

# Building on the Legacy of the Du Bois Data Portraits

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# 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‡

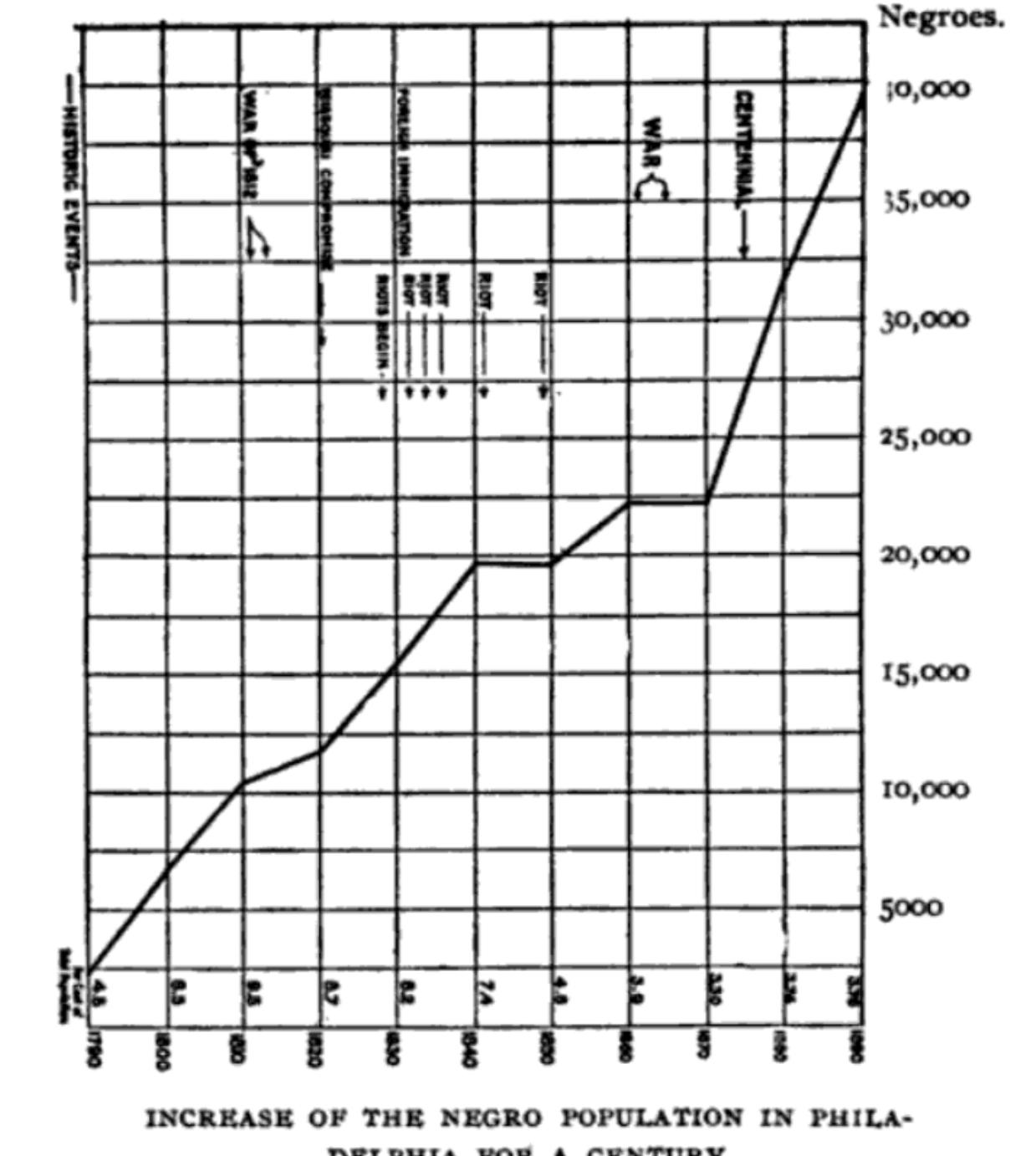
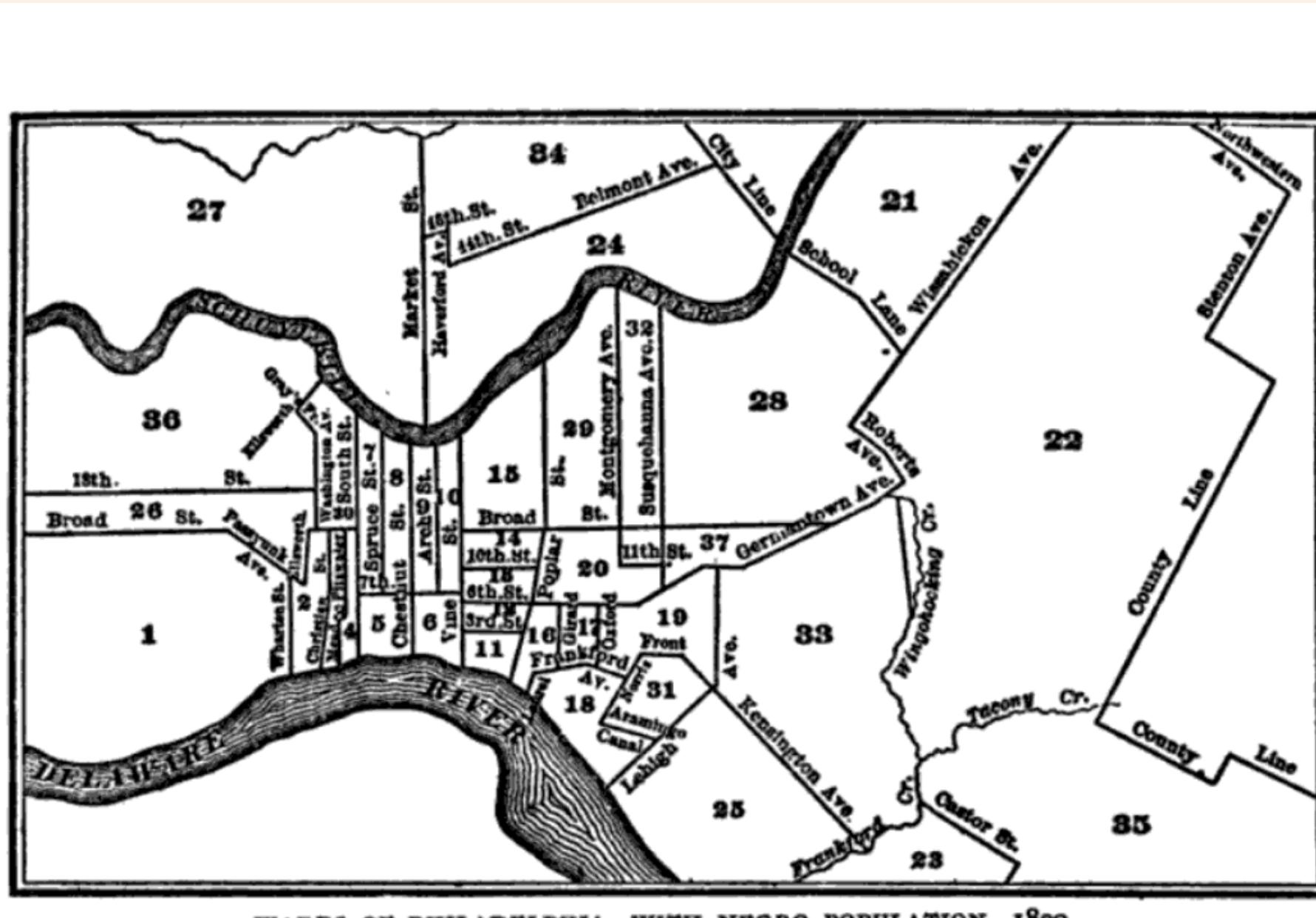
\* Including Chinese, Japanese and Indians. † 15 to 55. ‡ Over 55.

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"



Atlanta University Debating Team, c. 1900



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



W.E.B. DuBois in Paris 1900



Exposition of the American Negro, Paris, 1900

# Historical Context



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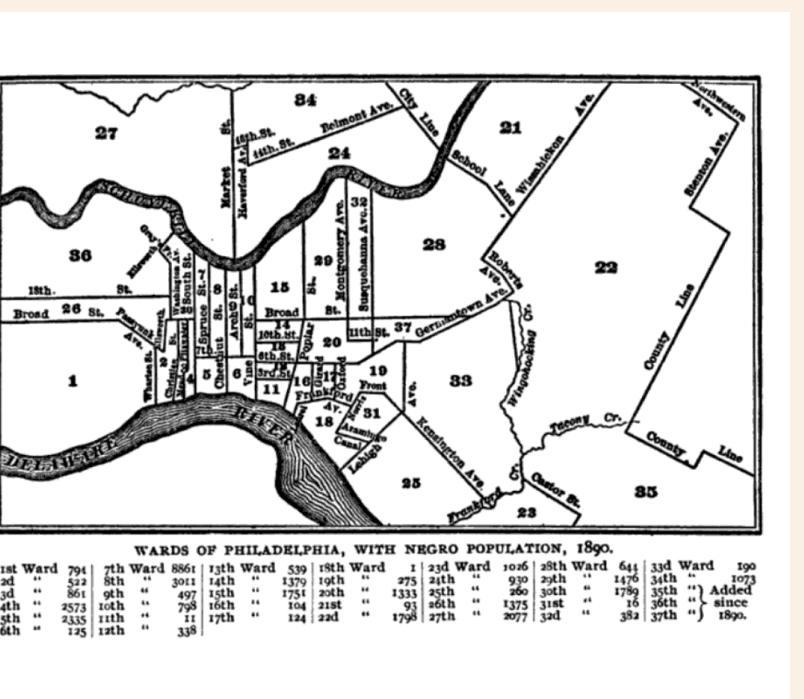
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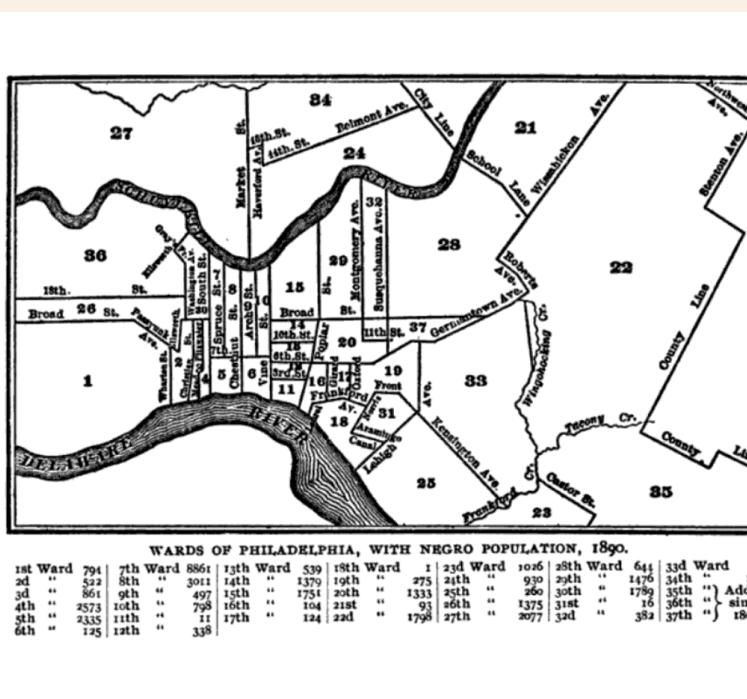


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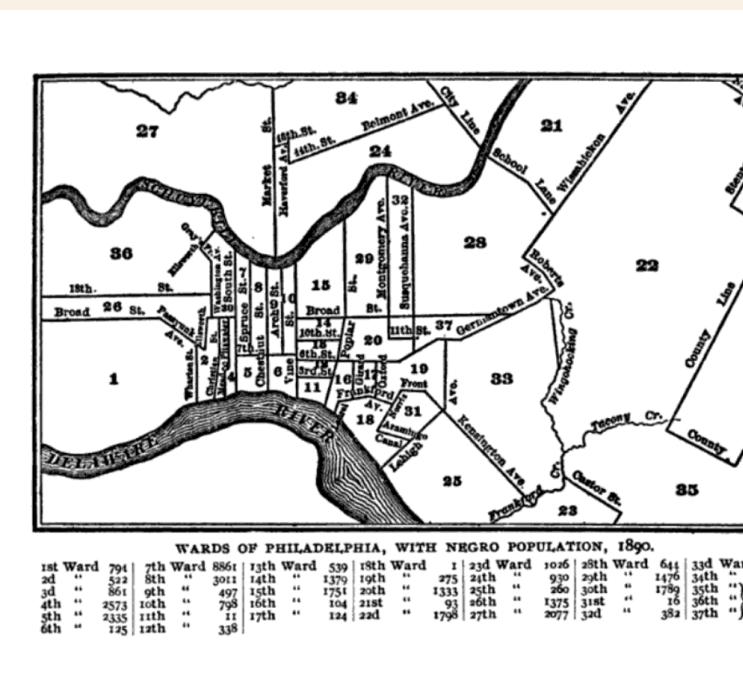
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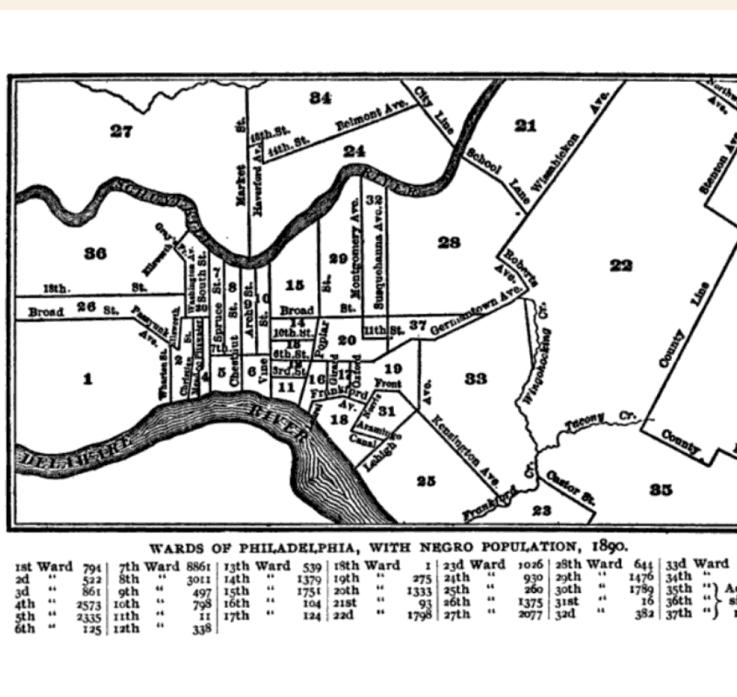
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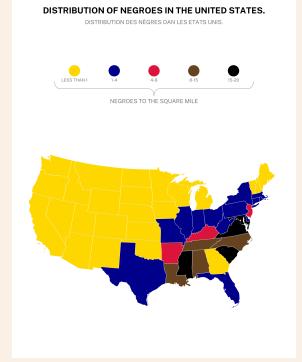
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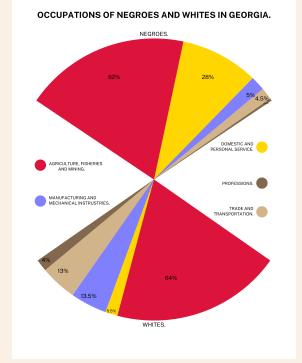


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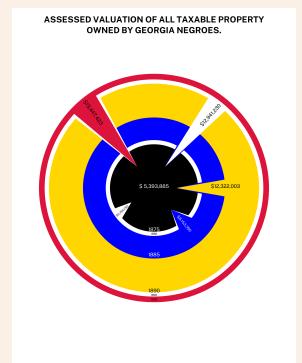
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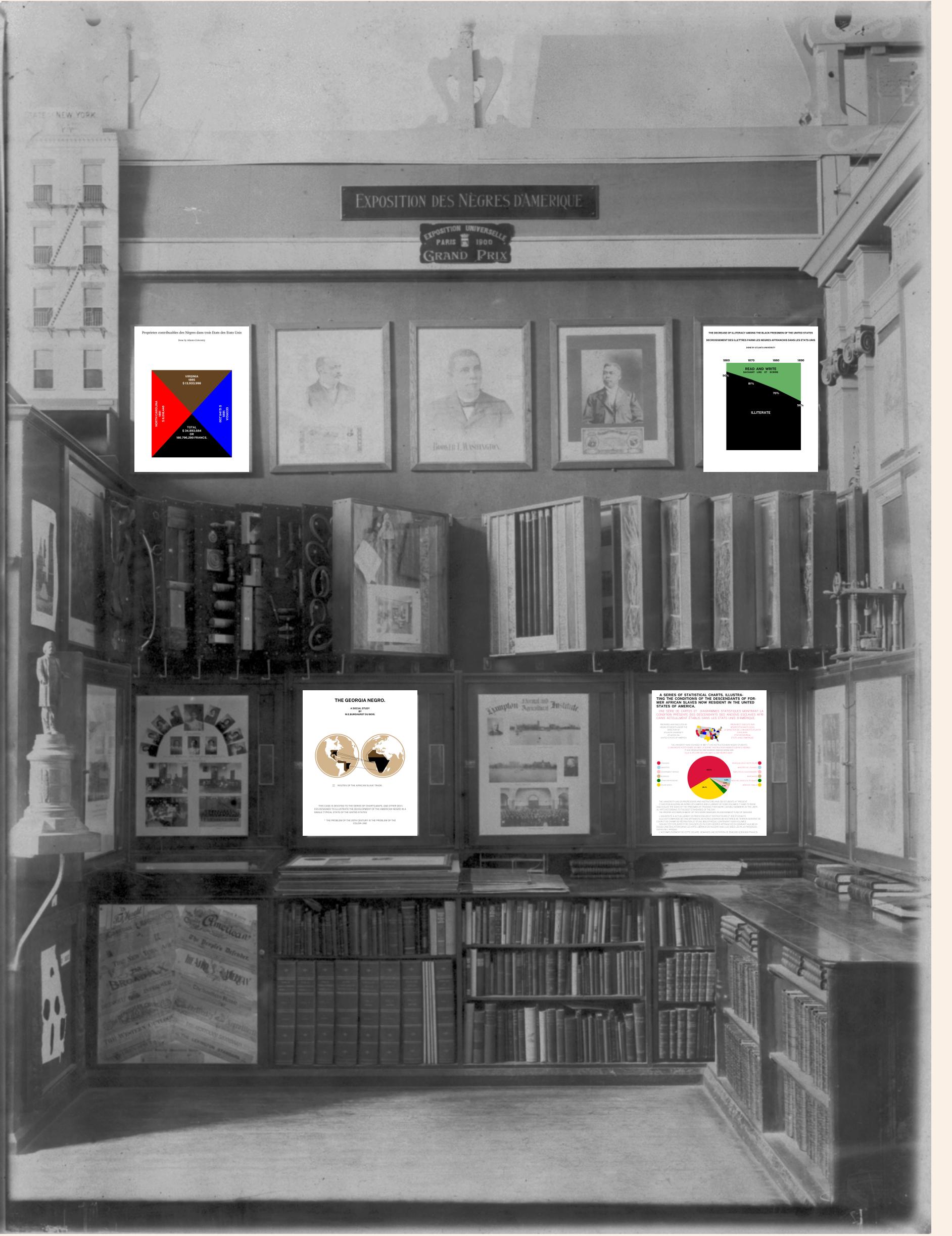


# This is who we are



# This is how far we have come





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A SERIES OF STATISTICAL CHARTS, ILLUSTRATING THE CONDITION OF THE DESCENDANTS OF FORMER AFRICAN SLAVES NOW RESIDENT IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.



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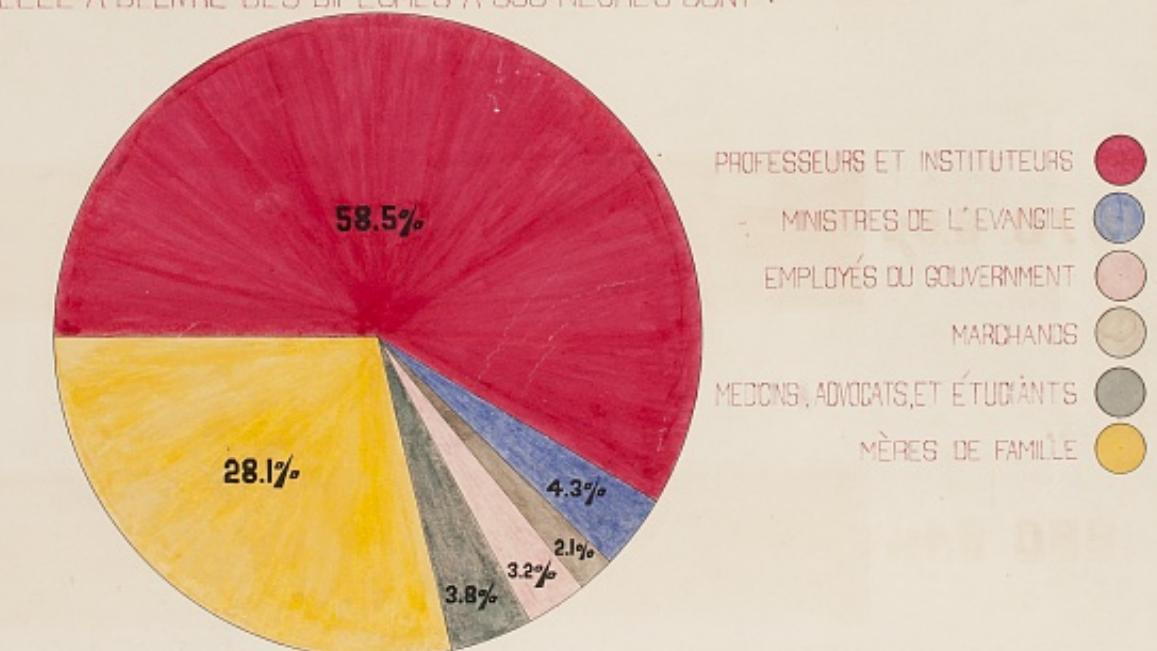
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- TEACHERS
- MINISTERS
- GOVERNMENT SERVICE
- BUSINESS
- OTHER PROFESSIONS
- HOUSE WIVES



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

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IT HAS FIVE BUILDINGS, 60 ACRES OF CAMPUS, AND A LIBRARY OF 11,000 VOLUMES. IT AIMS TO RAISE  
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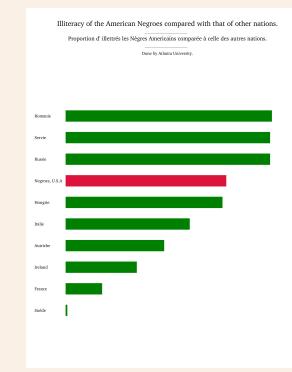
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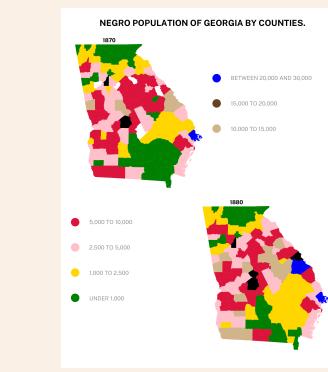
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# Taxonomy



