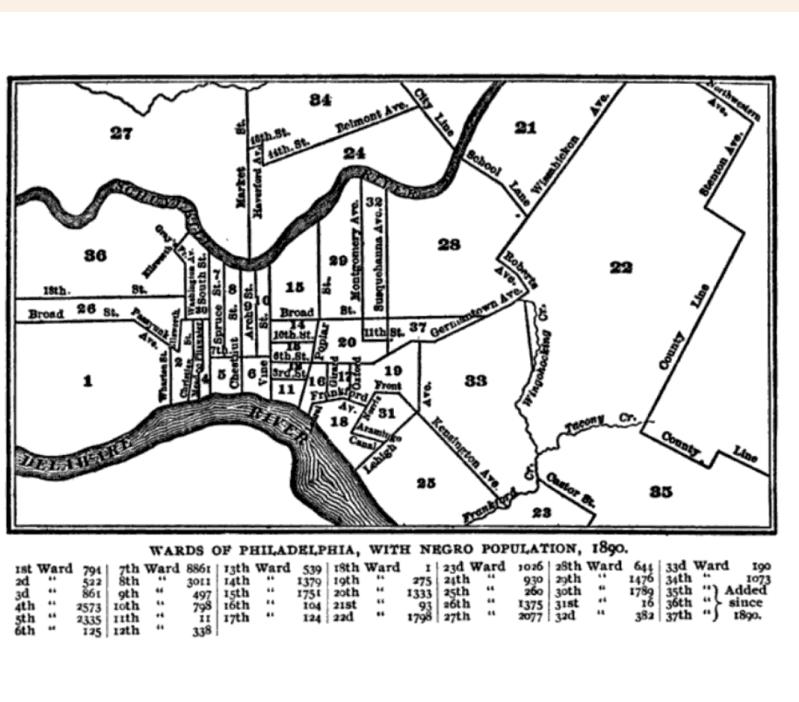


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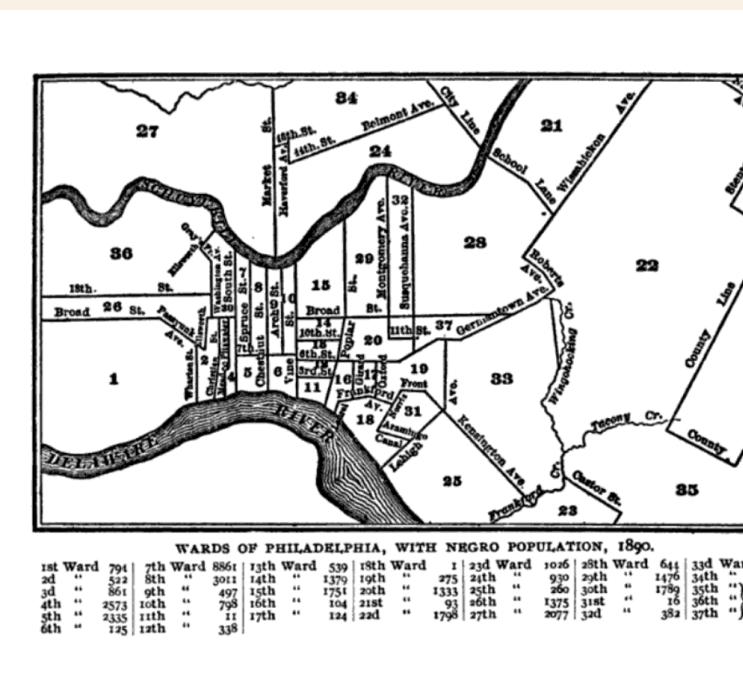
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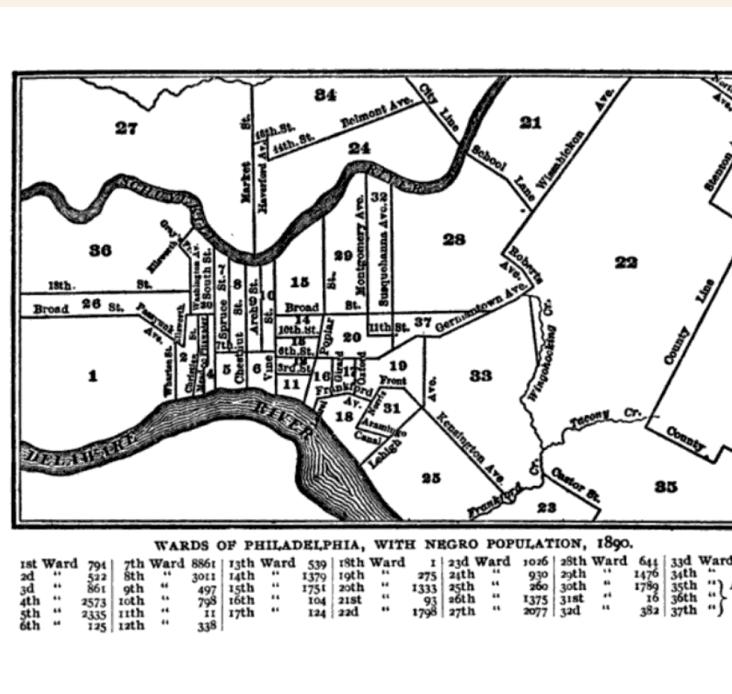
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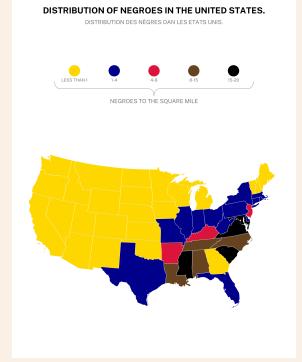
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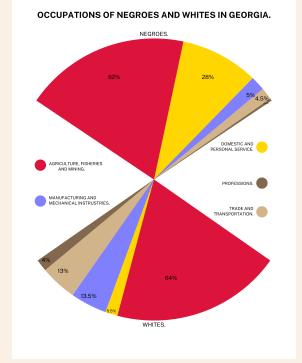


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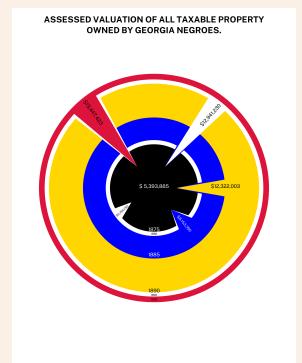
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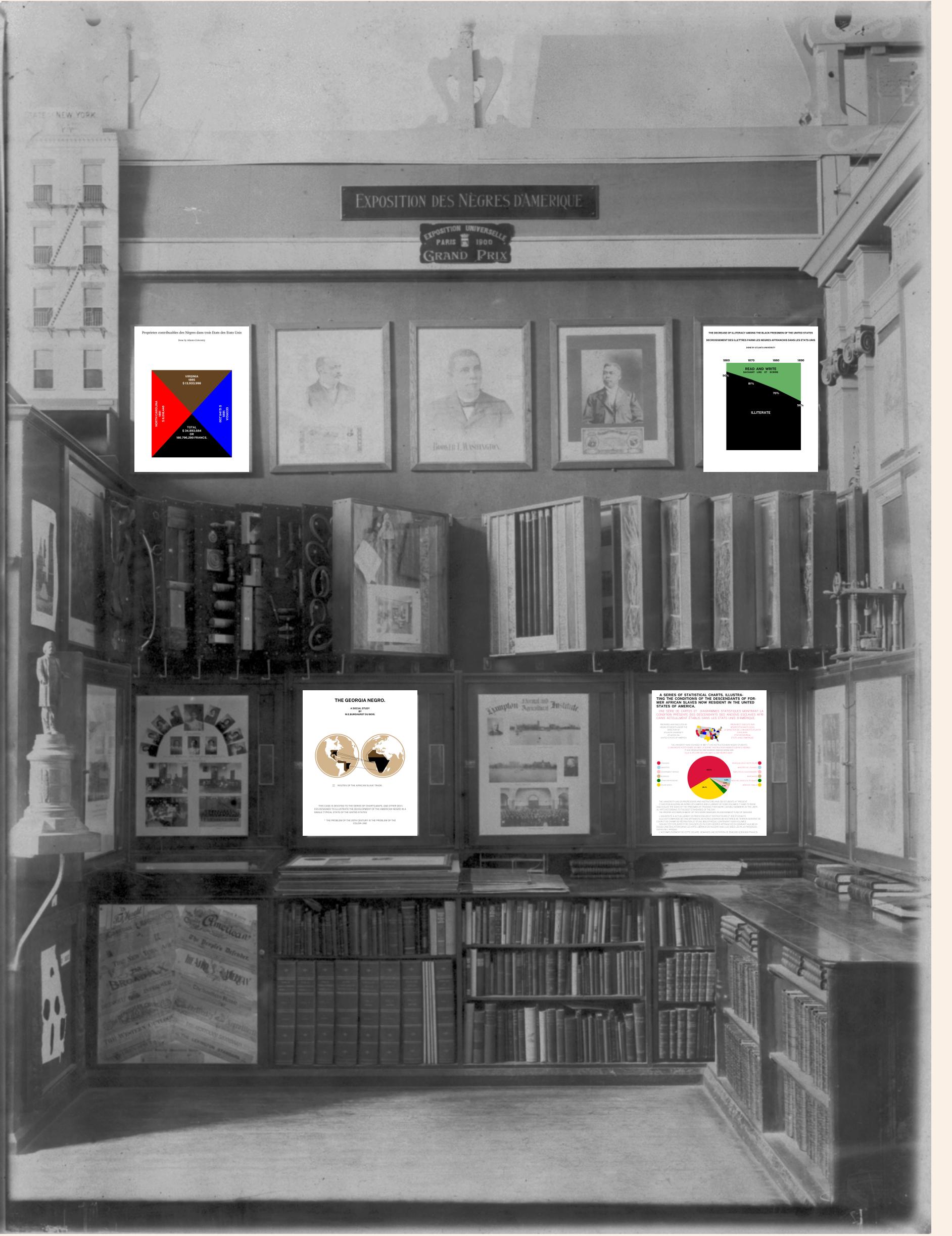


# This is who we are



# This is how far we have come





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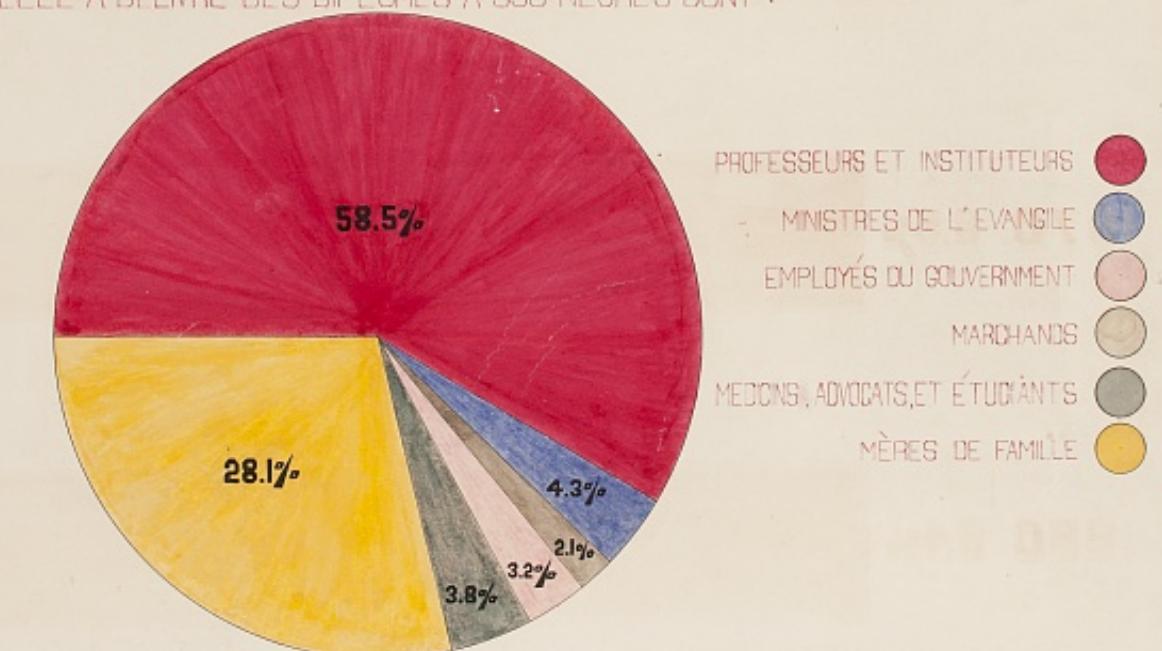
CENTRE OF NEGRO POPULATION,  
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D'ATLANTA,  
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THE UNIVERSITY WAS FOUNDED IN 1867. IT HAS INSTRUCTED 6000 NEGRO STUDENTS.  
L'UNIVERSITÉ A ÉTÉ FONDÉE EN 1867. ELLE A DONNÉ L'INSTRUCTION À 6000 ÉTUDIANTS NÈGRES.  
IT HAS GRADUATED 330 NEGROES AMONG WHOM ARE:  
ELLE A DÉLIVRÉ DES DIPLÔMES À 330 NÈGRES DONT :

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- TEACHERS
- MINISTERS
- GOVERNMENT SERVICE
- BUSINESS
- OTHER PROFESSIONS
- HOUSE WIVES



- PROFESSEURS ET INSTITUTEURS
- MINISTRES DE L'EVANGILE
- EMPLOYÉS DU GOUVERNEMENT
- MARCHANDS
- MEDECINS, AVOCATS, ET ÉTUDIANTS
- MÈRES DE FAMILLE

THE UNIVERSITY HAS 20 PROFESSORS AND INSTRUCTORS AND 250 STUDENTS AT PRESENT.  
IT HAS FIVE BUILDINGS, 60 ACRES OF CAMPUS, AND A LIBRARY OF 11,000 VOLUMES. IT AIMS TO RAISE  
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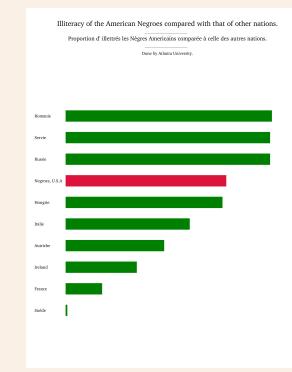
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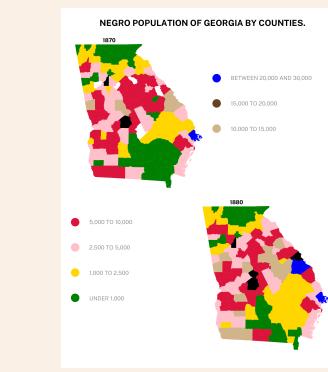
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# Taxonomy



