Data Visualization Assignment 2: Good and Bad Data Visualization

Requirements:

- Data visualizations are important tools for communication and convincing; we need to be able to evaluate the ways that data are presented in visual form to be critical consumers of information
- To test your evaluation skills, locate two public data visualizations online, one good and one bad
 - You can find data visualizations at https://datavizproject.com/, or anywhere else you like!
- For each visualization (good and bad):
 - Explain (with reference to material covered up to date, along with readings and other scholarly sources, as needed) why you classified that visualization the way you did.
 - How could this data visualization have been improved?
- Word count should not exceed (as a maximum) 500 words for each visualization (i.e. 300 words for your good example and 500 for your bad example)

Why am I doing this assignment?:

- This ongoing assignment ensures active participation throughout this class, and assesses learning outcomes 2, and 3:
 - 2. Build an understanding of general design principles for creating accessible/equitable data visualizations in R and other software
 - 3. Build an understanding of data visualization as purposeful/telling a story (and the ethical/professional implications thereof)

Rubric:

| Component | Scoring | Requirement |
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| Data viz classification and justification | /15 | Data viz are clearly classified as good or bad At least three reasons for each classification are provided Reasoning is supported by course content or scholarly sources |
| Suggested improvements | /10 | At least two suggestions for improvement Suggestions are |

| | | supported by course content or scholarly sources |
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| Citation and word count | /5 | Example data visualizations, information from scholarly sources, and course slides are referenced consistently using a reference style of choice (suggestion: APA style) Both in-text citations and a final Works Cited section are included Submission does not exceed maximum word count; Works Cited are not included in word count |
| Total: | /30 | |