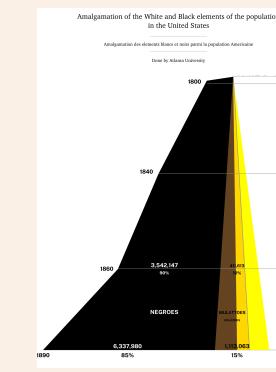
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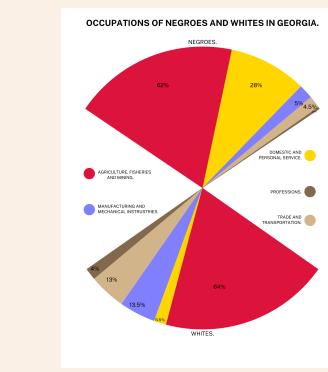
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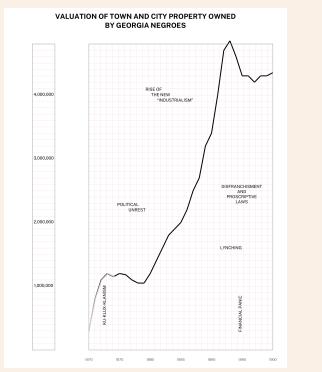
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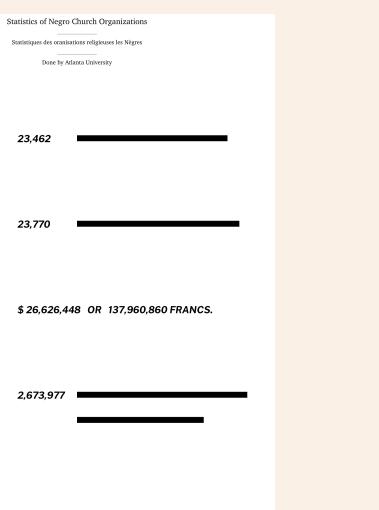
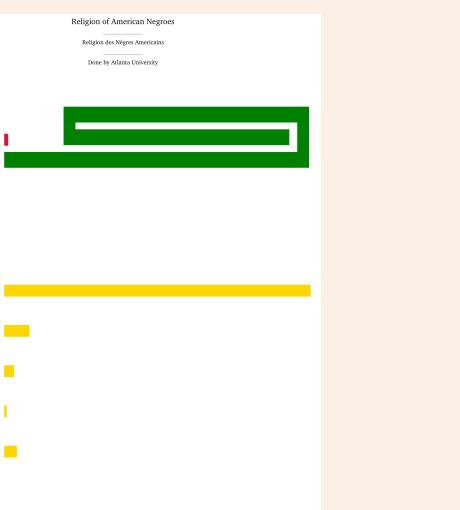
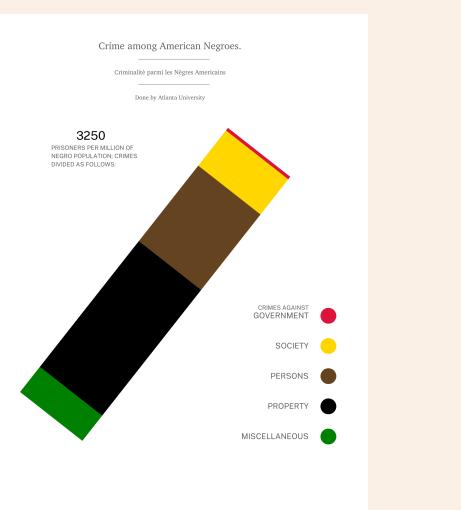
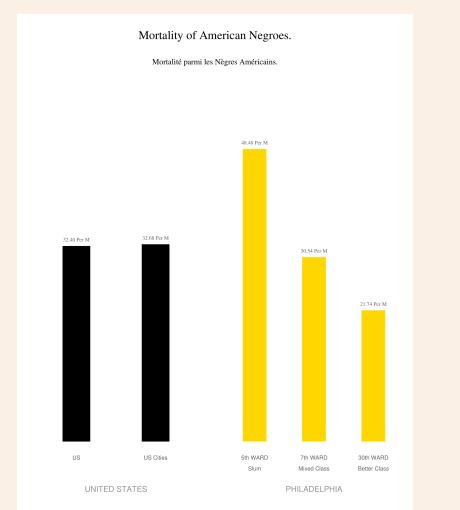
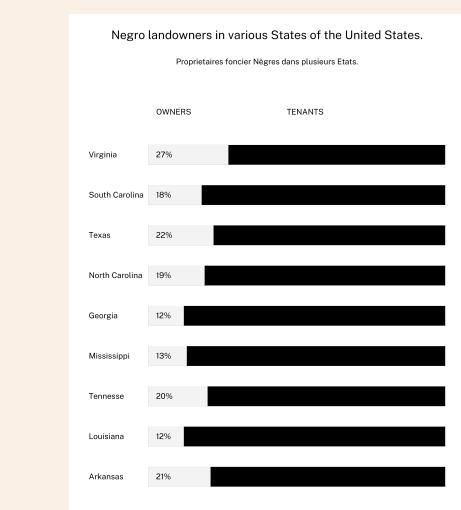
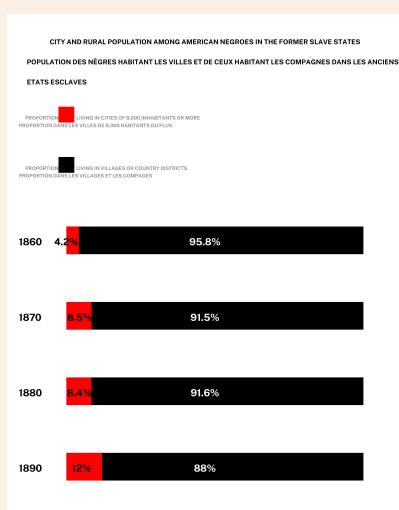
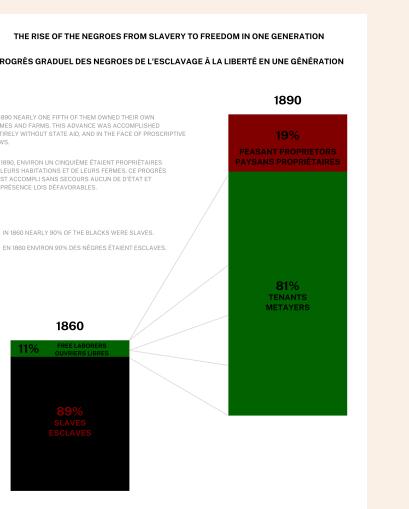
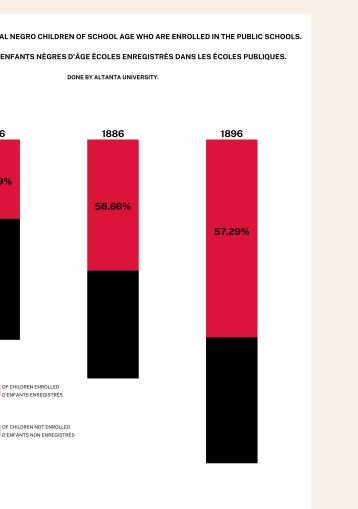
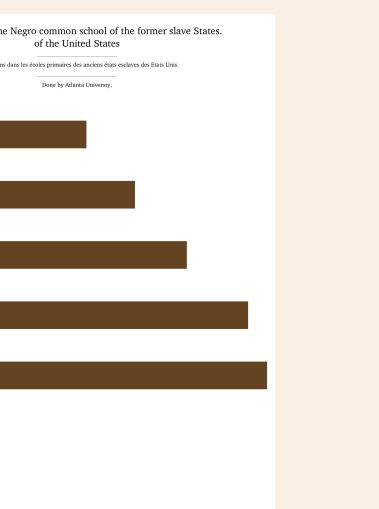
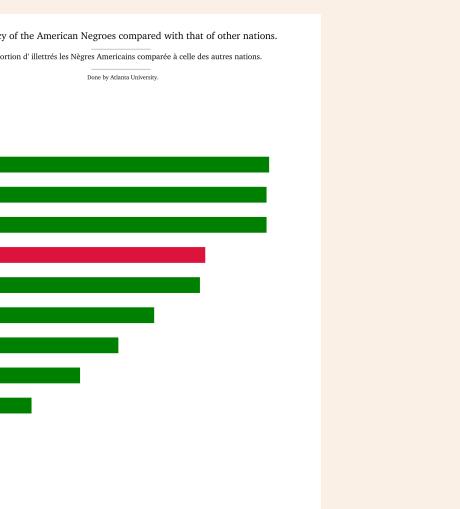
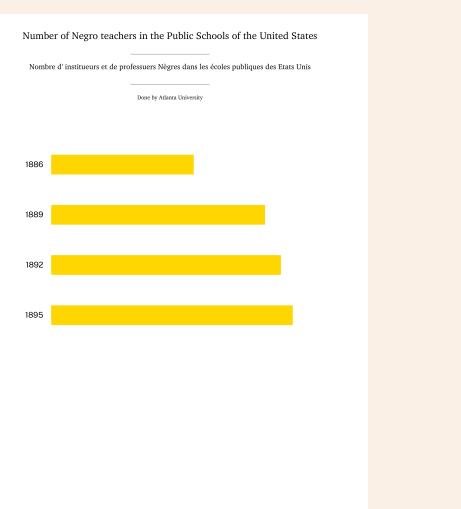
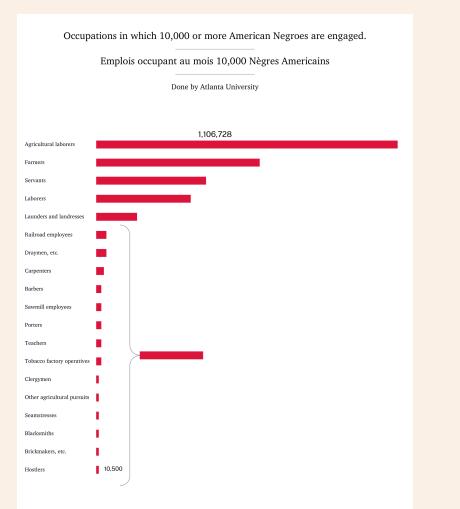
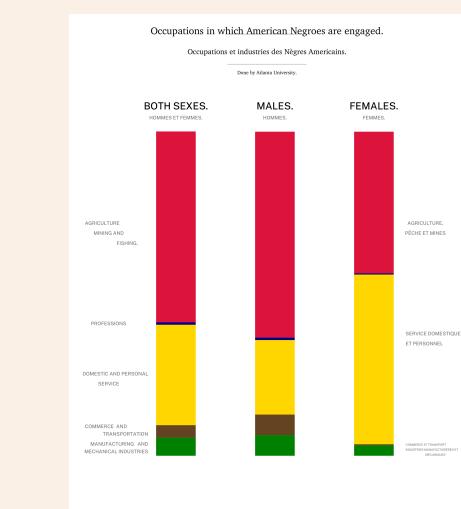
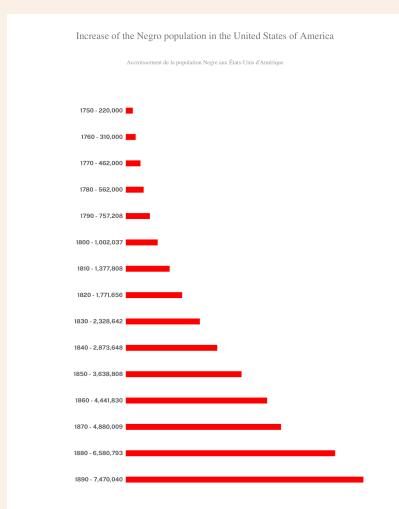
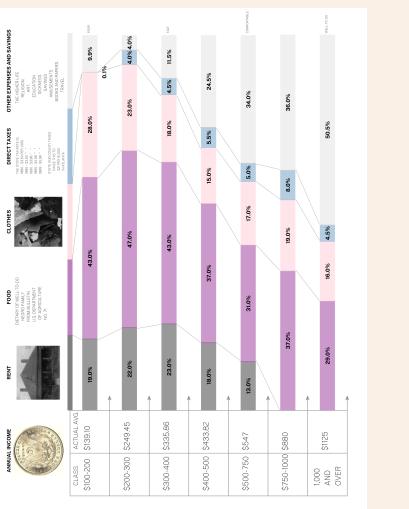
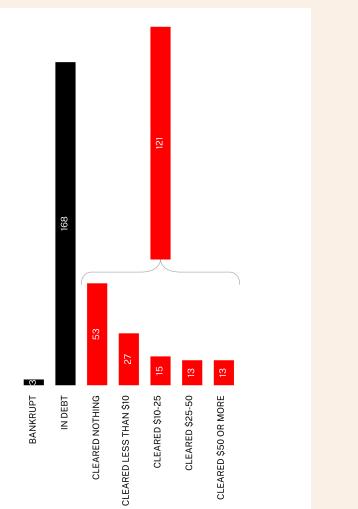
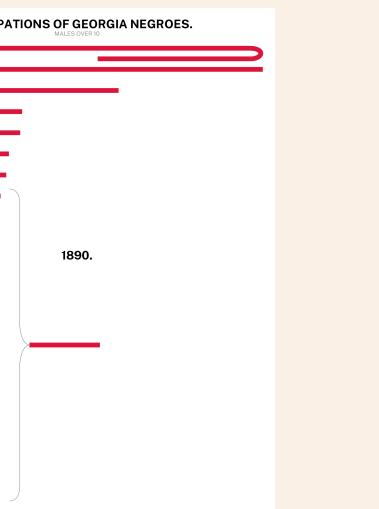
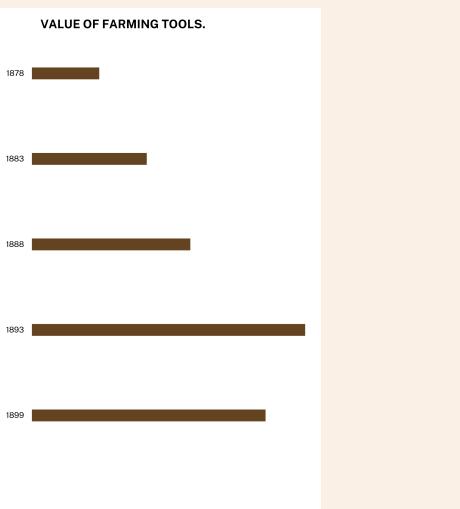
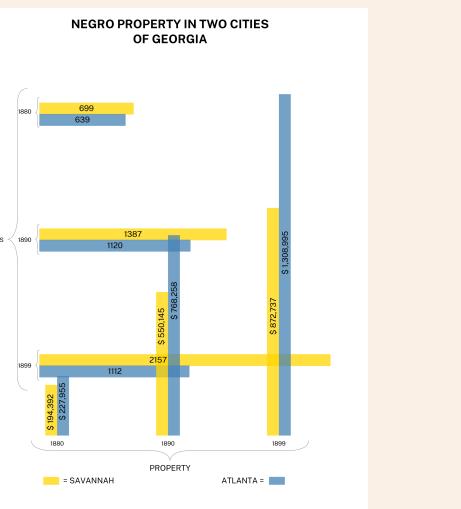
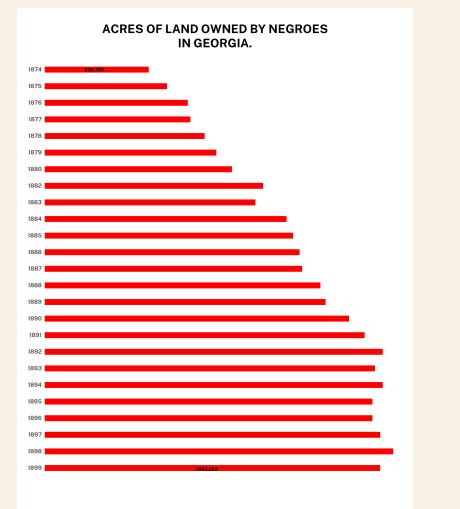
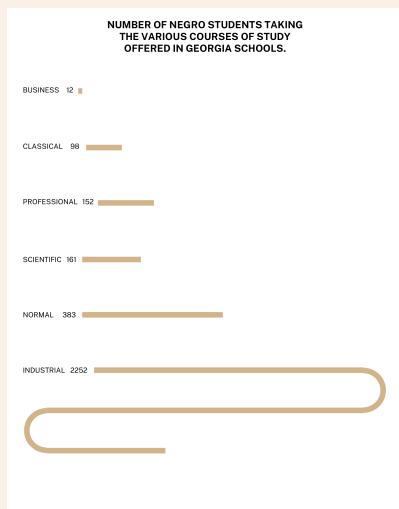
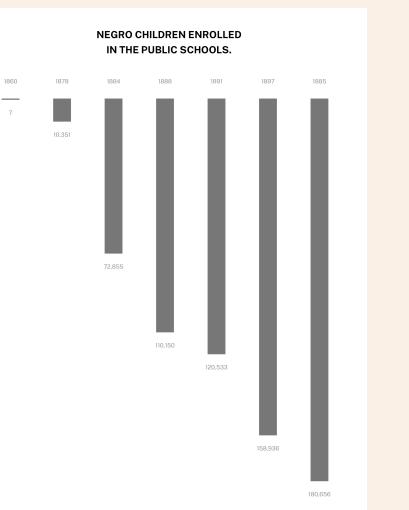
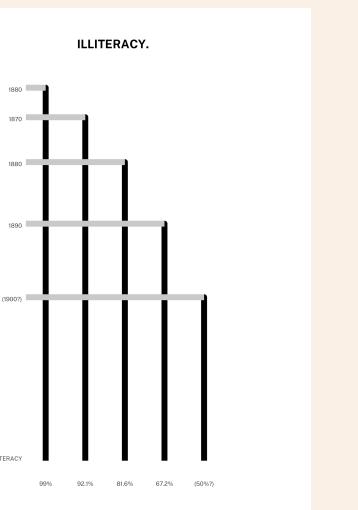
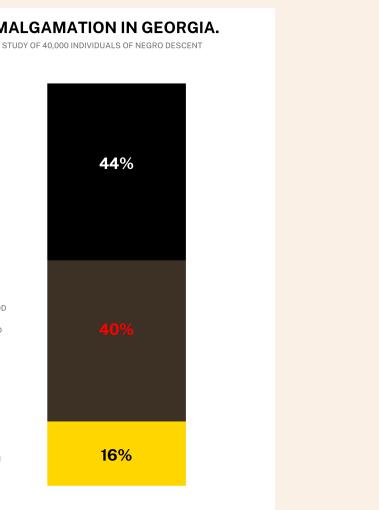
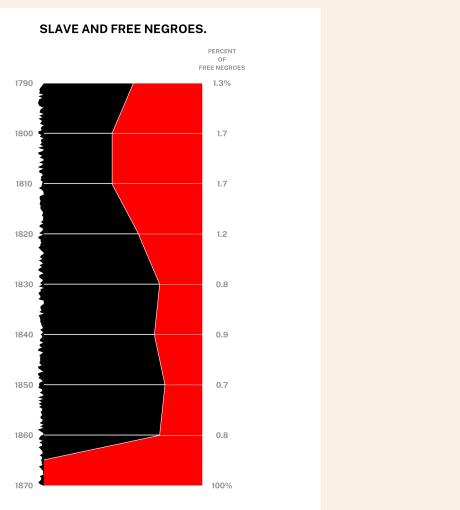
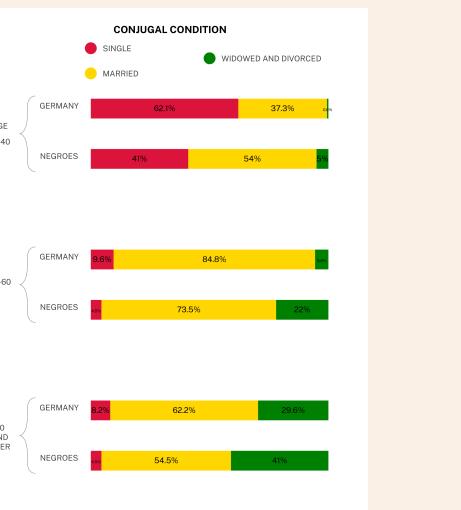
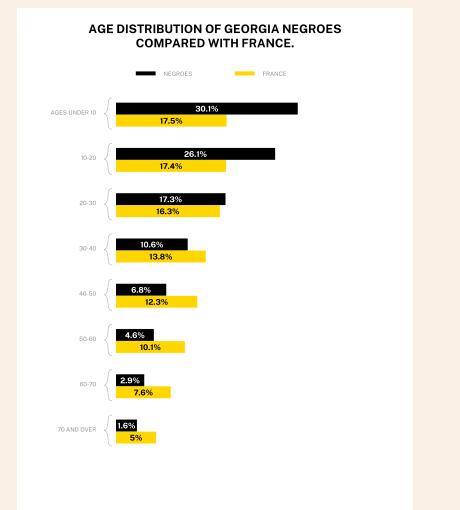
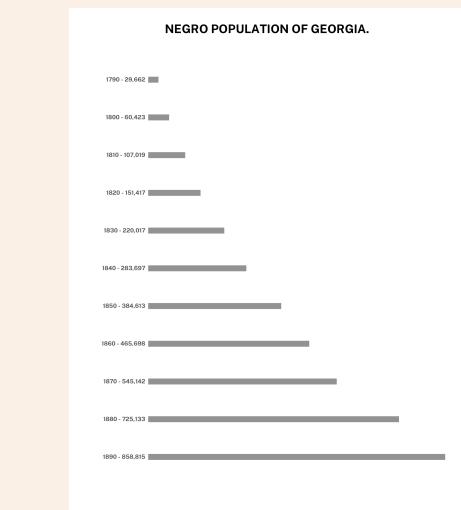
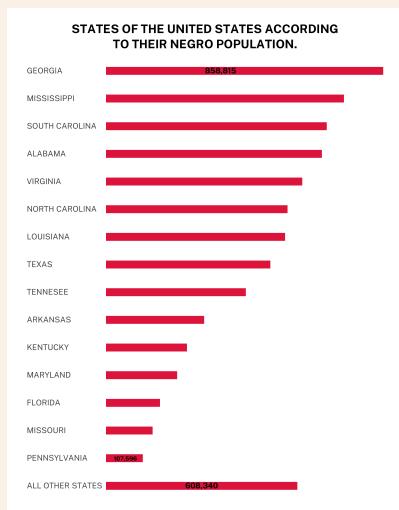
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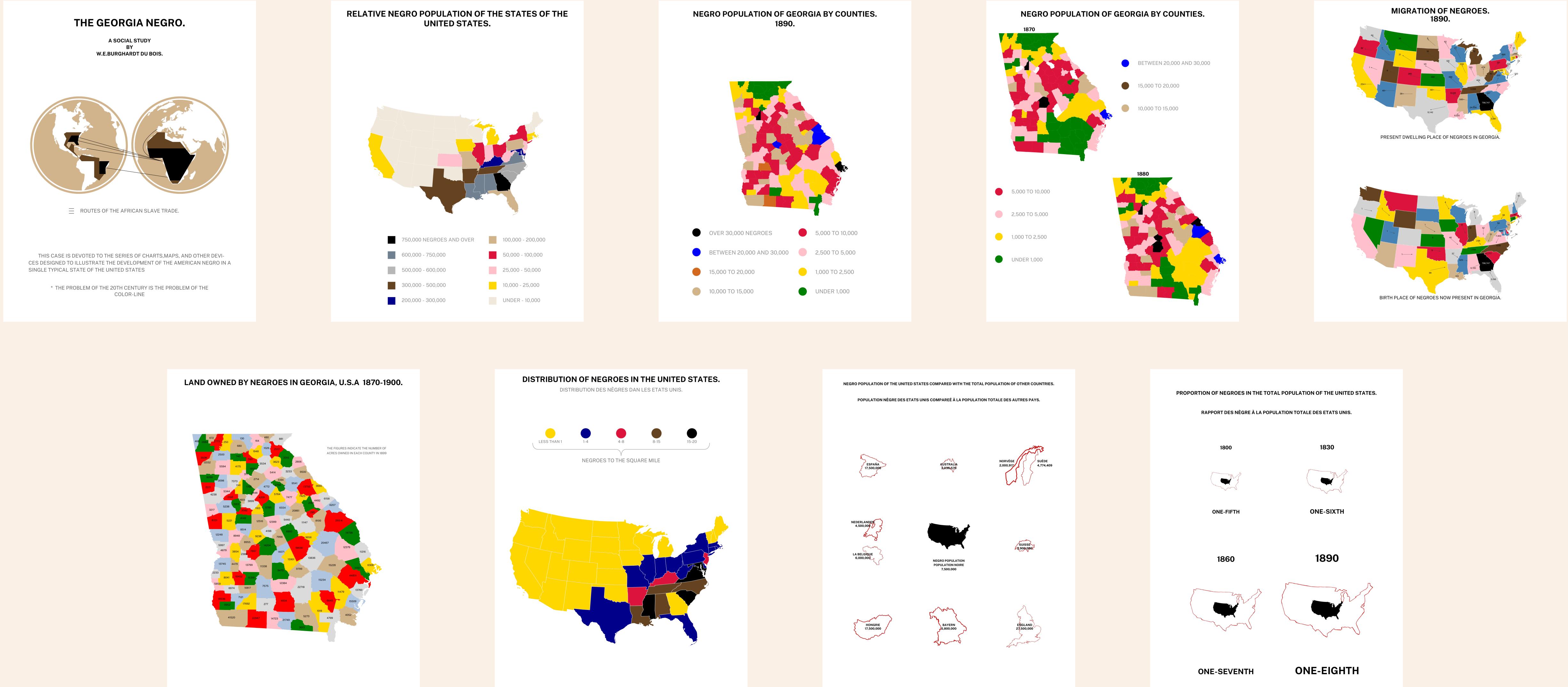
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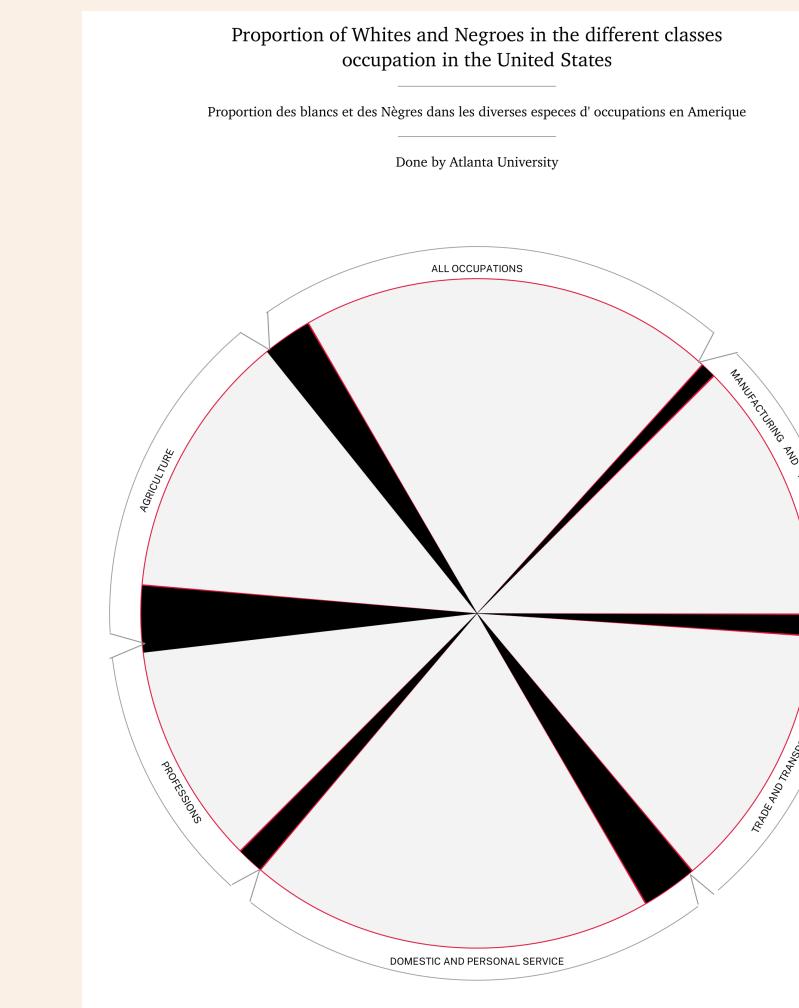
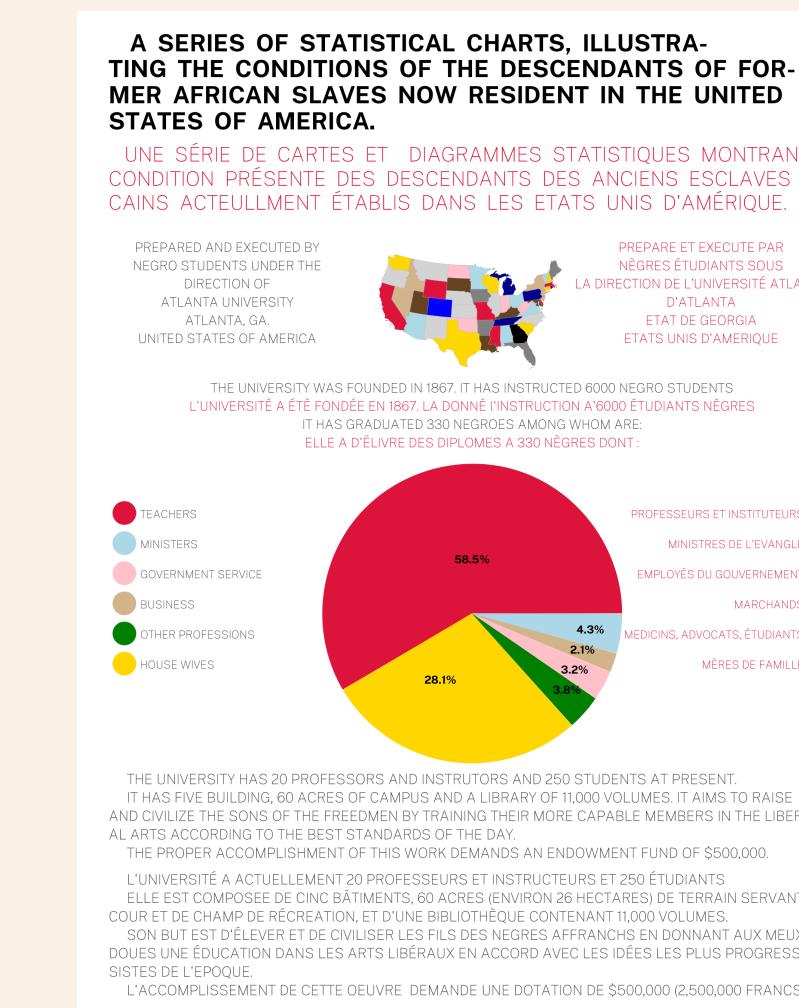
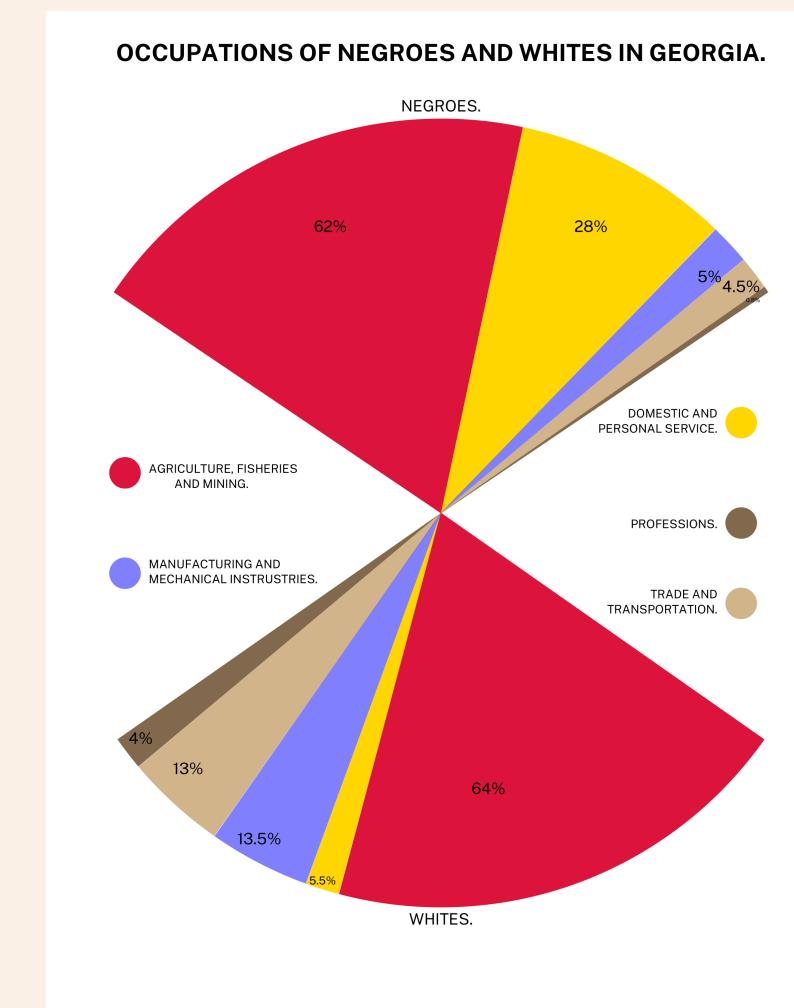
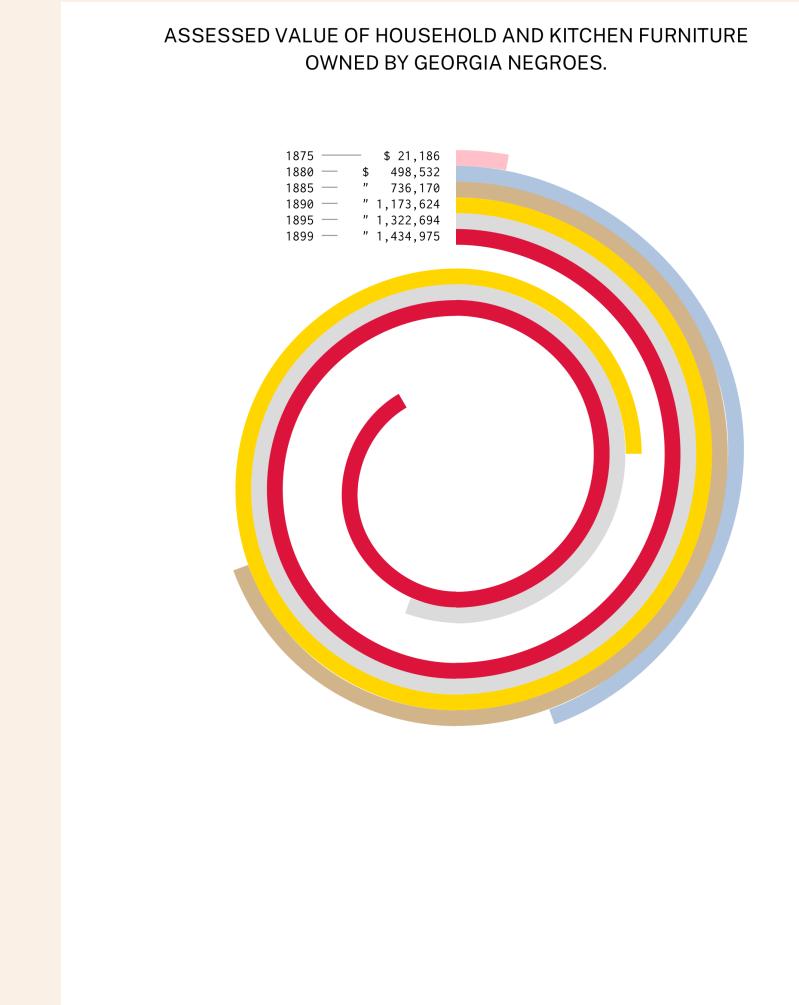
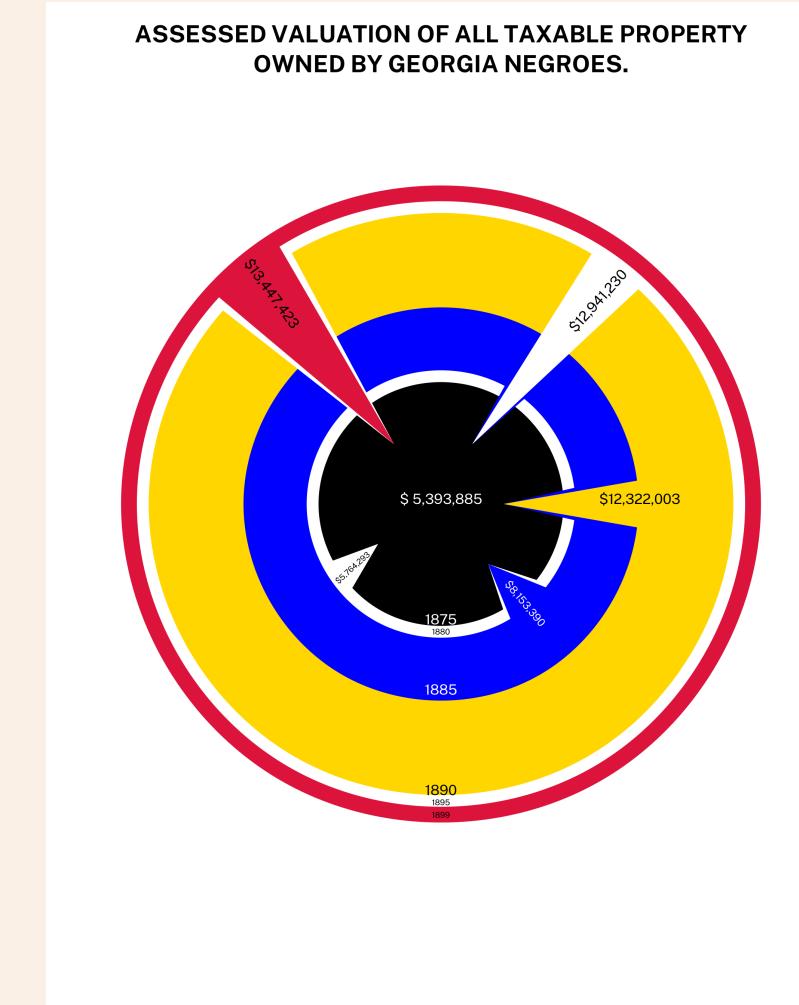
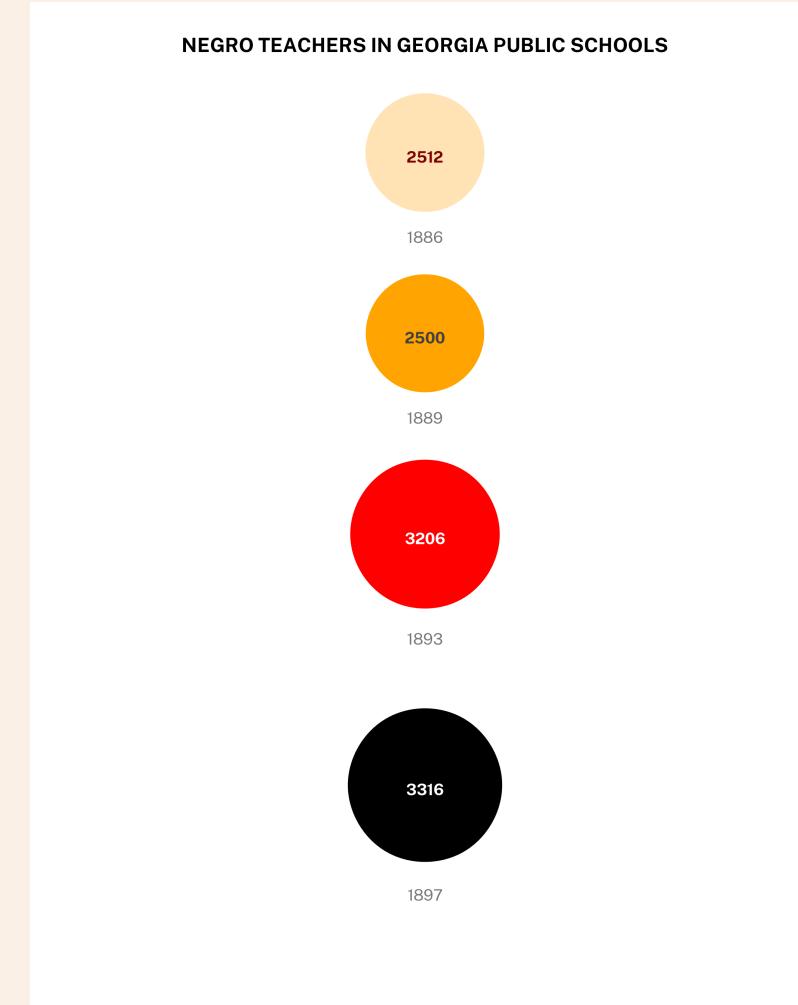
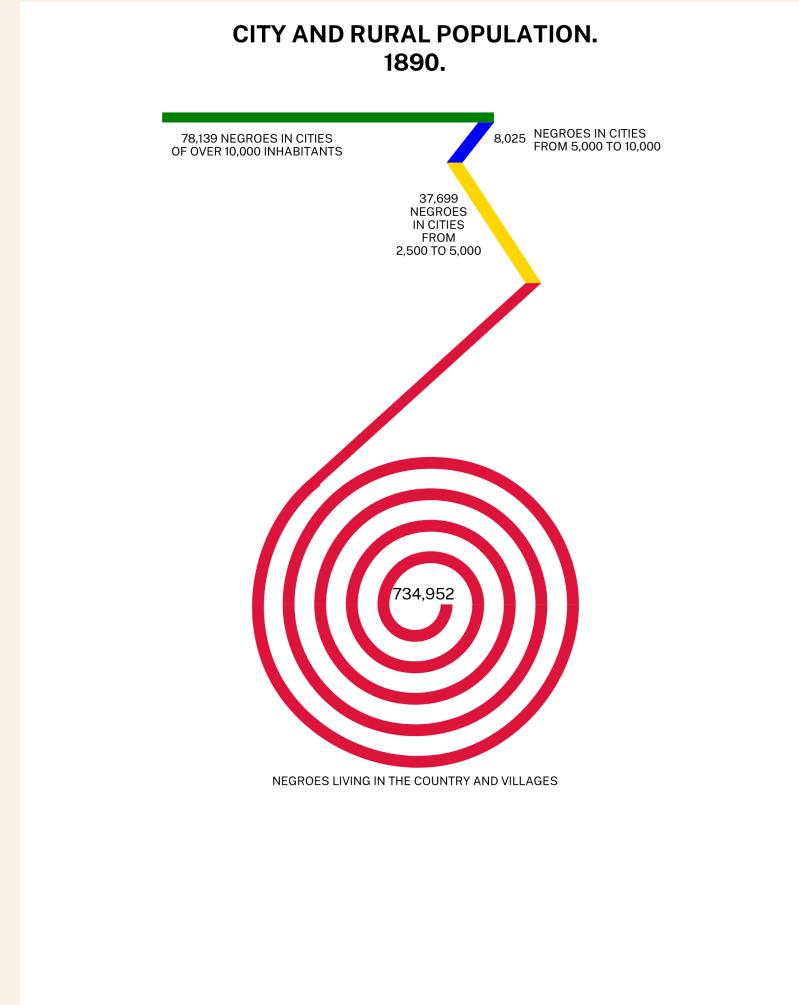
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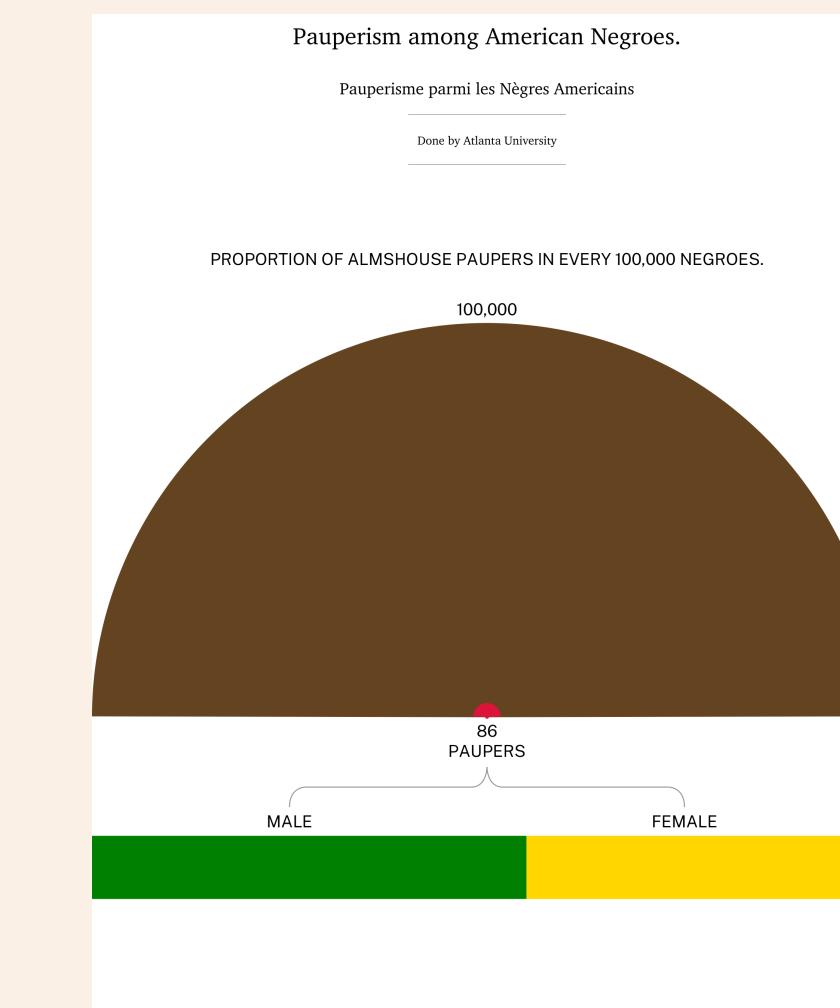
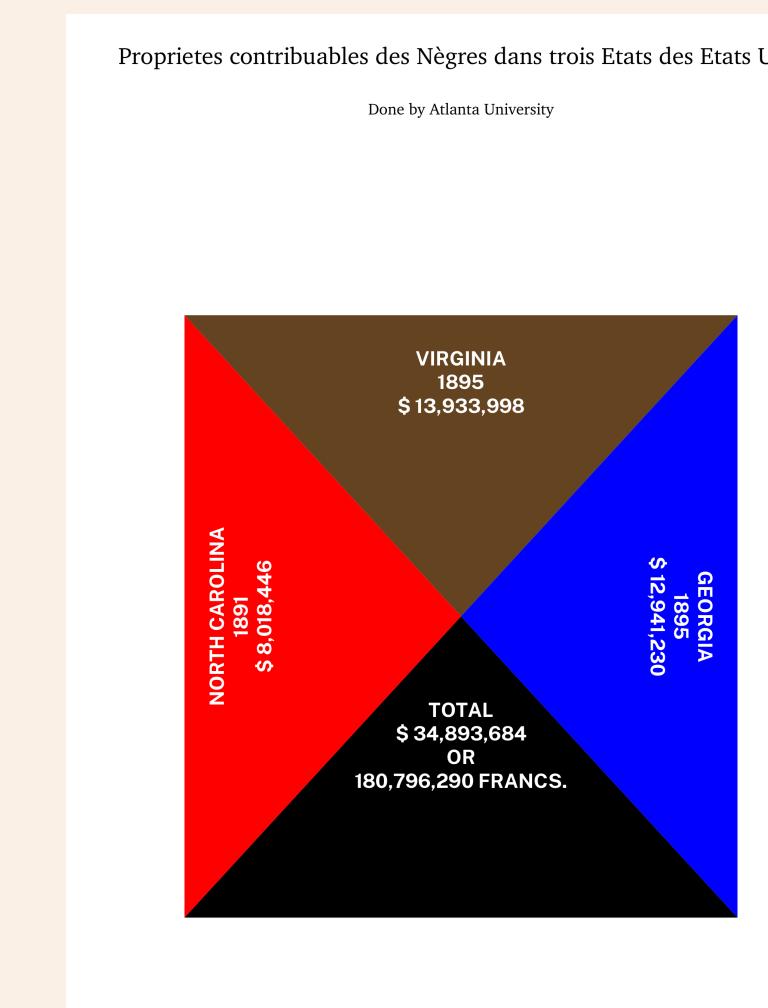
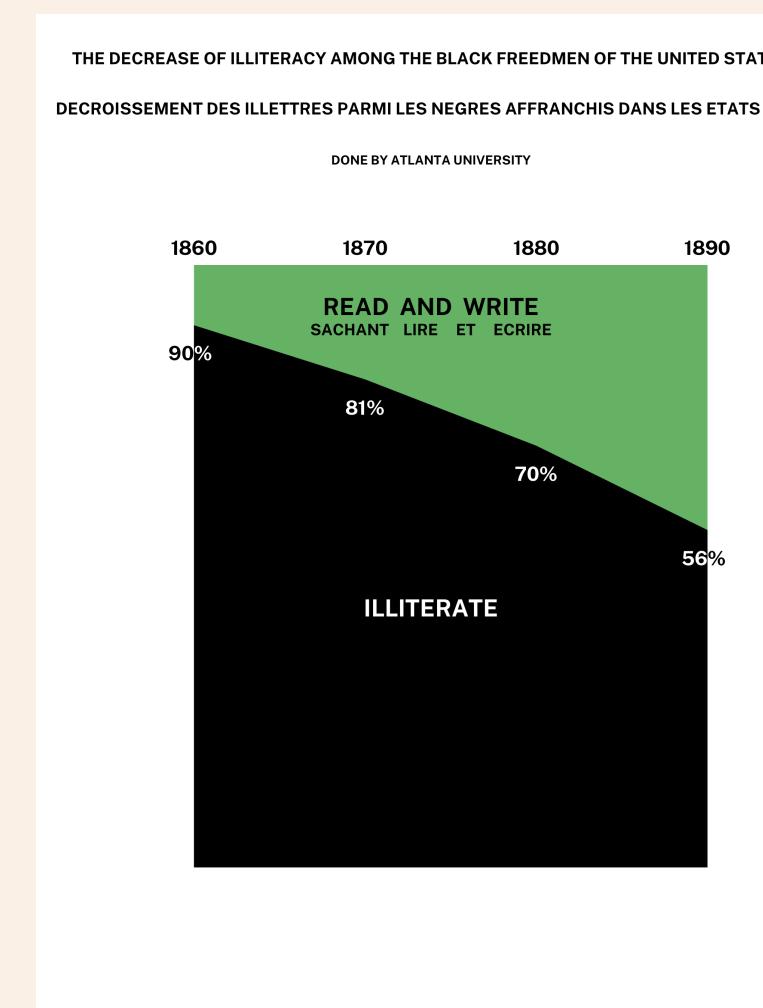
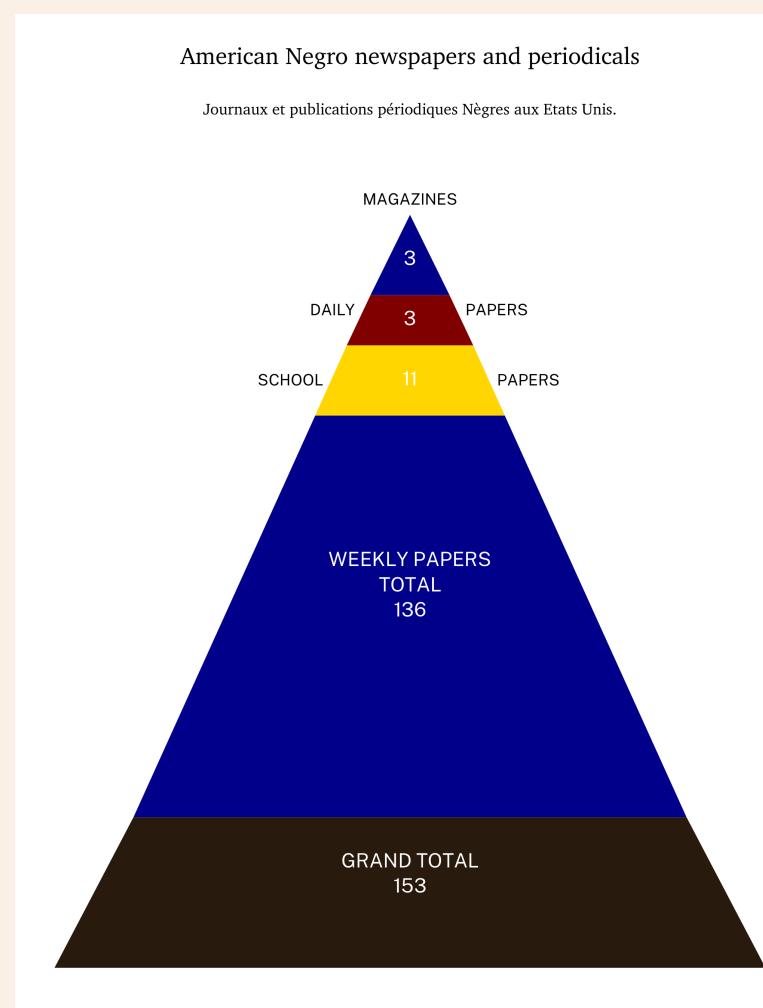
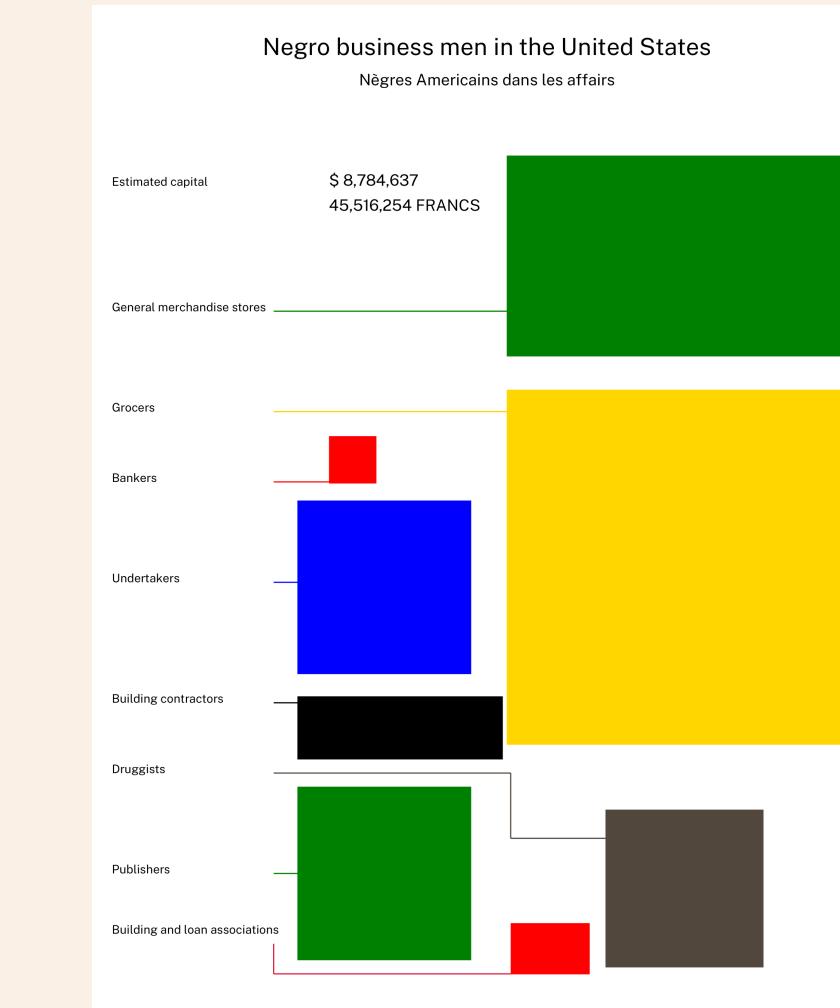
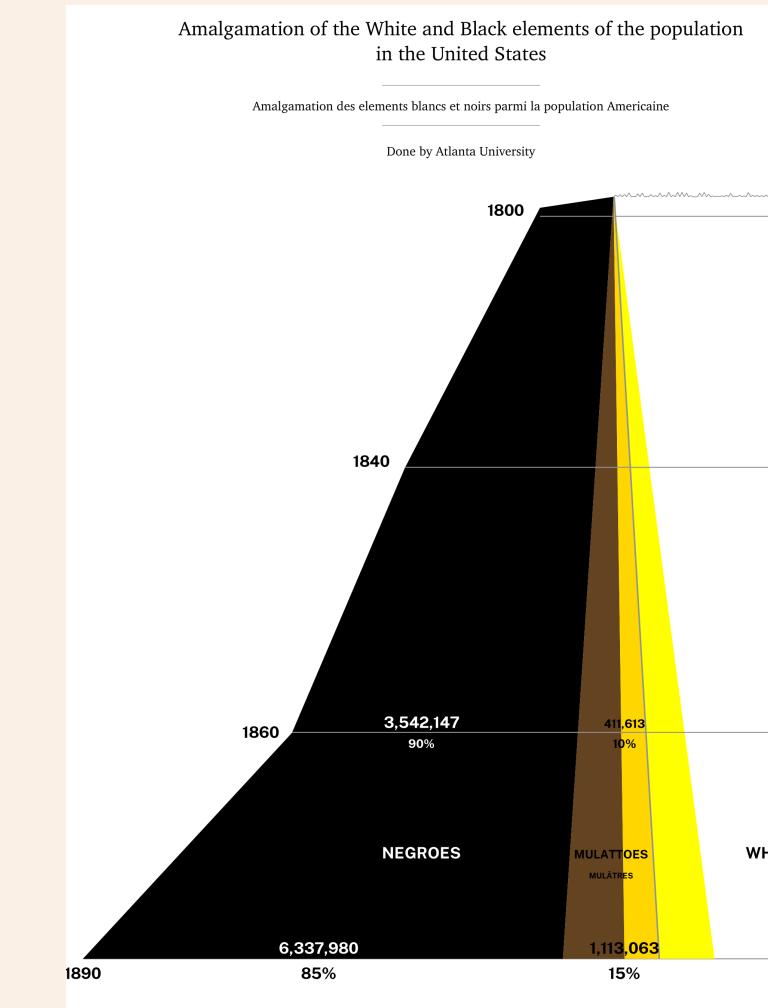
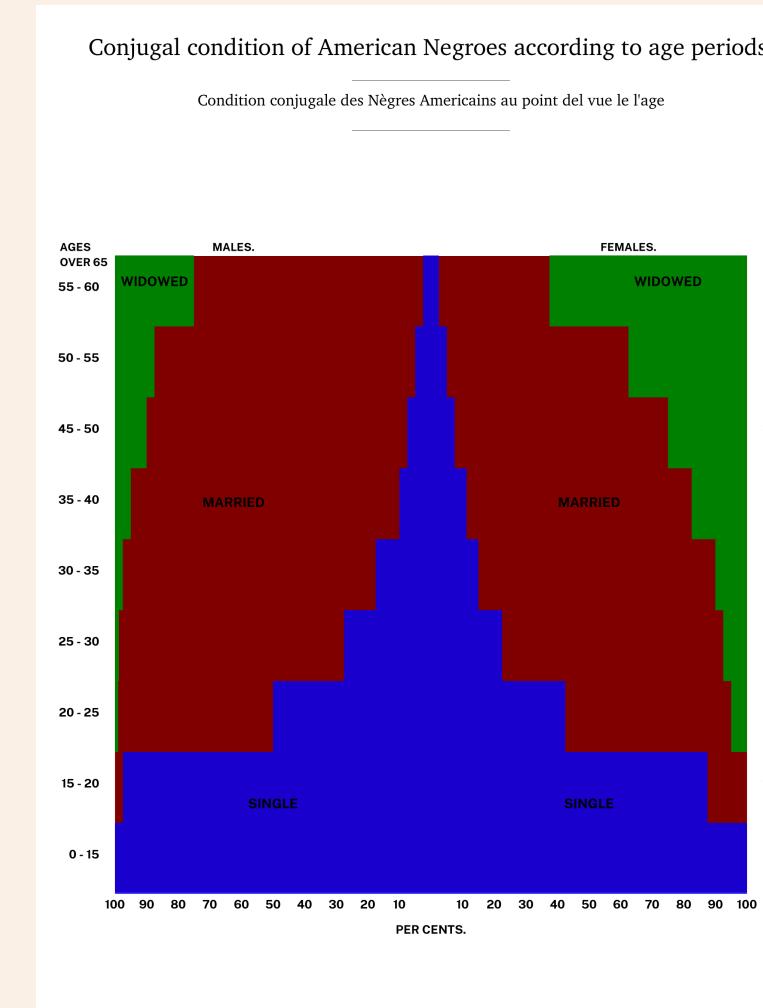
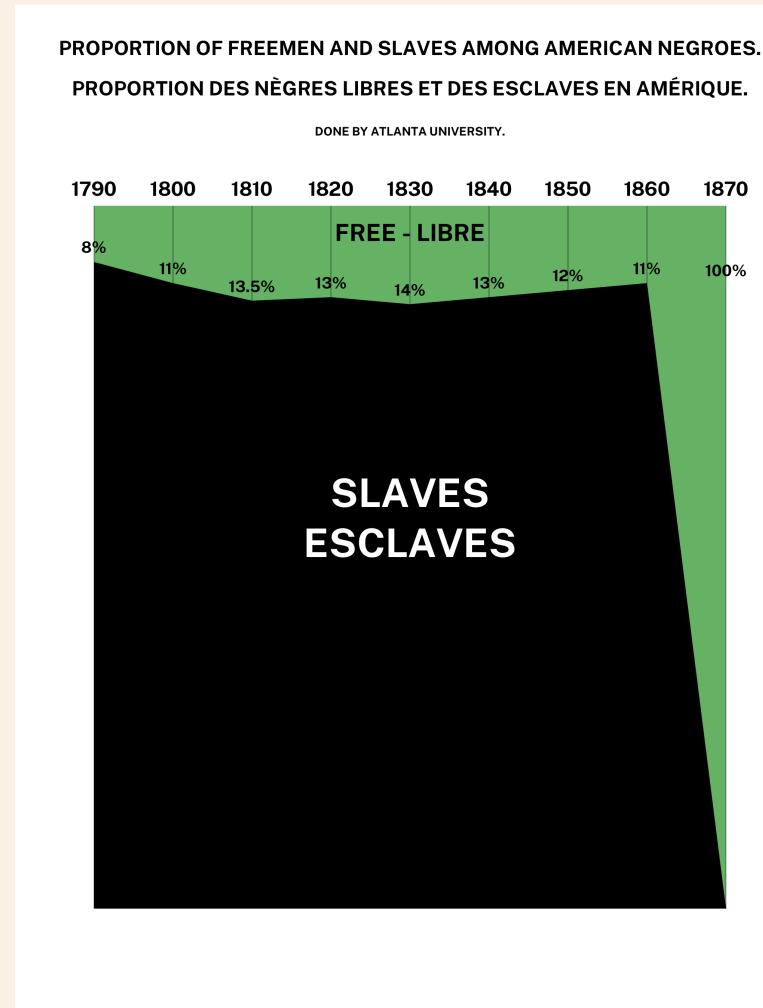
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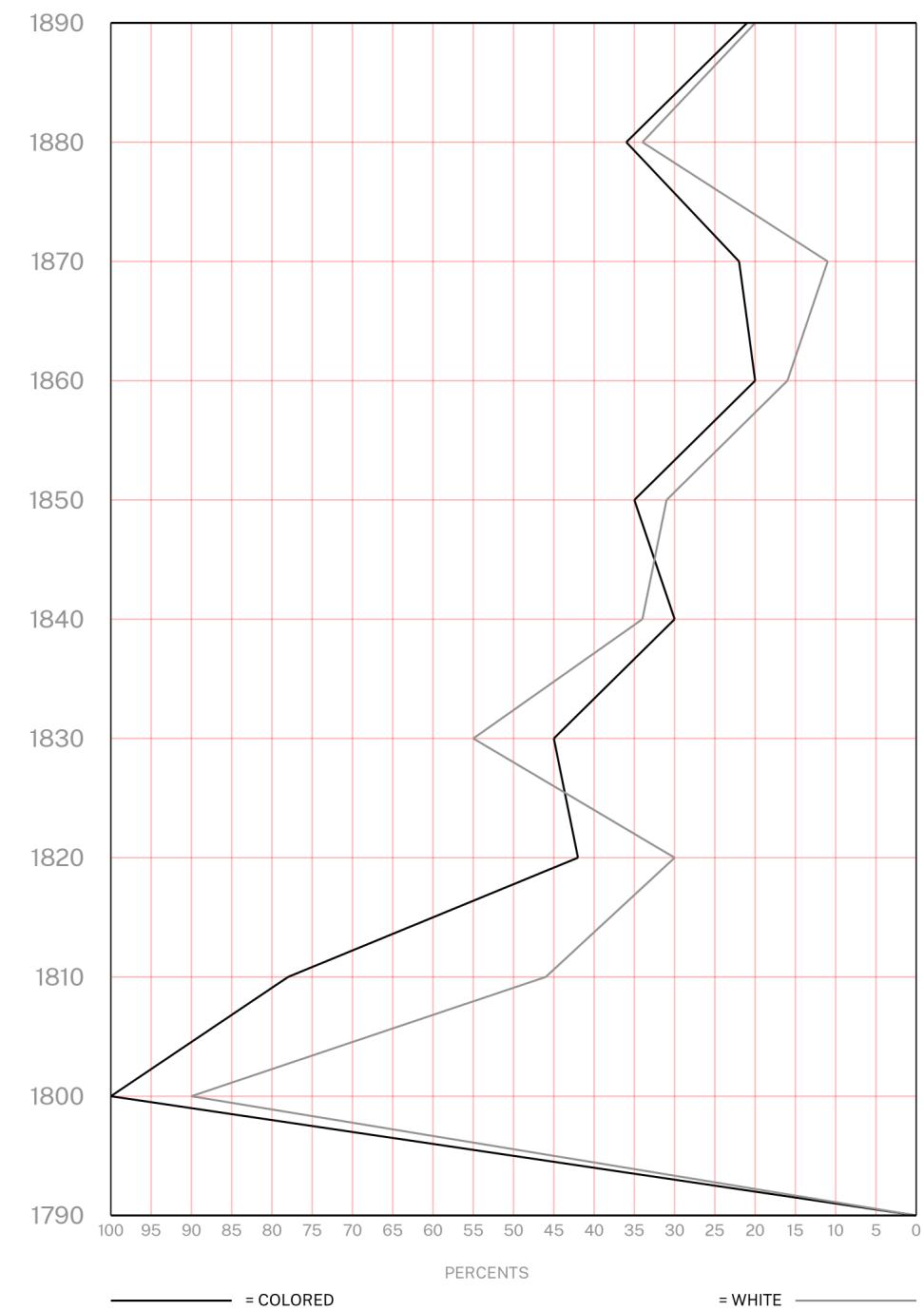