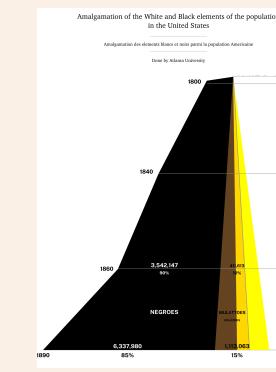
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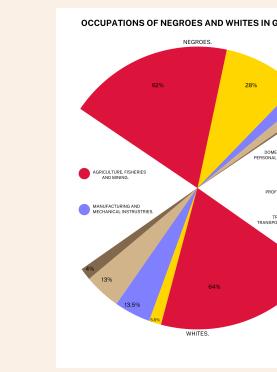
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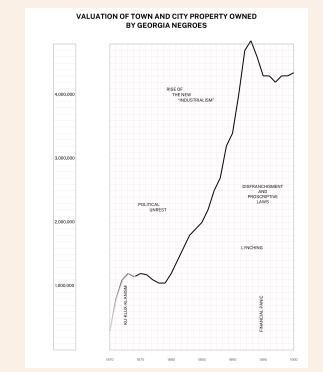
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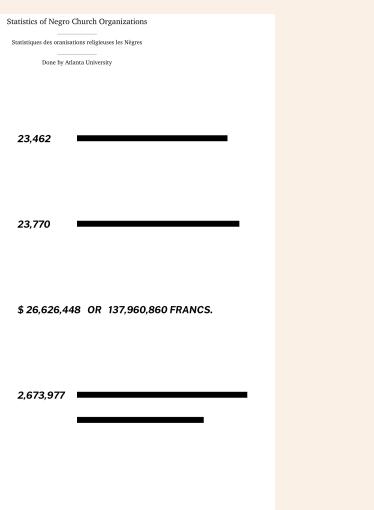
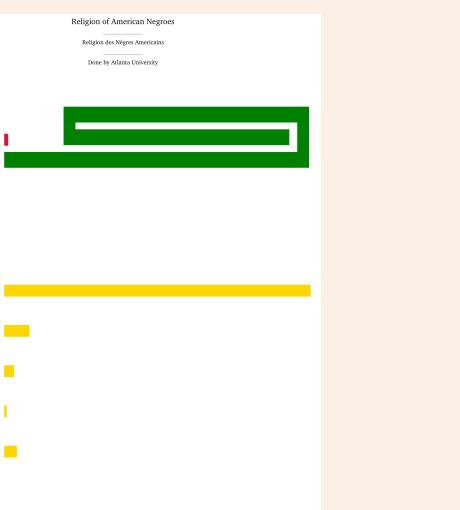
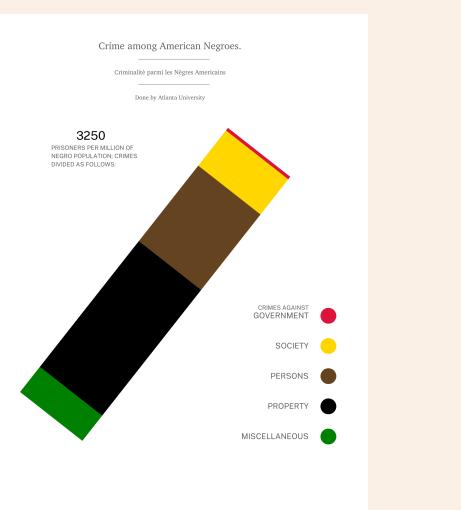
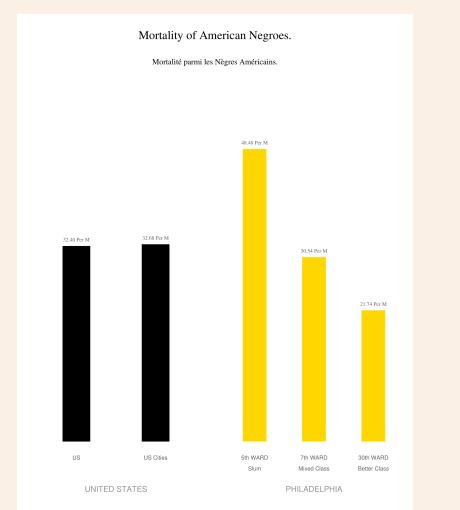
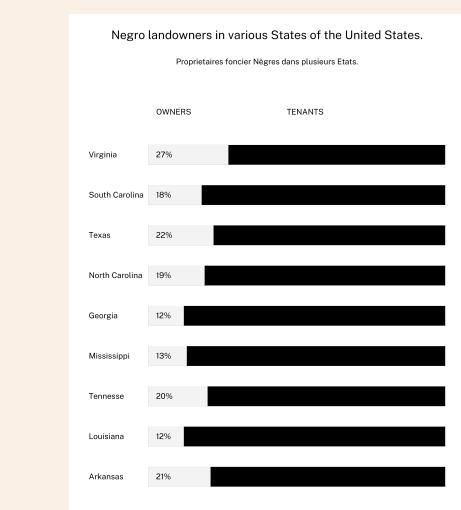
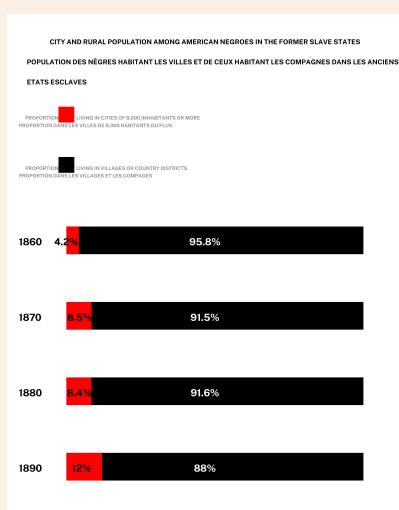
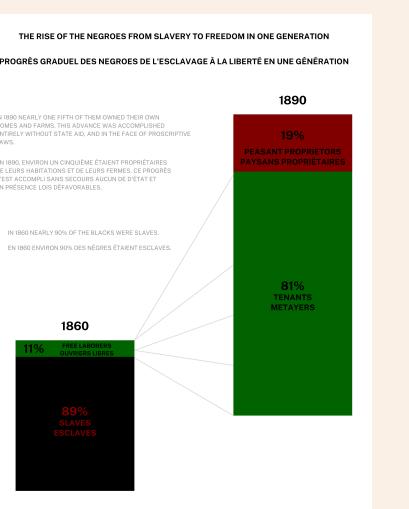
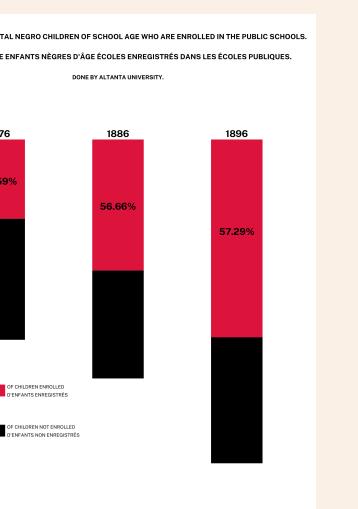
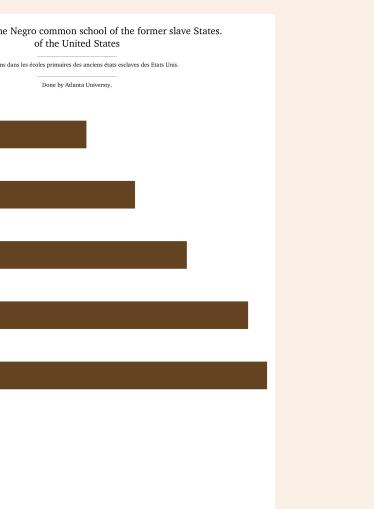
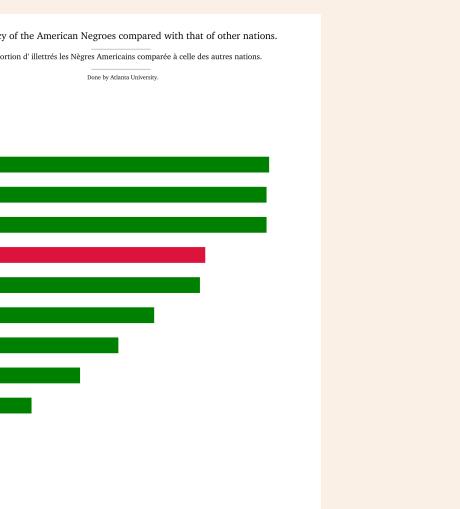
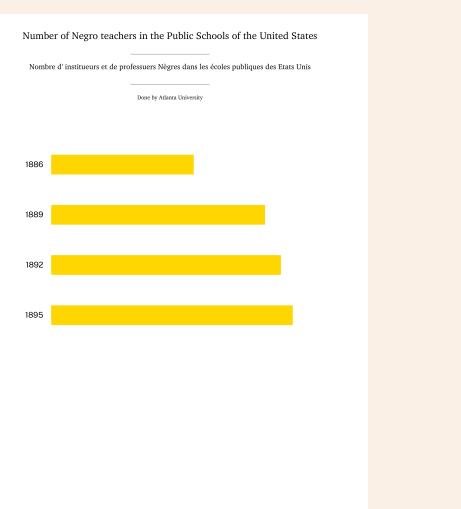
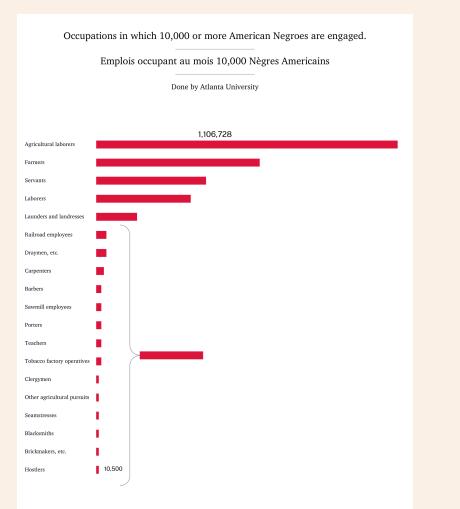
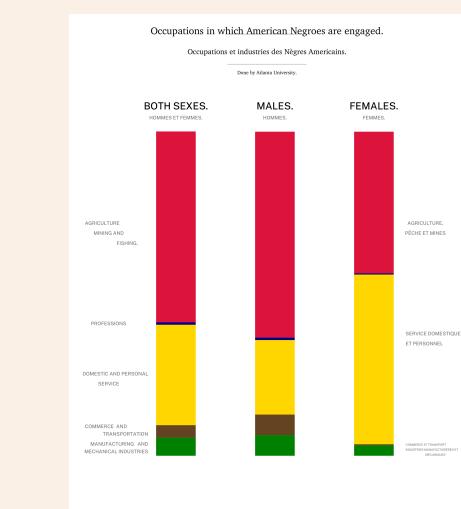
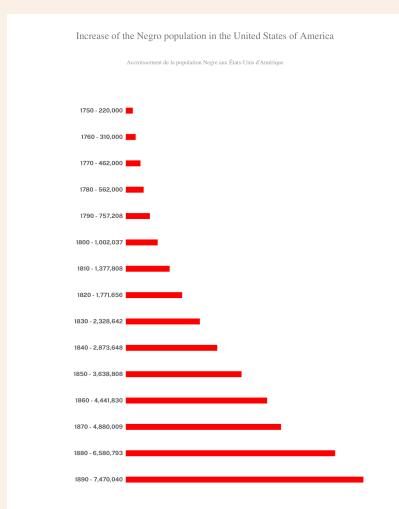
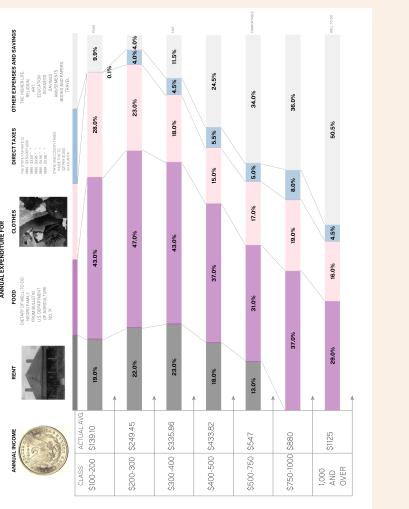
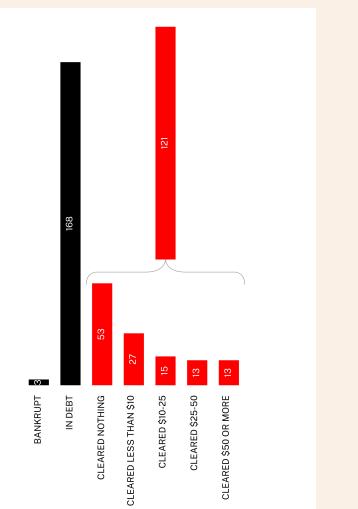
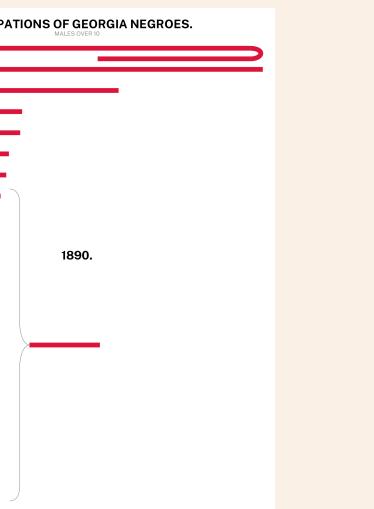
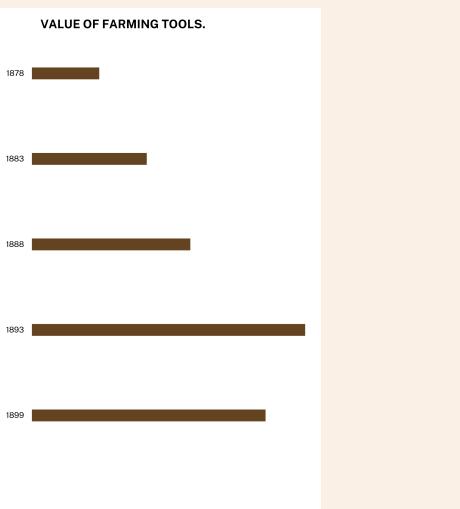
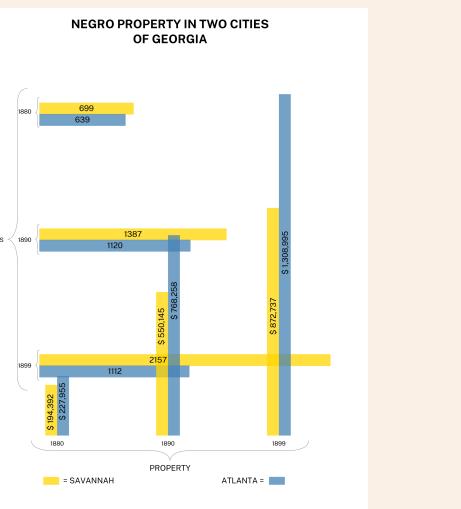
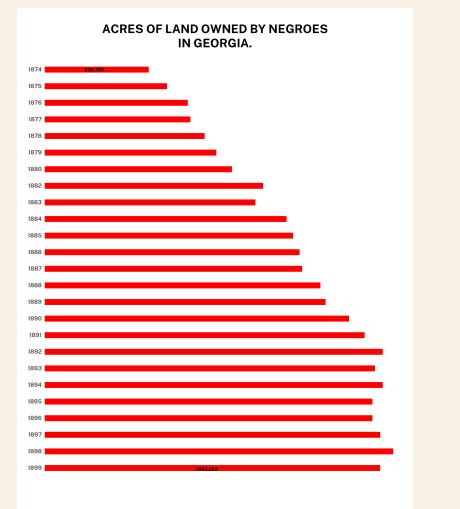
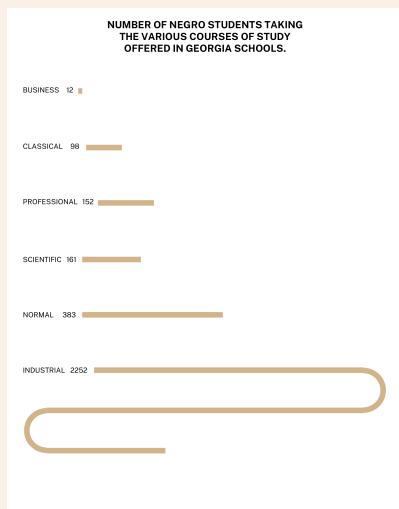
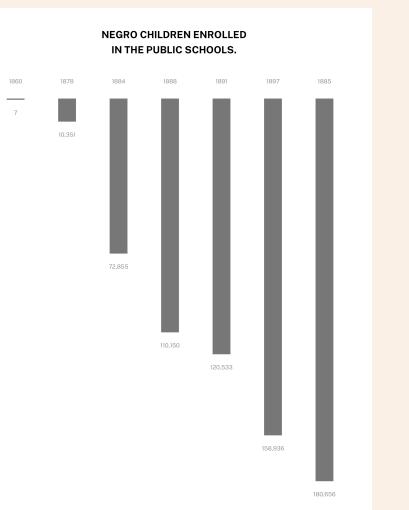
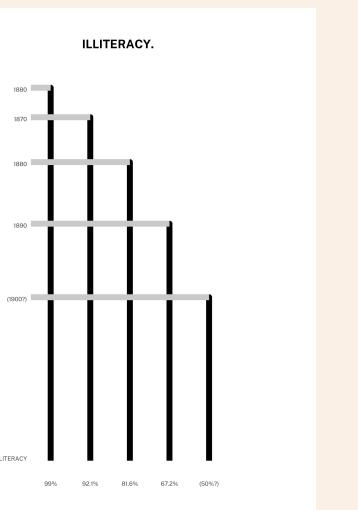
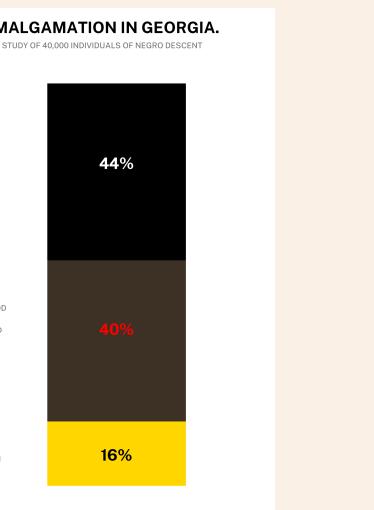
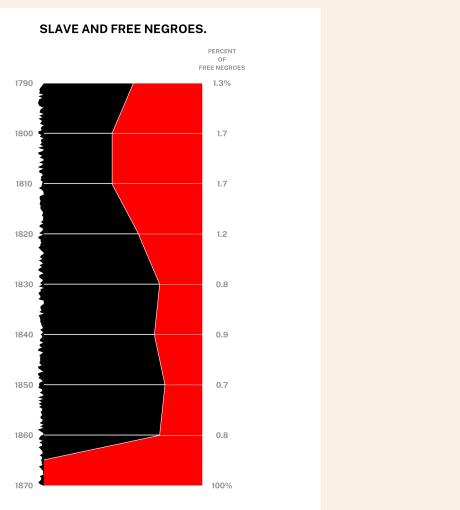
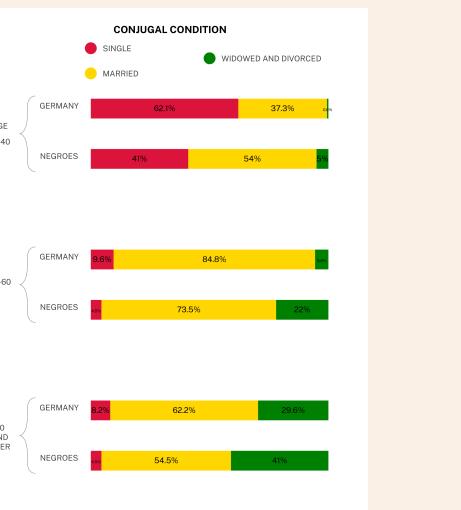
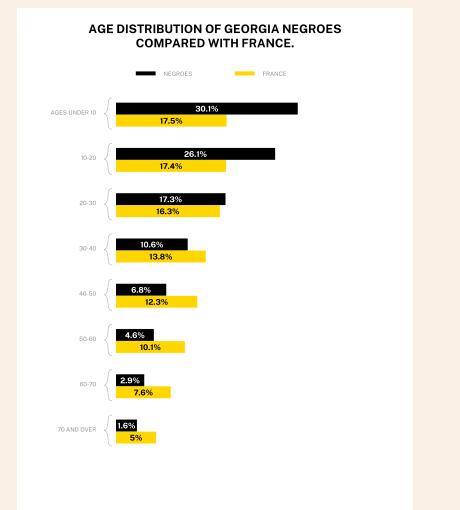
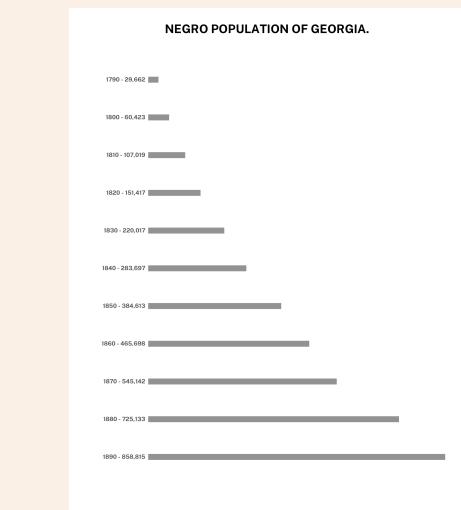
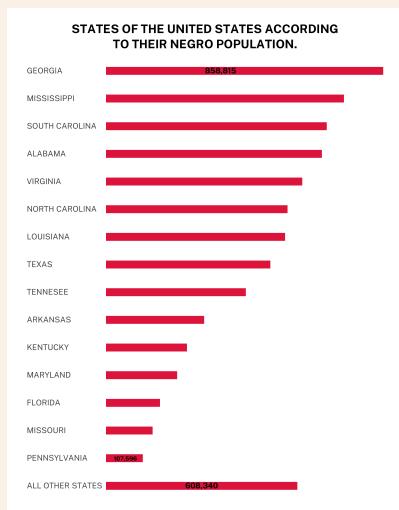
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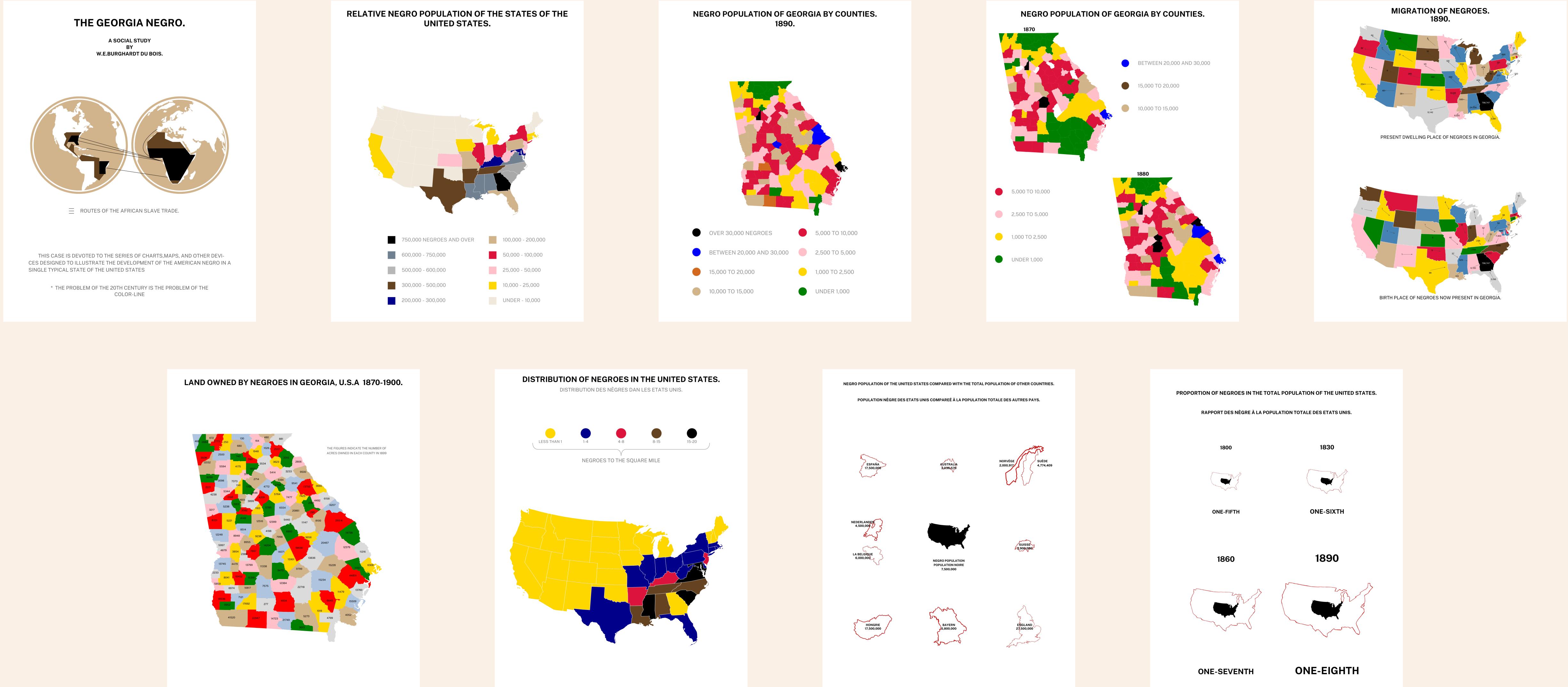
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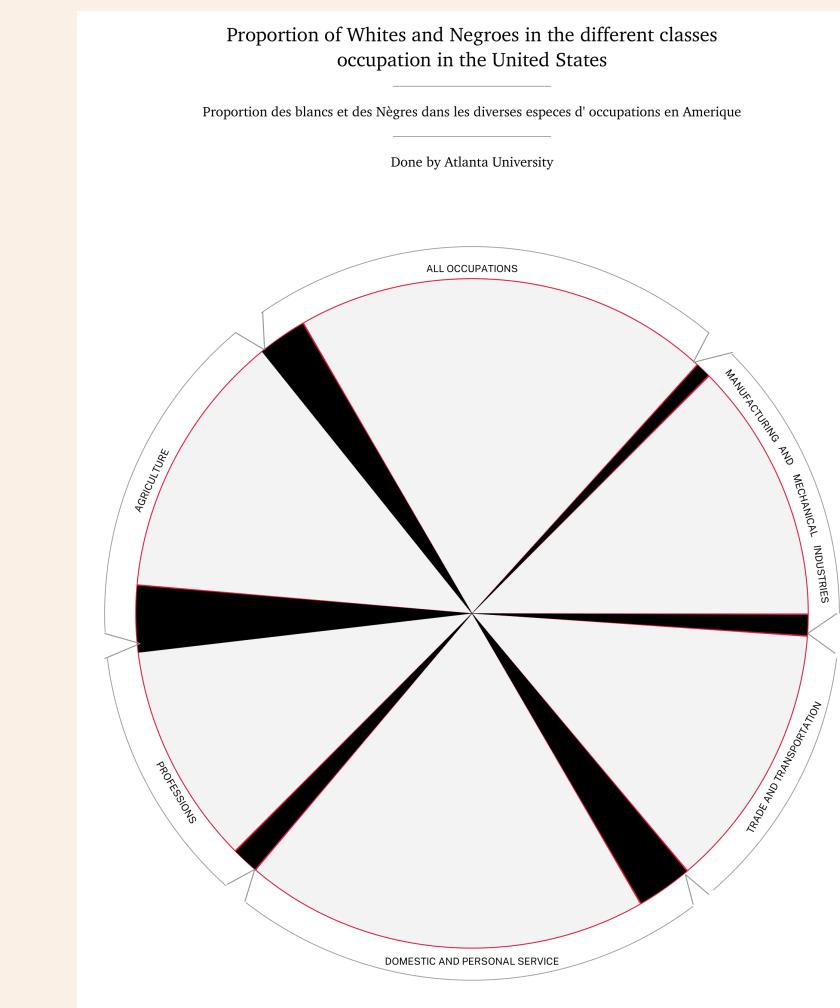
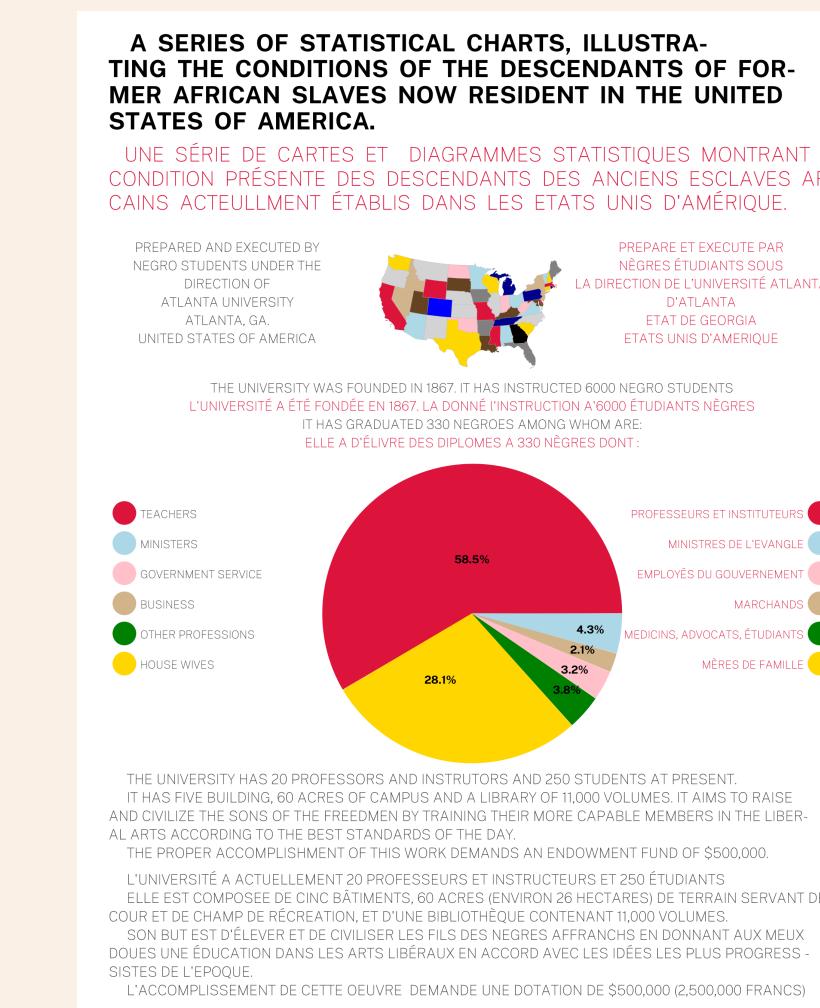
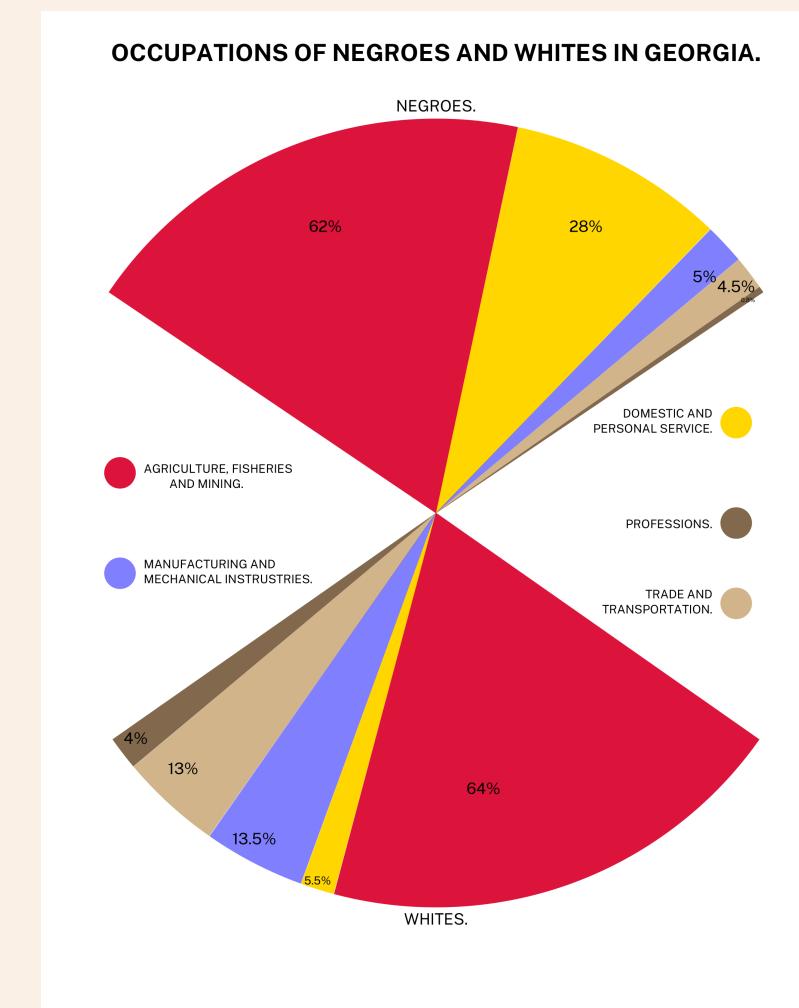
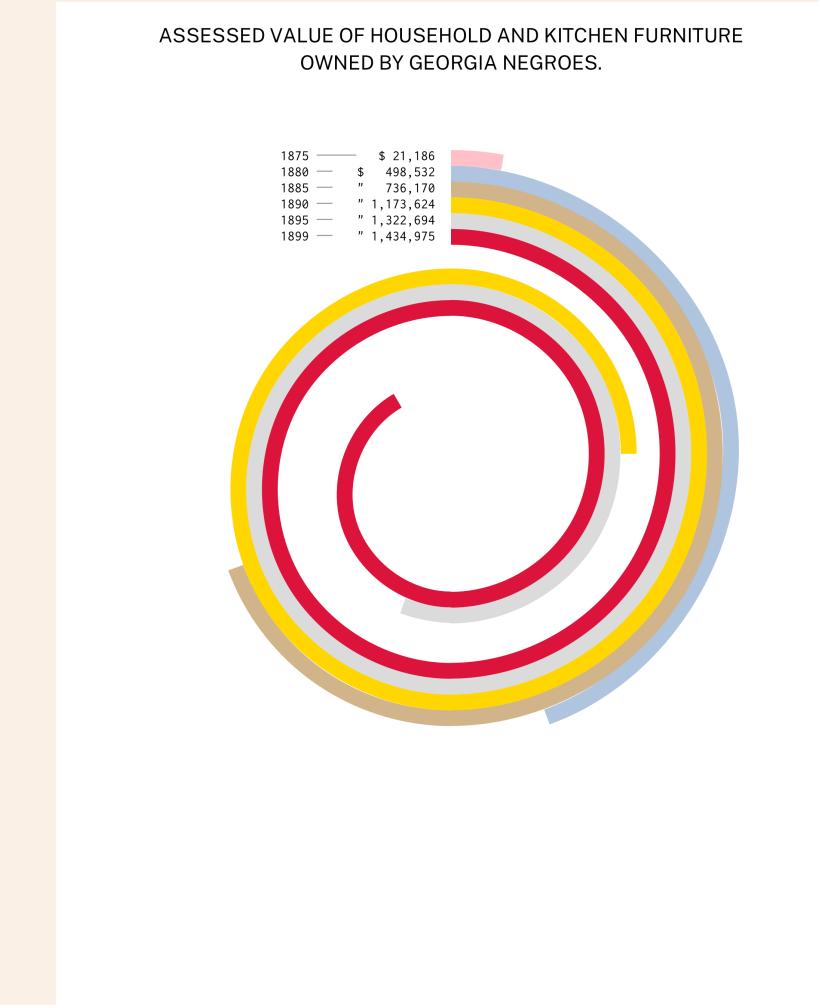
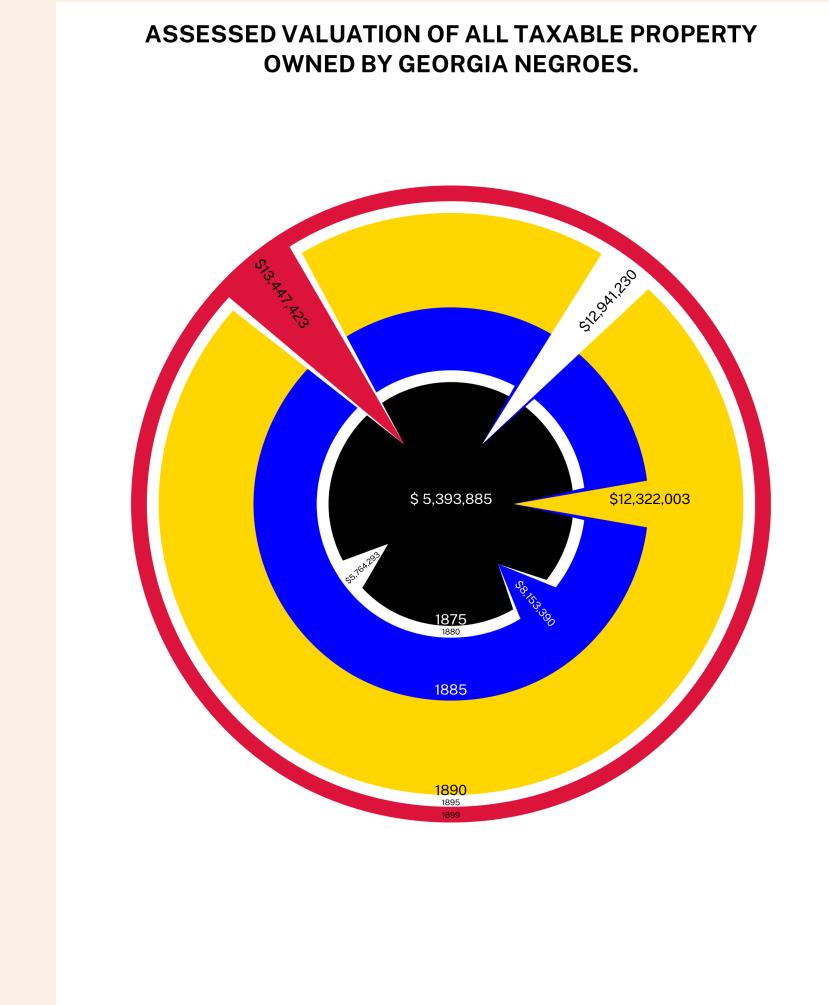
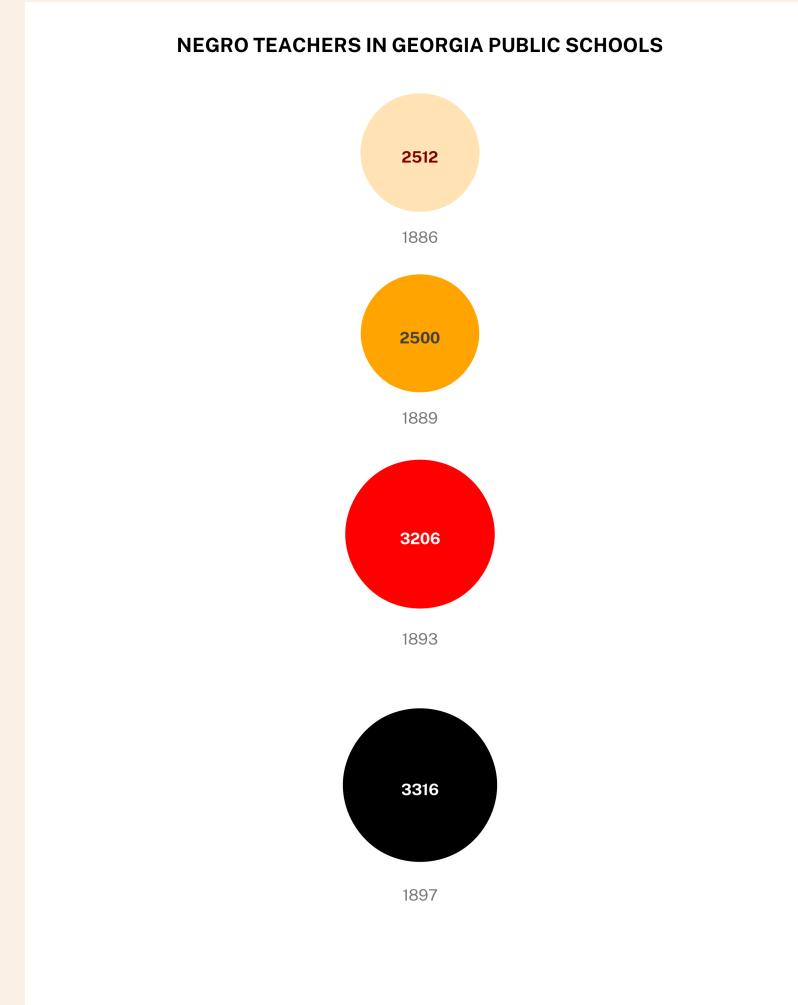
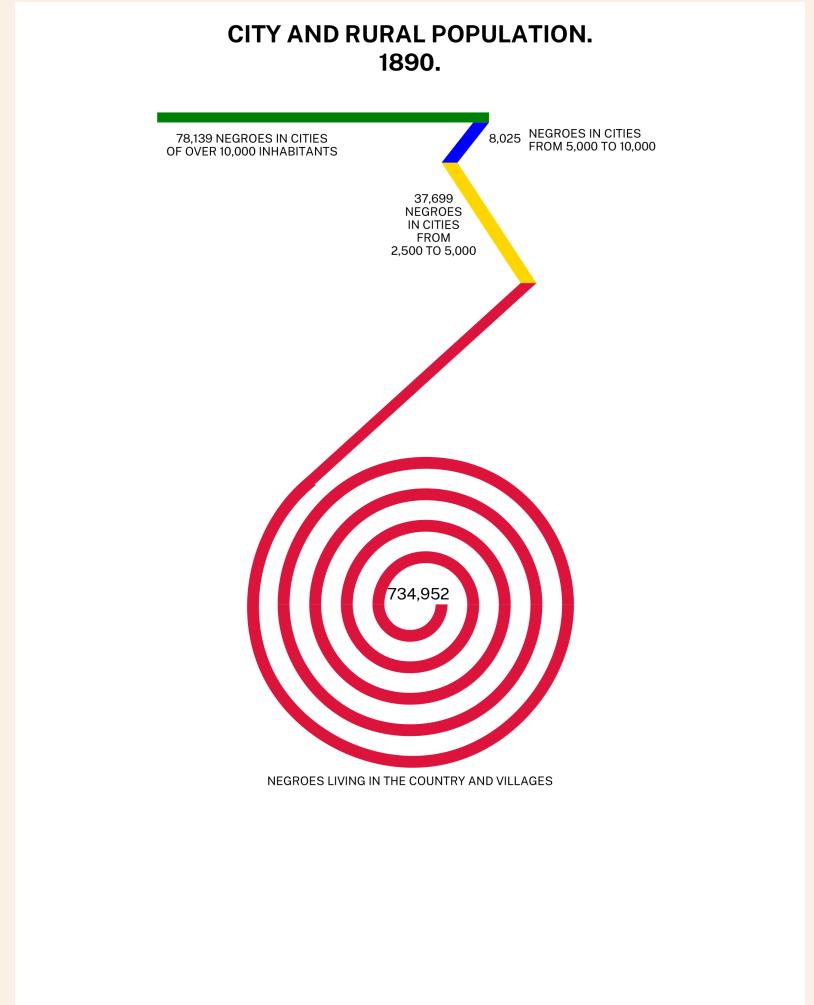
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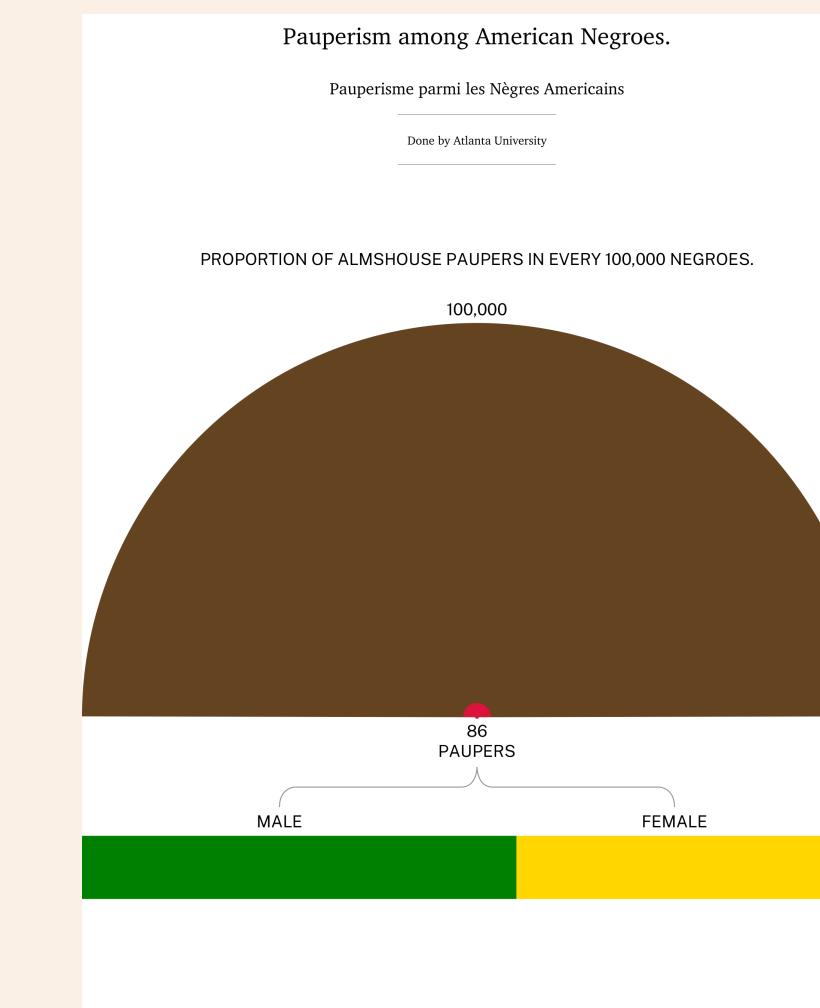
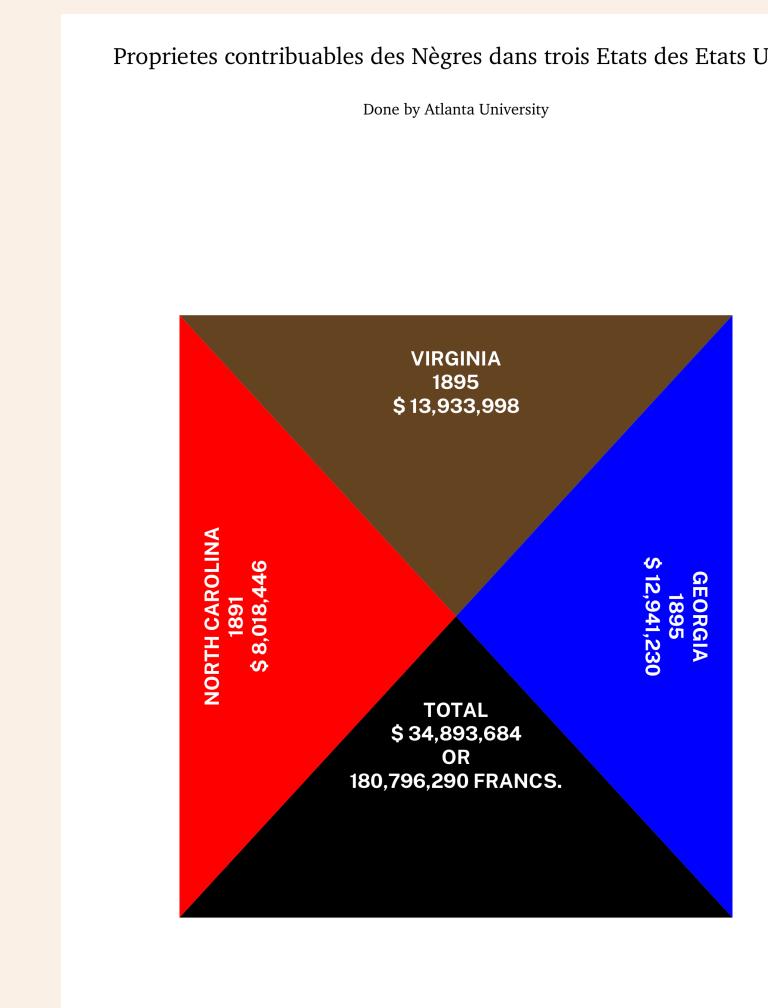
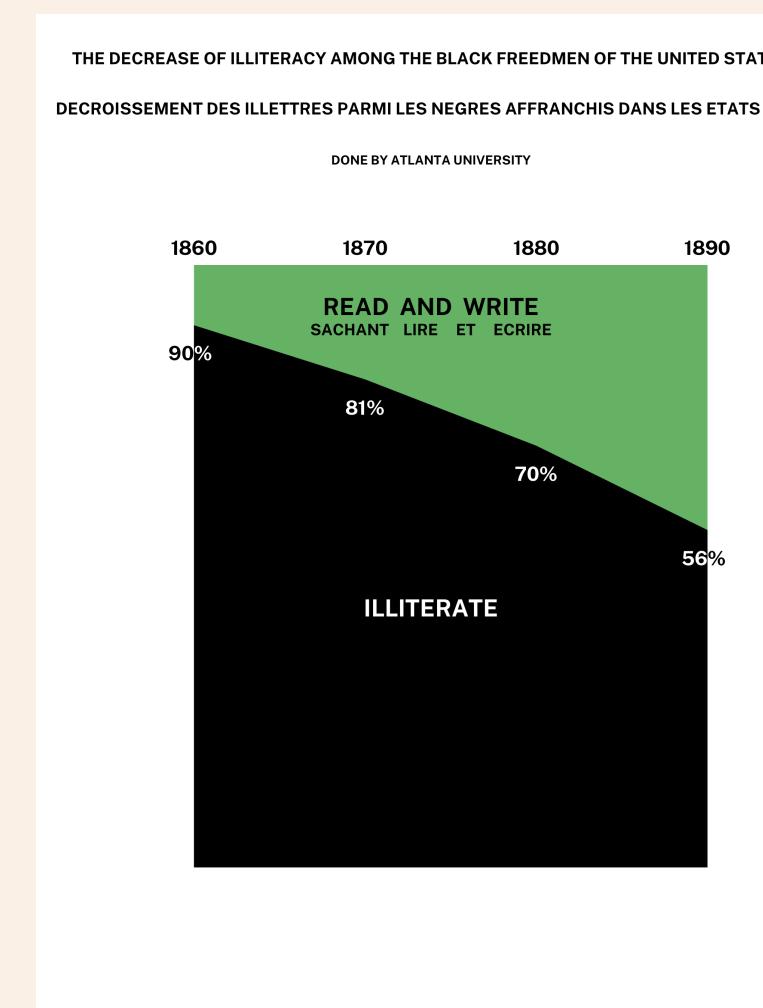
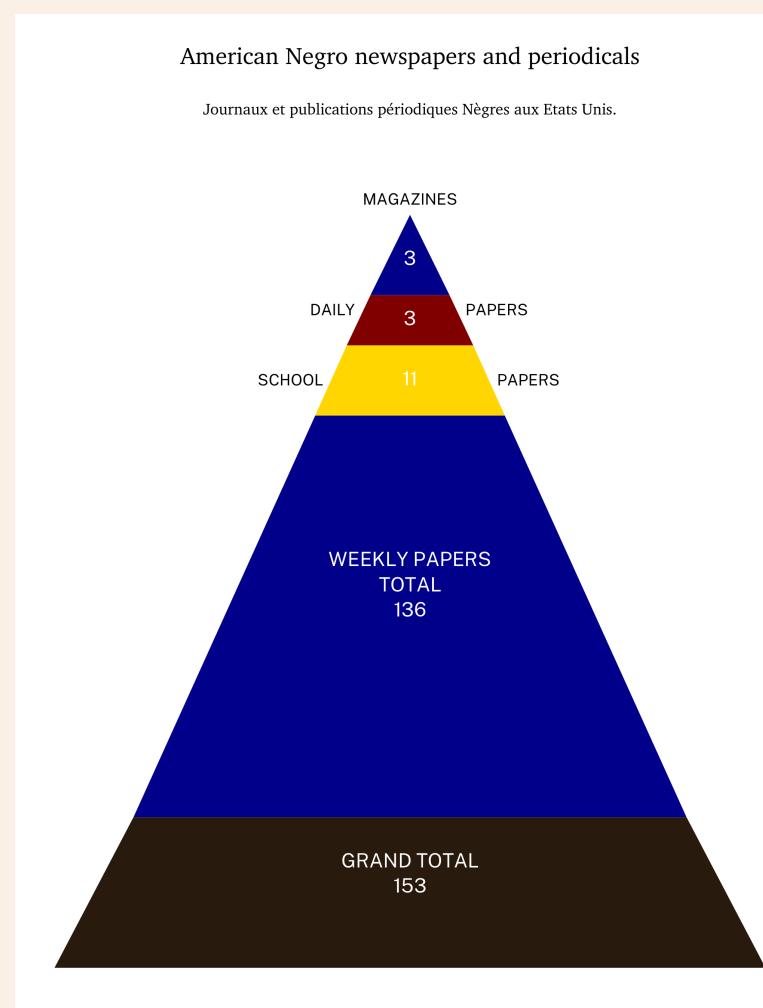
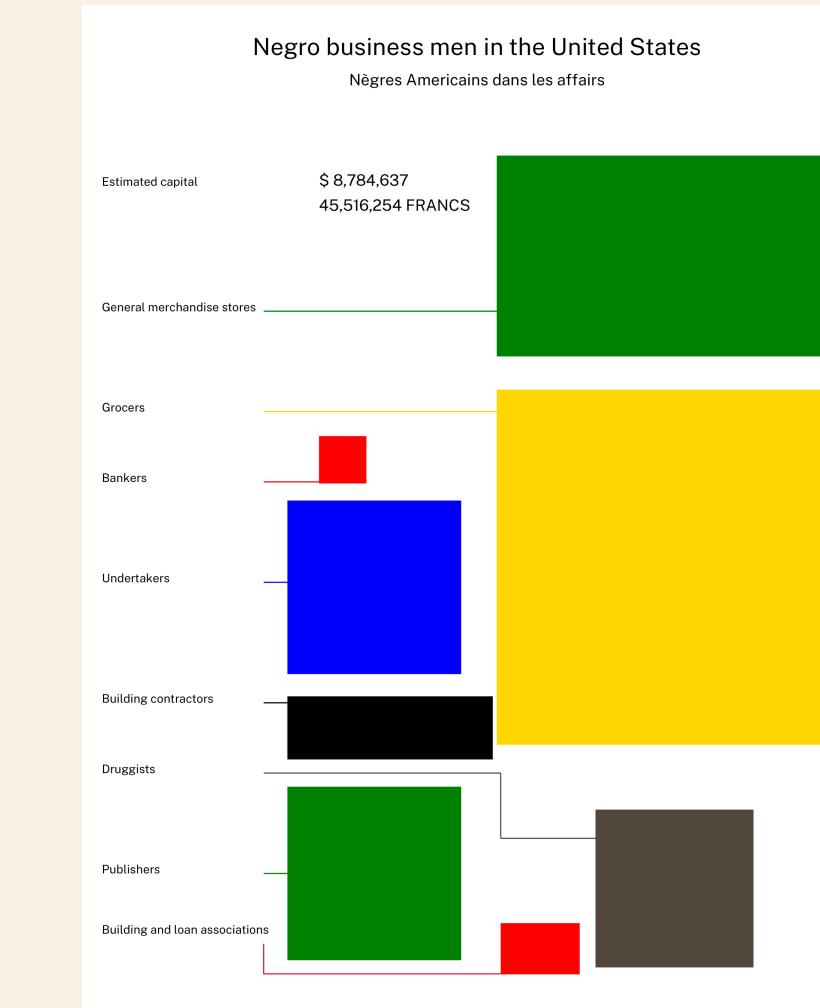
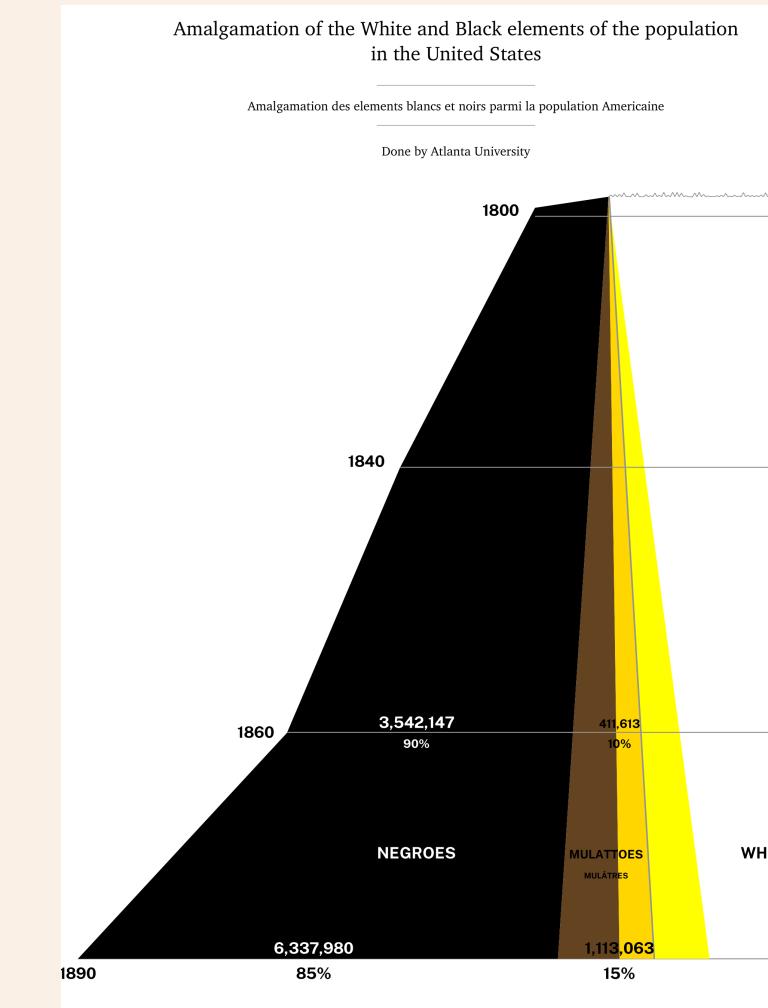
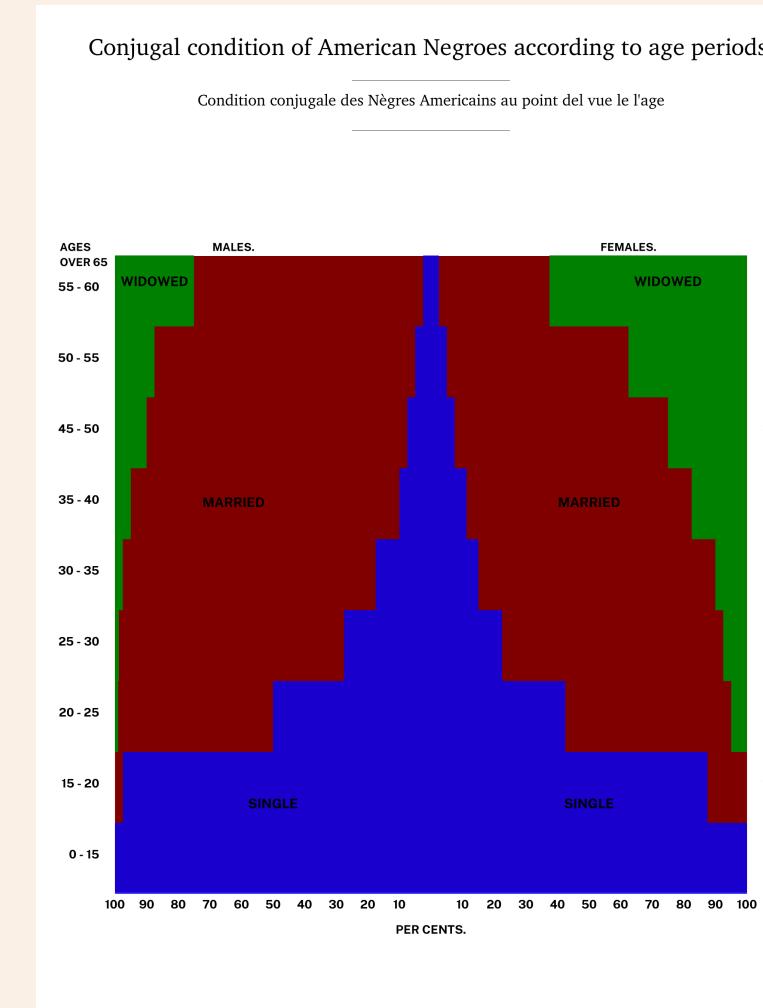
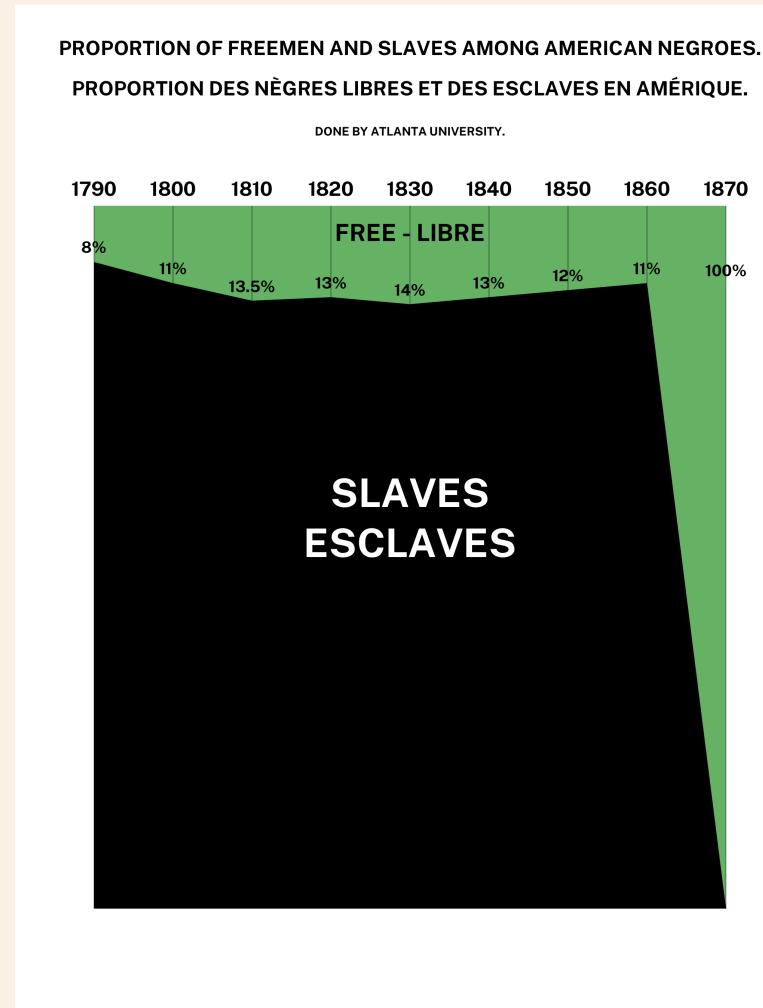
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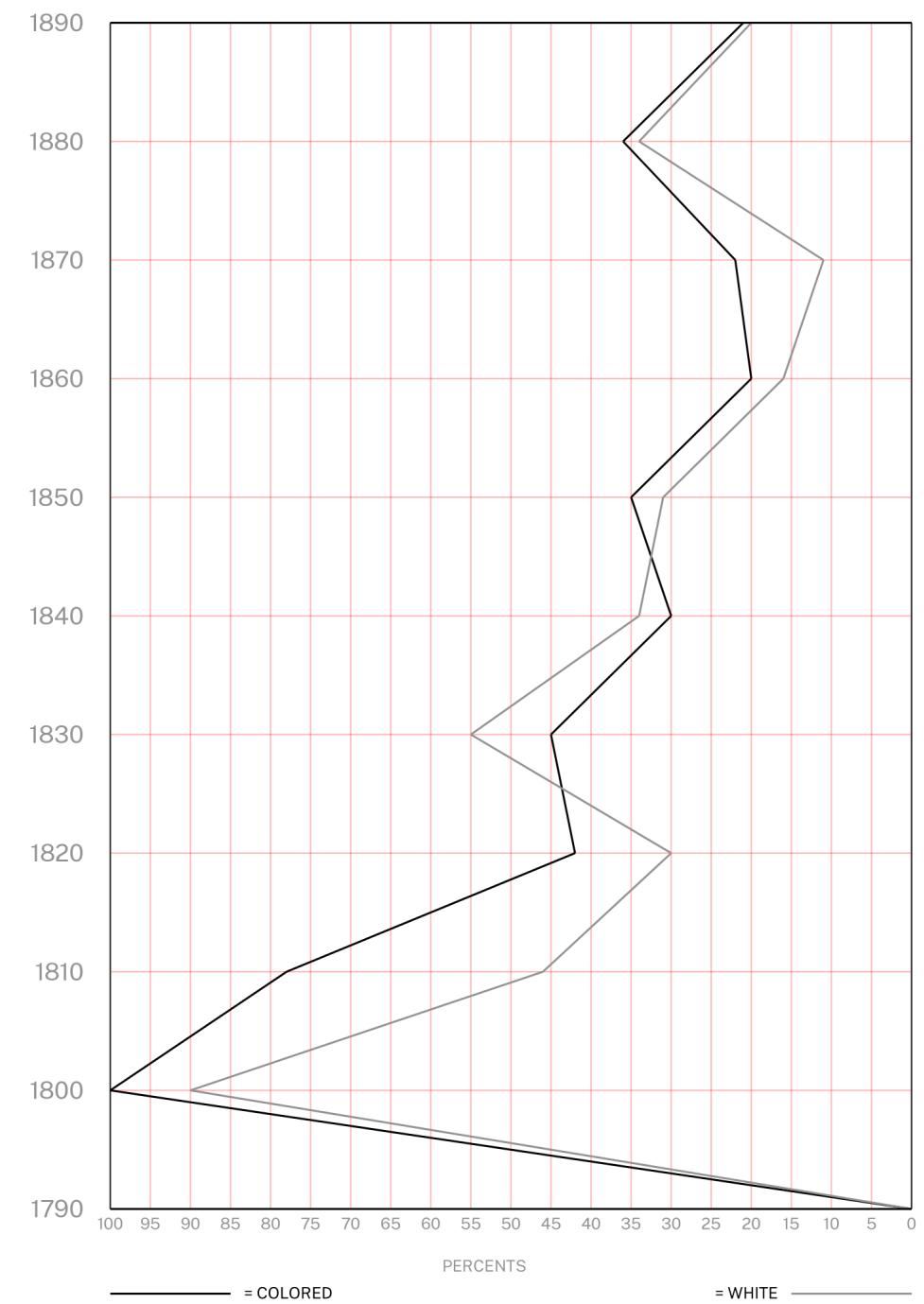


