Redesigning a Presidential Comparison of Employment

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The Original Plot

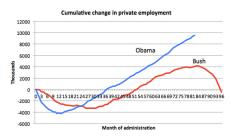


Figure: Paul Krugman's comparison of the last two presidents

Age has changed!

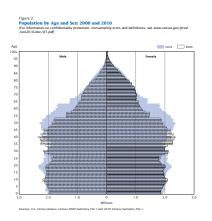


Figure: Showing changes in the age distribution of the United States

Showing the effect this has on the labor force

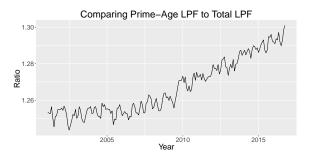


Figure: Labor force participation is increasingly concentrated among those aged 25-54

The redesigned plot

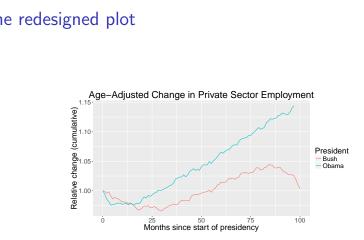


Figure: The difference in performance is now quite clear