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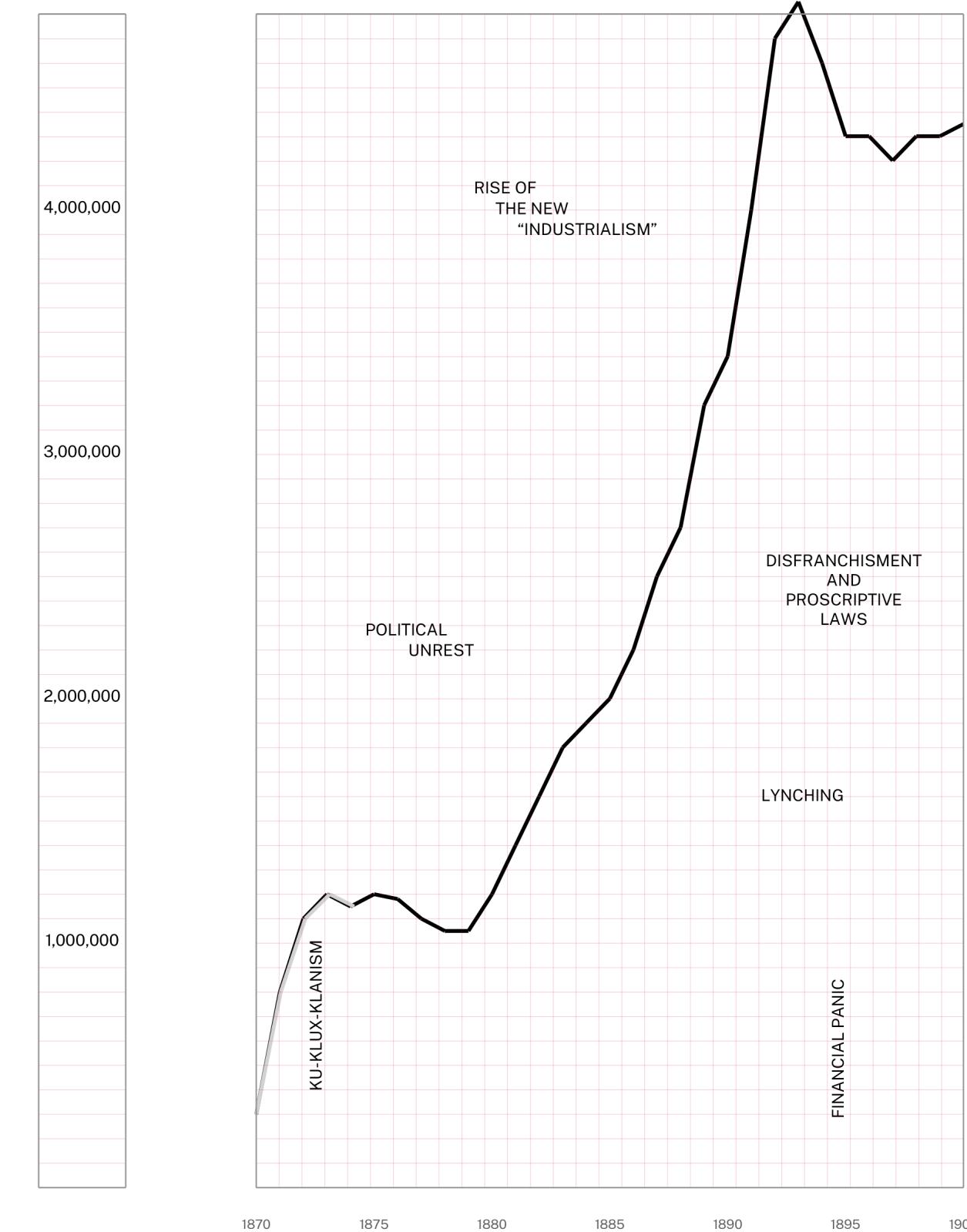


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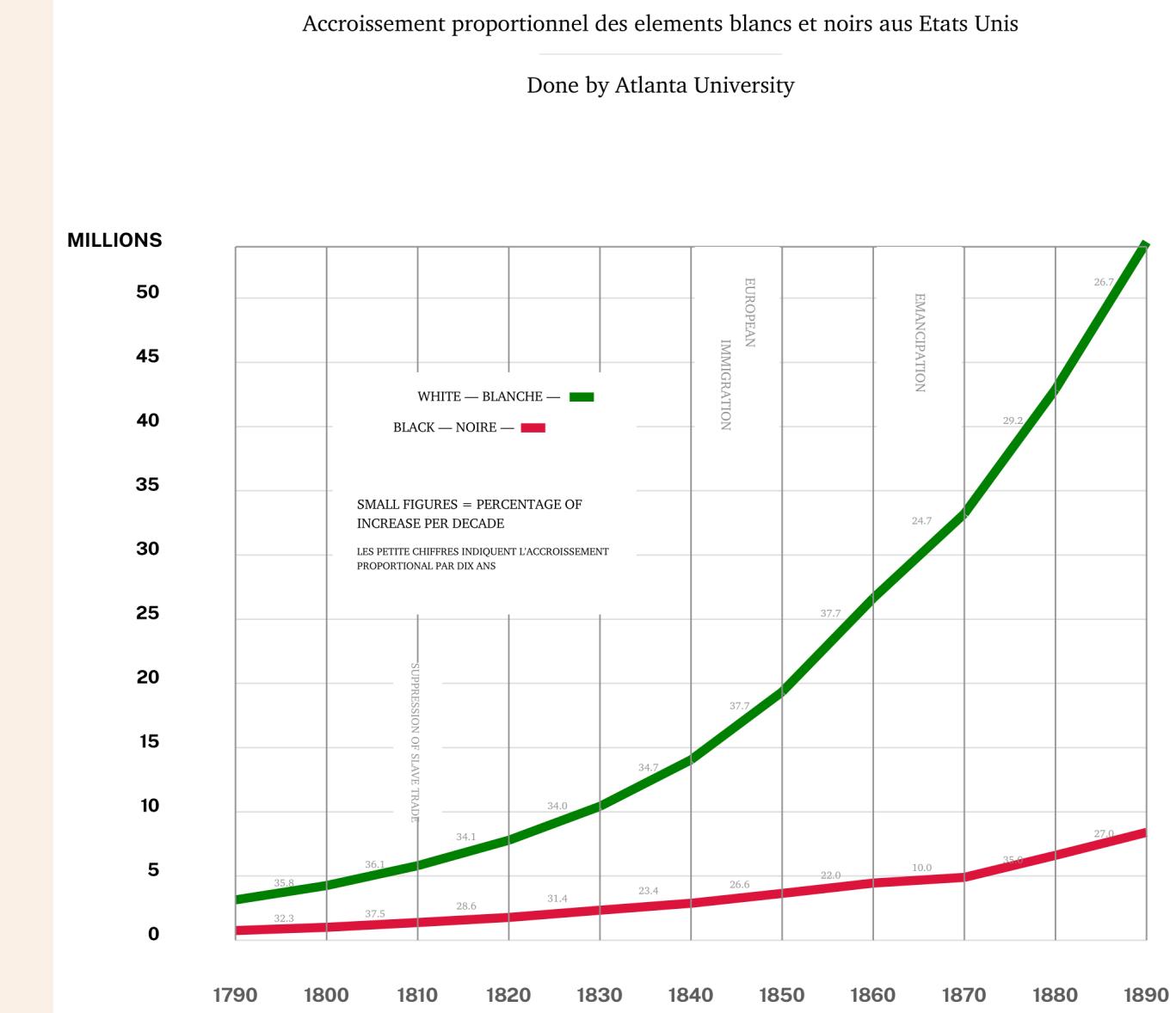
**COMPARATIVE INCREASE OF WHITE AND COLORED POPULATION OF GEORGIA.**