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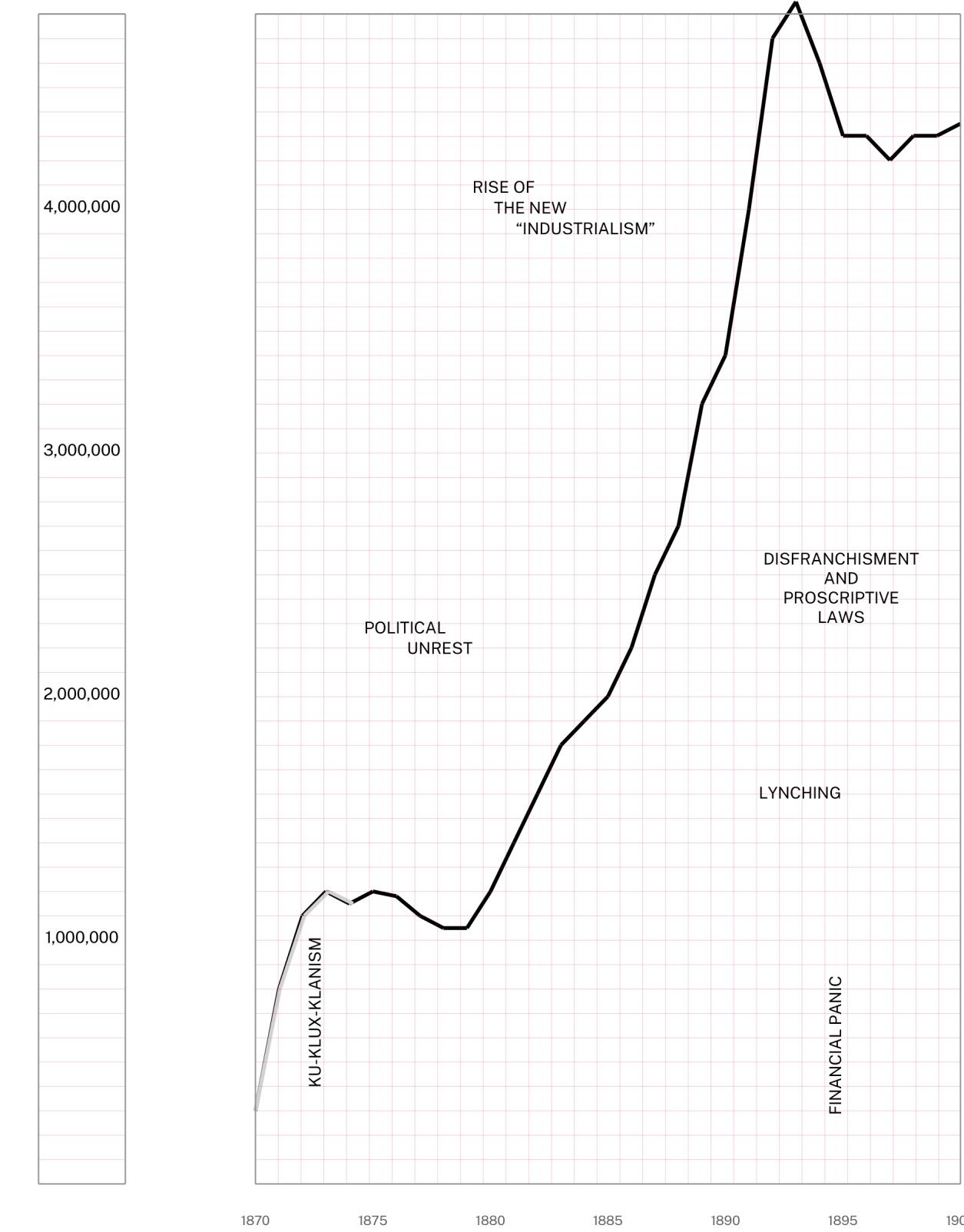