**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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brown



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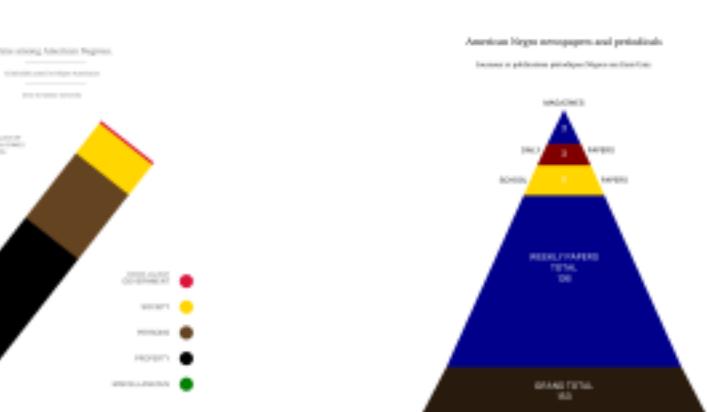
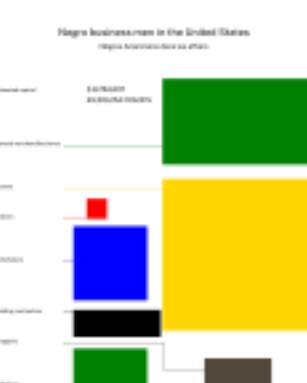
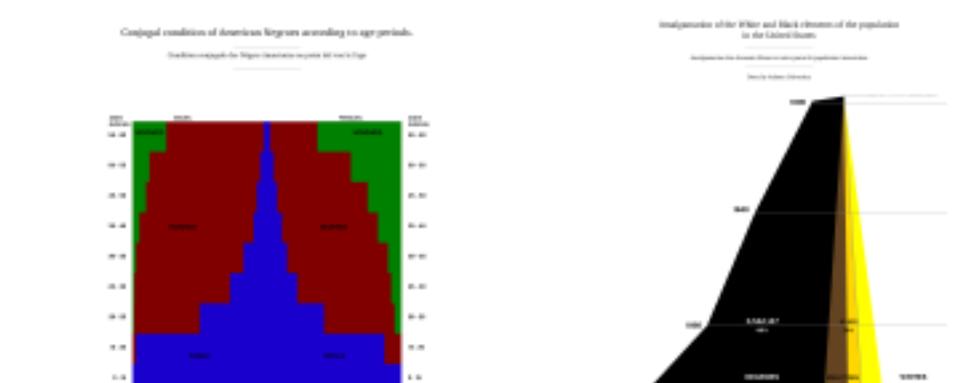
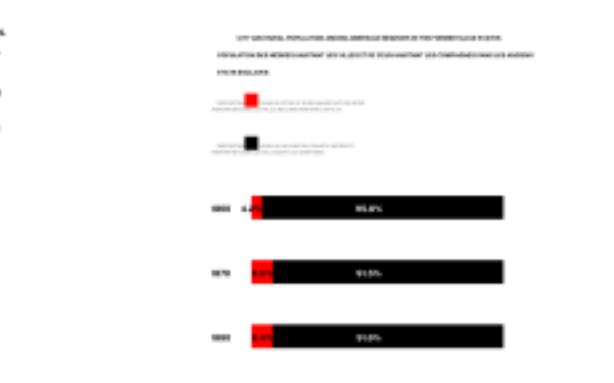
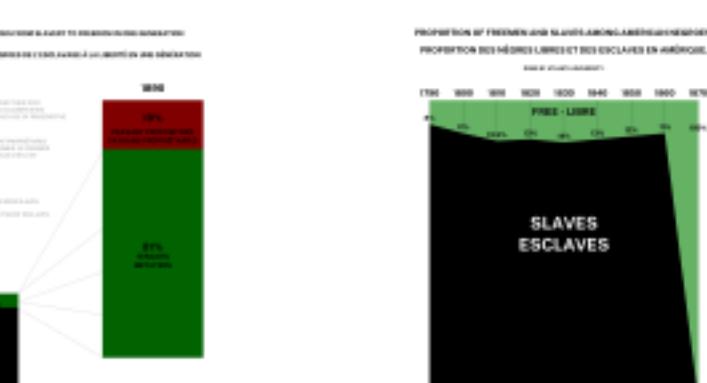
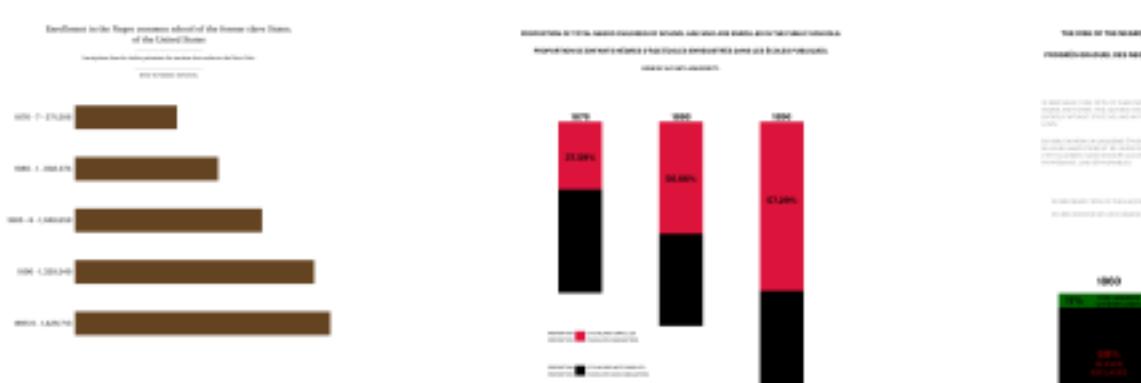
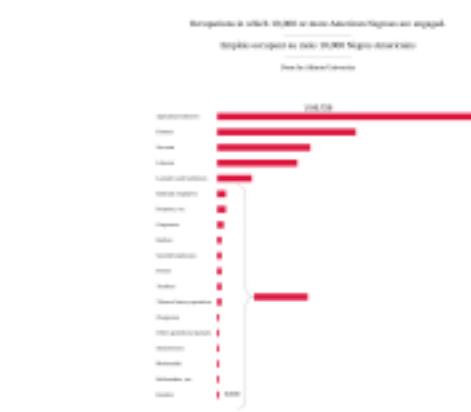
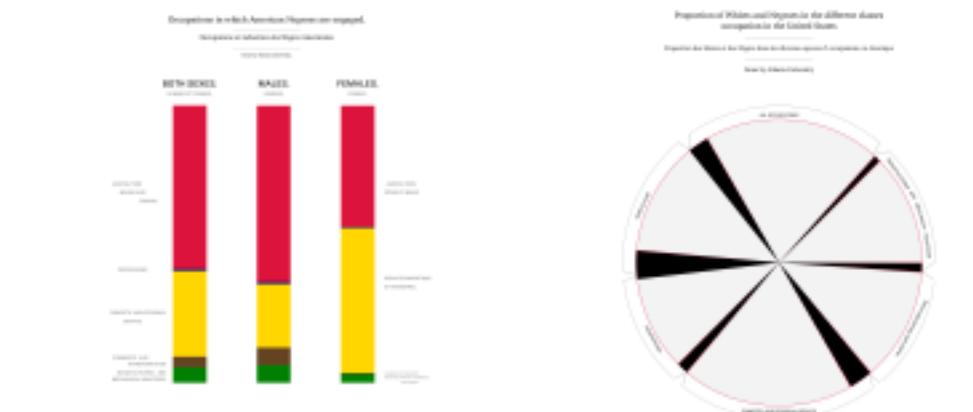
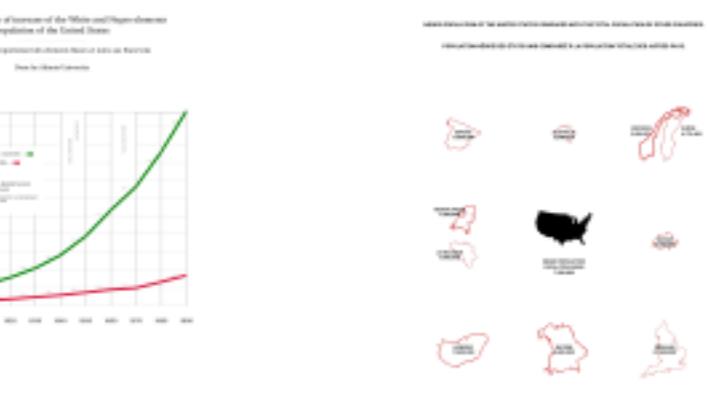
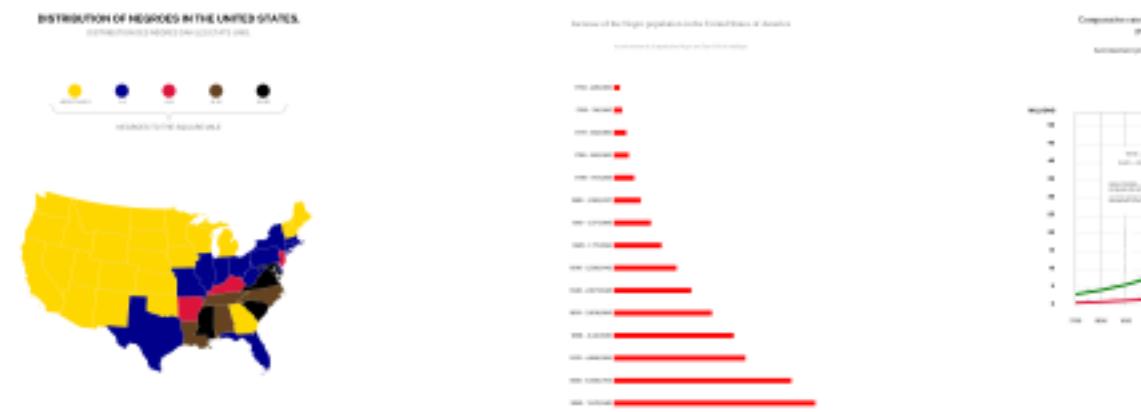
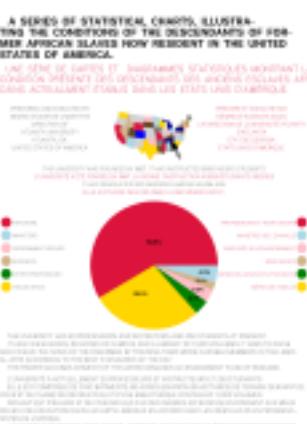
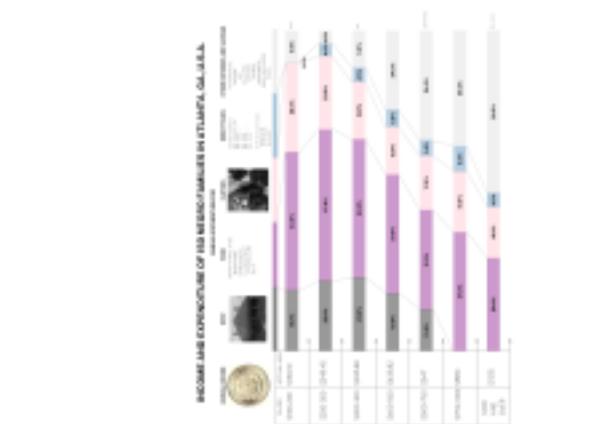
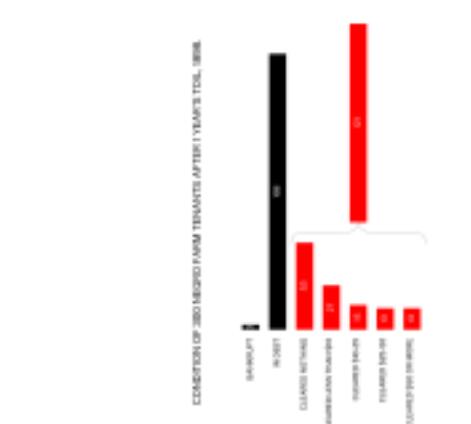
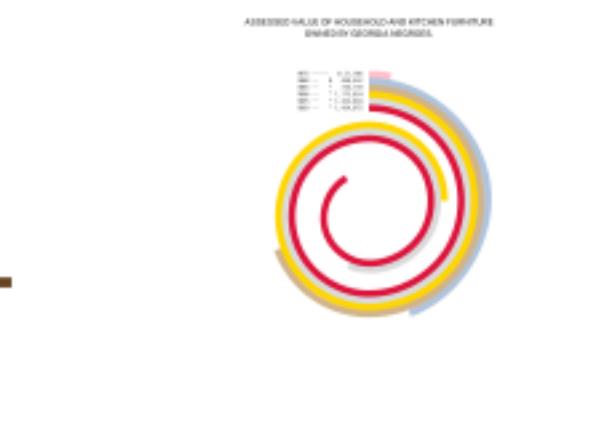
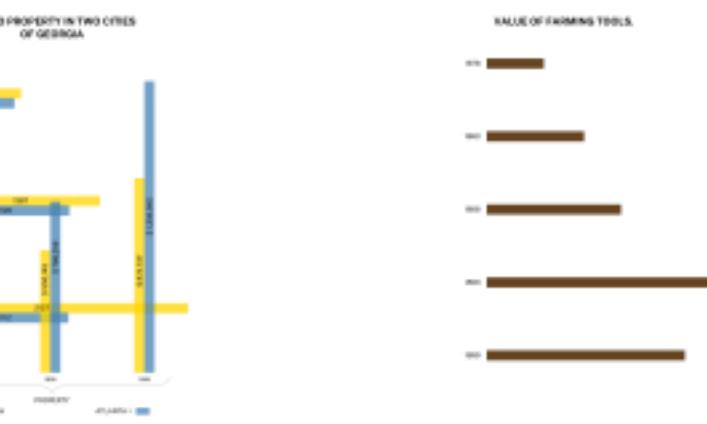
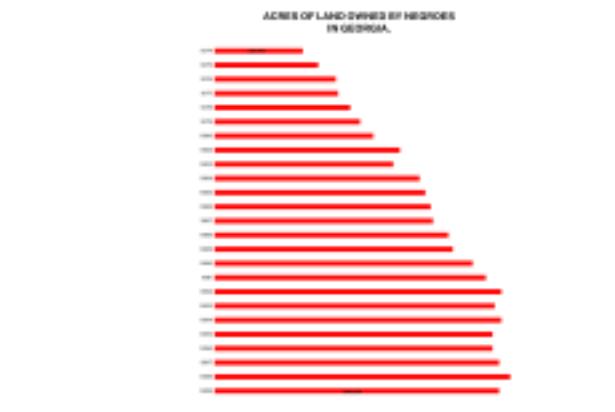
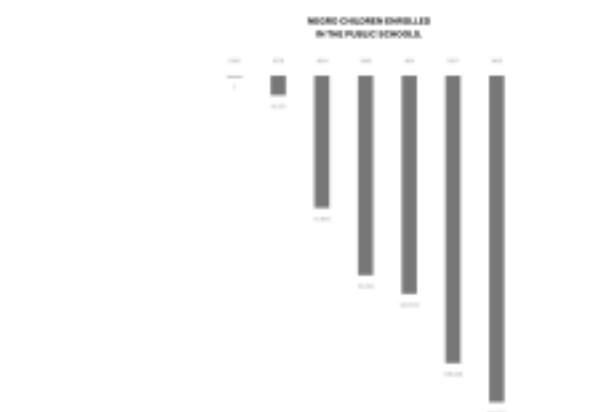
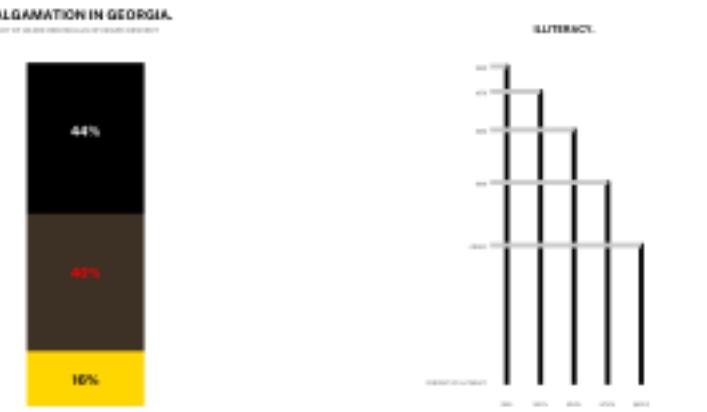
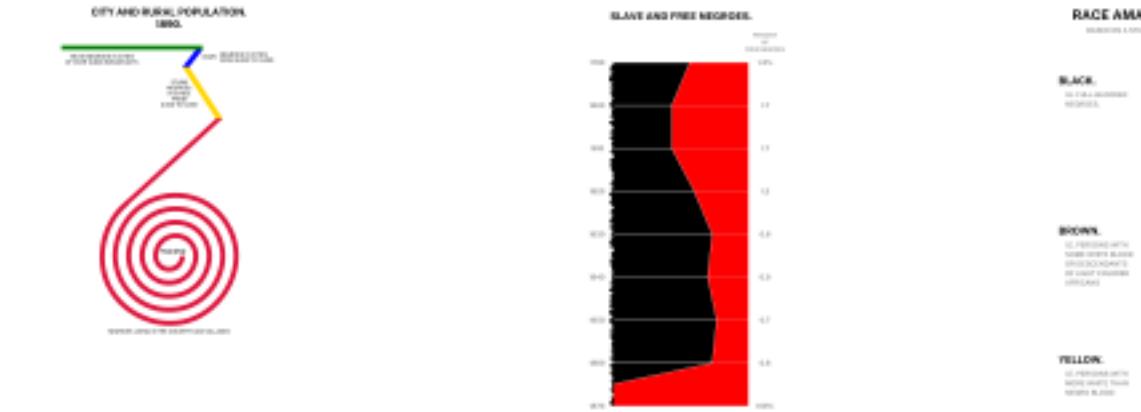
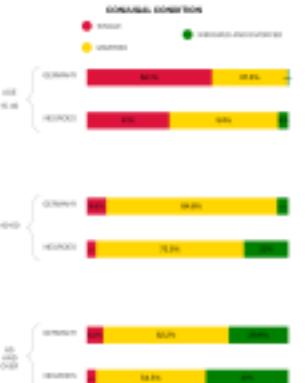
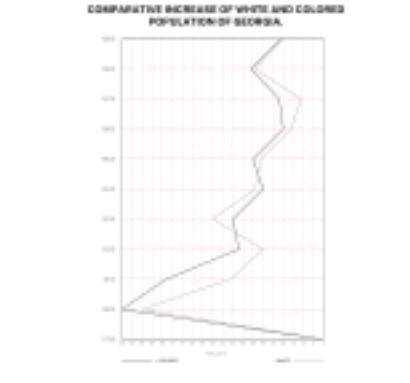
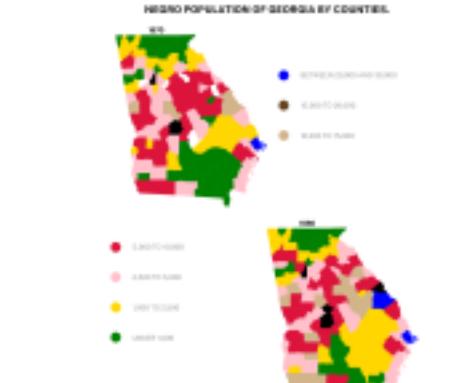
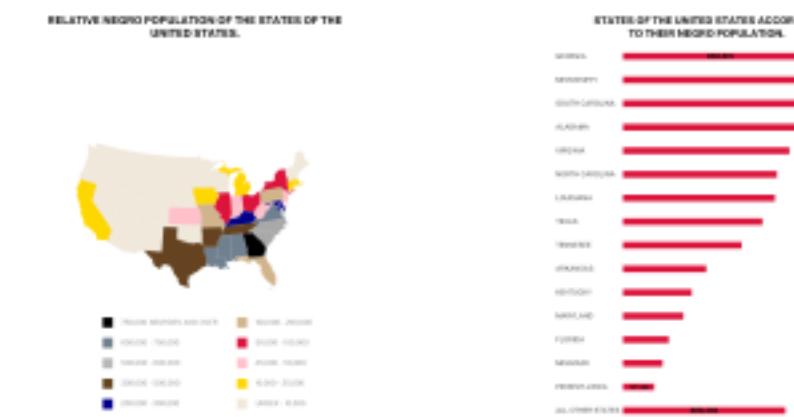
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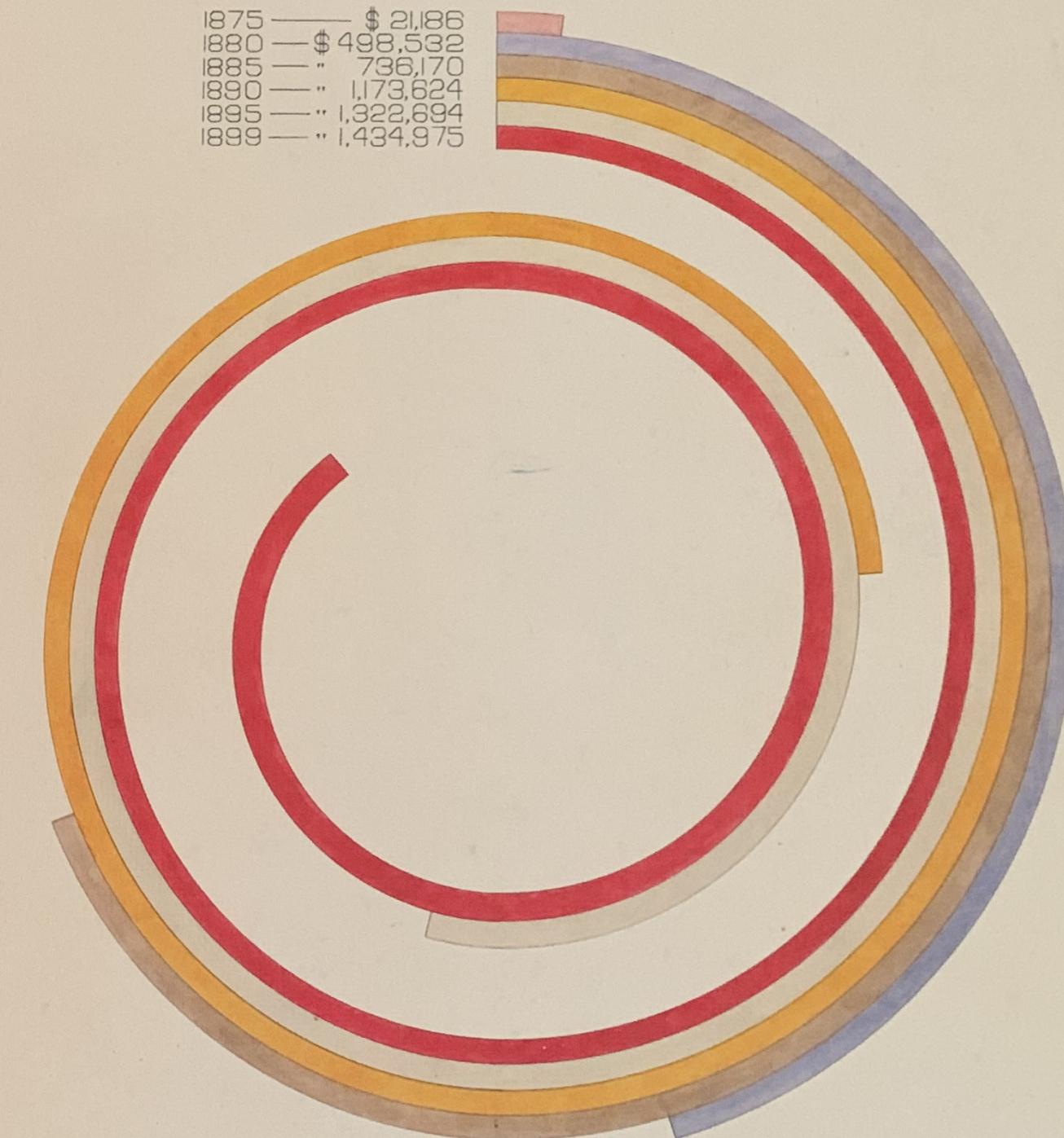




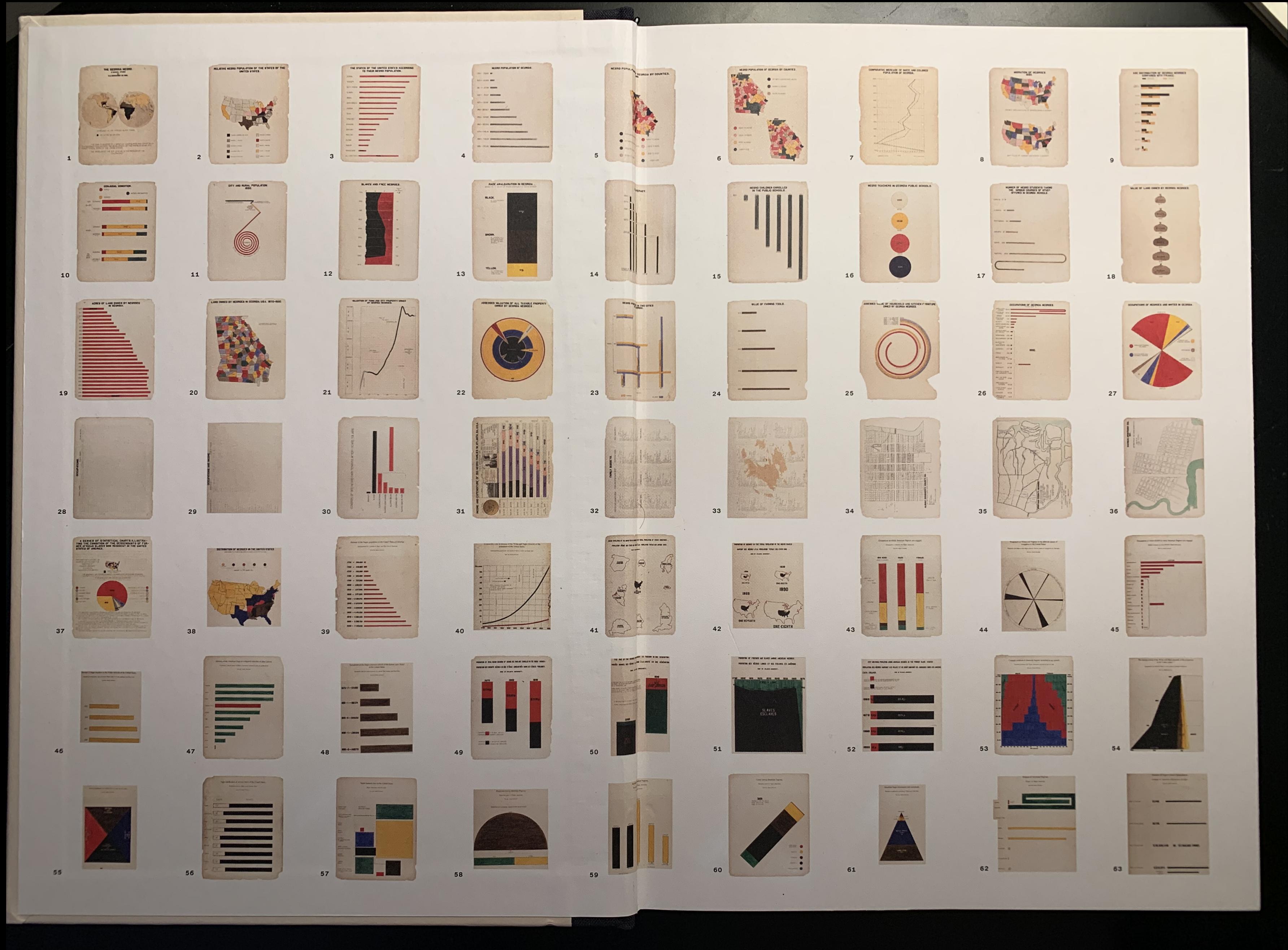
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**Visualizing Black America**

THE COLOR LINE AT THE TURN OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

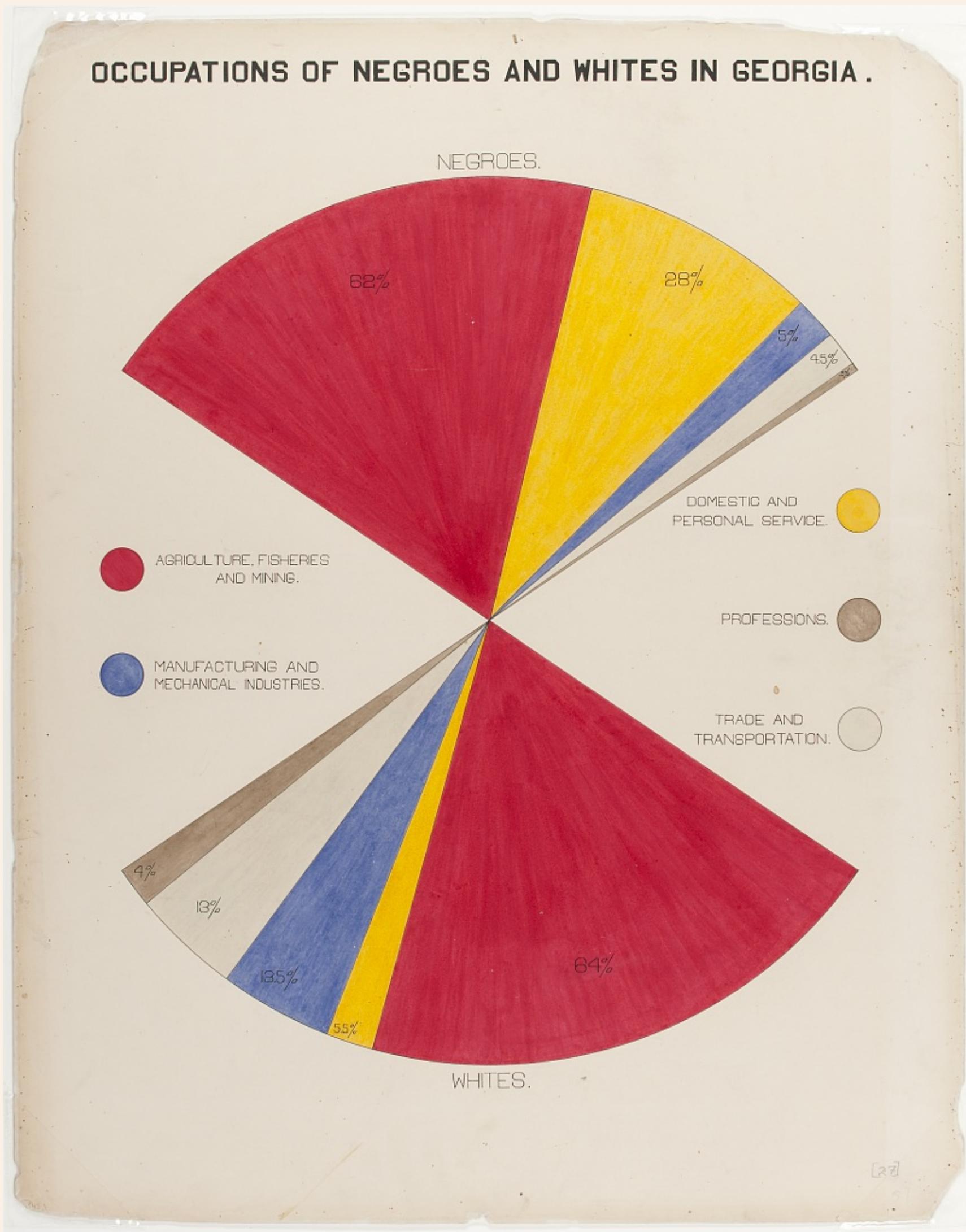
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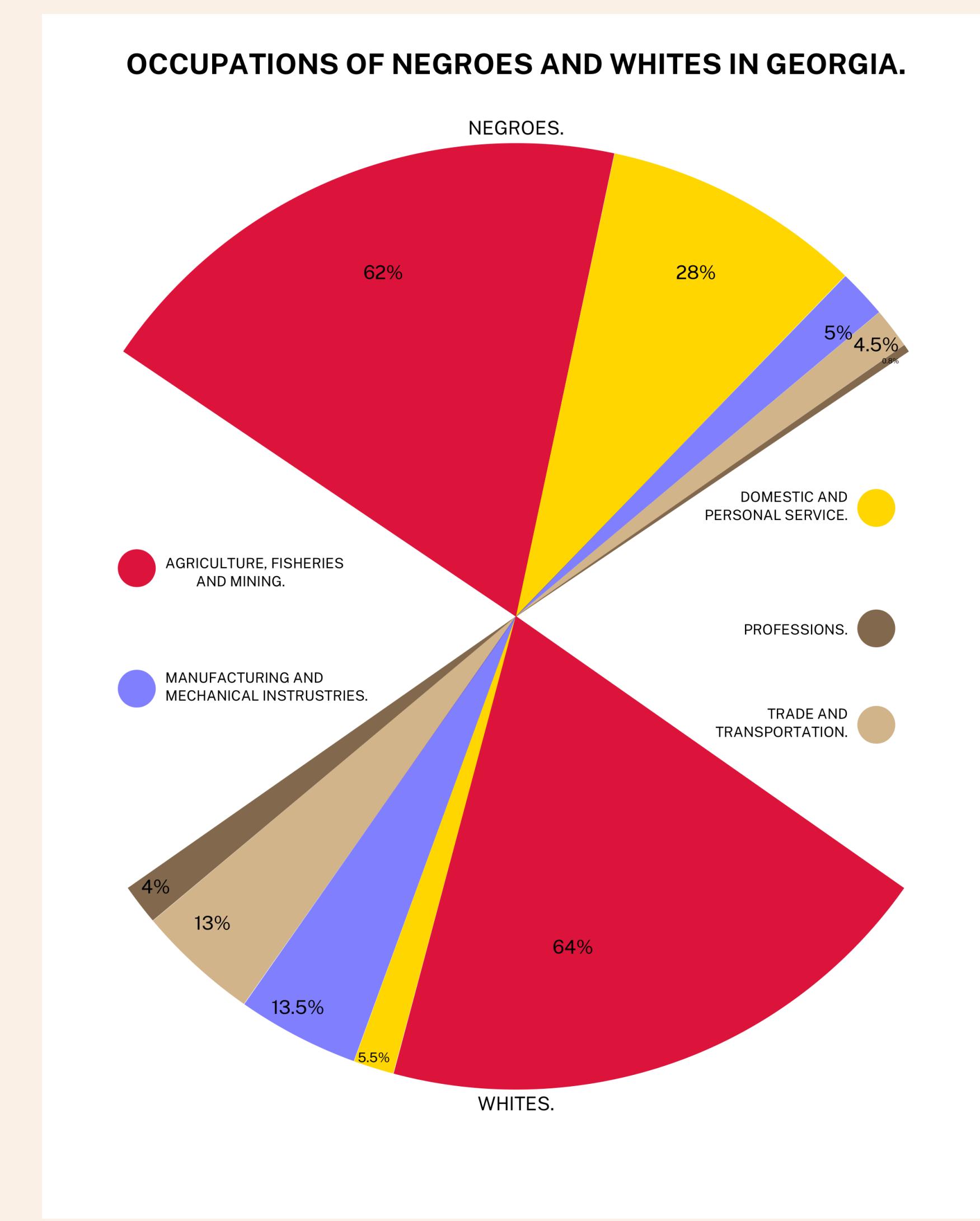


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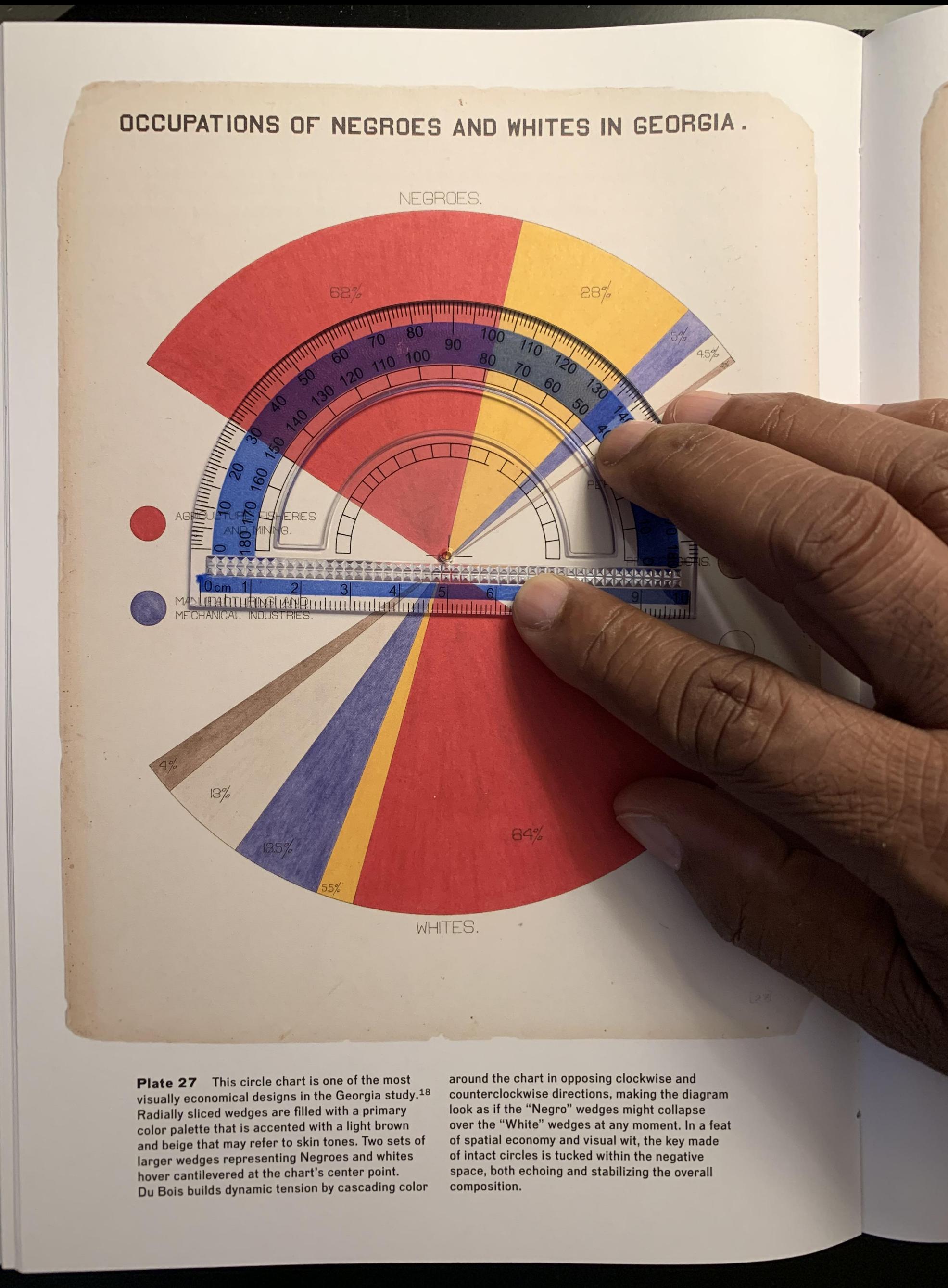
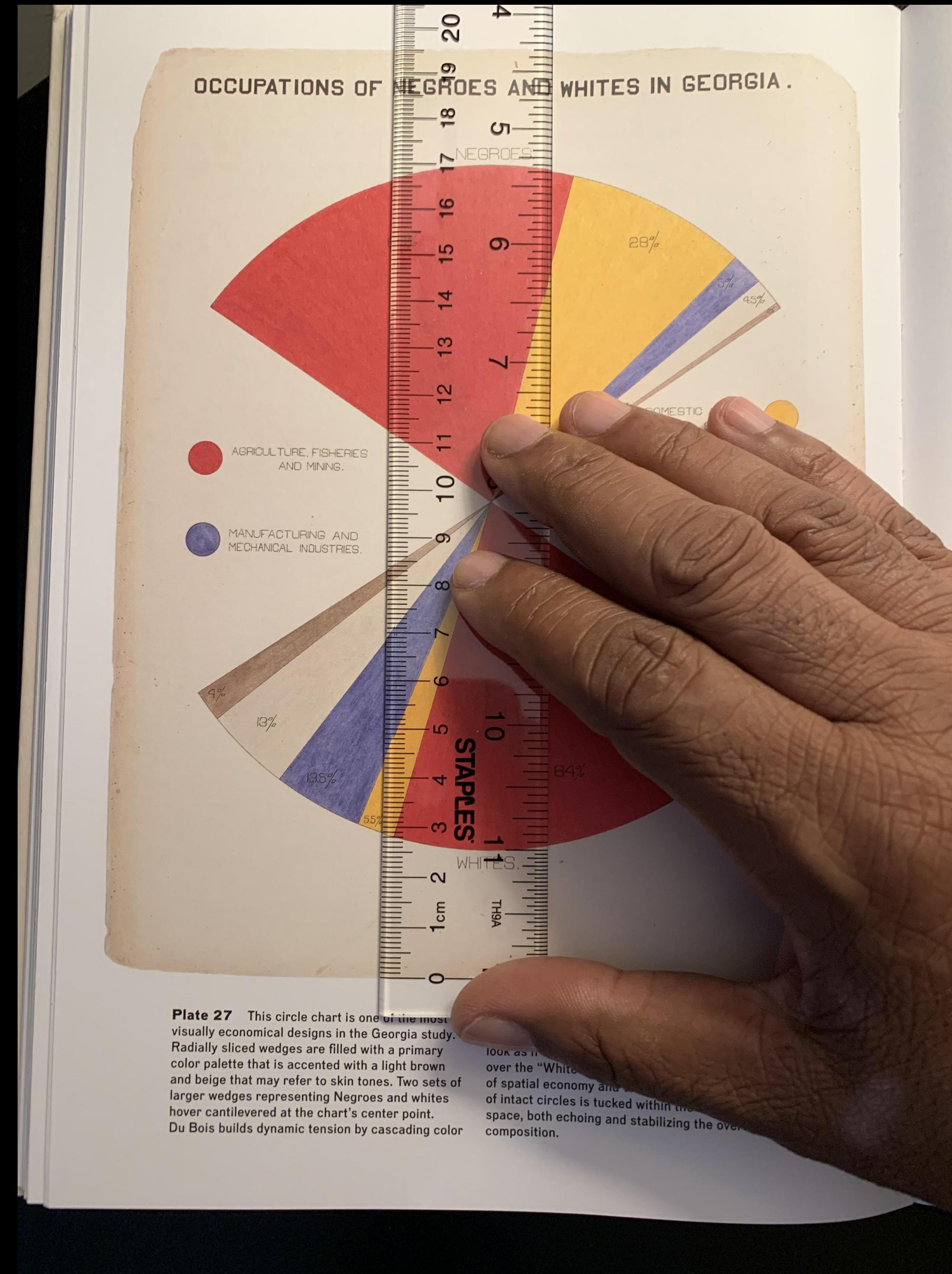