# Graphs

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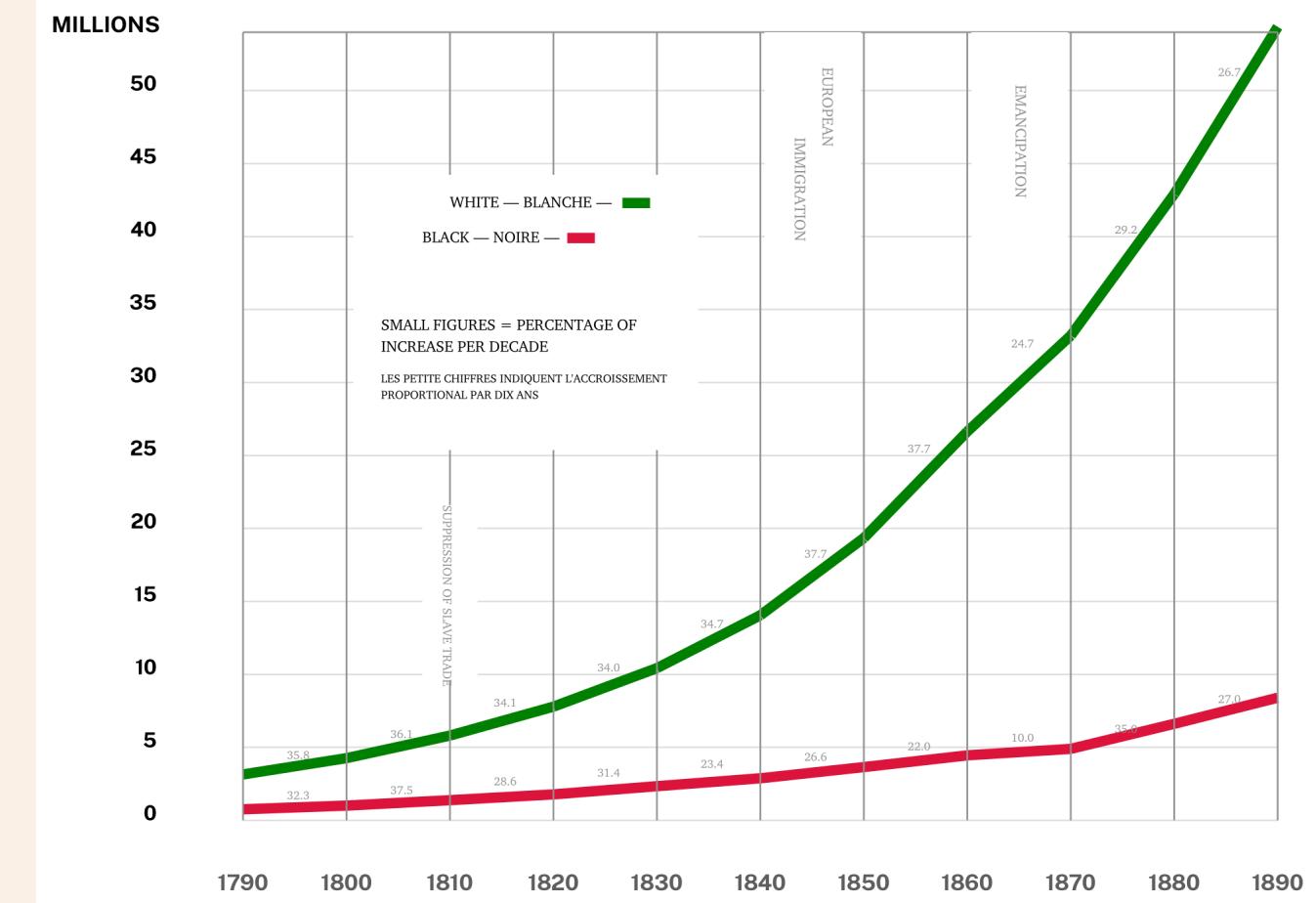