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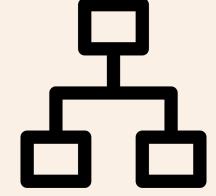
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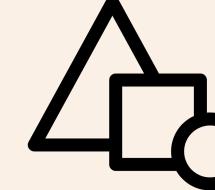
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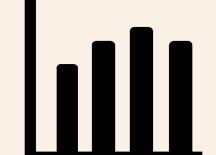
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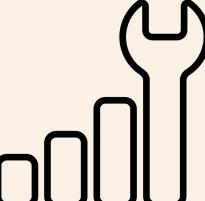
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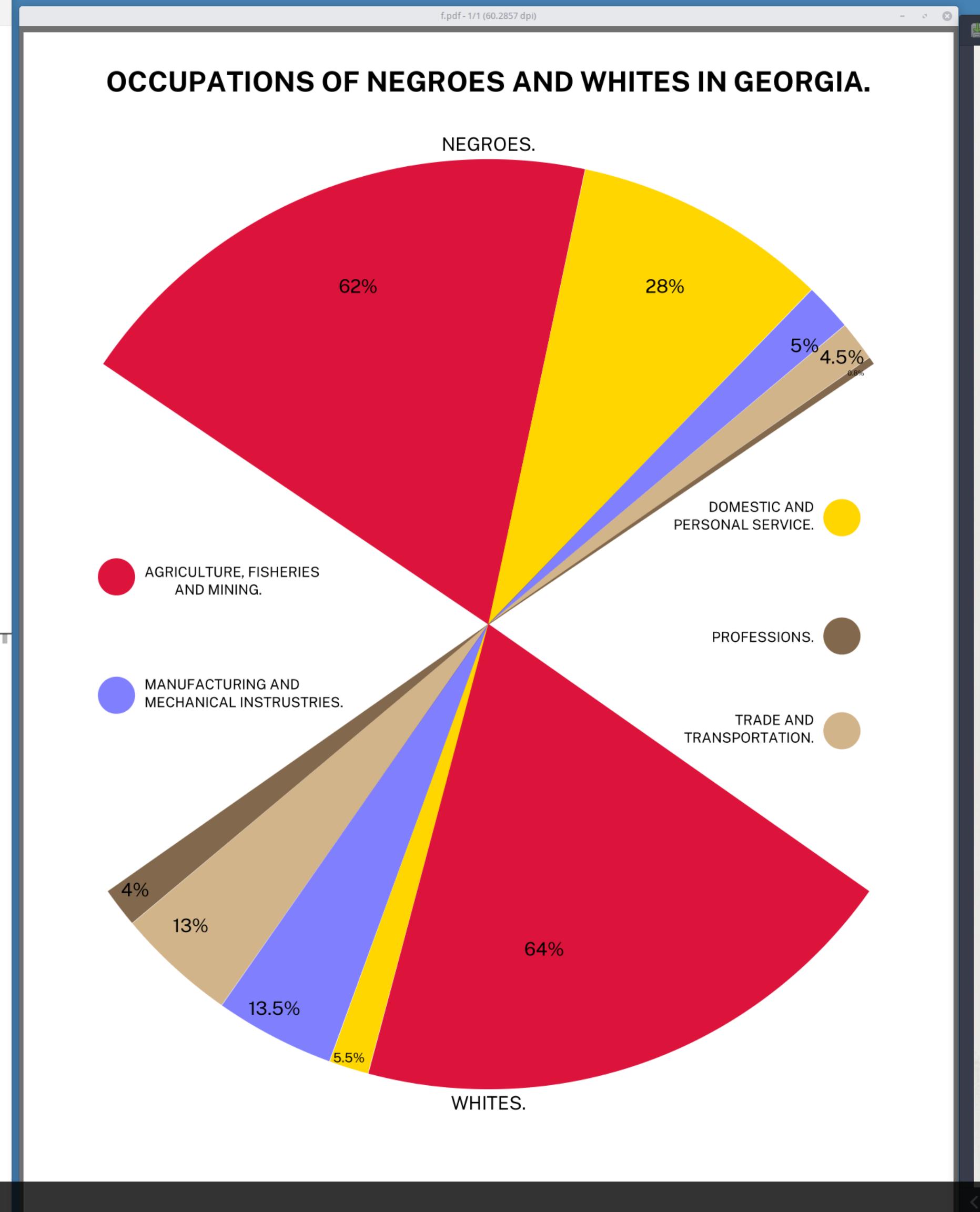
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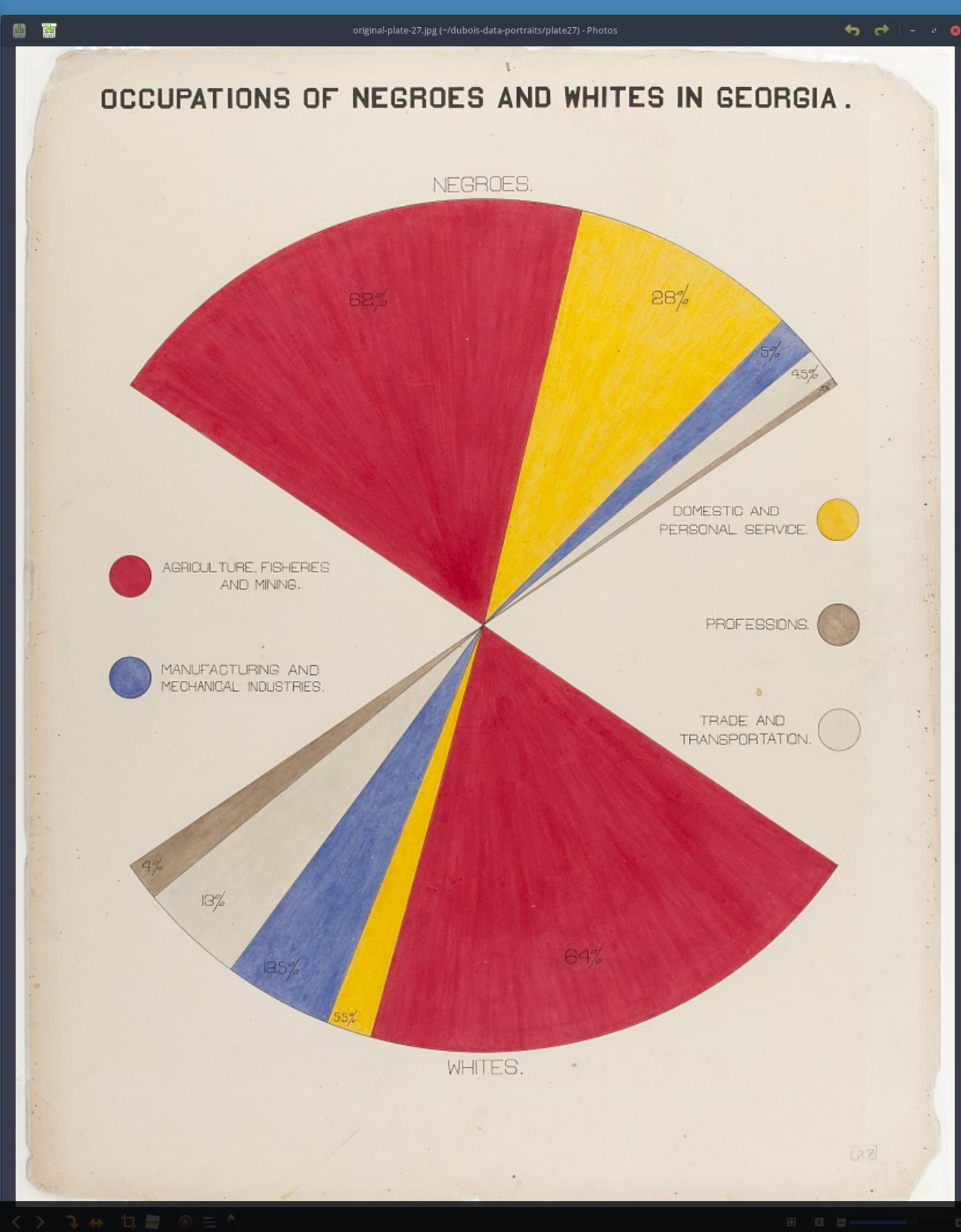
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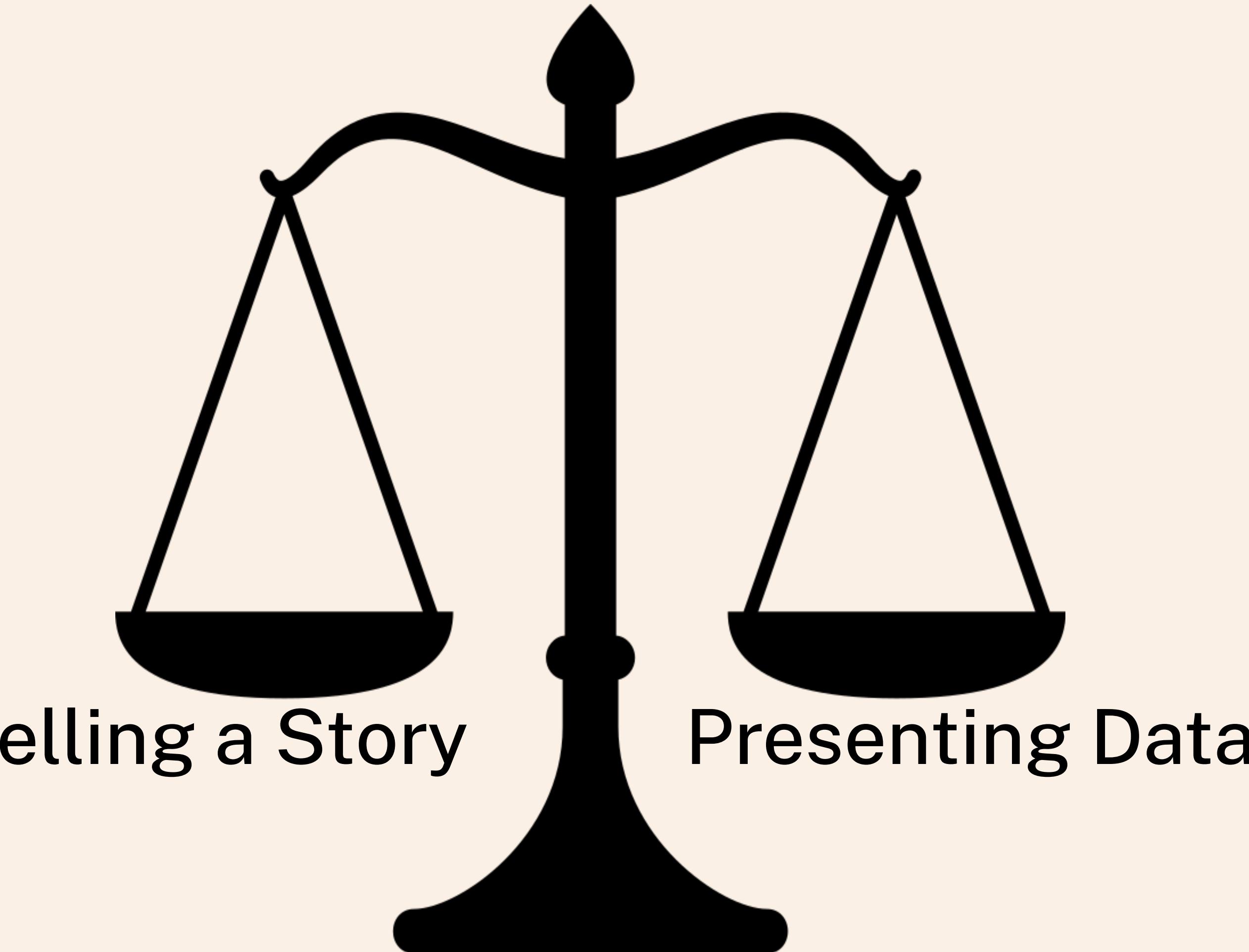


Reference

# Storytelling



# Storytelling is about balance

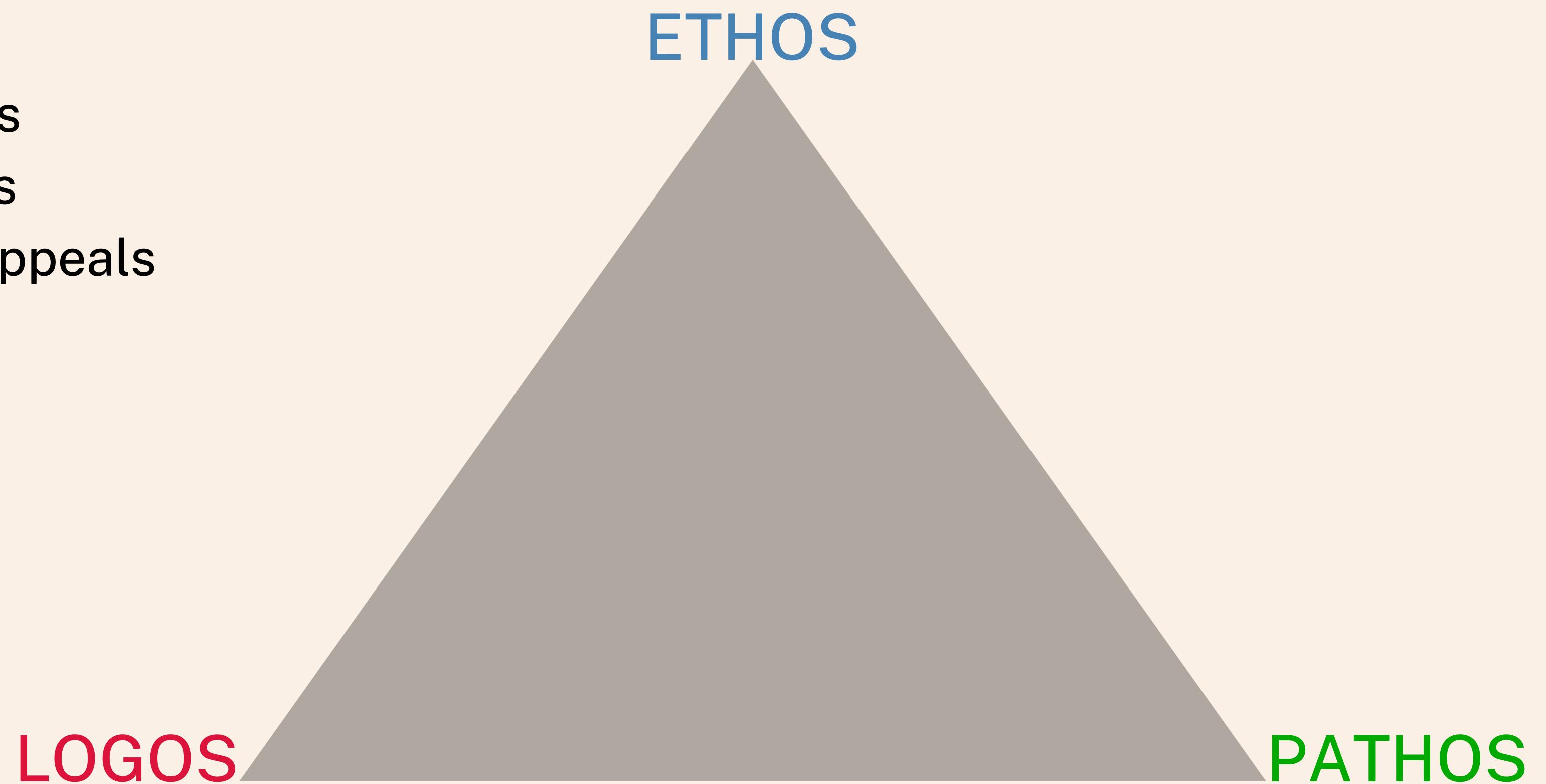


W.E.B. Du Bois sought to combine science, data, and methodology into sociology. His research into Black American culture told a story of resilience

# Aristotle's Rhetorical Triangle

Aristotle thought that a speaker's ability to persuade an audience is based on how well the speaker appeals to them through

- ETHOS: Ethics (Credibility)
- PATHOS: Emotion (Feeling)
- LOGOS: Logic (Data)



Du Bois developed a sociological framework to show Black Americans are capable of functioning as social equals, social Darwinism has no data to back its theory.

# Tell Stories Like Pixar

Once upon a time there was \_\_\_\_\_

Every day \_\_\_\_\_

One day \_\_\_\_\_

Because of that \_\_\_\_\_

Because of that \_\_\_\_\_

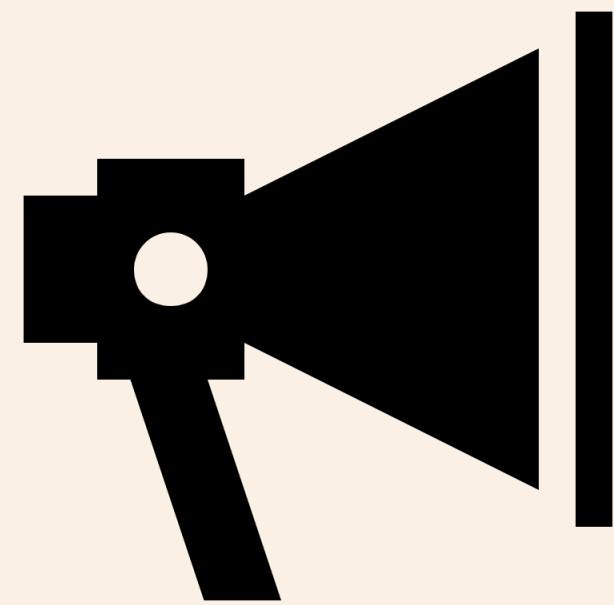
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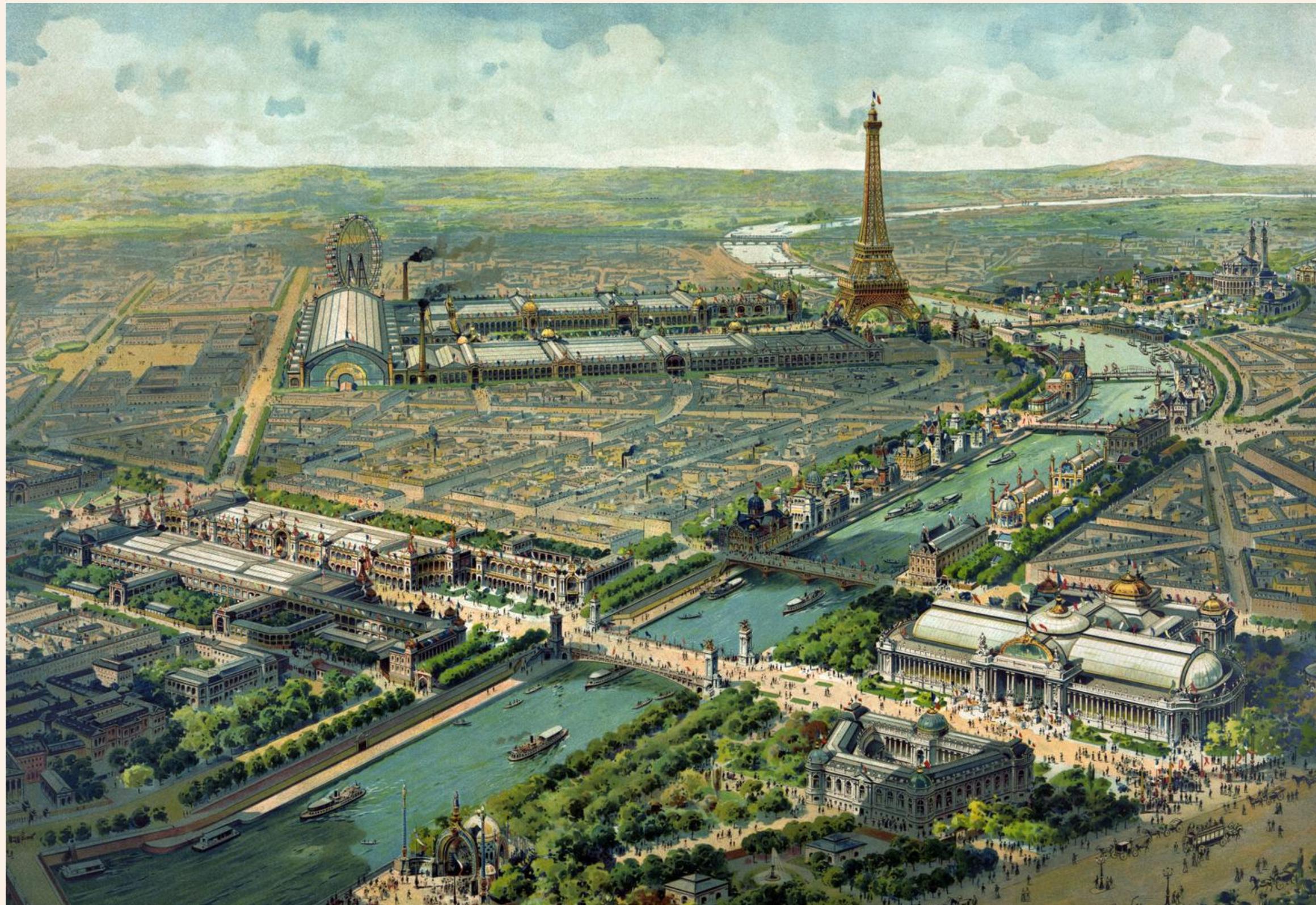
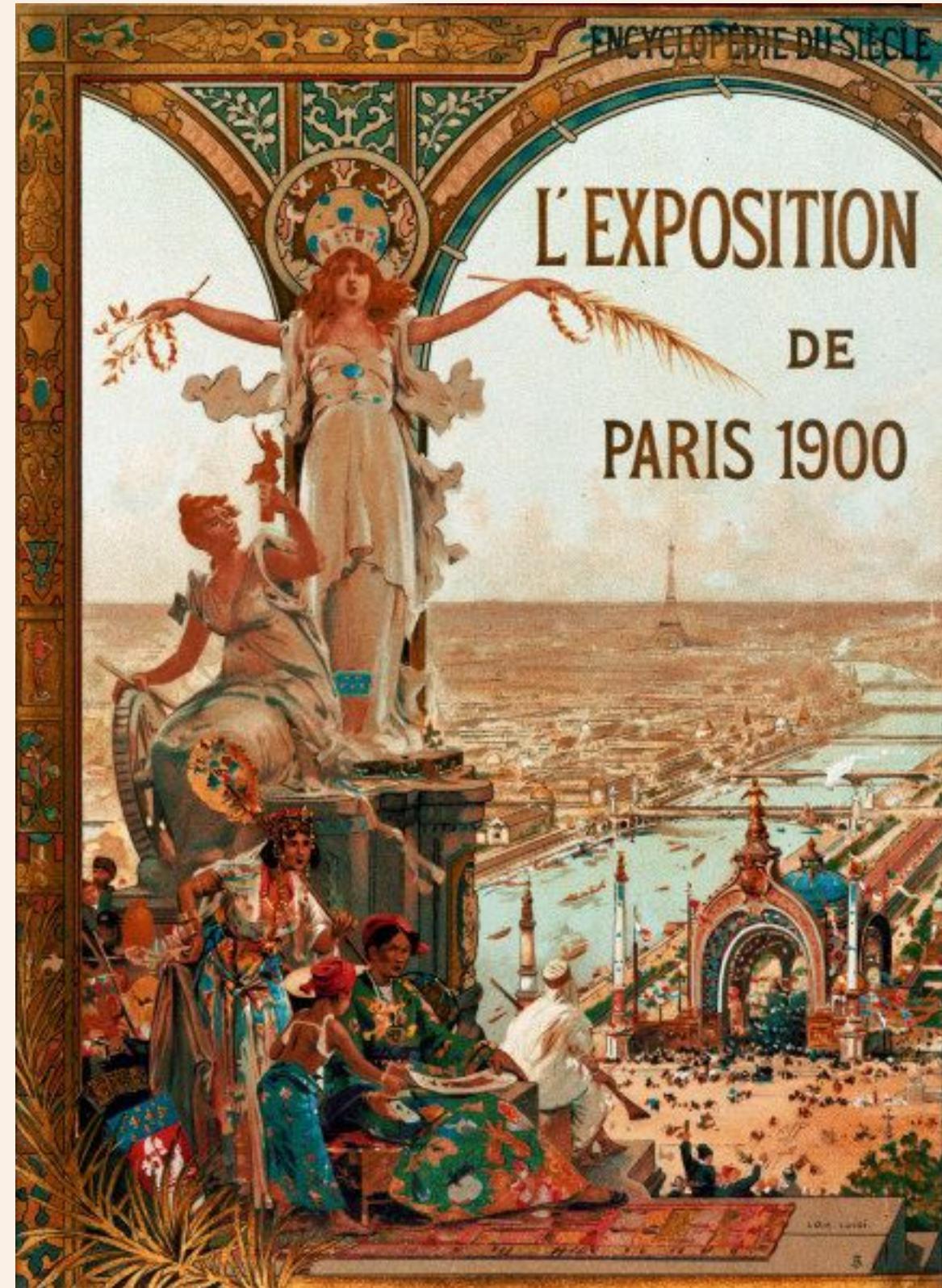
# Themes from Great Stories

1. Coming of Age	You have arrived	Experience, Strength
2. Constant Evolution	You are always adapting	Adapability
3. Overcoming Obstacles	You came out on top	Relisience
4. Rebirth	You have reinvented yourself	New Hope and Direction
5. The Quest	It's been quite a Journey	Commitment, Dedication
6. True as it Ever Was	Remained true to yourself	Reinforce Trust