**VALUATION OF TOWN AND CITY PROPERTY OWNED BY GEORGIA NEGROES**



Comparative rate of increase of the White and Negro elements population of the United States

Accroissement proportionnel des éléments blancs et noirs aux Etats-Unis  
Done by Atlanta University



# Color Palette

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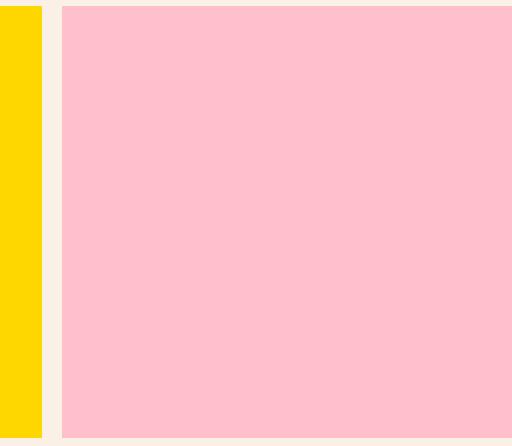
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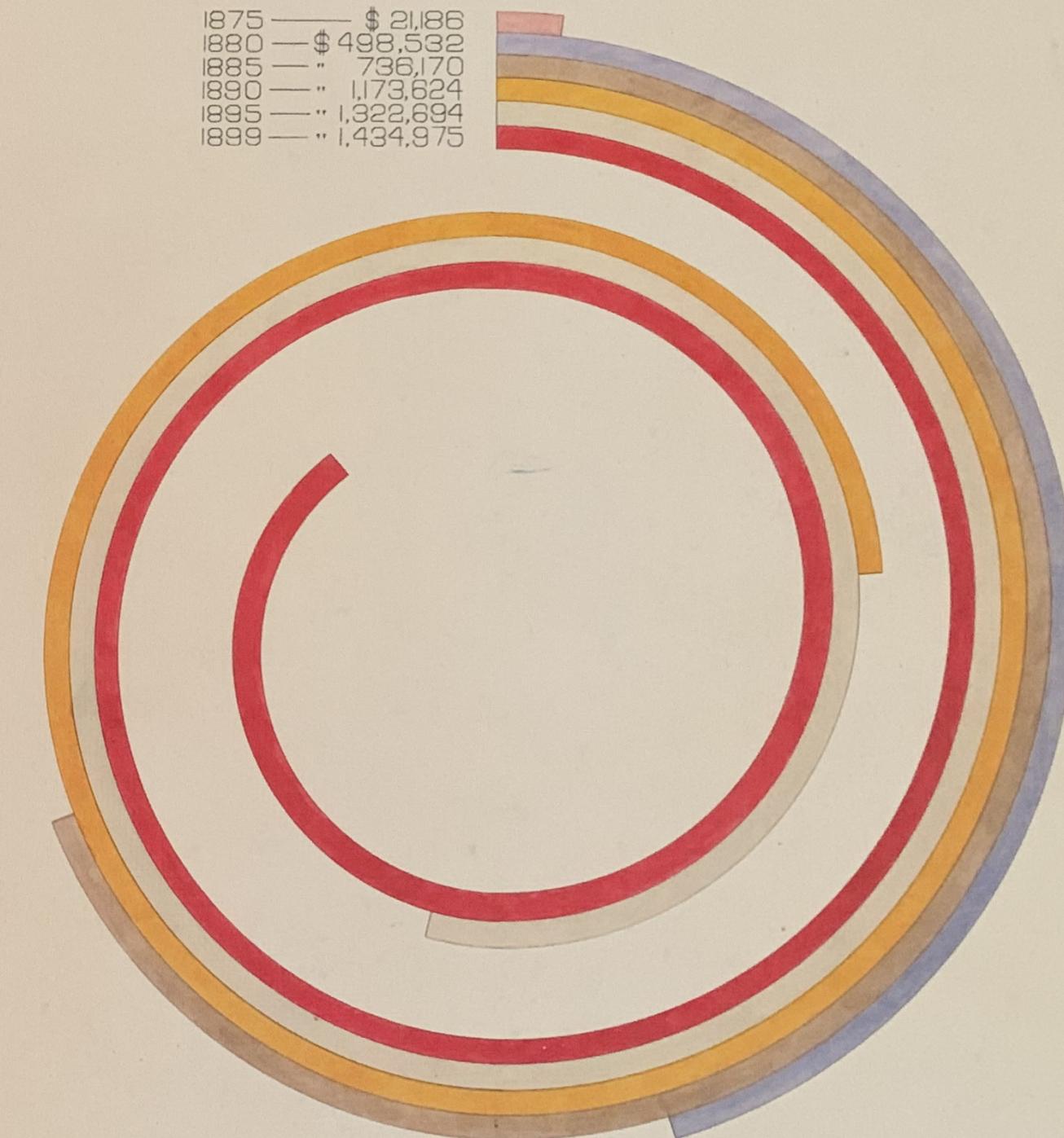
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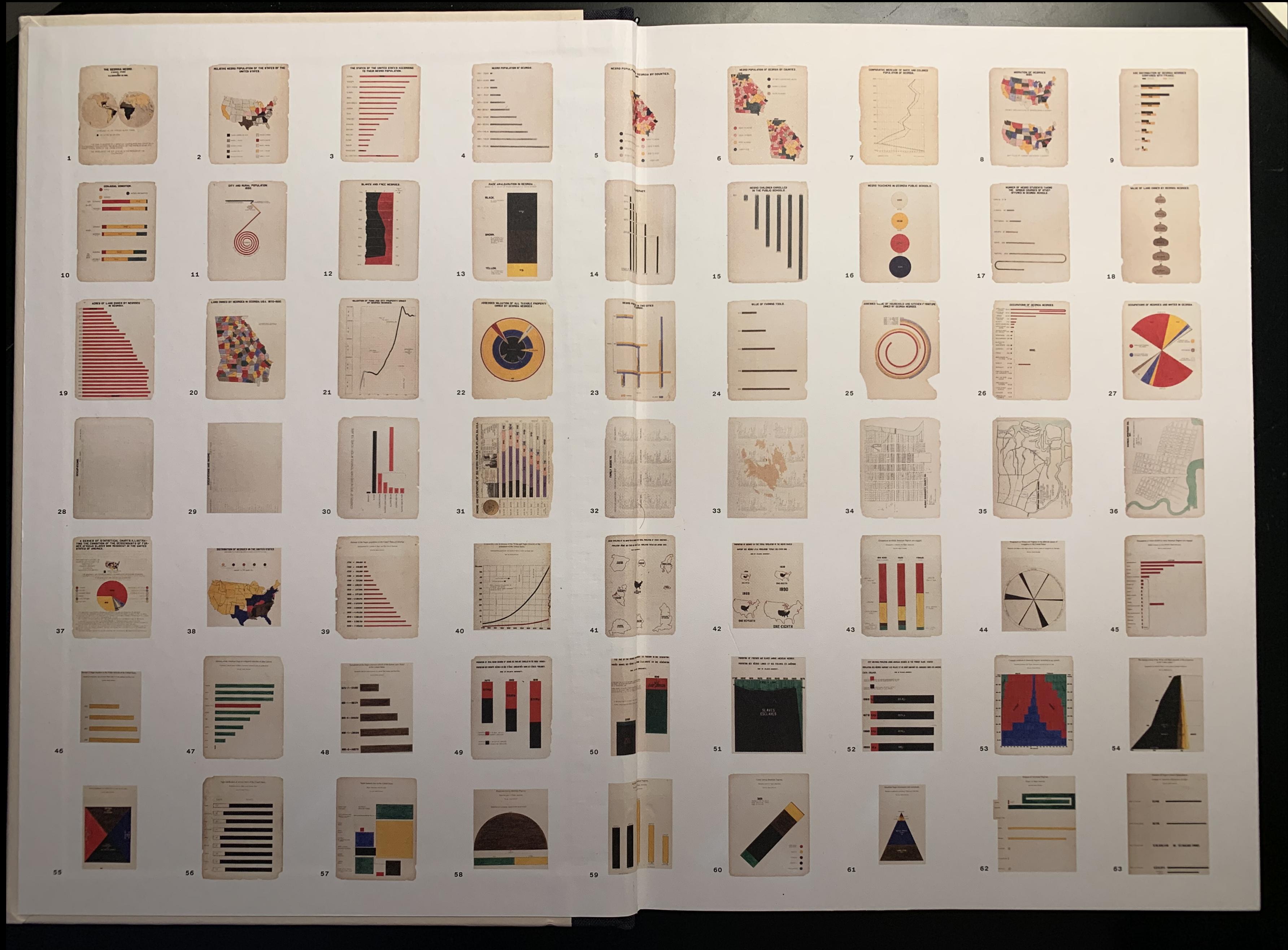
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**Visualizing Black America**

THE COLOR LINE AT THE TURN OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

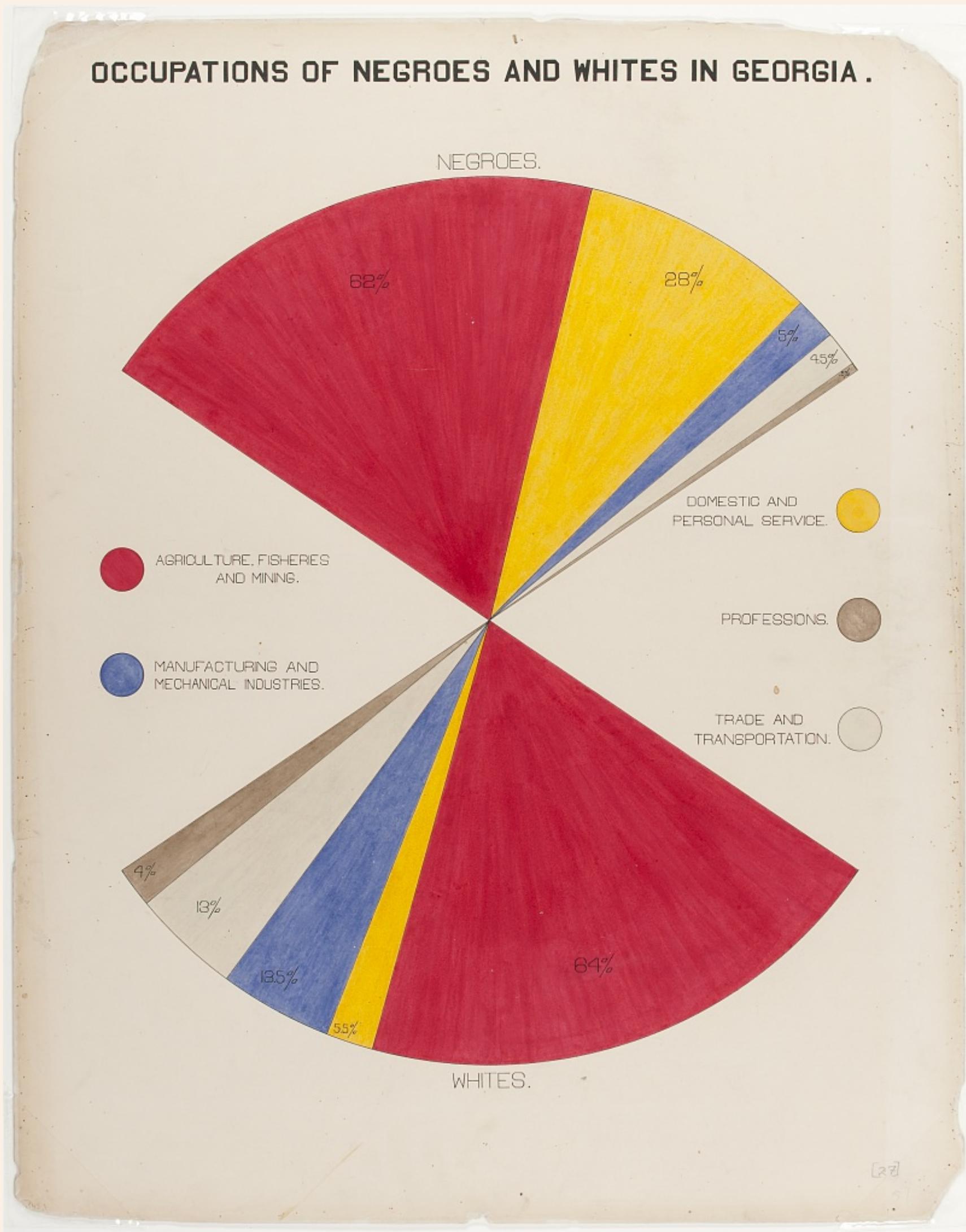
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1880 — \$ 498,582  
1885 — " 786,170  
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WHITNEY BATTLE-BAPTISTE and BRITT RUSERT, editors

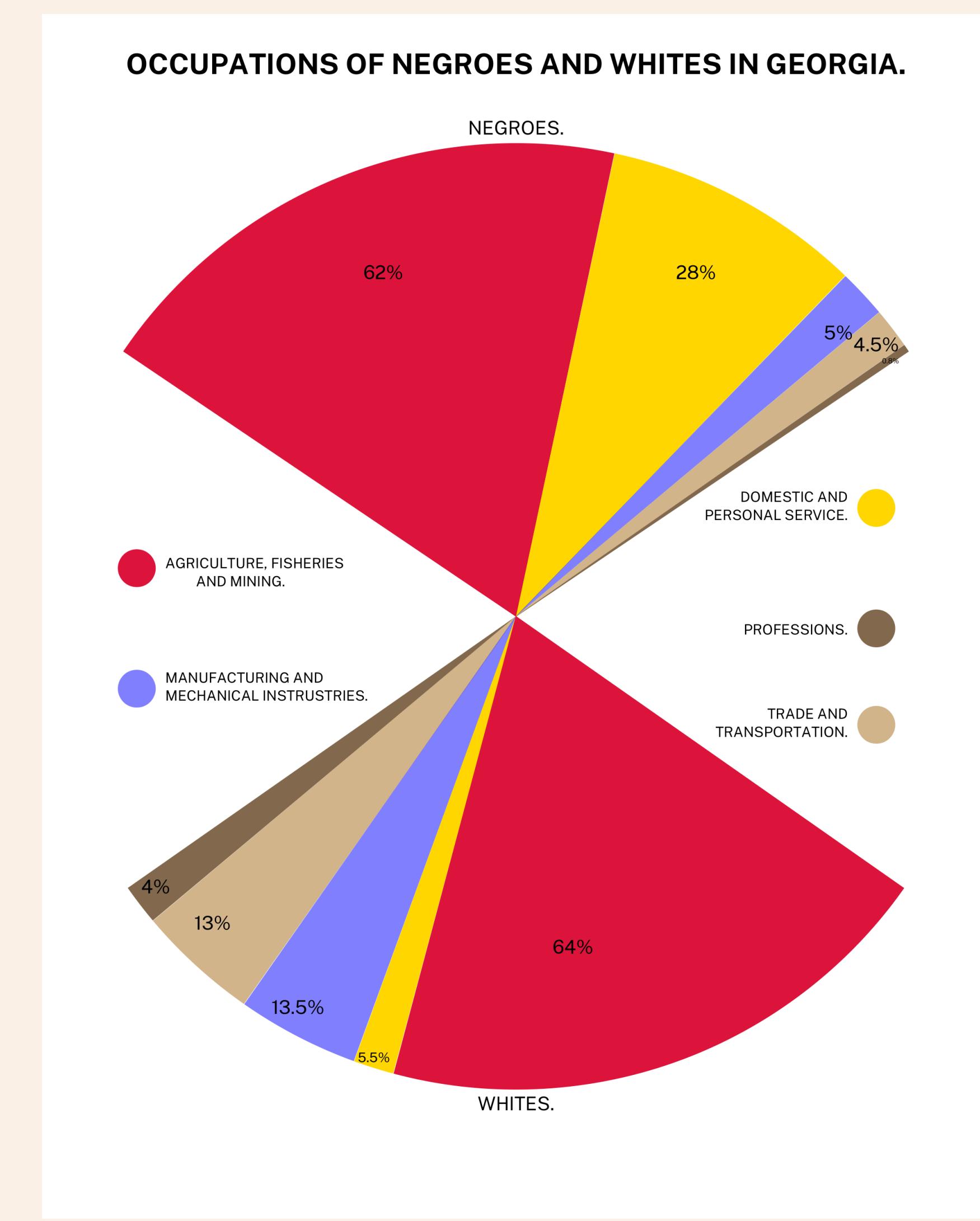


# Pen, Ink, Watercolor, Paper, Expos

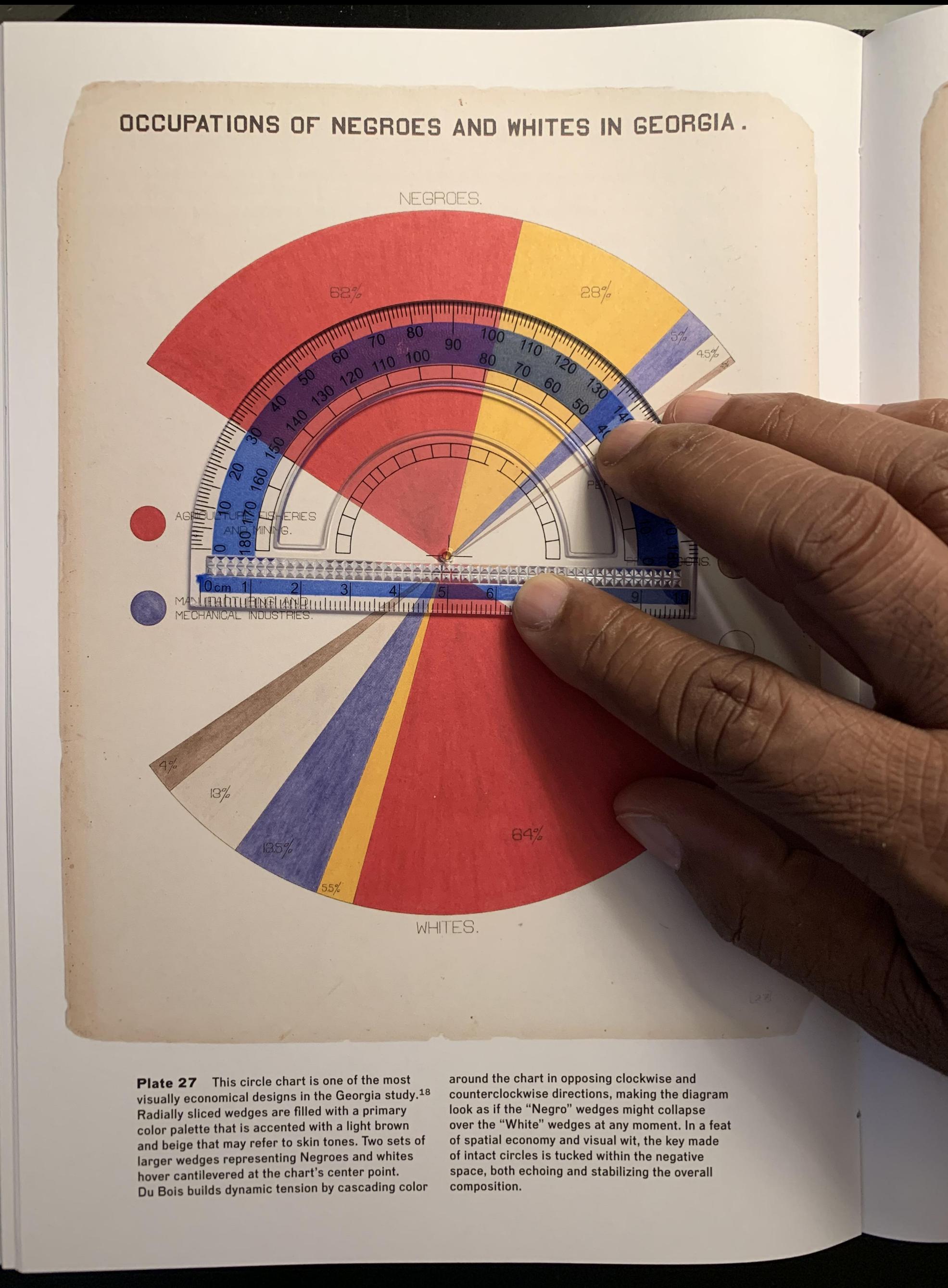
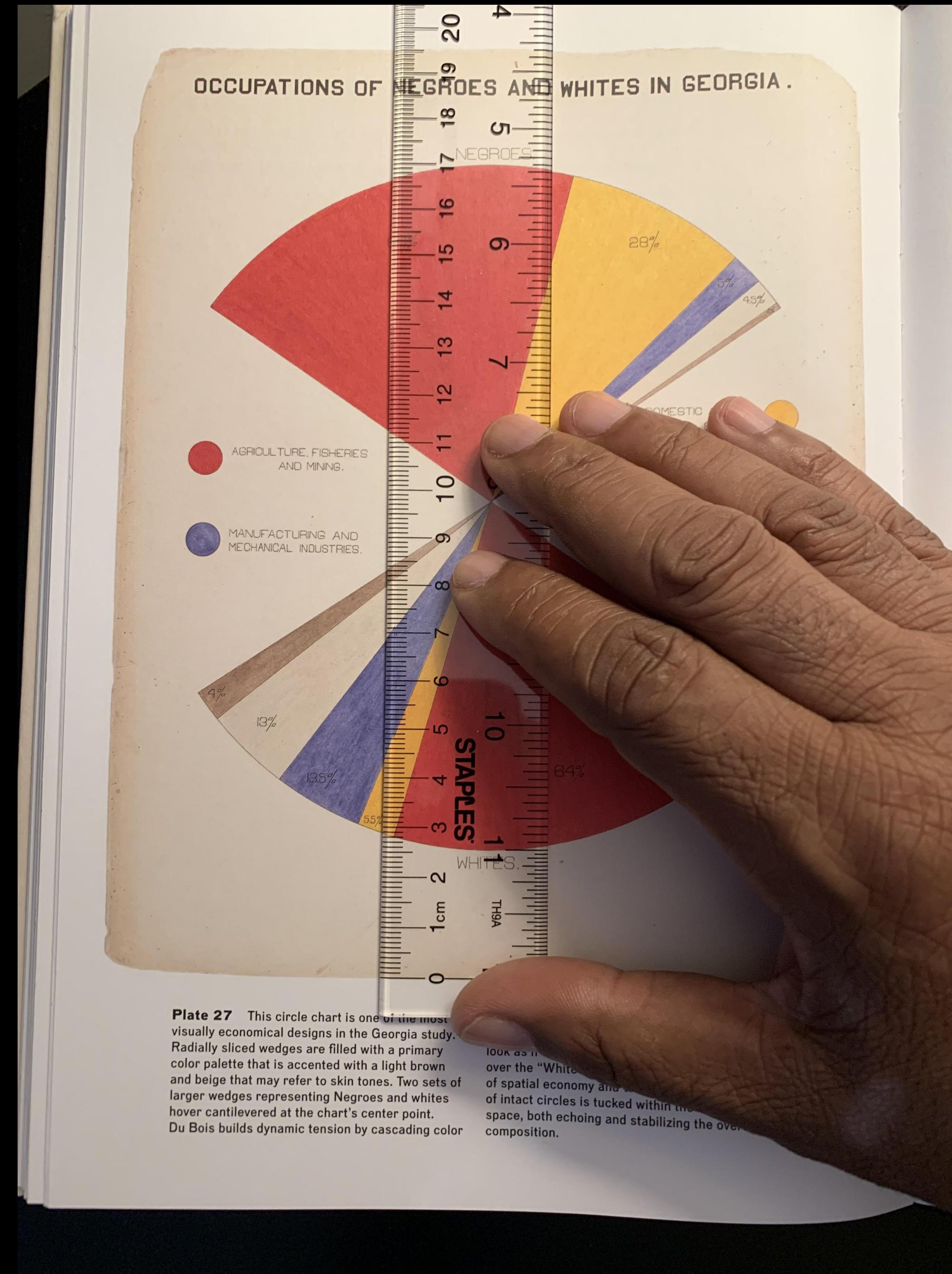


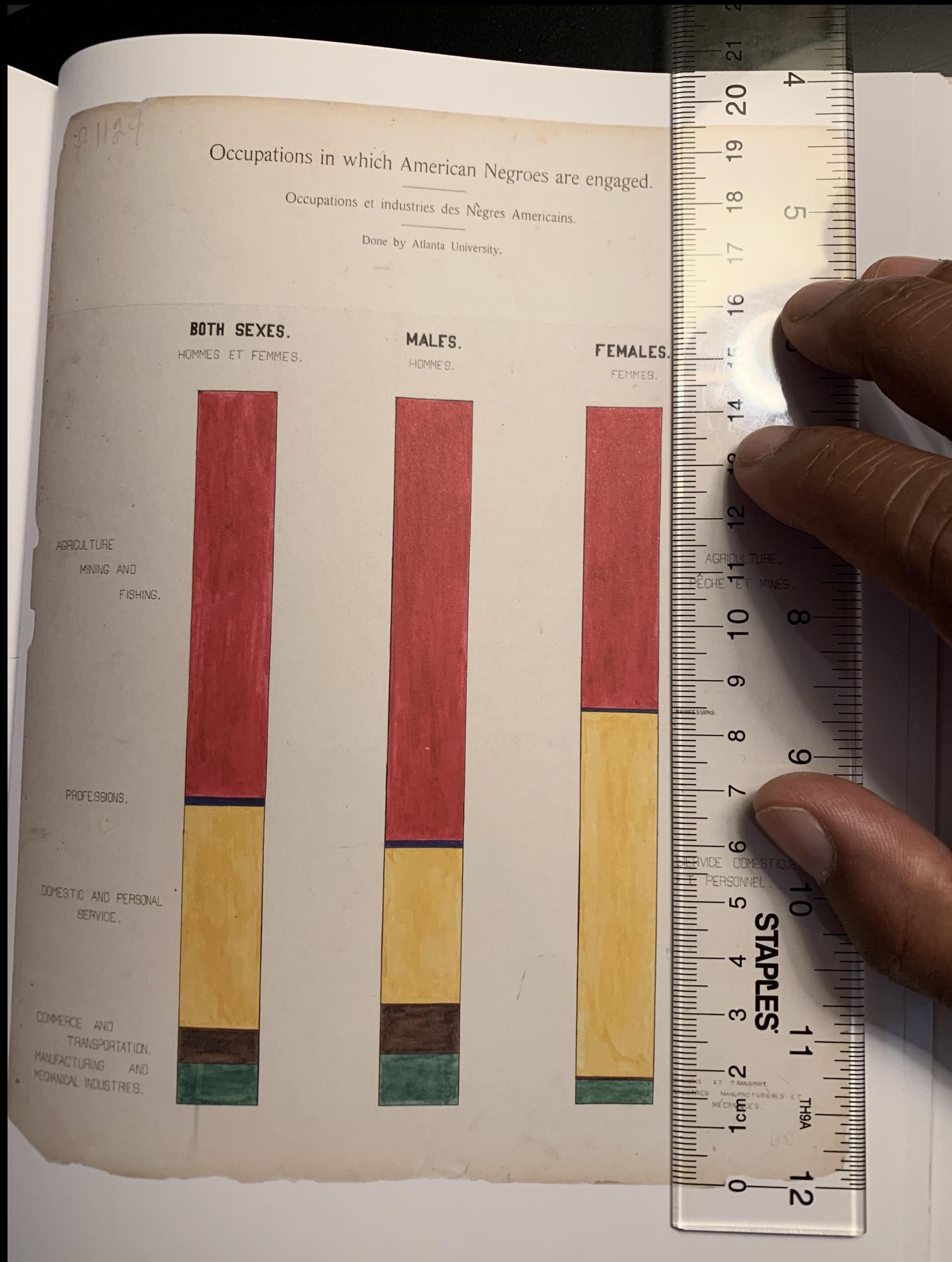
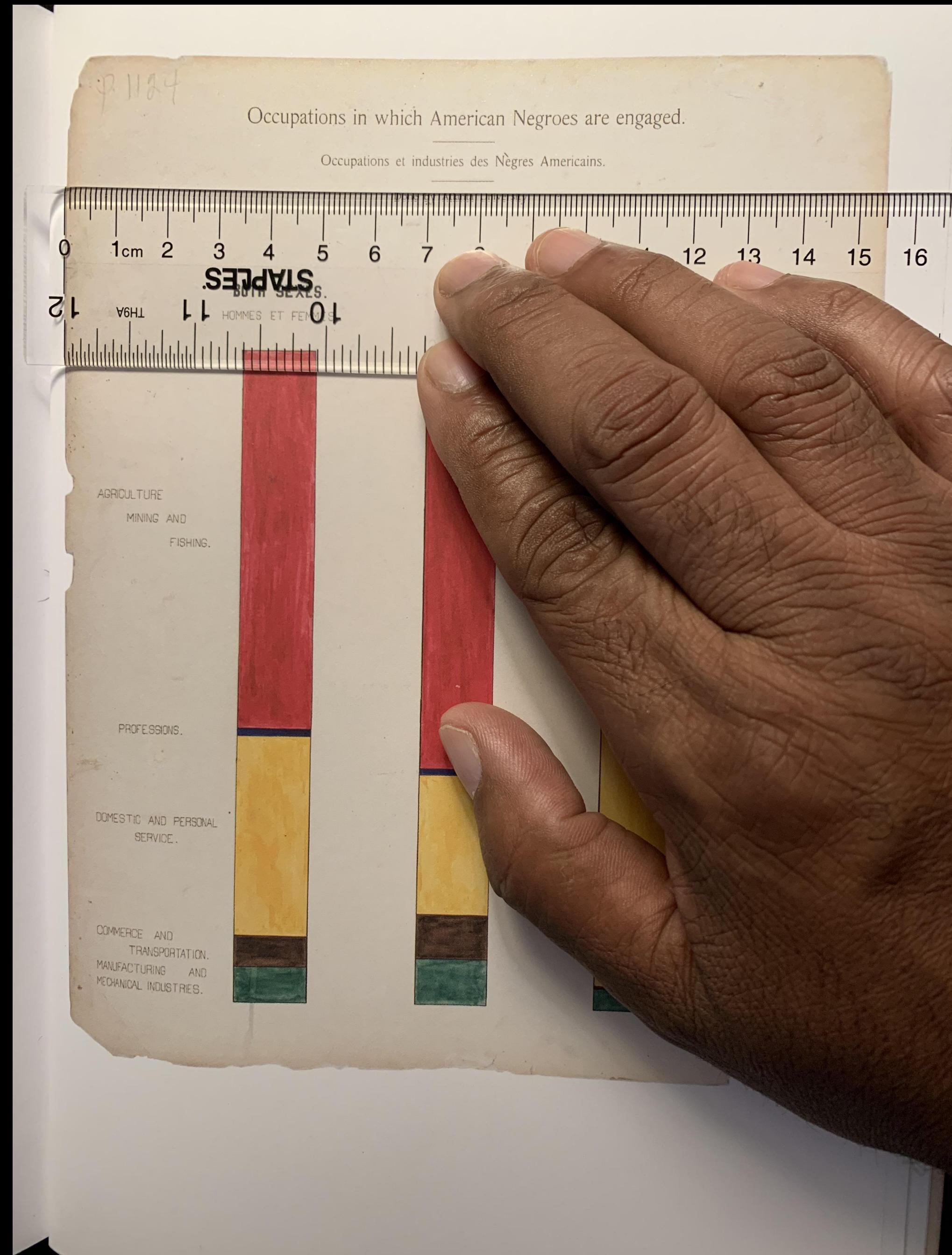
1900

# Scripting, Digital Fonts, PDF, Internet

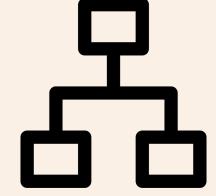


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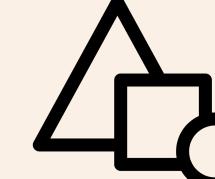
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 **Text**

 **Lists**

 **Arrows**

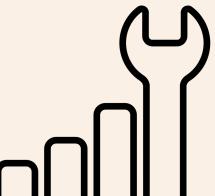
 **Images**

 **Graphics**

 **Charts**

 **Loops**

 **Data**

 **Utility**

# Percent Grid

90

80

70

60

50

40

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20

10

10

20

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90

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mx=50
my=50
subsize=2

ctext "OCCUPATIONS OF NEGROES AND WHITES IN GEORGIA." 50 95 3 "serif"
ctext "NEGROES." 50 90 subsize
ctext "WHITES." 50 9 subsize

// Negroes
arc mx my asize asize 78 146 asize "crimson"
arc mx my asize asize 46 78 asize "gold"
arc mx my asize asize 40 46 asize "blue" 50
arc mx my asize asize 35 40 asize "tan"
arc mx my asize asize 34 35 asize "rgb(101,67,33)" 80

// Whites
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arc mx my asize asize 220 235 asize "tan"
arc mx my asize asize 235 250 asize "blue" 50
arc mx my asize asize 250 255 asize "gold"
arc mx my asize asize 255 325 asize "crimson"

// Legends
cx1=10
cx2=88
cr=4

legsize=1.5
circle cx1 54 cr "crimson"
circle cx1 44 cr "blue" 50
cx1+=3
text "AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES" cx1 54 legsize
text "AND MINING." cx1 52.5 legsize

text "MANUFACTURING AND" cx1 44.5 legsize
text "MECHANICAL INDUSTRIES." cx1 43 legsize