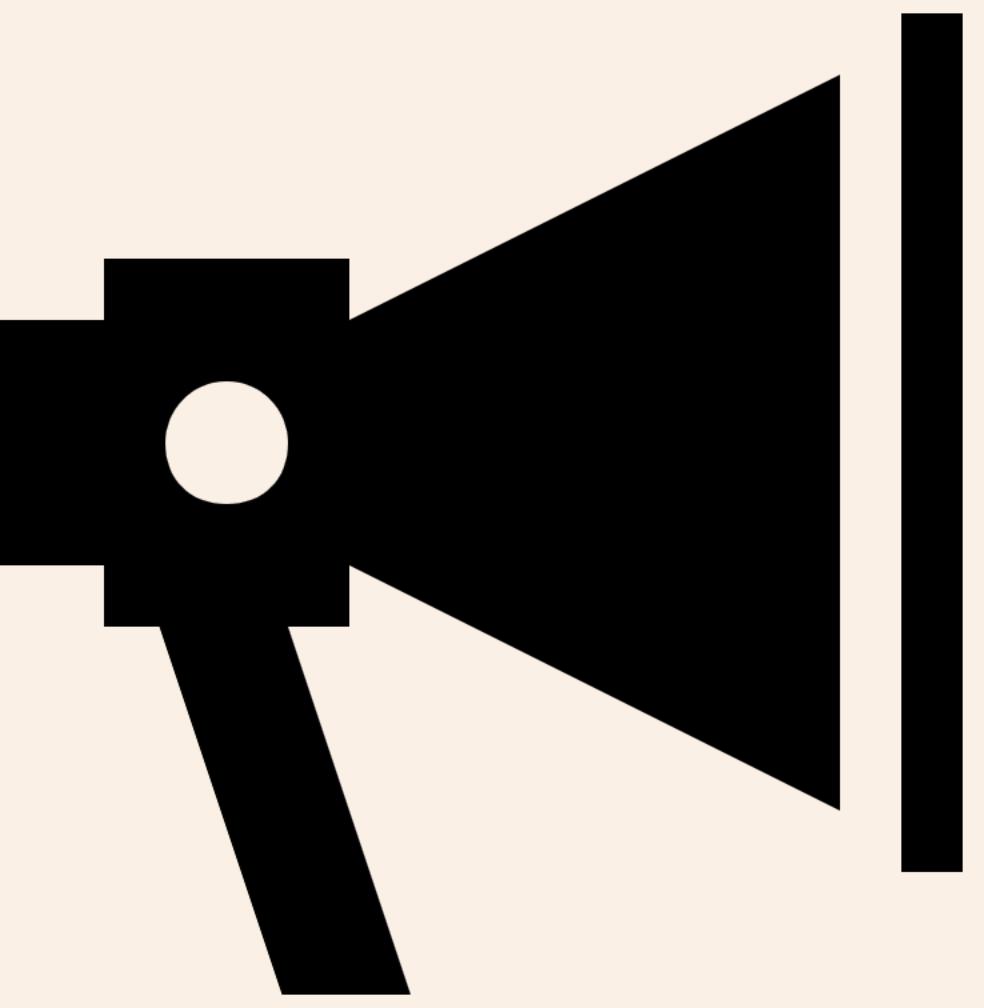
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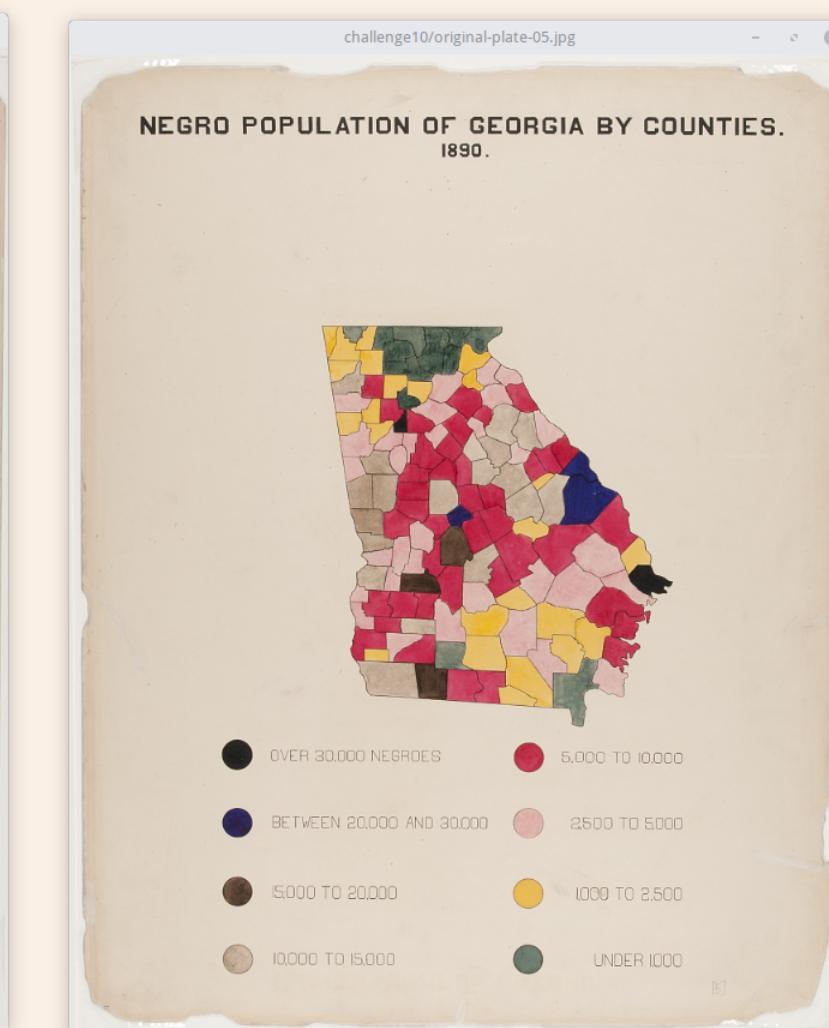
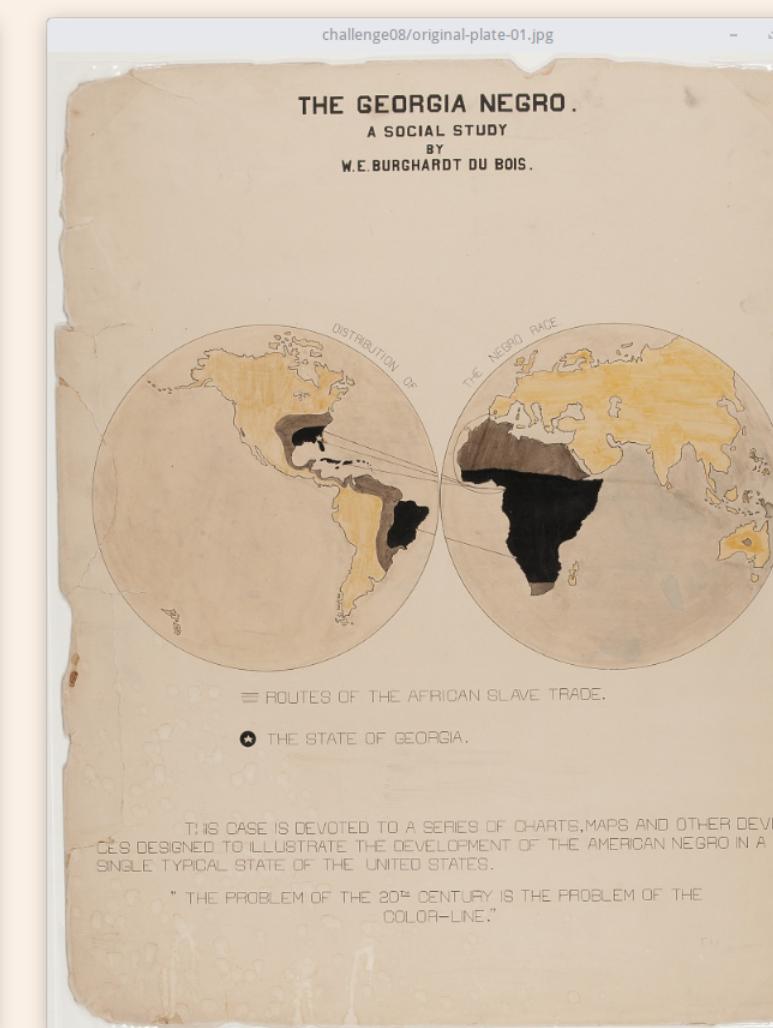
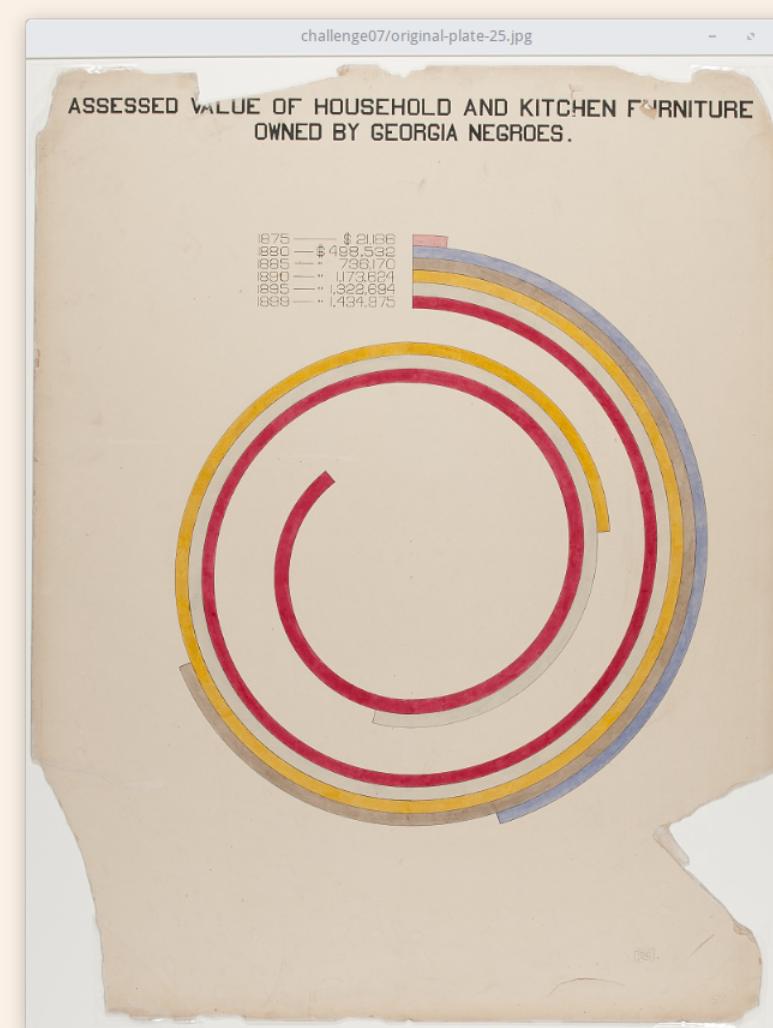
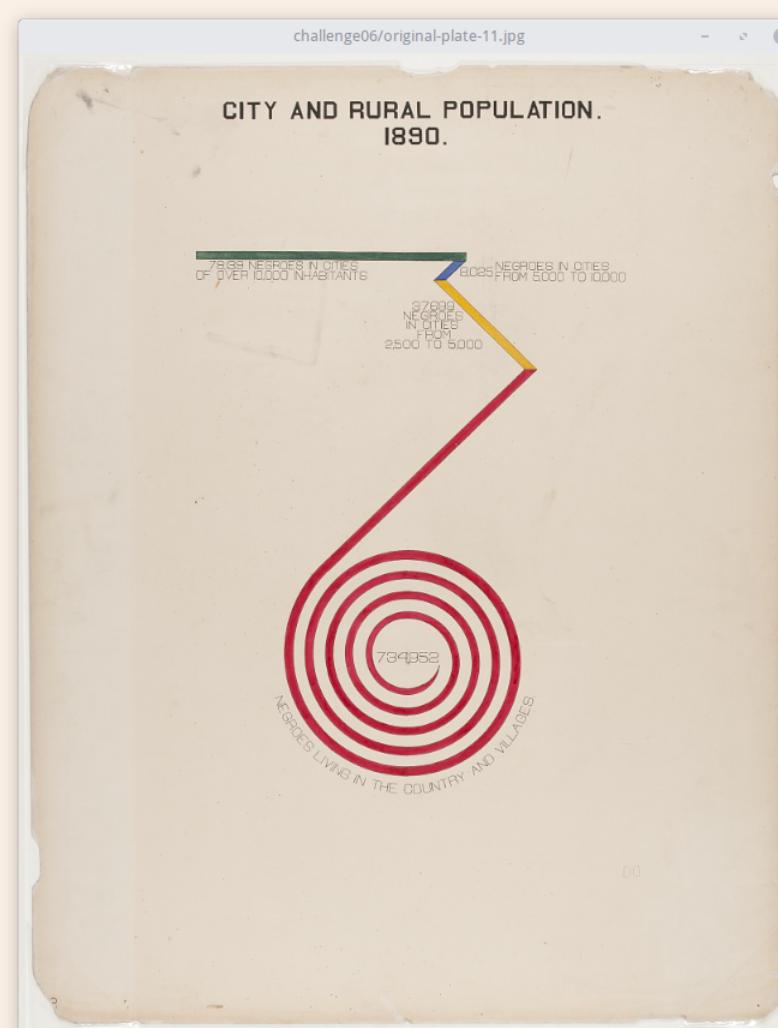
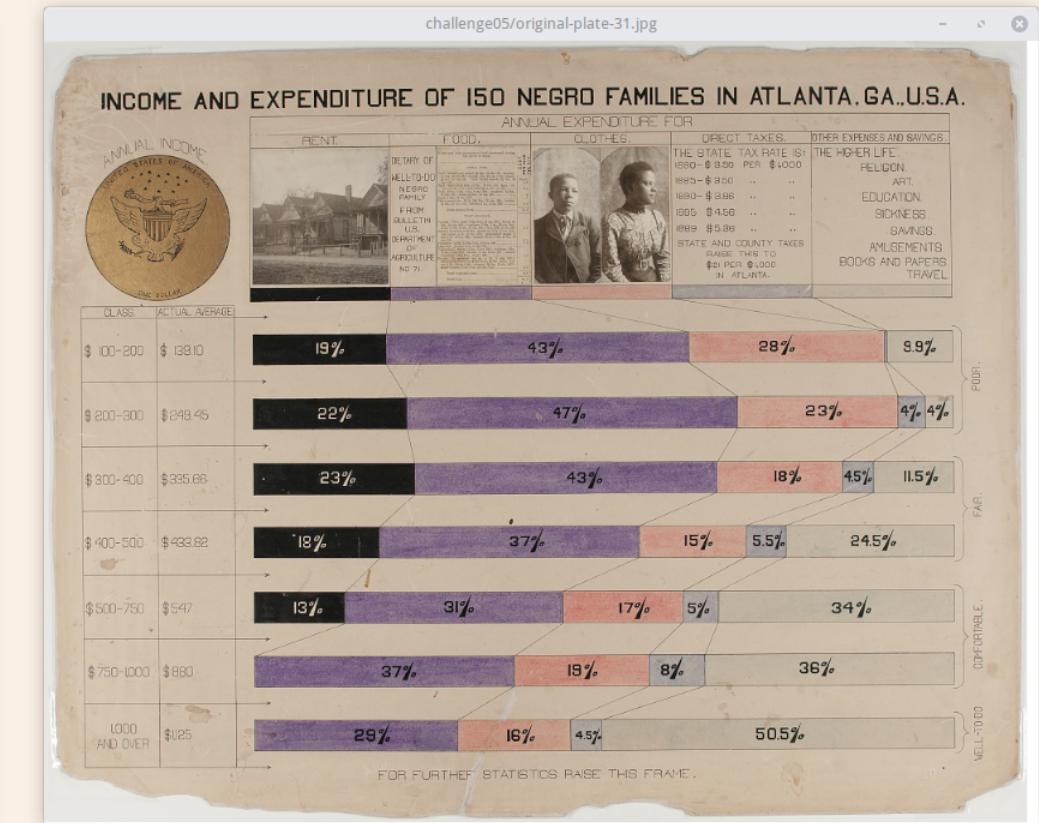
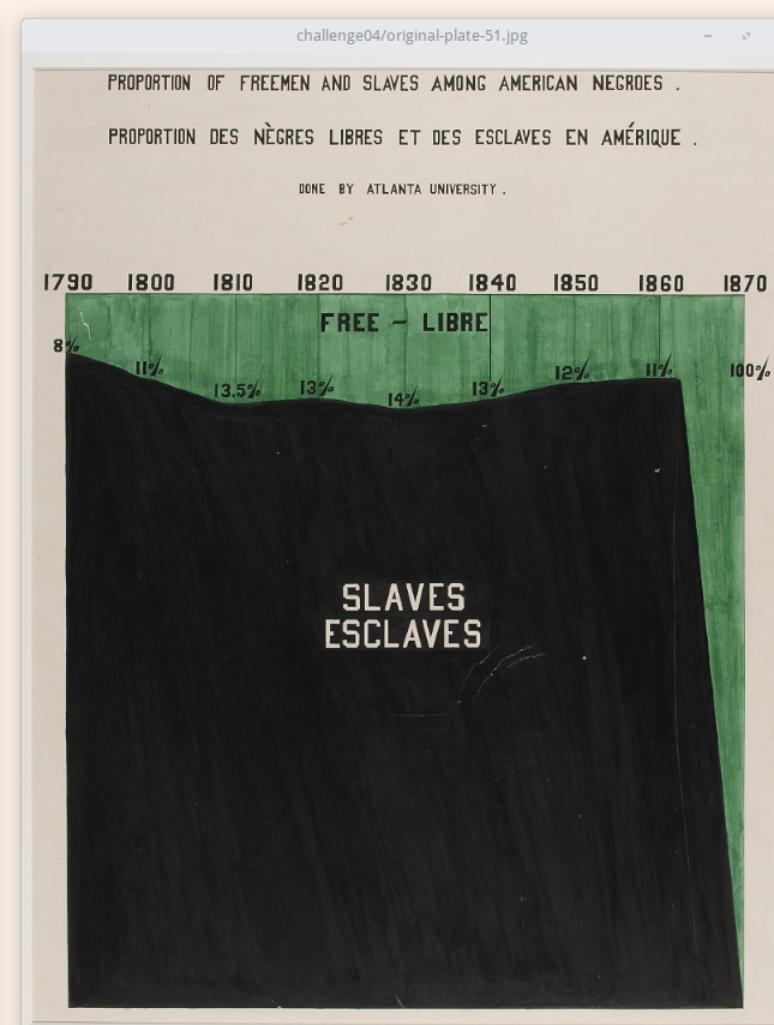
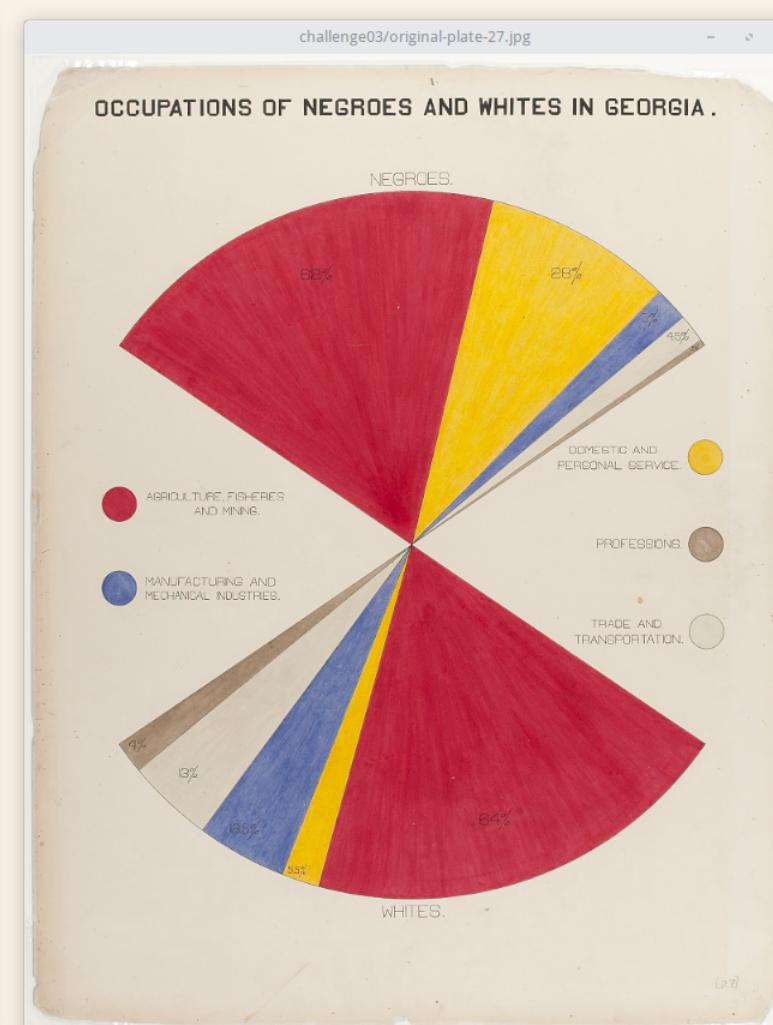
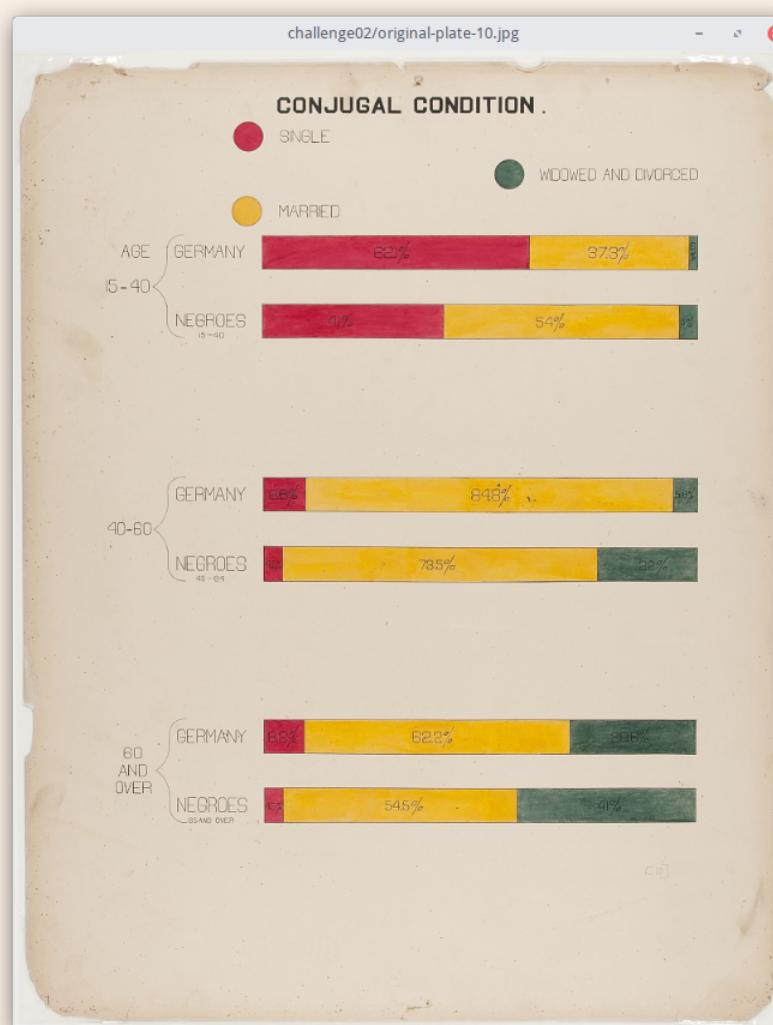
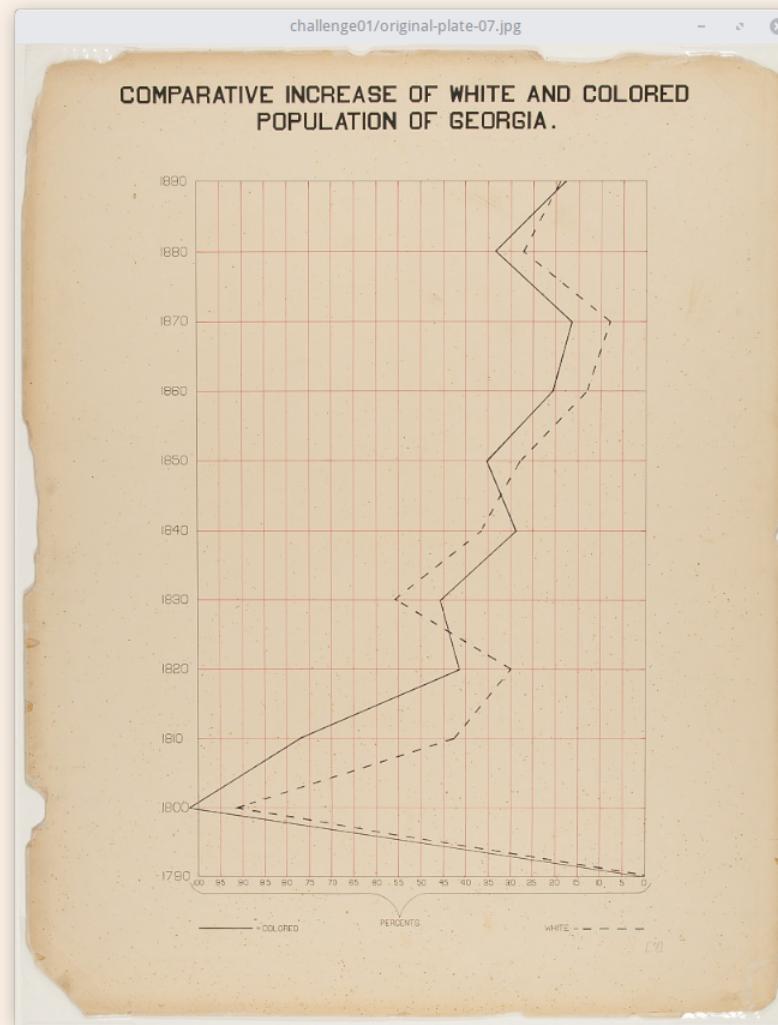


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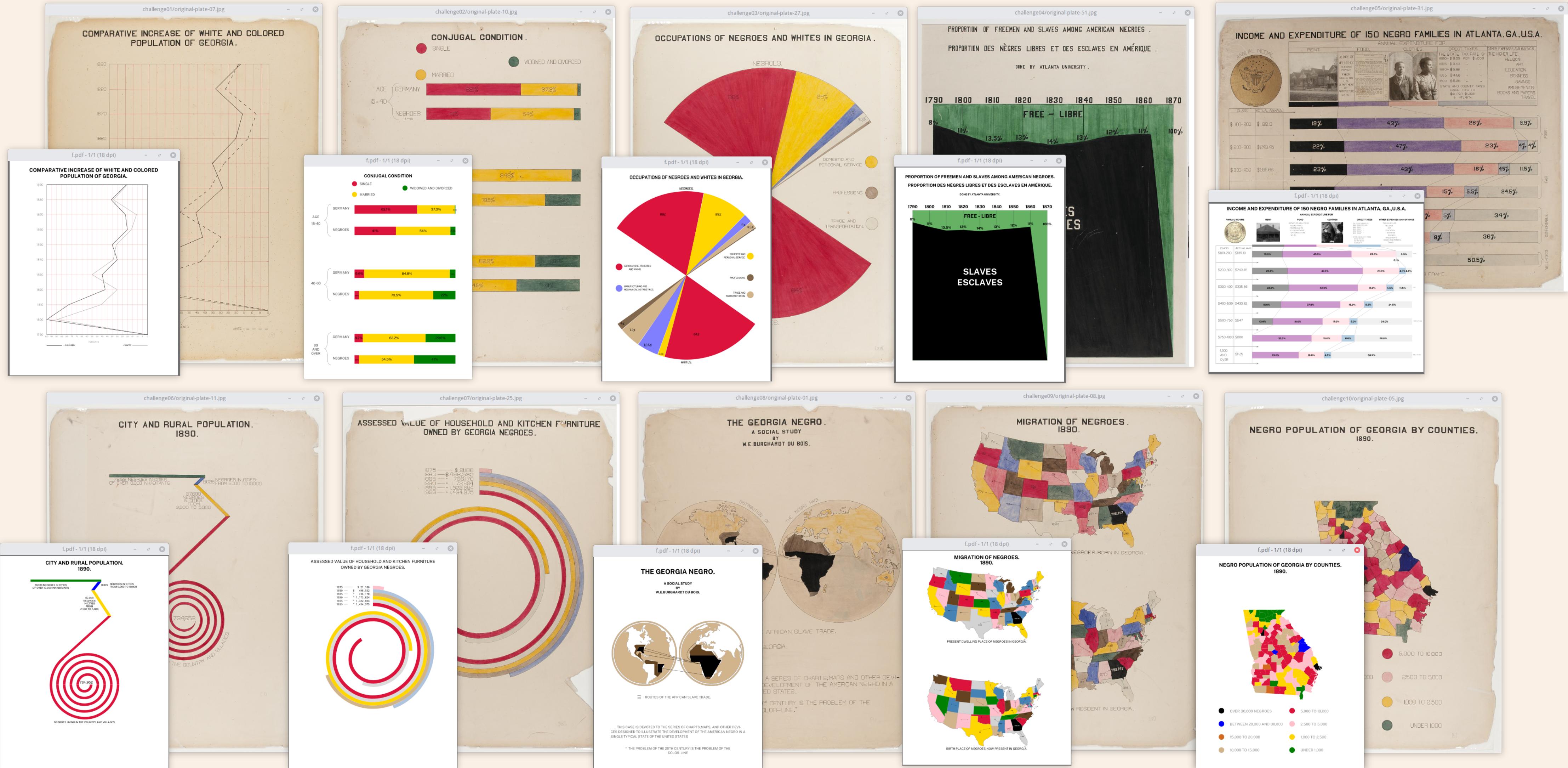


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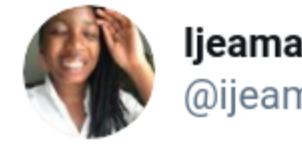
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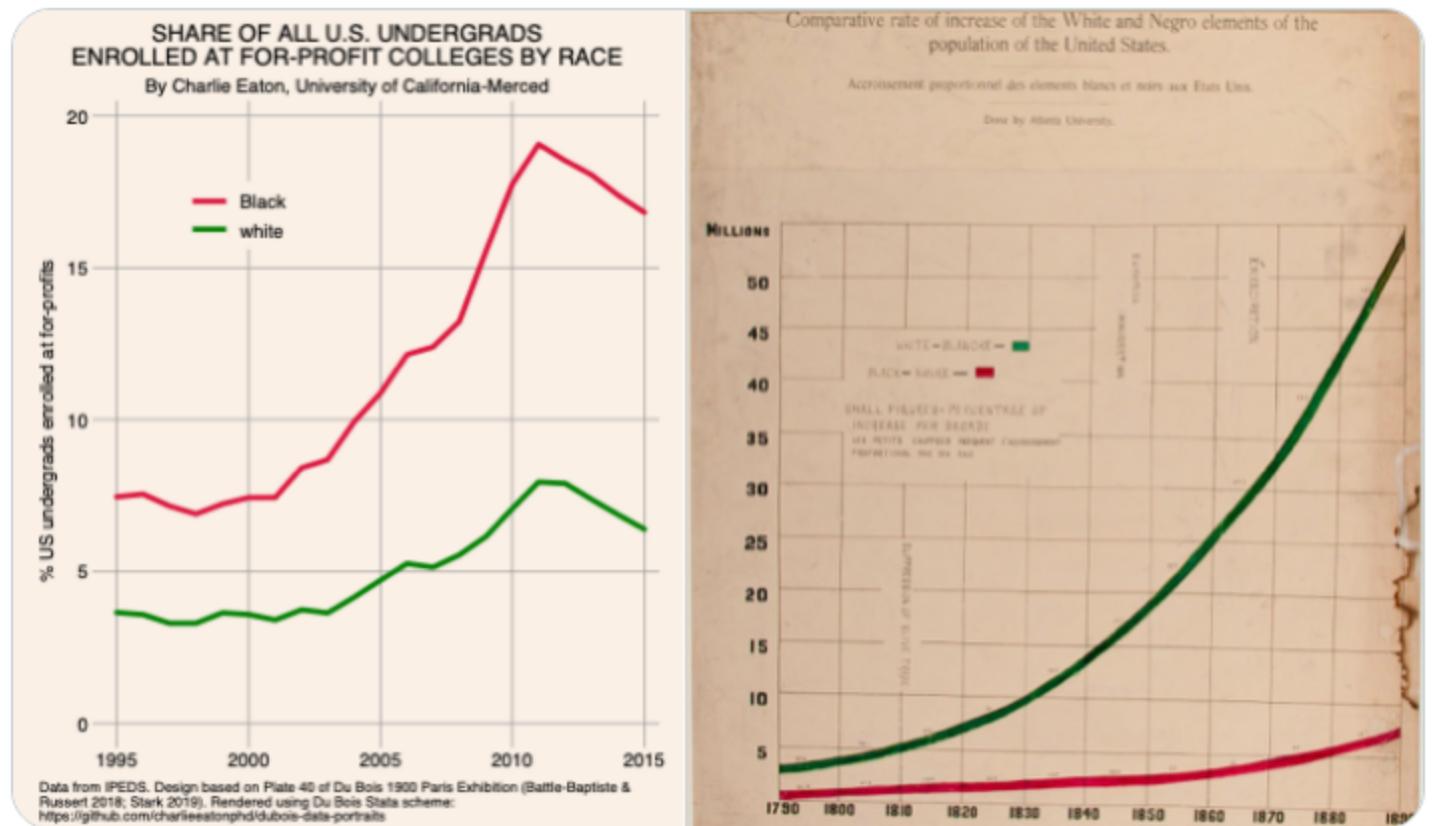
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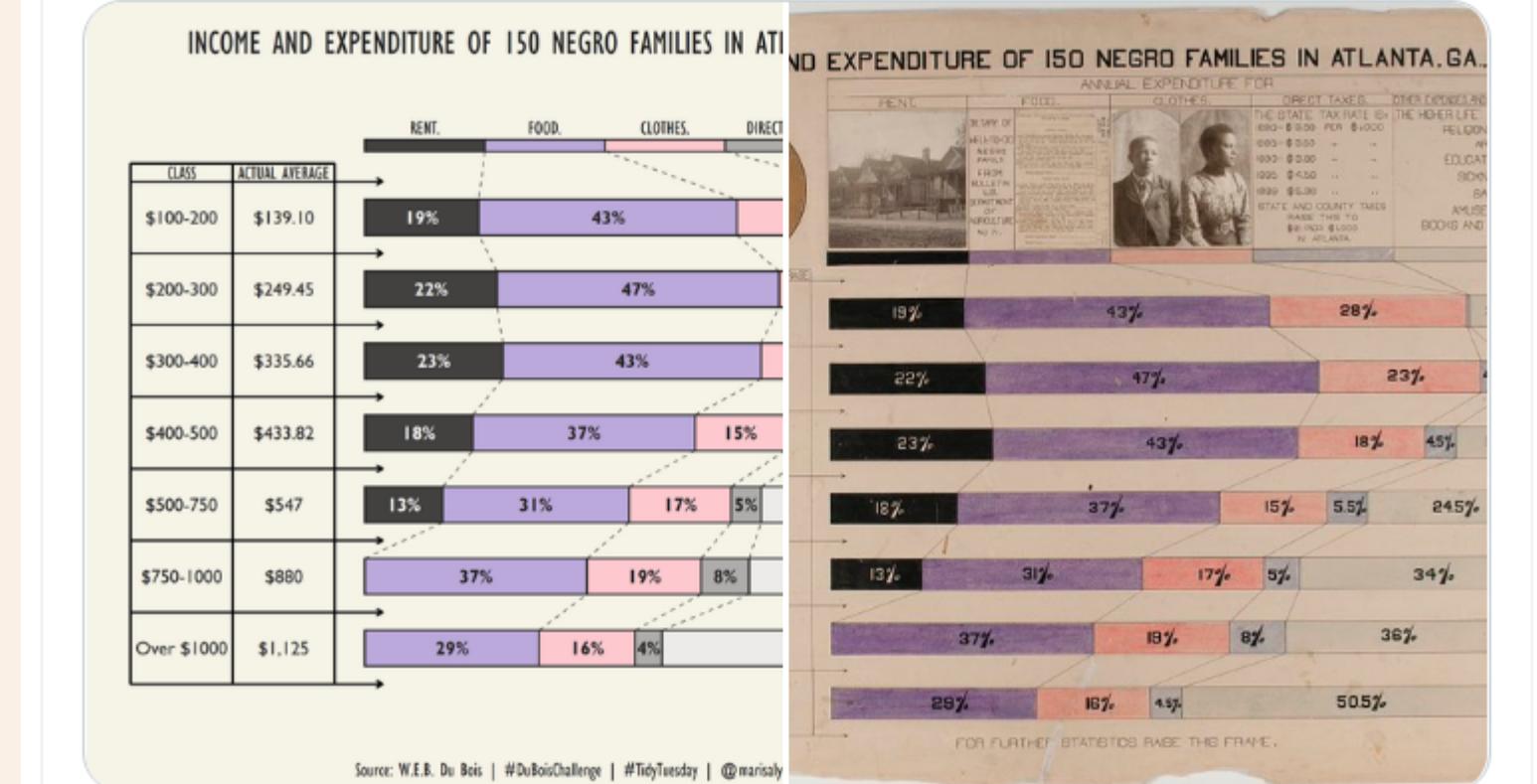
I'm thrilled that any @Stata user can now add the Du Bois graphing scheme to their machine using the \*ssc install dubois\* command. After installing, check \*help dubois\* for tips to use the scheme for the #DuBoisChallenge or modern replications like this one!



Marisa Henry  
@marisalyn

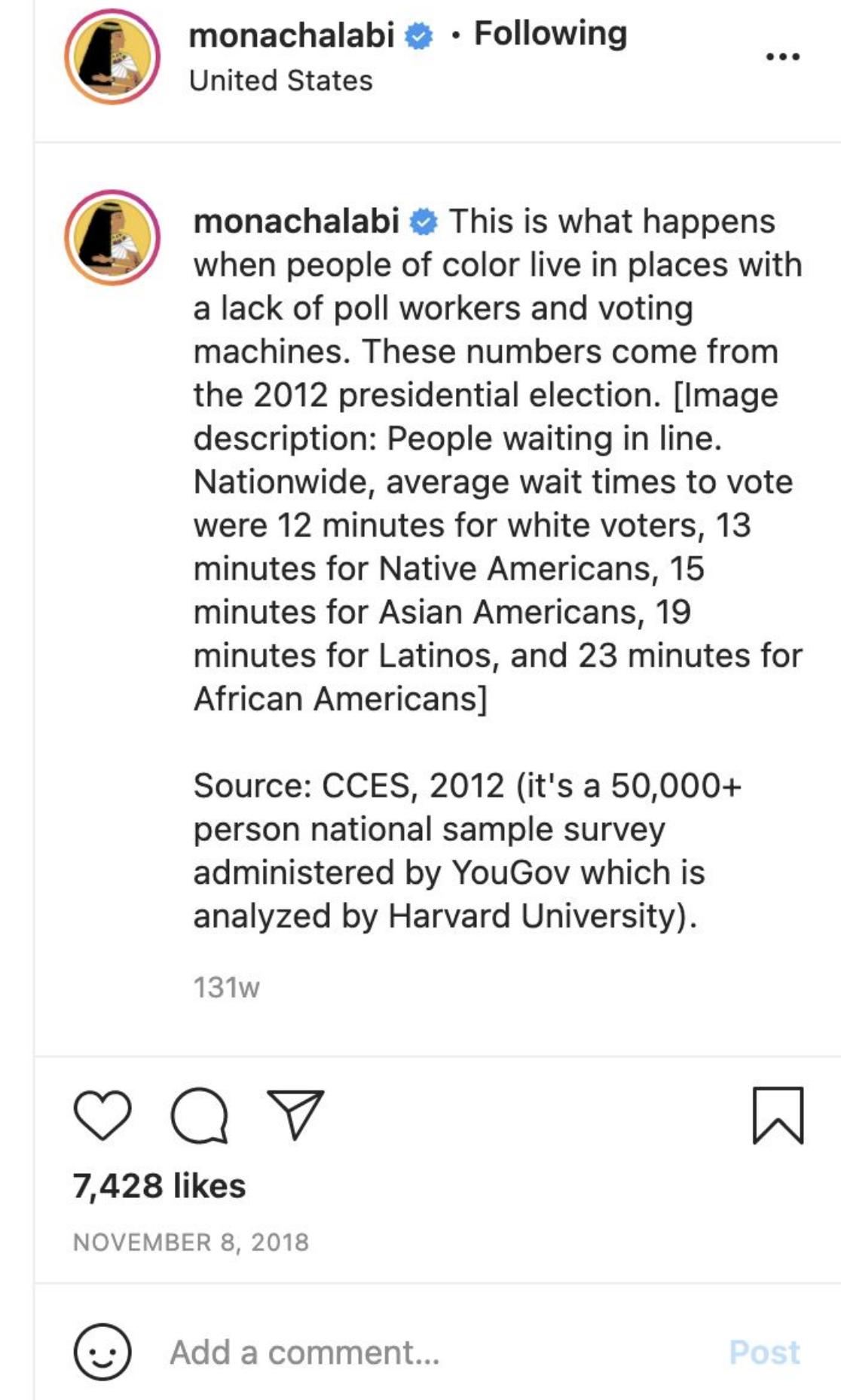
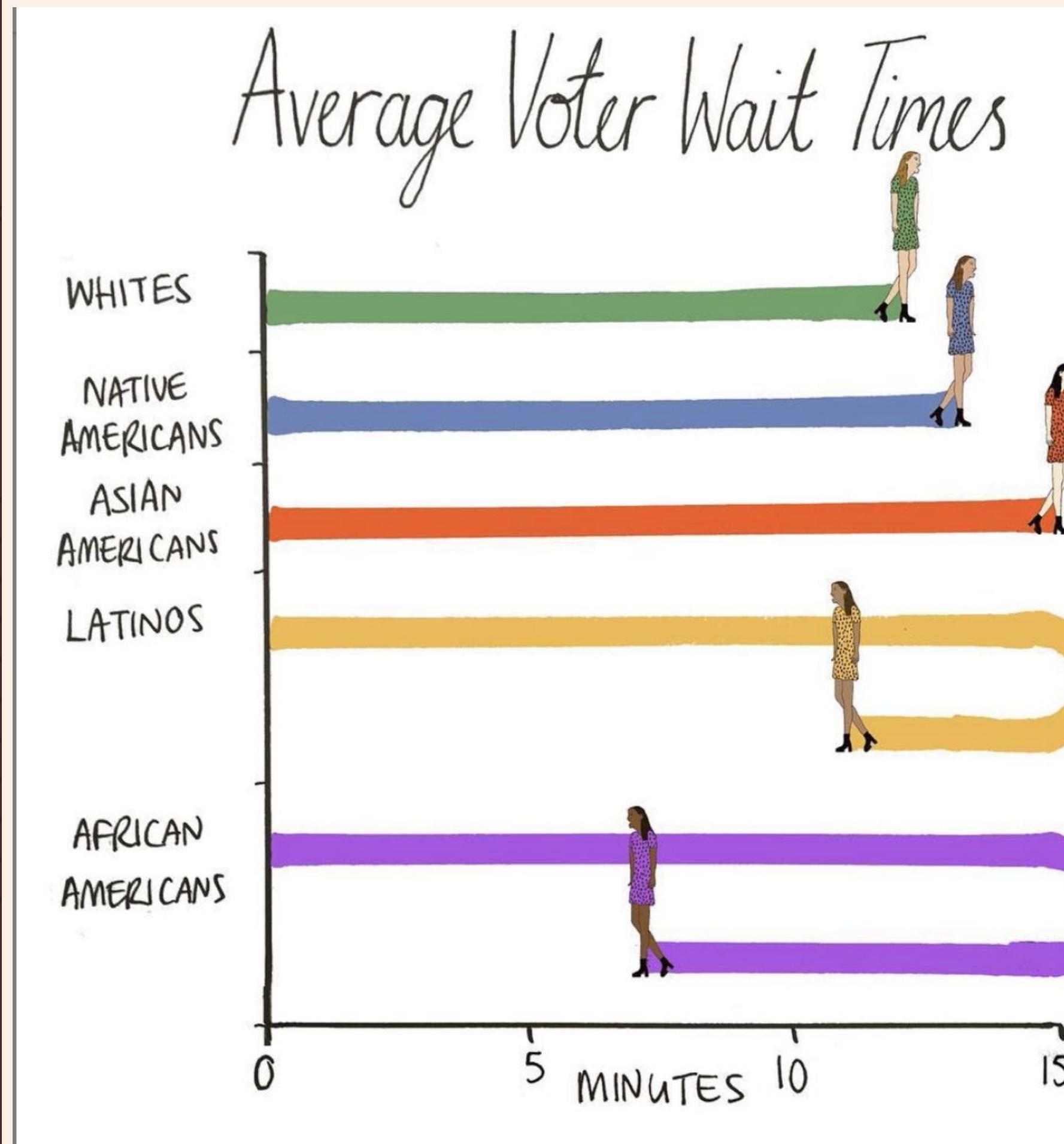
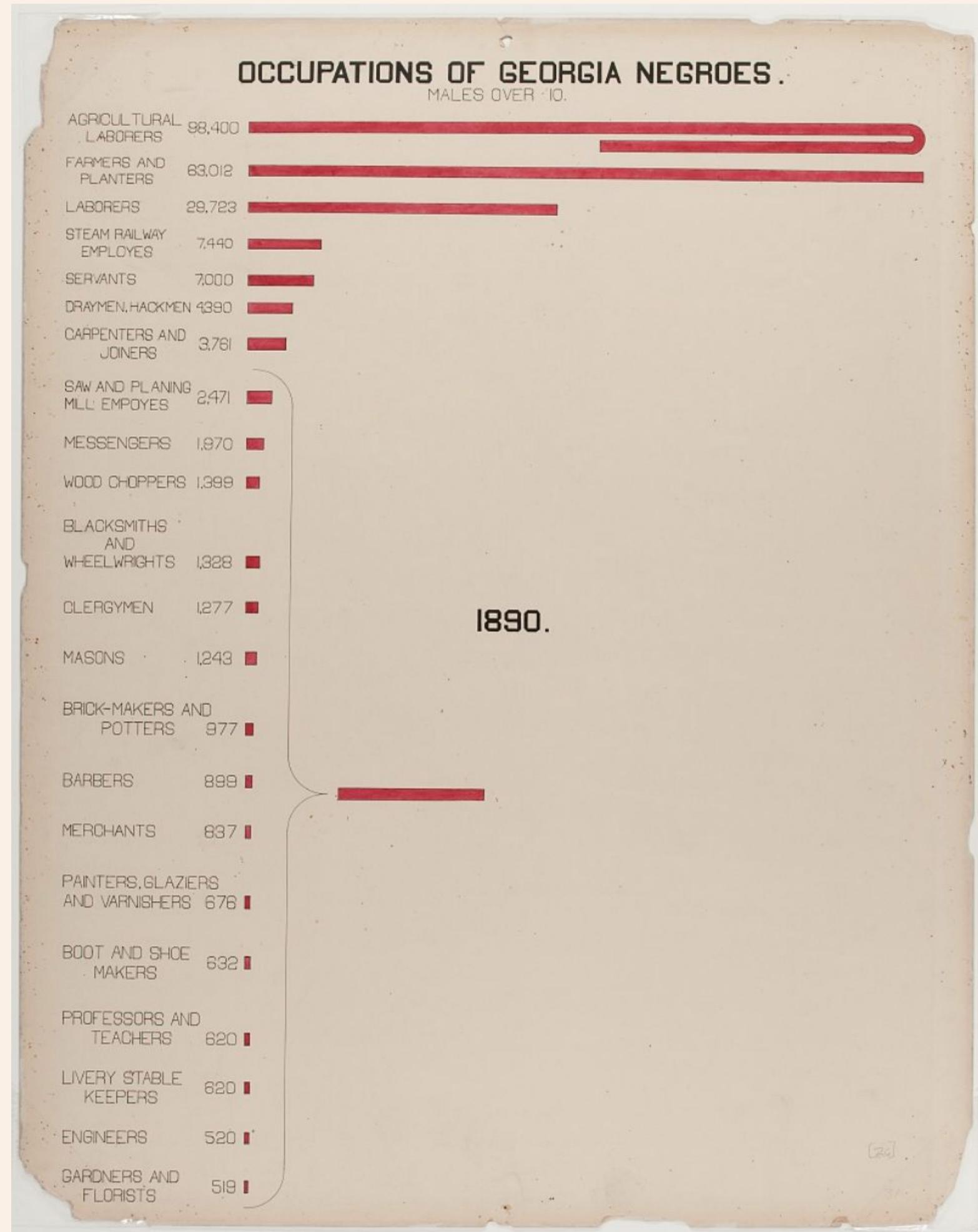
had lots of fun learning more about W.E.B DuBois and attempting to recreate one of his figures for the #DuBoisChallenge and #TidyTuesday this week!

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



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

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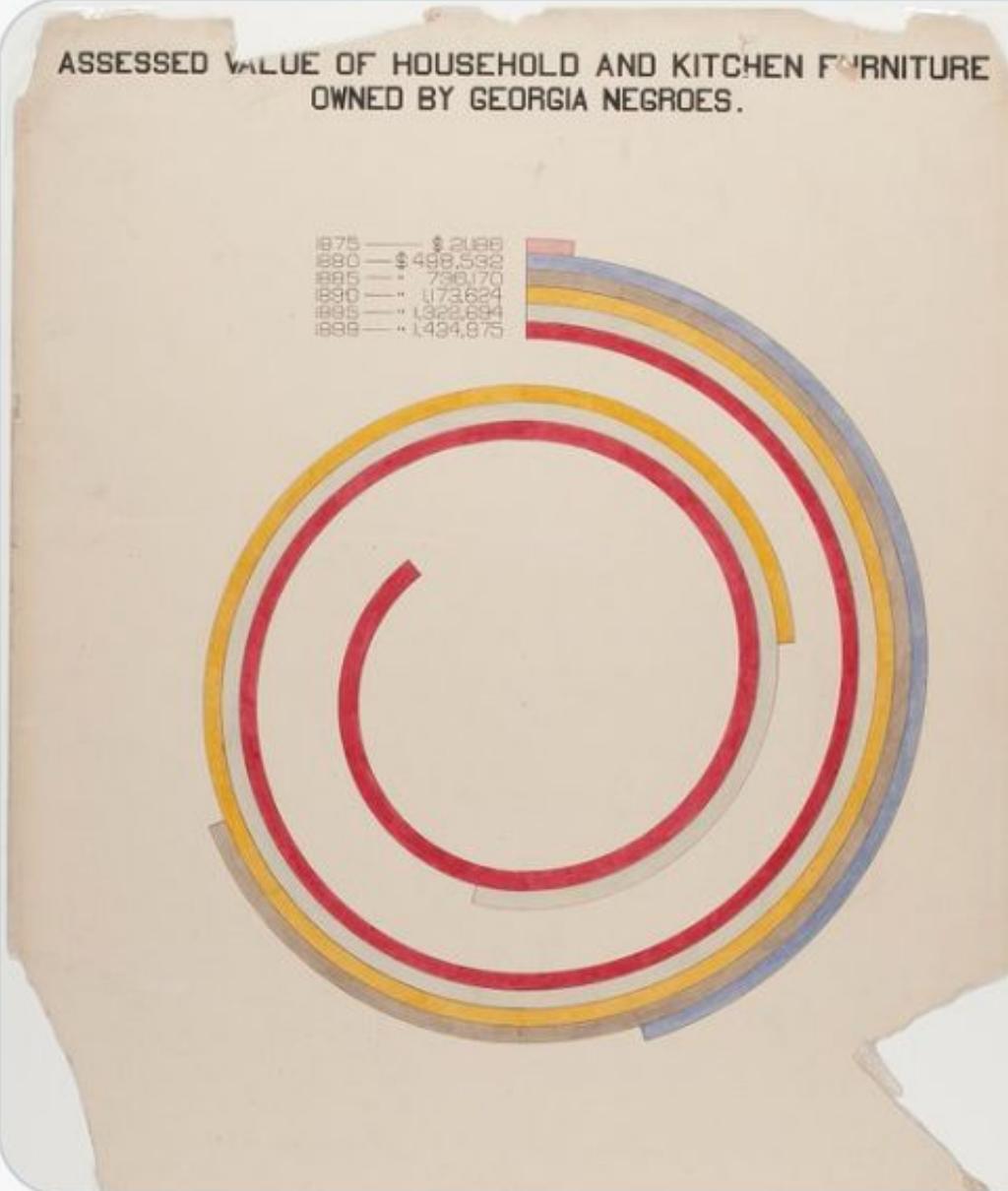


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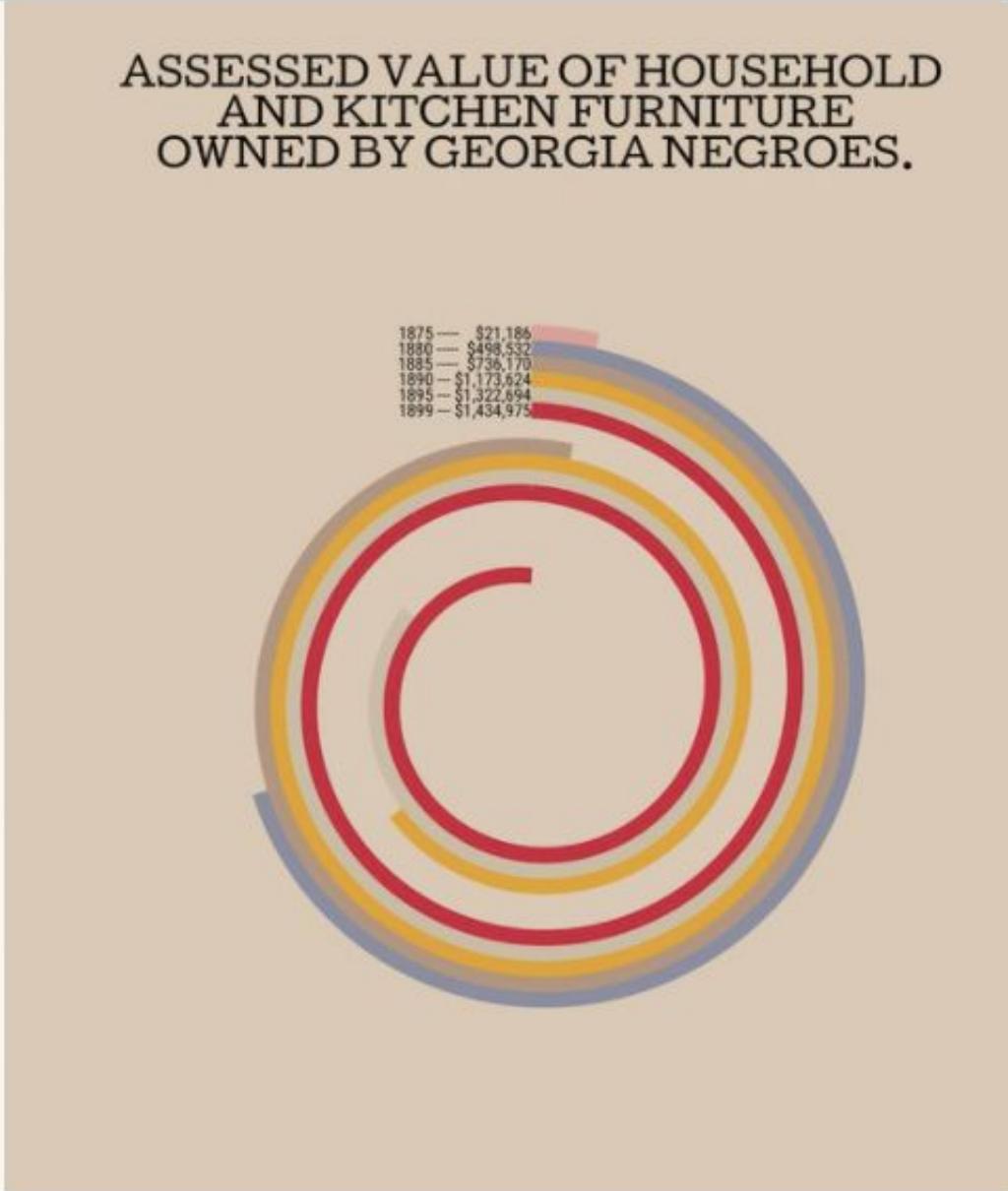
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# Modern Megaphone: Sekou Tyler

### OCCUPATIONS OF NEGROS AND WHITES IN GEORGIA

NEGROS

WHITES

Designed by Sekou Tyler @SQLSEKOU | #DuBoisChallenge Week 3

Occupation Category	NEGROS (%)	WHITES (%)
Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining	62%	64%
Manufacturing and Mechanical Industries	5%	12.5%
Trade and Transportation	4.5%	13%
Professions	28%	5.5%
Domestic and Personal Service	5%	4%
Other	5%	5%

sqlsekou • Following ...

sqlsekou #DuBoisChallenge - Week 3 !!

Tool: Tableau

Difficulty Level: Difficult as bleep!

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karabookworm Beautiful work! Heading over to your LI page now to learn more about the challenge. I also like the idea of using IG as a space to showcase data viz 🎉.

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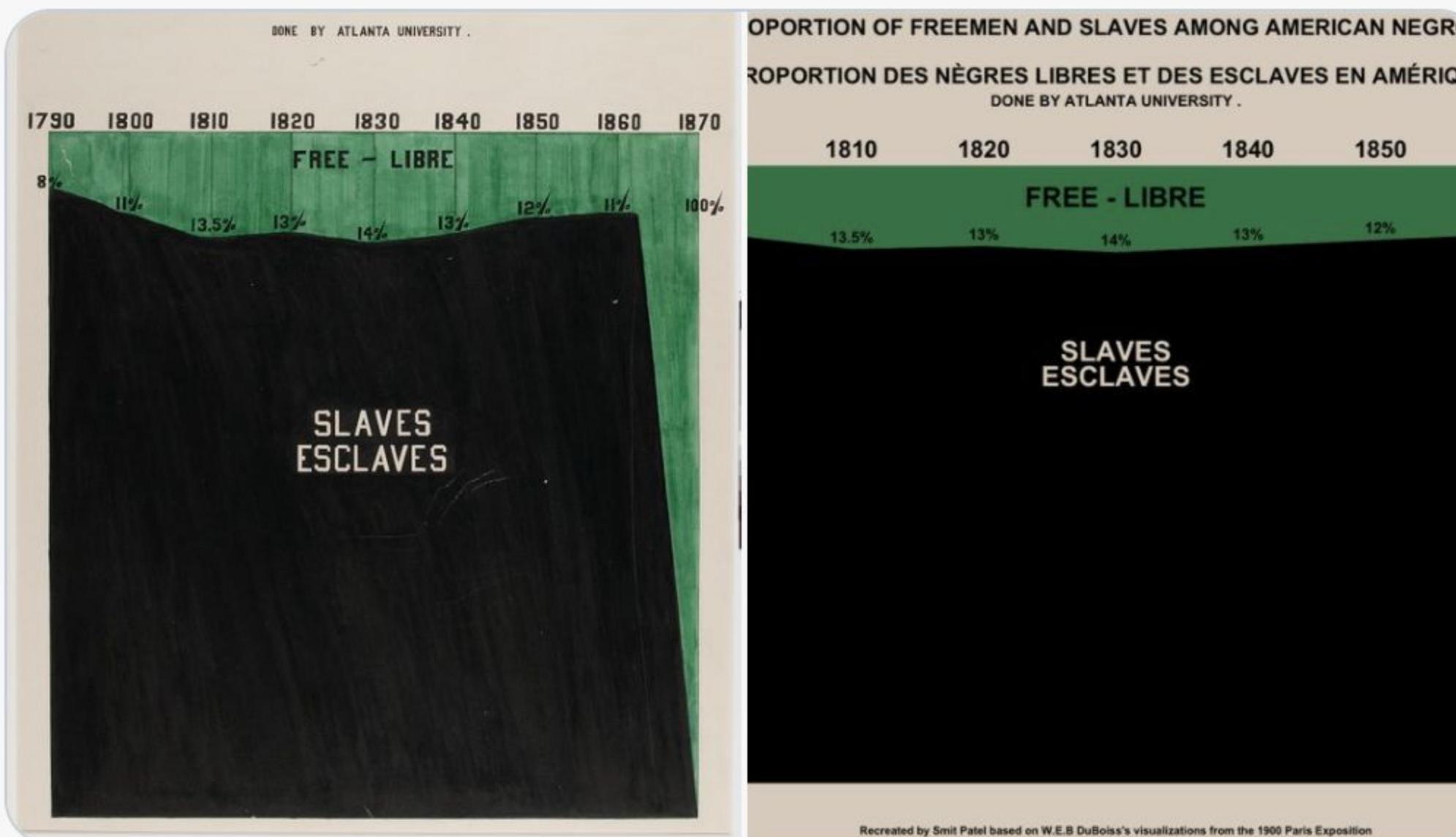
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# Smit Patel and Rebecca Stevick



Smit Patel @Smit\_Patel1 · Feb 16

This weeks #TidyTuesday is in collaboration with the #DuBoisChallenge, to celebrate the data viz legacy of W.E.B Dubois by recreating his visualizations from the 1900 Pair Exposition. From his visualizations, I wanted to recreate one which I found the most powerful. #rstats



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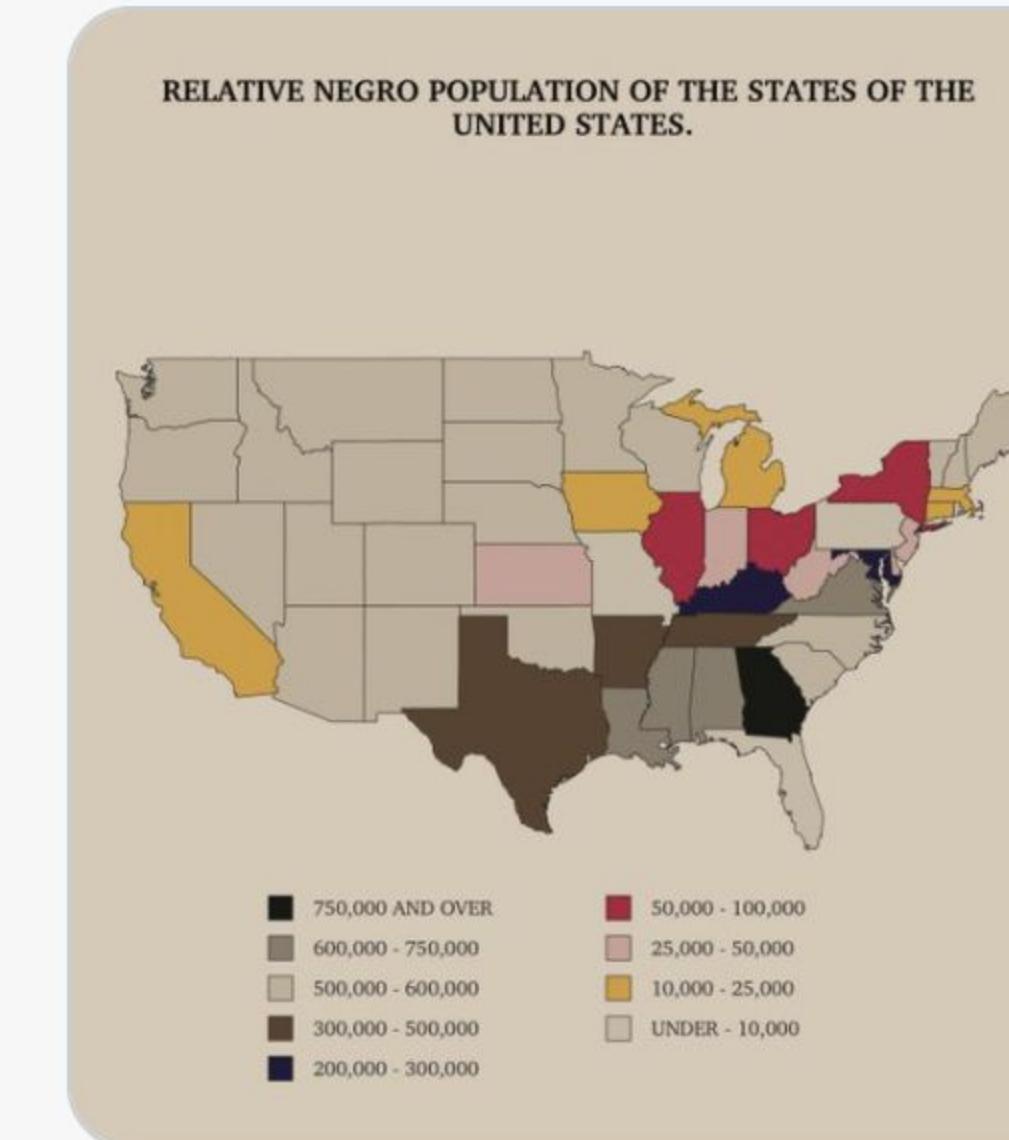


Rebecca Stevick @rjstevick · Feb 16

Here's my version of W.E.B Du Bois's plate 2 from the #DuBoisChallenge for #TidyTuesday. Anyone else totally amazed how he and his students created these visualizations by hand!?

code here: [github.com/rjstevick/Tidy...](https://github.com/rjstevick/Tidy...)