circle cx2 59 cr "gold"
circle cx2 49 cr "rgb(101,67,33)" 80
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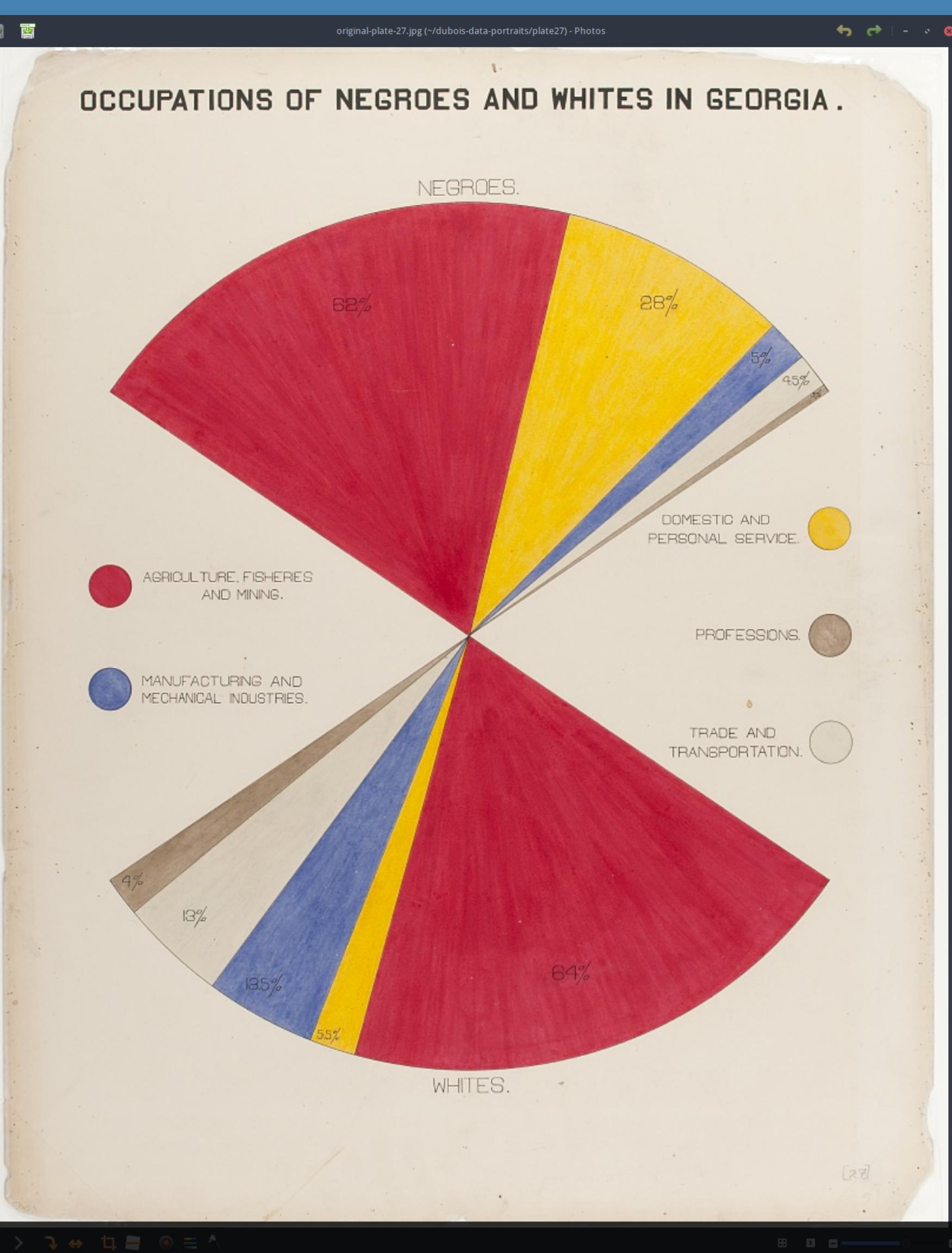
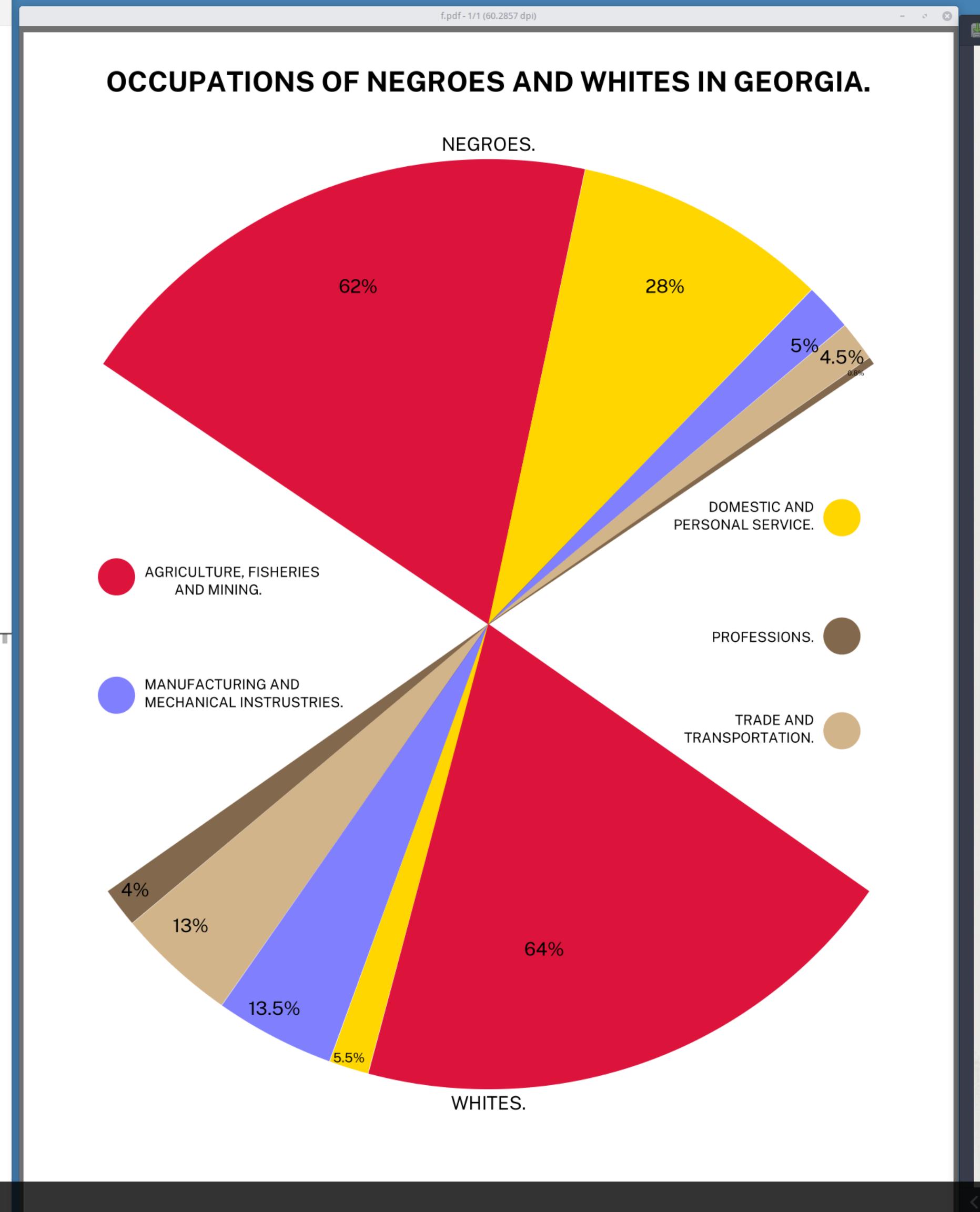
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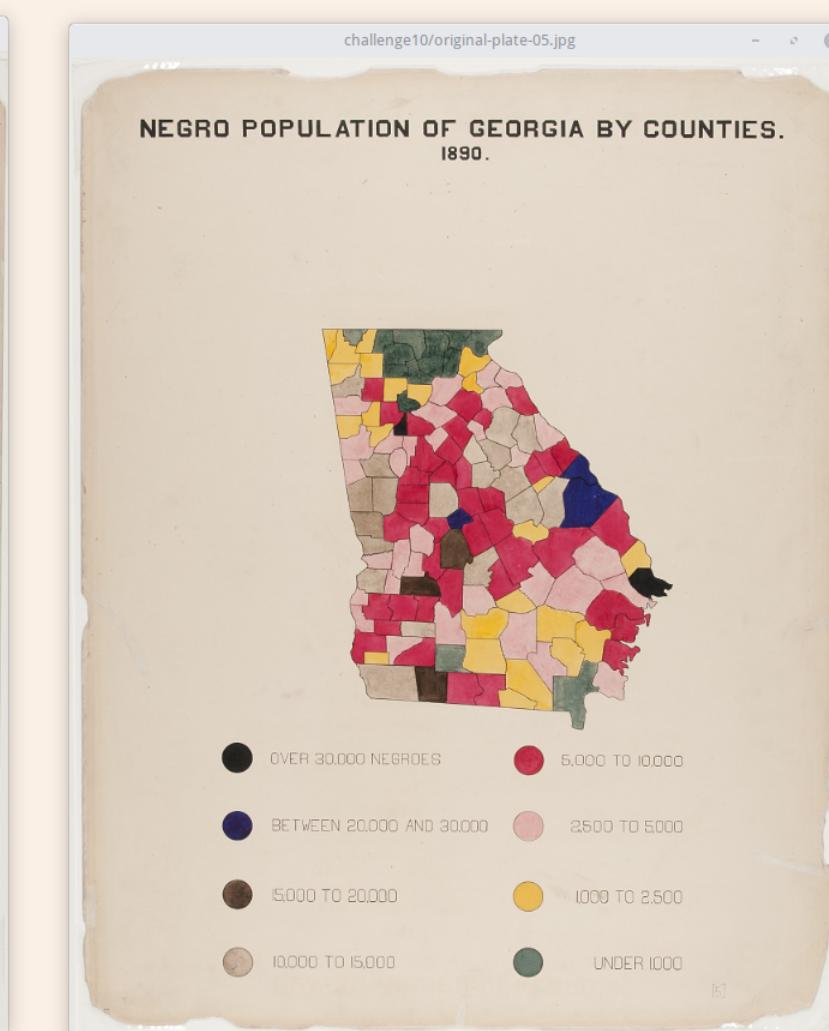
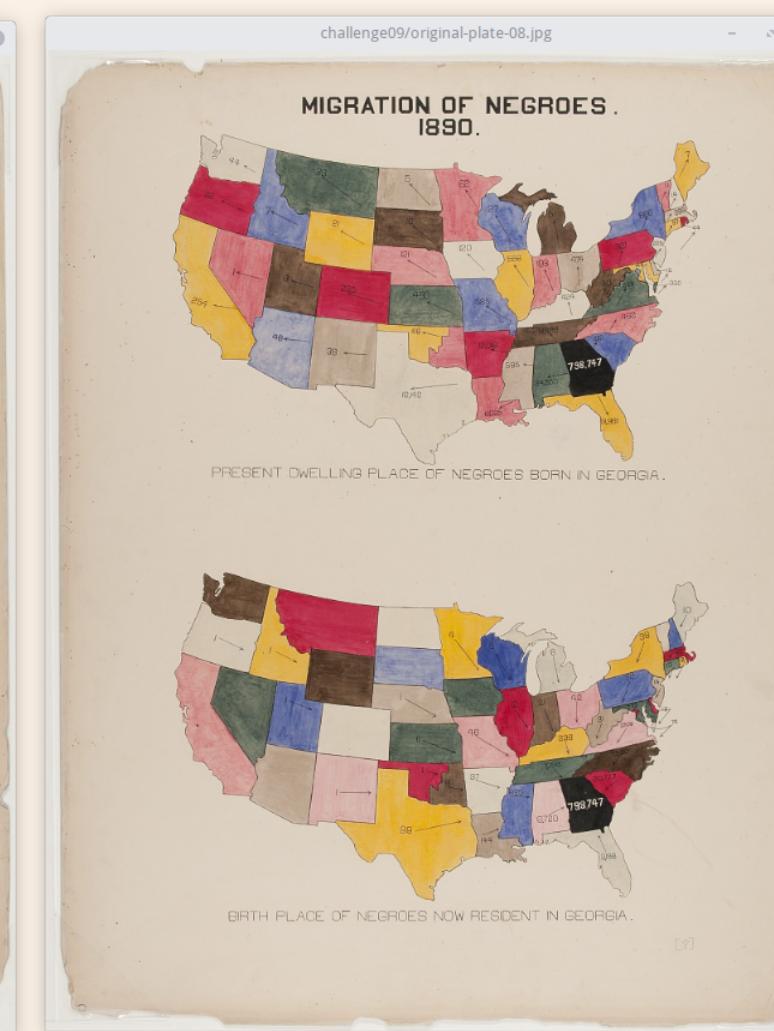
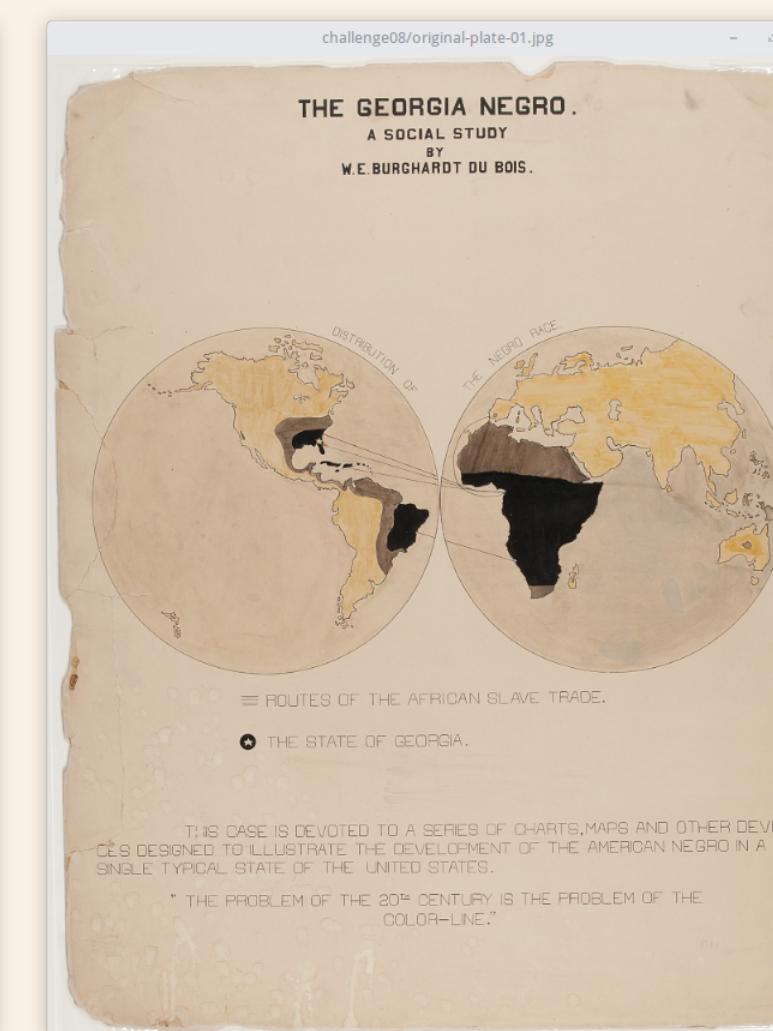
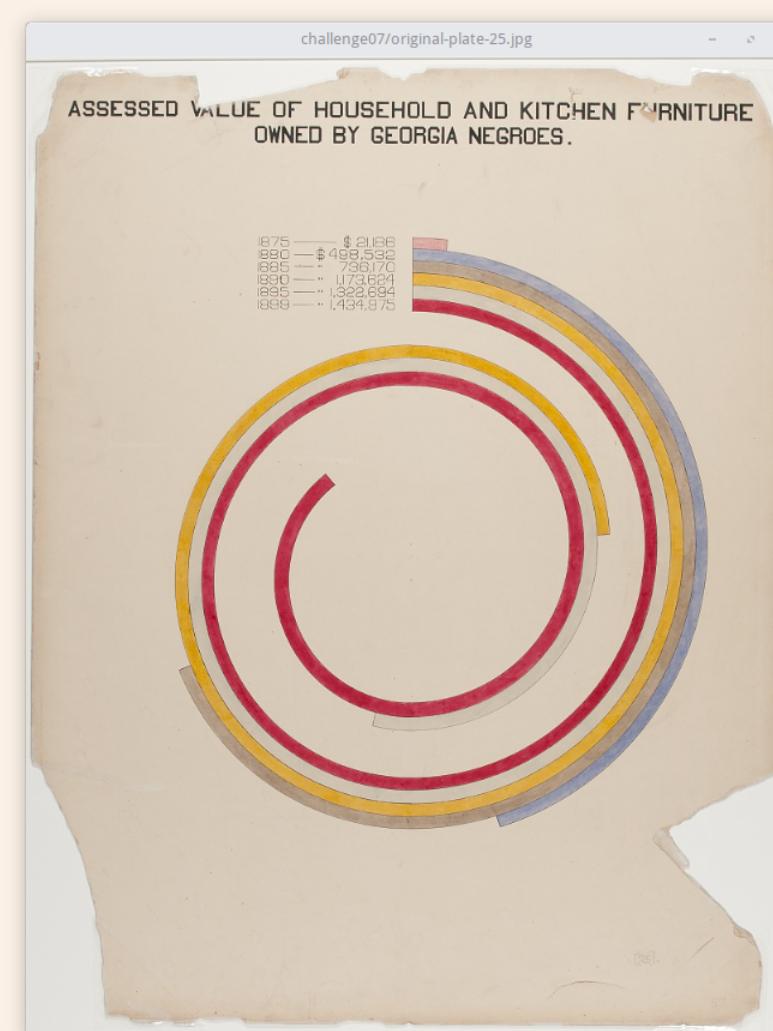
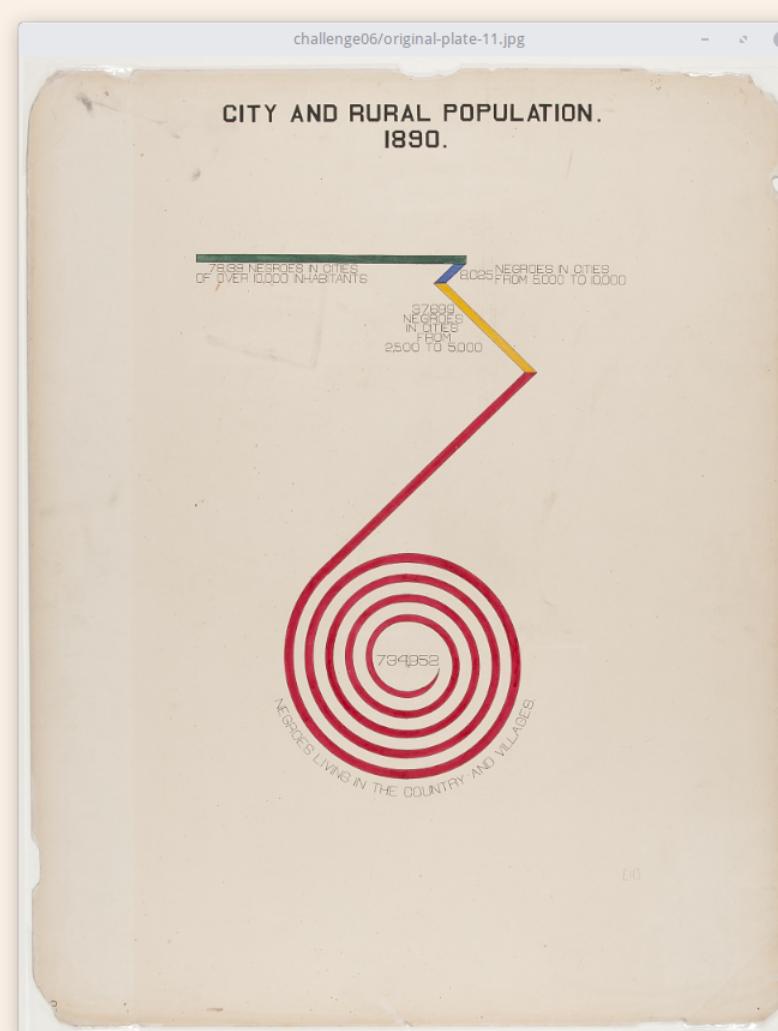
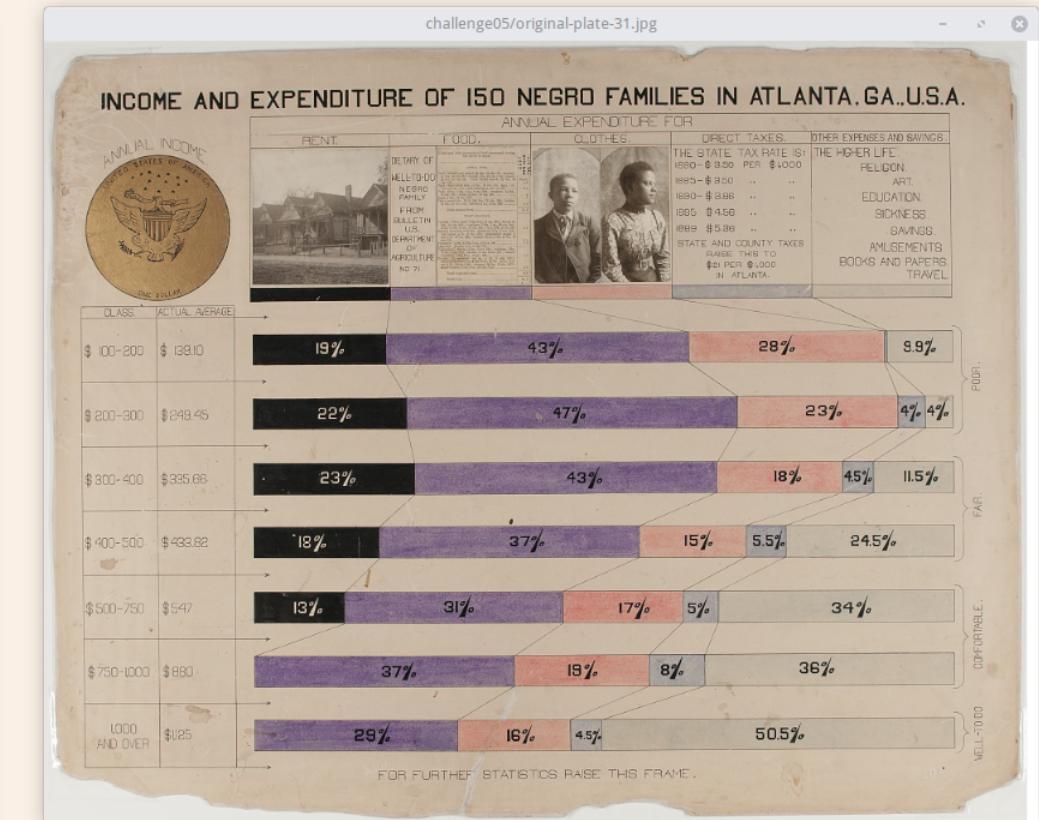
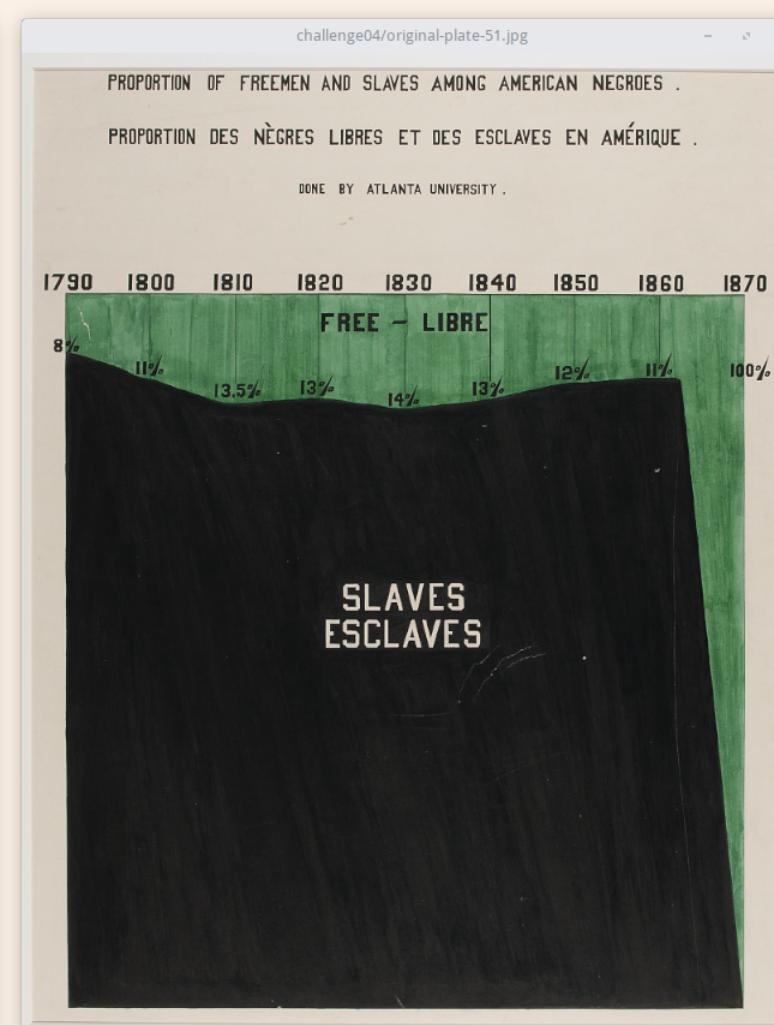
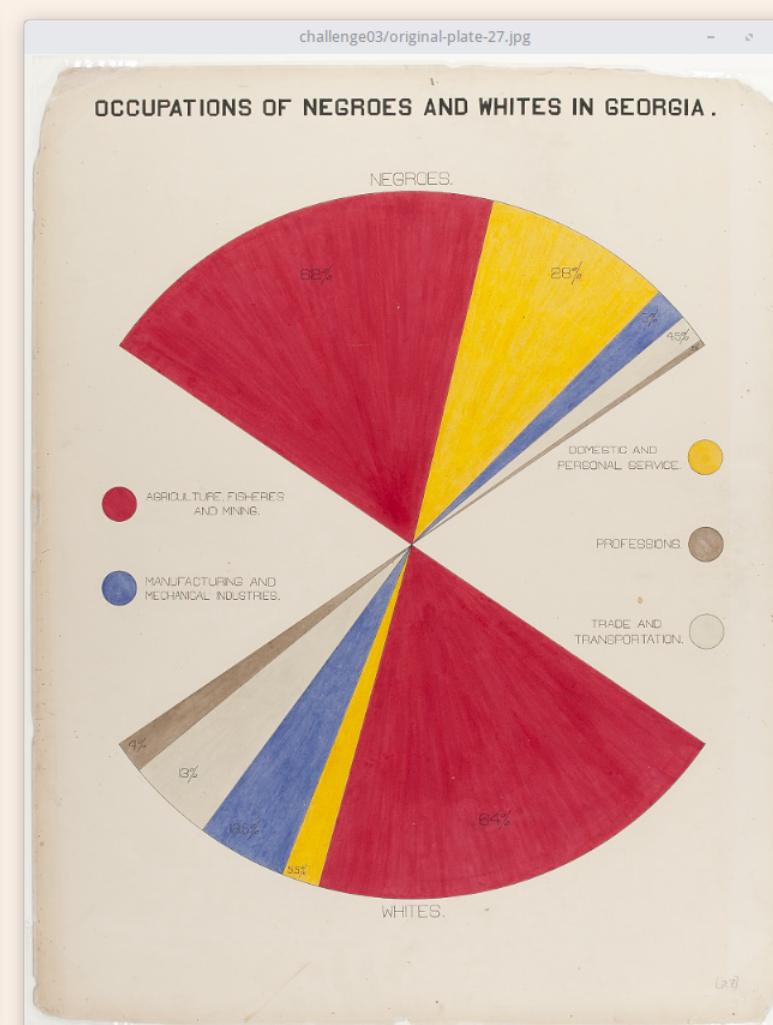
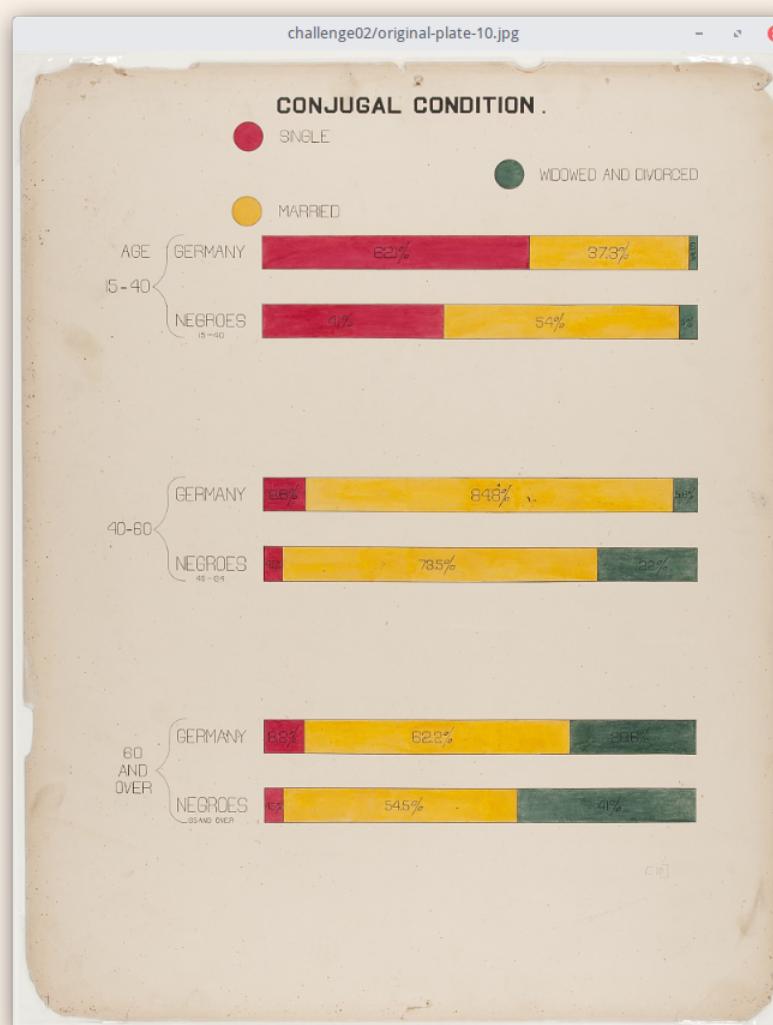
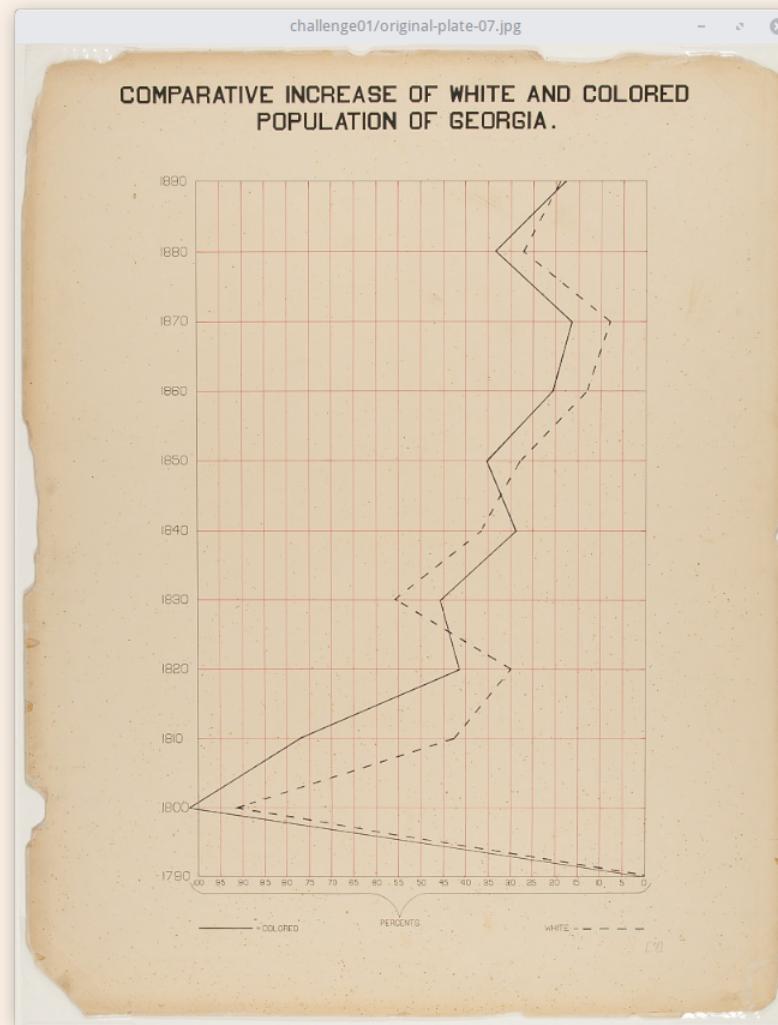


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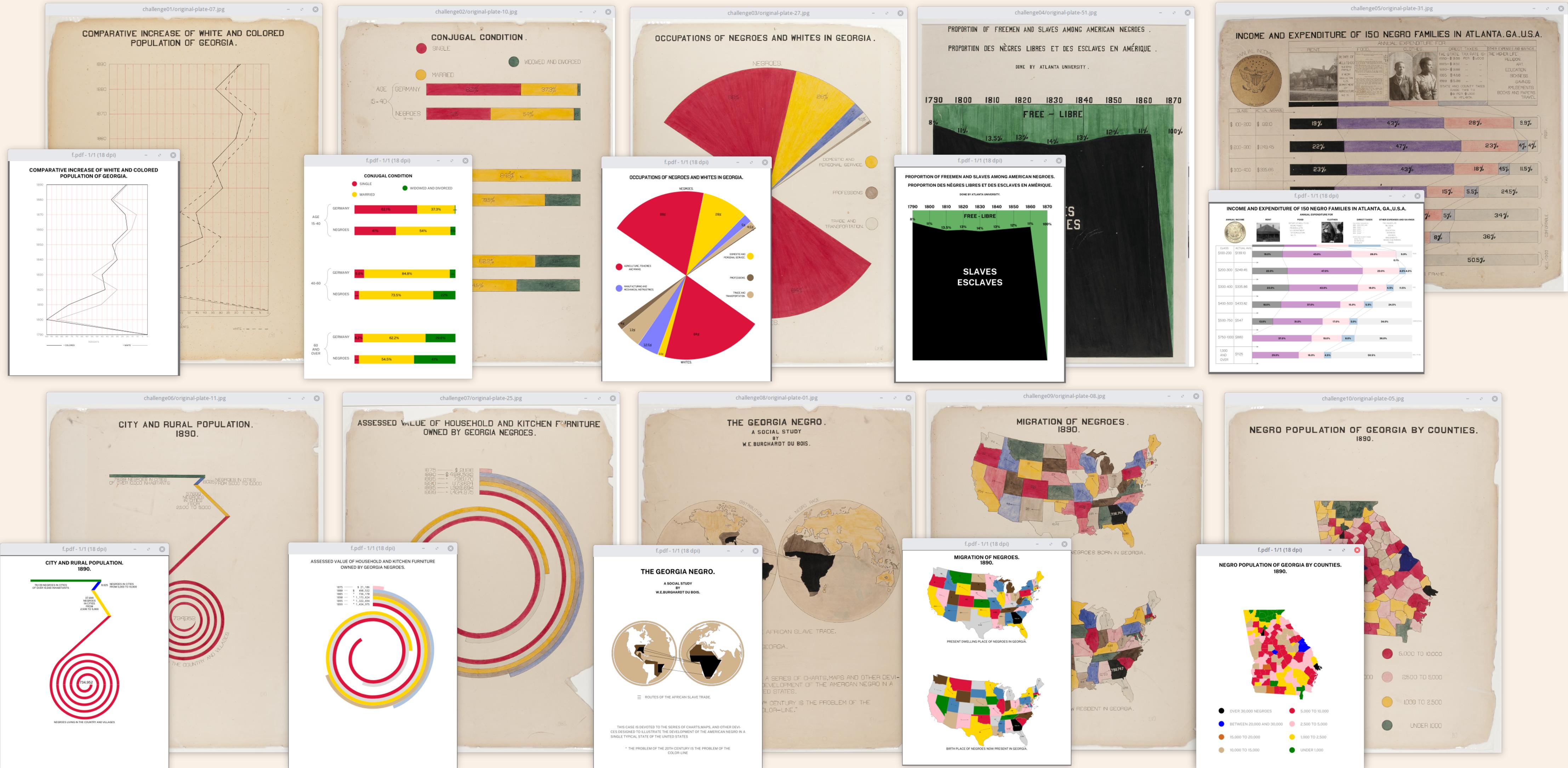
Output

Reference

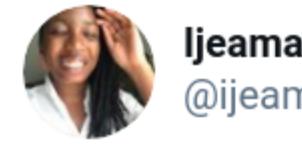
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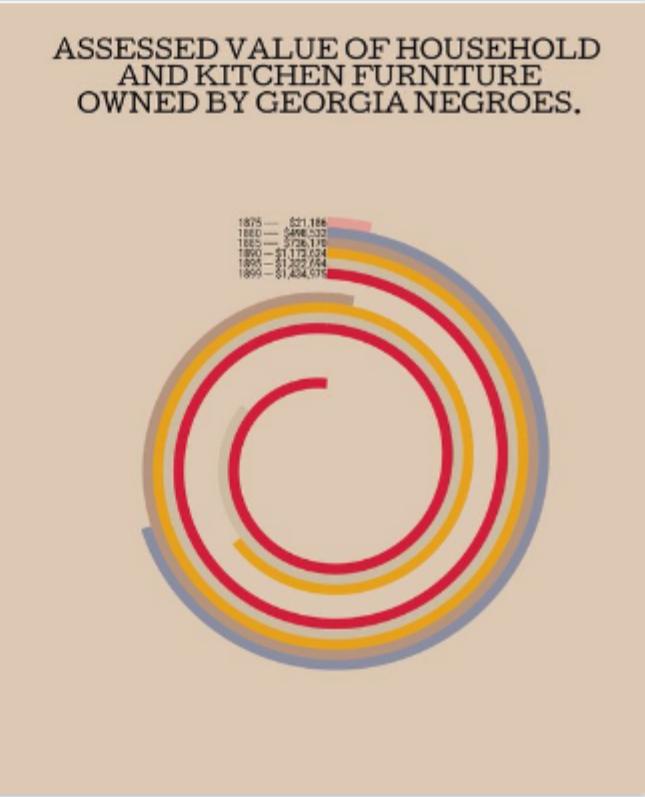
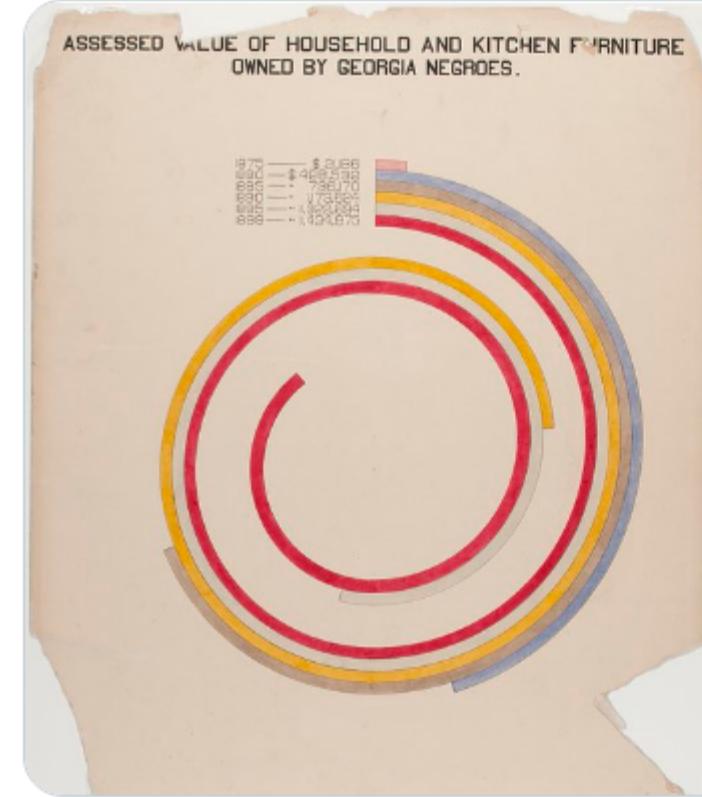


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#TidyTuesday and #DuBoisChallenge

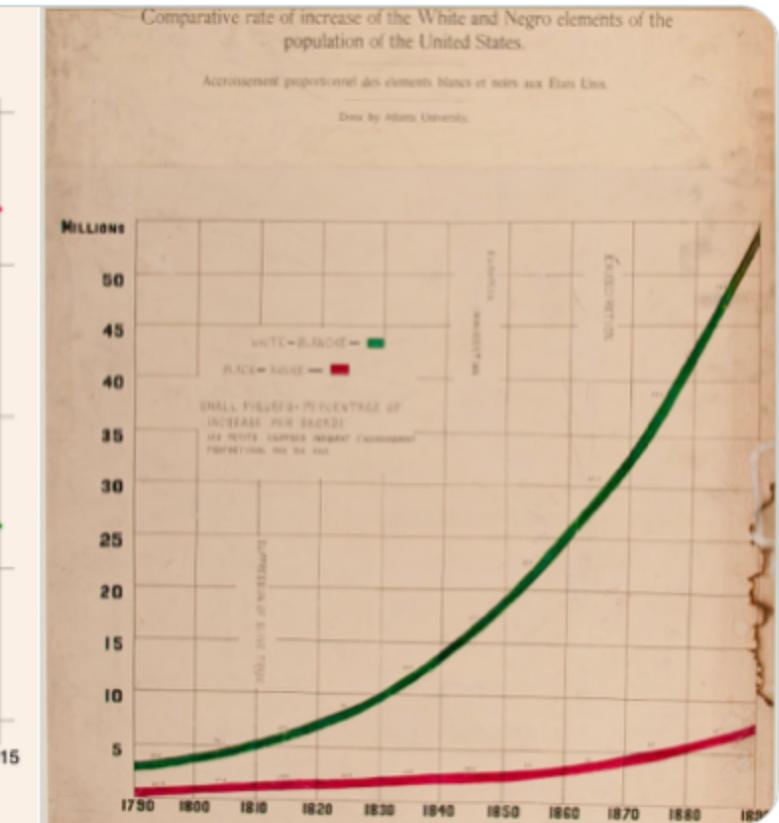
I decided to recreate challenge 07 using only coord\_polar. It is not a perfect recreation, but I am happy with it (mostly because I didn't have to use my very rusty trigonometry knowledge).



Charlie Eaton

@CharlieEatonPhD

I'm thrilled that any @Stata user can now add the Du Bois graphing scheme to their machine using the \*ssc install dubois\* command. After installing, check \*help dubois\* for tips to use the scheme for the #DuBoisChallenge or modern replications like this one!

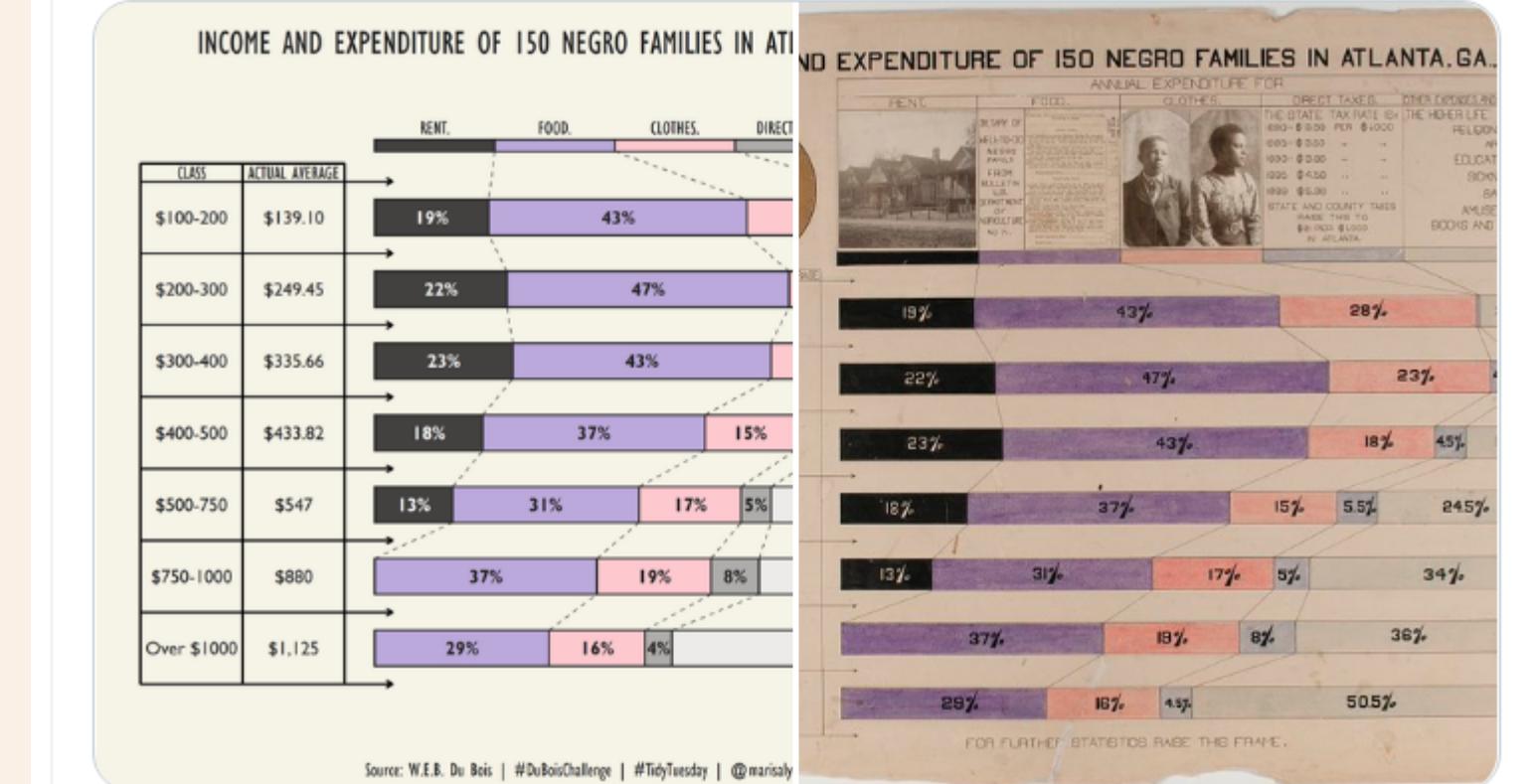


Marisa Henry

@marisalyn

had lots of fun learning more about W.E.B DuBois and attempting to recreate one of his figures for the #DuBoisChallenge and #TidyTuesday this week!

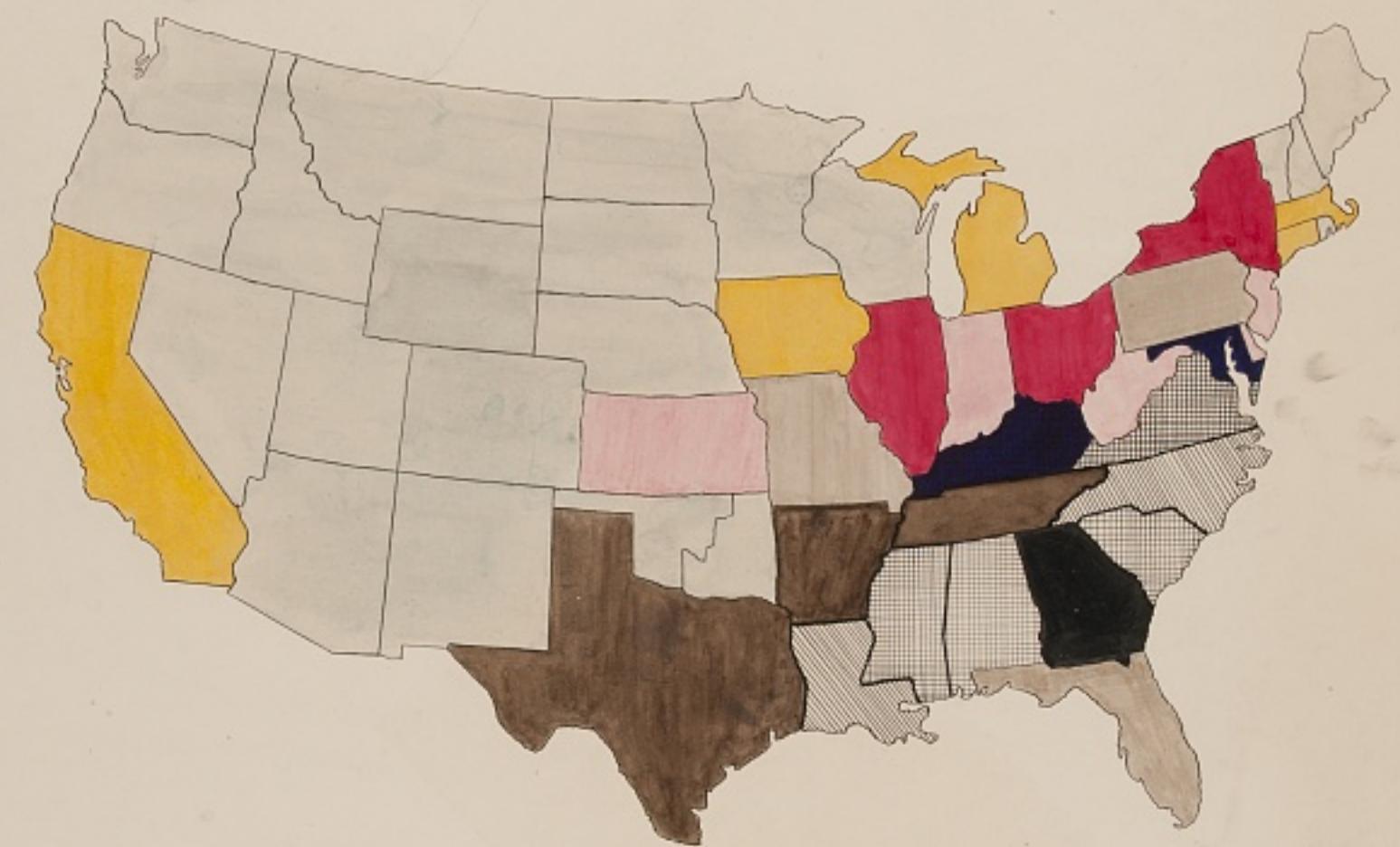
: [github.com/marisalyn/tidy...](https://github.com/marisalyn/tidy...)



<https://github.com/ajstarks/dubois-data-portraits/tree/master/challenge>

# Contemporary Data

RELATIVE NEGRO POPULATION OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES.



■ 750,000 NEGROES AND OVER

■ 100,000 — 200,000

■ 600,000 — 750,000

■ 50,000 — 100,000

■ 500,000 — 600,000

■ 25,000 — 50,000

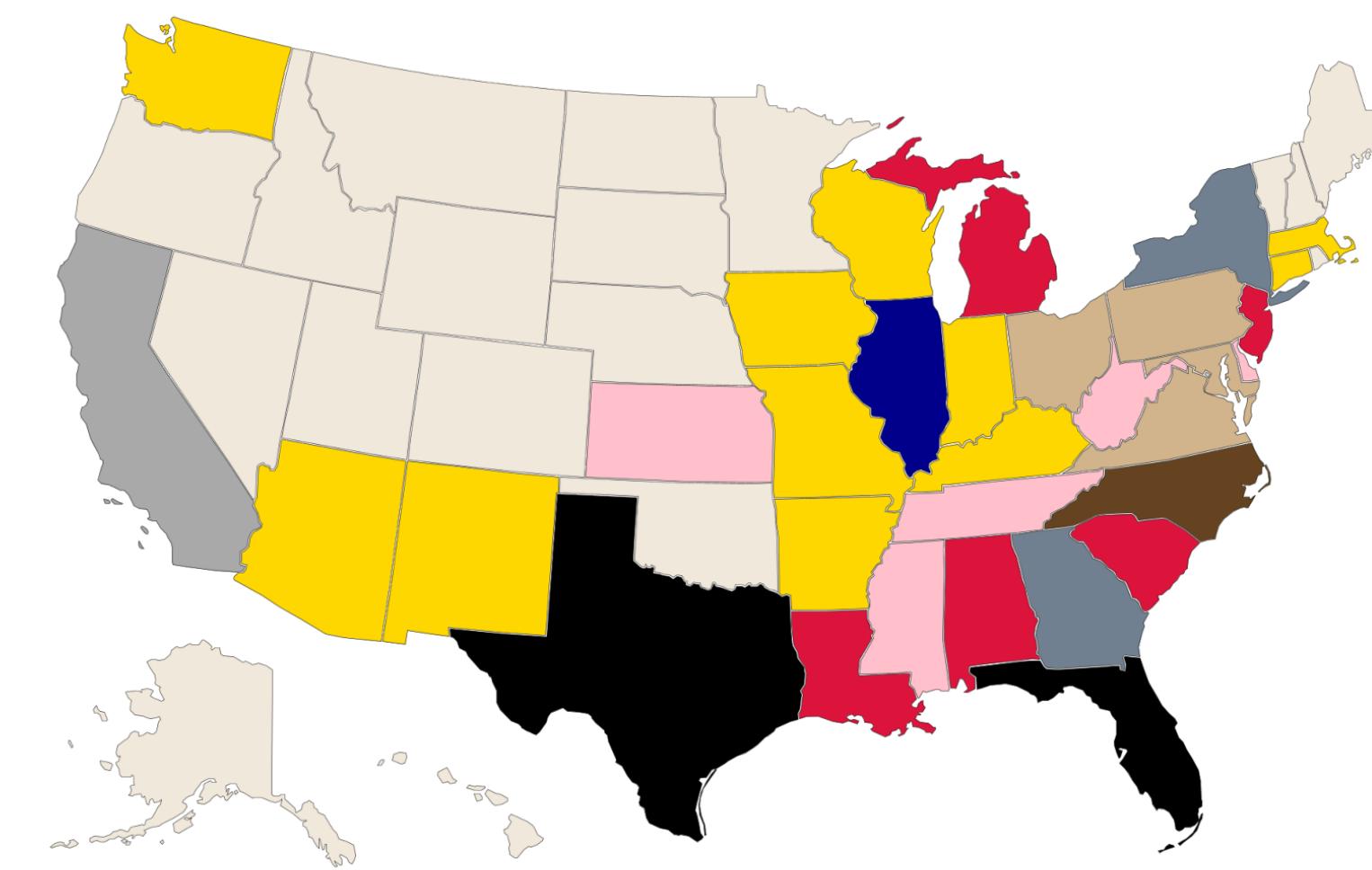
■ 300,000 — 500,000

■ 10,000 — 25,000

■ 200,000 — 300,000

■ UNDER — 10,000

RELATIVE BLACK POPULATION OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES. (2021)



■ 4.0 - 3.6 MILLION

■ 2.0 - 1.6 MILLION

■ 3.6 - 3.2 MILLION

■ 1.6 - 1.2 MILLION

■ 3.2 - 2.8 MILLION

■ 1.2 - 0.8 MILLION

■ 2.8 - 2.4 MILLION

■ 0.8 - 0.4 MILLION

■ 2.4 - 2.0 MILLION

■ UNDER 0.4 MILLION



Teju Cole

Authorship, after all, is  
not only what is created  
but also what is selected.