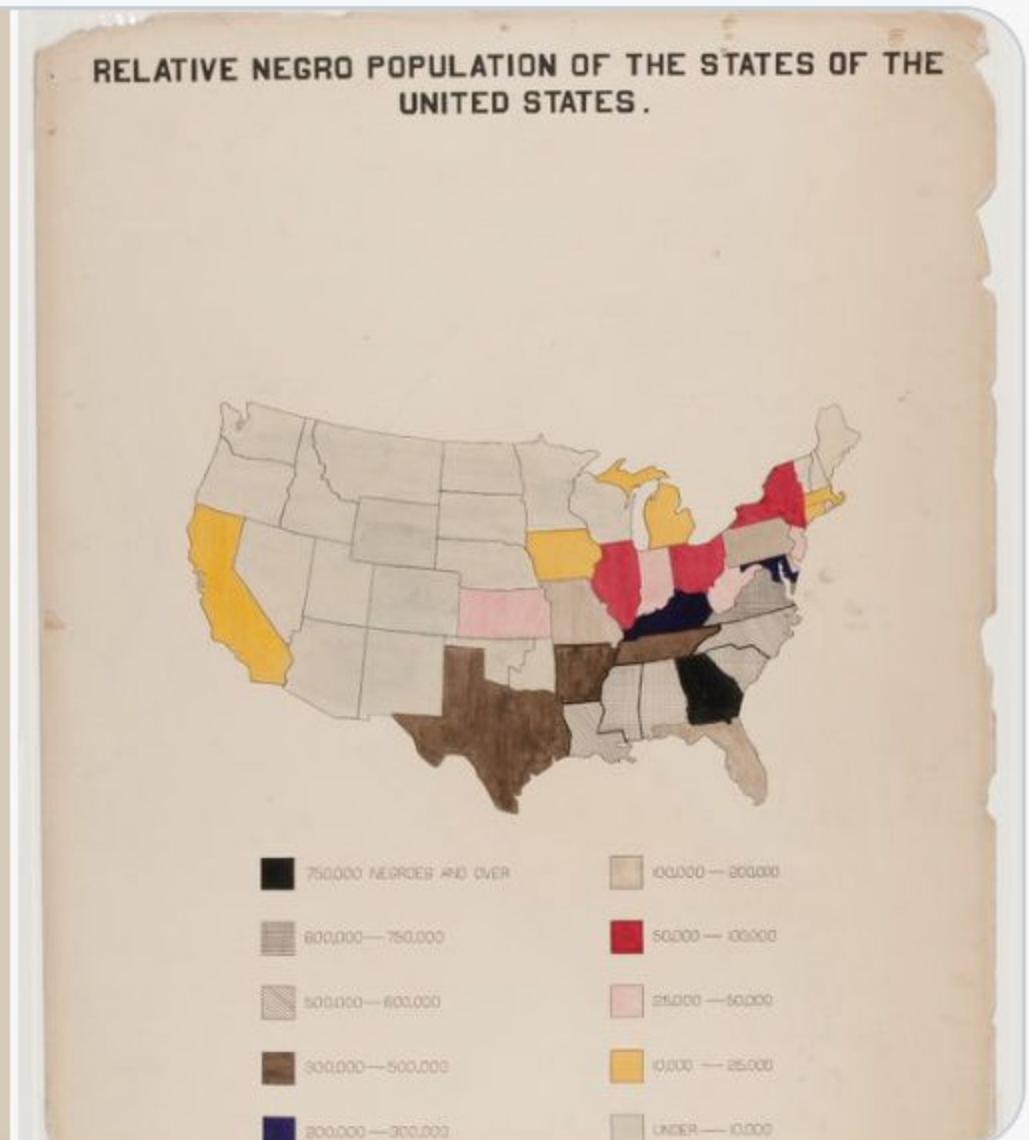
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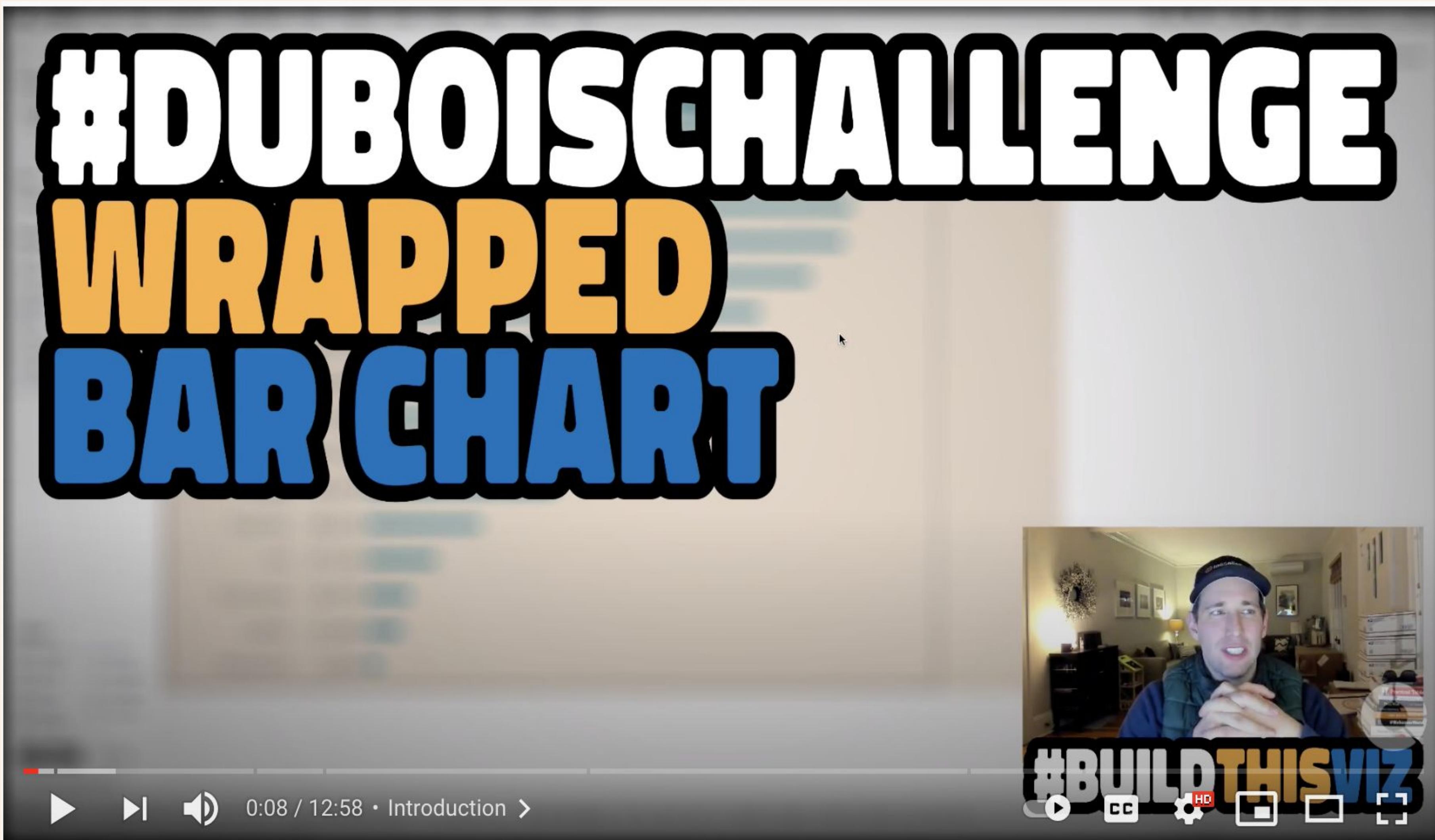
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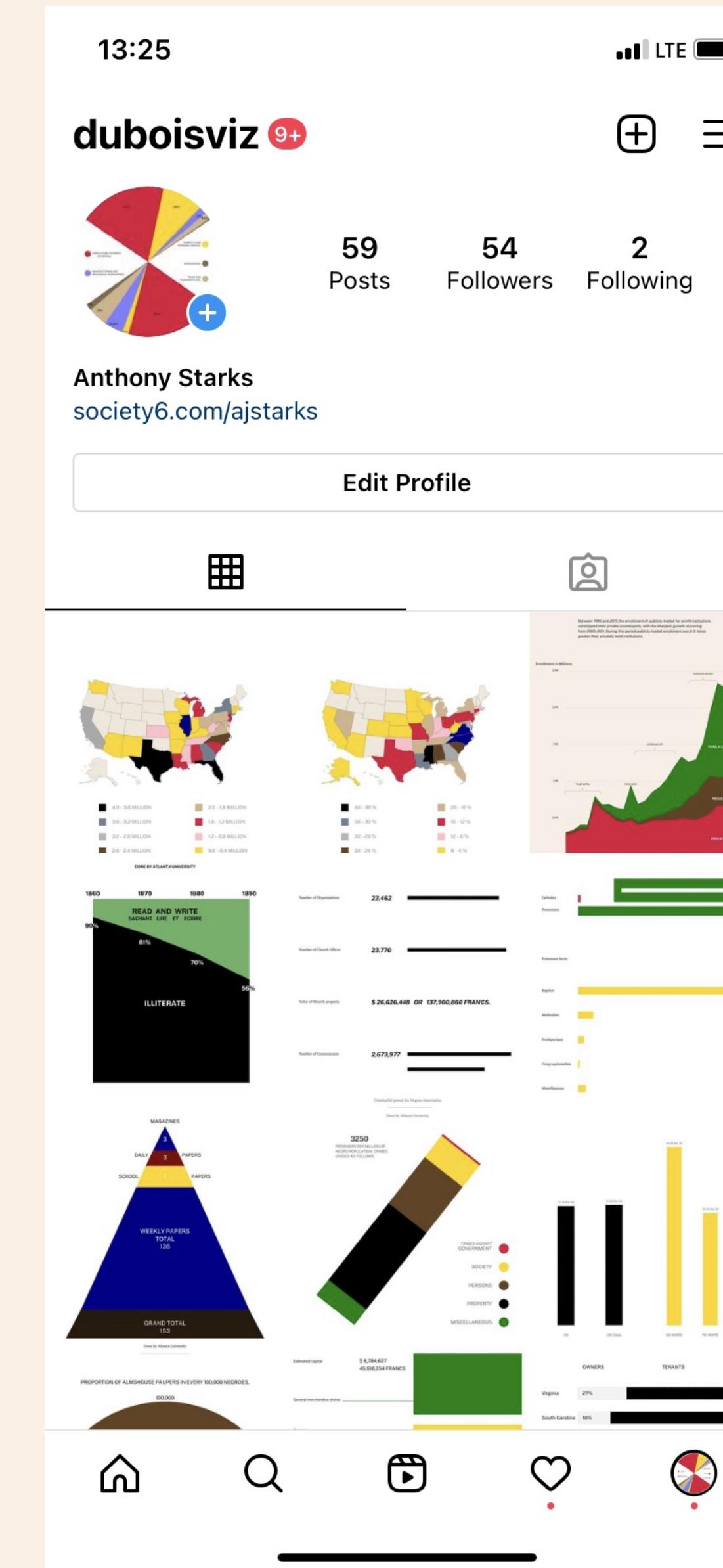
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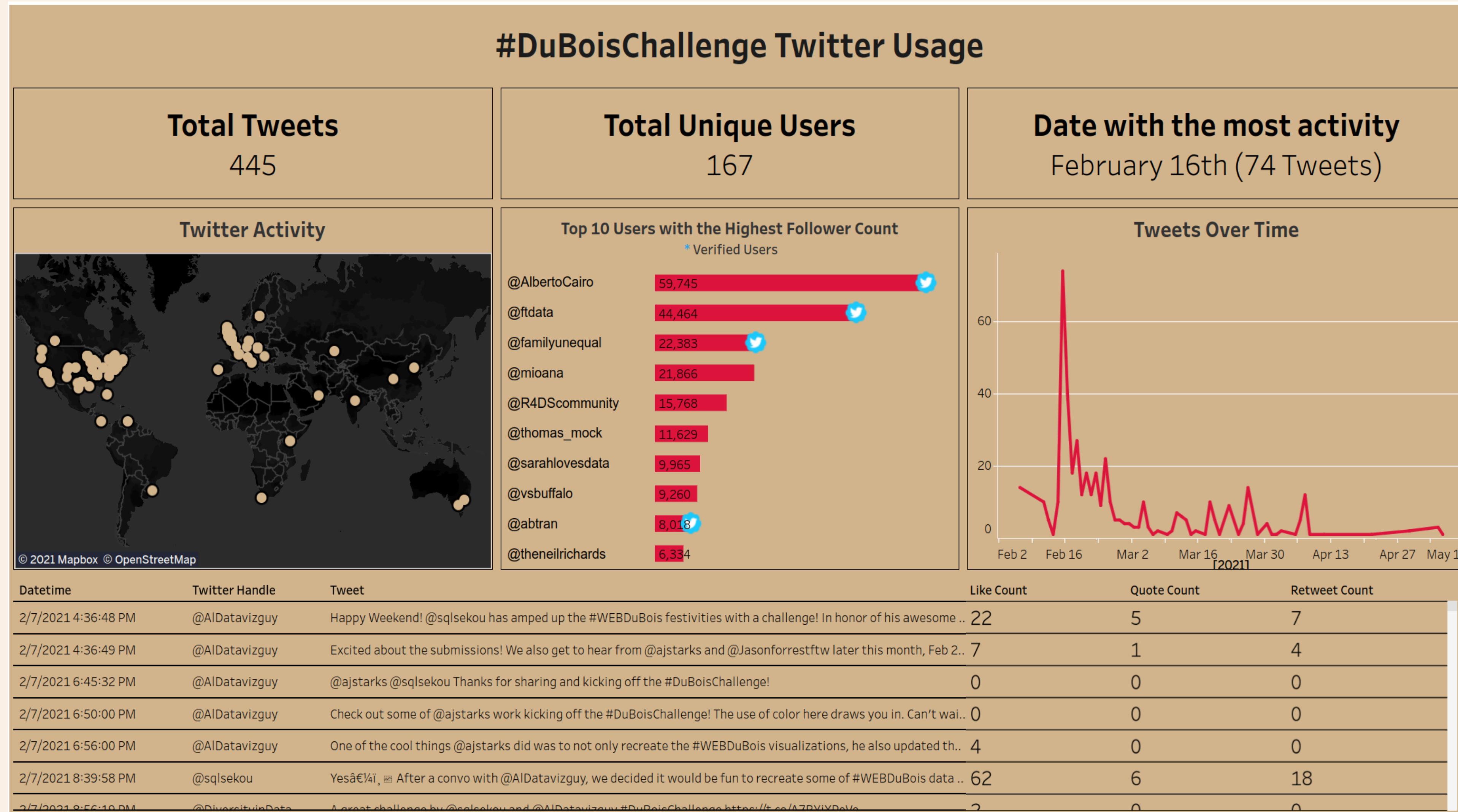
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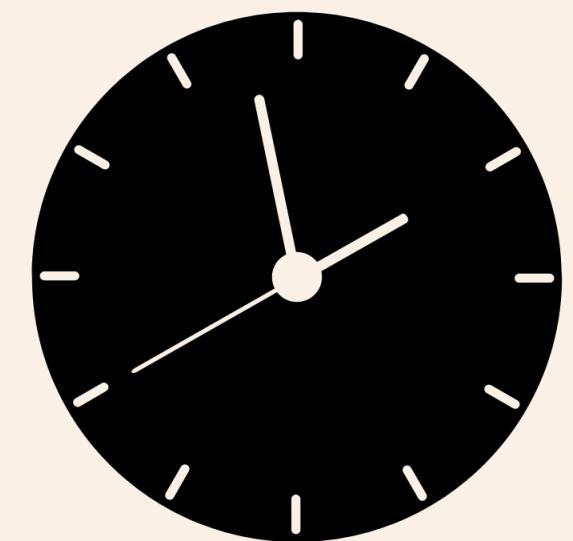
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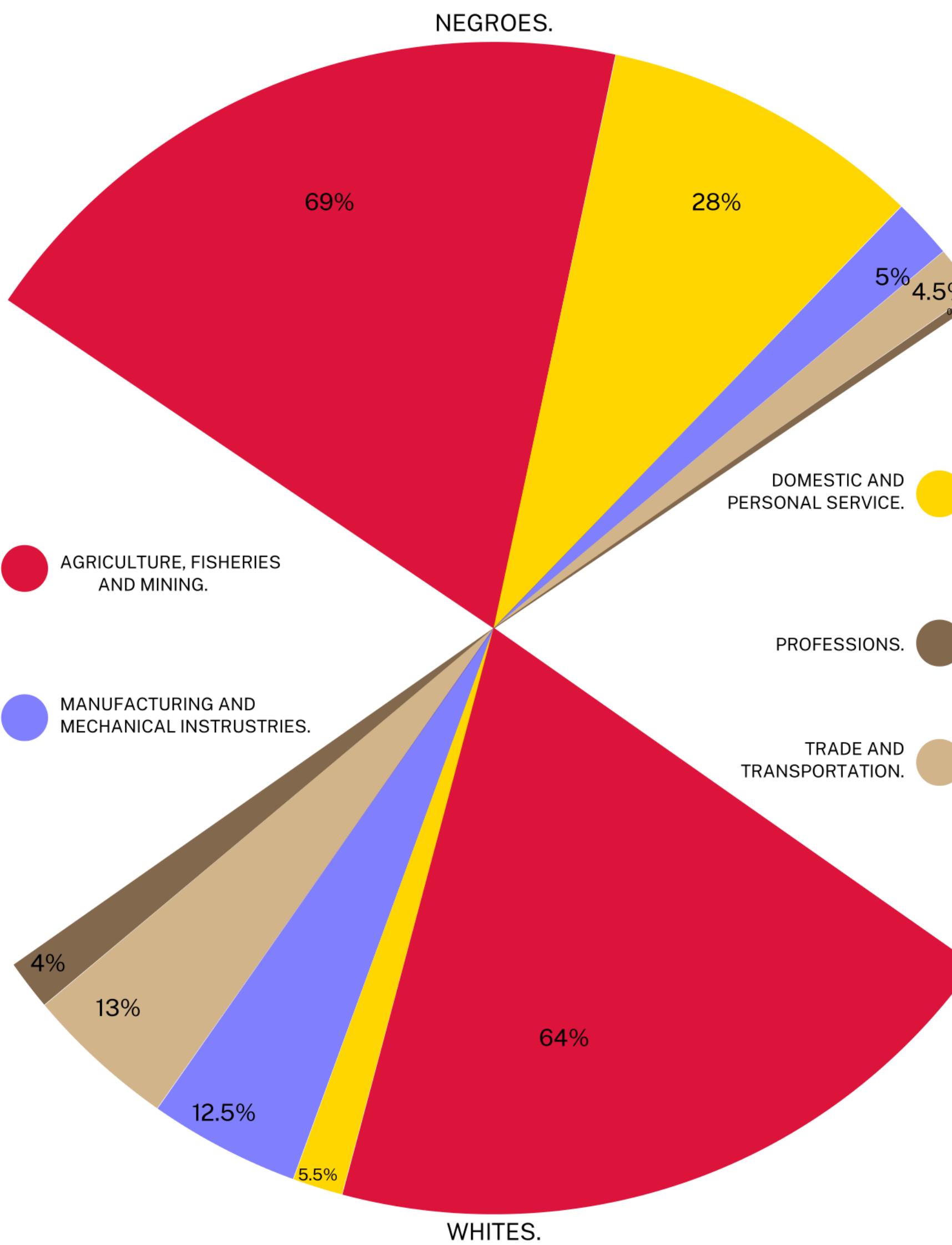
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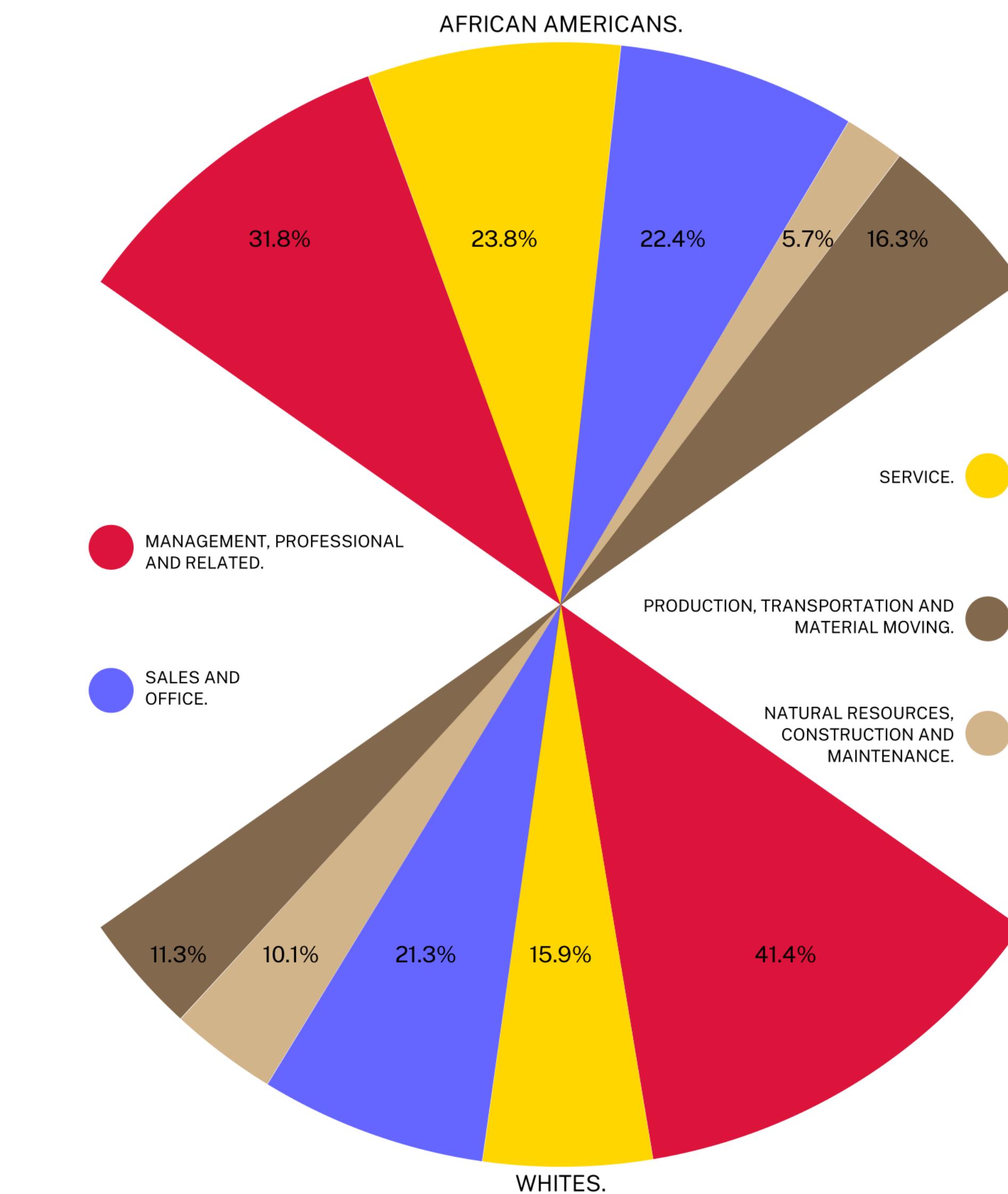
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## OCCUPATIONS OF NEGROES AND WHITES IN GEORGIA.

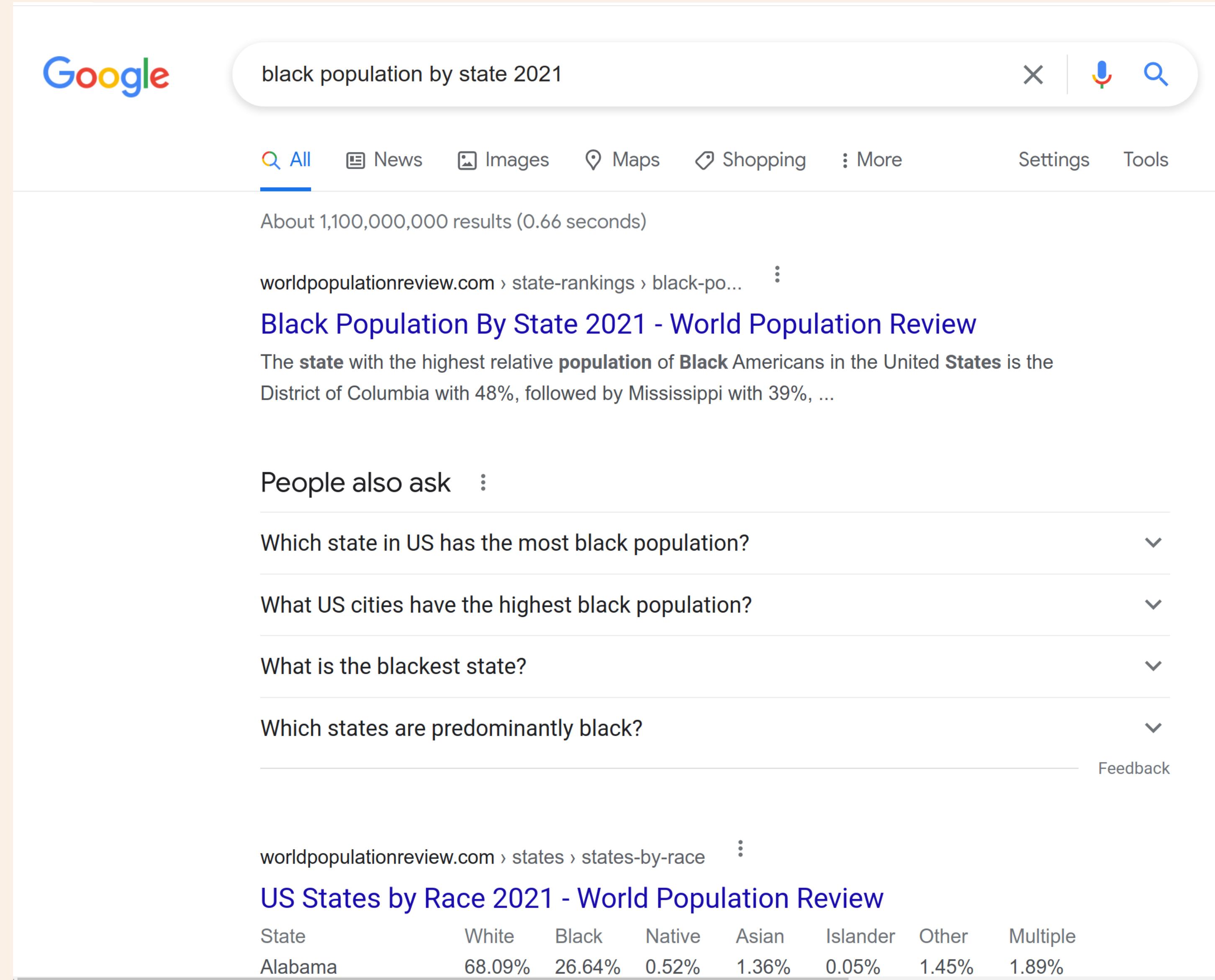


## OCCUPATIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS AND WHITES IN THE USA (2019).



Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey

# Start with the Question



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**Black Population By State 2021 - World Population Review**

The **state** with the highest relative population of **Black** Americans in the United **States** is the District of Columbia with 48%, followed by Mississippi with 39%, ...

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**US States by Race 2021 - World Population Review**

State	White	Black	Native	Asian	Islander	Other	Multiple
Alabama	68.09%	26.64%	0.52%	1.36%	0.05%	1.45%	1.89%

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\* Black or African American alone or in combination with one or more other races

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State	Black	Black (%)
Mississippi	1,148,330	38.71%
Louisiana	1,556,080	33.63%
Georgia	3,436,530	31.73%
Maryland	1,916,620	31.60%
Alabama	1,340,980	27.18%
South Carolina	1,410,420	26.72%
Delaware	229,730	23.20%
North Carolina	2,360,230	22.06%
Virginia	1,782,850	20.72%
New York	3,379,350	17.51%
Tennessee	1,200,240	17.28%
Florida	3,653,870	16.65%
Arkansas	489,192	16.12%
Illinois	1,955,310	15.56%

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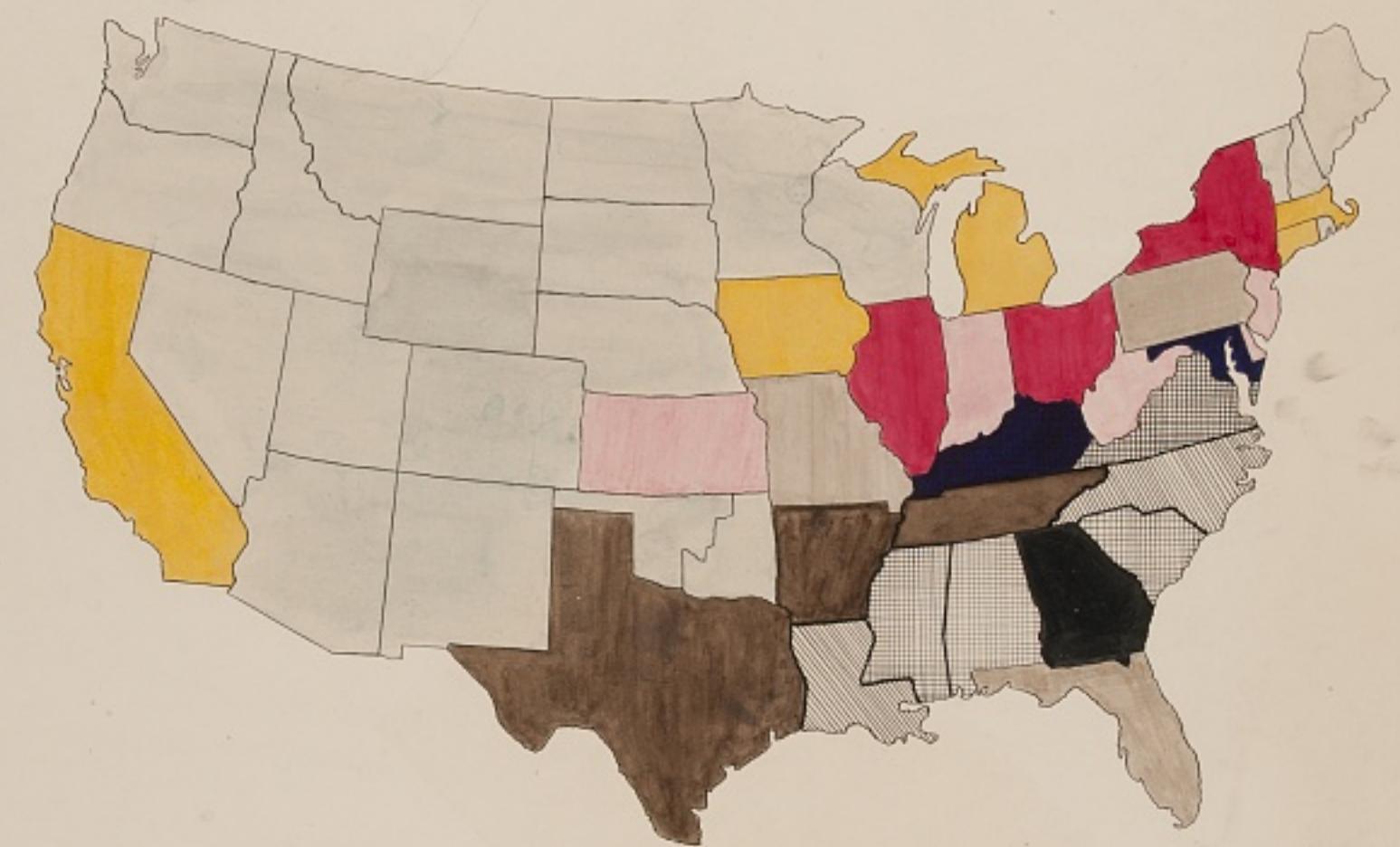
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RELATIVE NEGRO POPULATION OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES.



■ 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

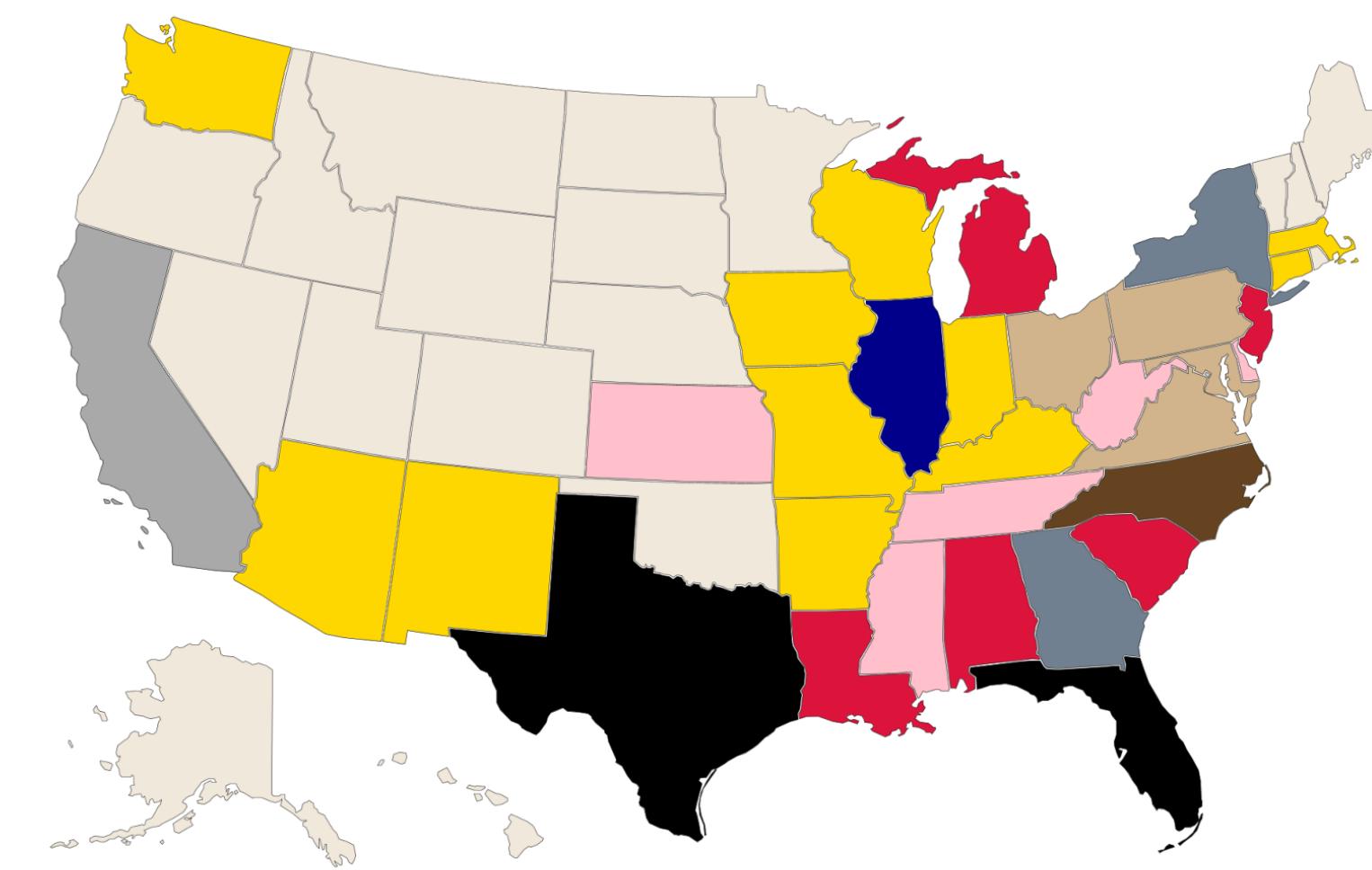
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■ 200,000 — 300,000

■ 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

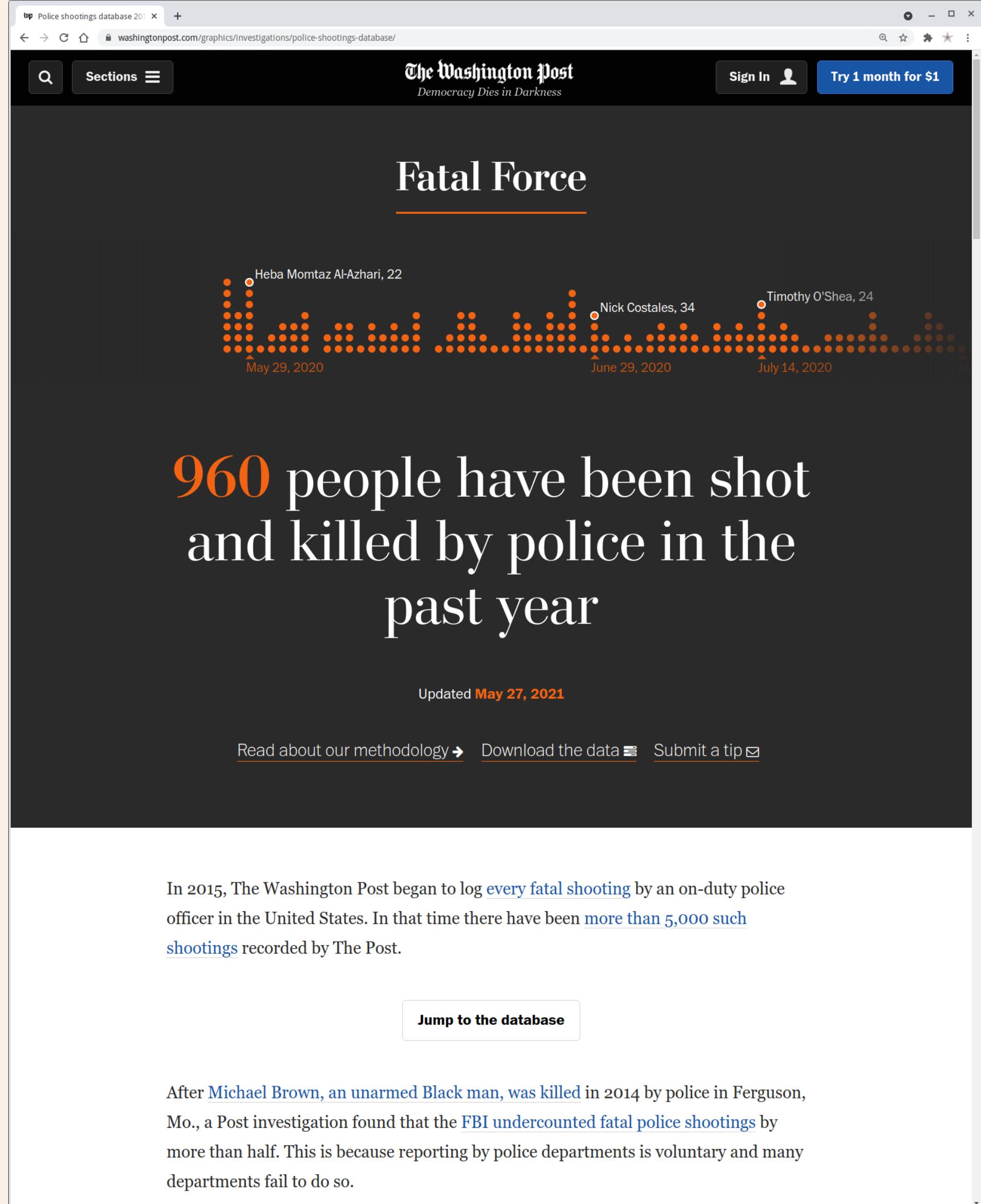
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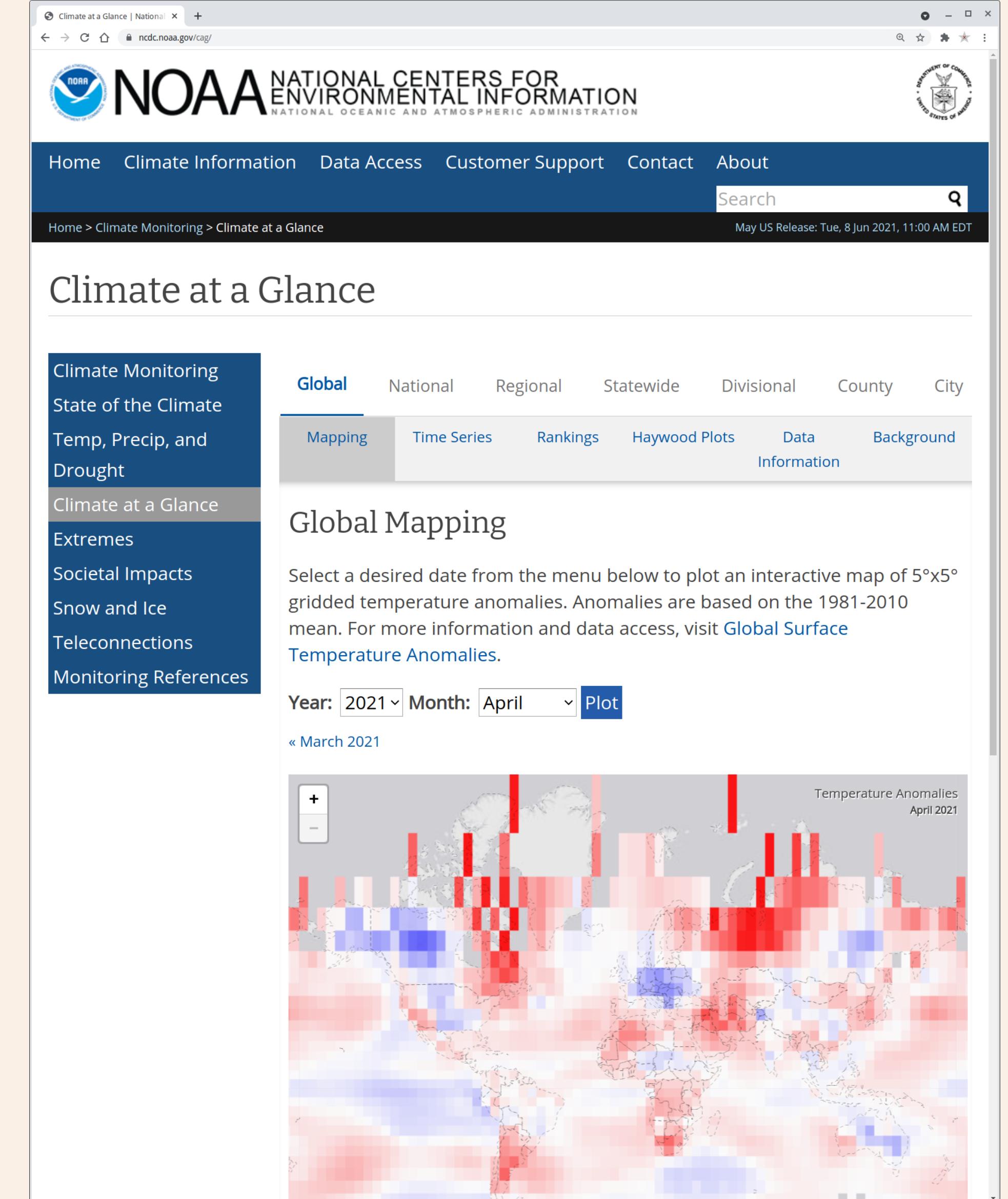
■ UNDER 0.4 MILLION

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