

# **Polishing Graphics**

# New packages

Be sure to install these packages: RColorBrewer, ggthemes, viridis

```
install.packages("RColorBrewer")  
install.packages("ggthemes")  
install.packages("viridis")
```

# Timeline

- HW-2 due Sunday by 11:59 p.m.
- Mini-project 1 due by Fri., April 14 at 9:50 a.m.
  - Work in pairs
  - Choose your own data set
  - Create a data graphic
  - Write a short "blog post"
  - Present your graphic

# What we know

- A basic set of geometries
- How to map variables to aesthetics
- How to *set* colors
- How to change axis labels and titles
- How to add text annotations

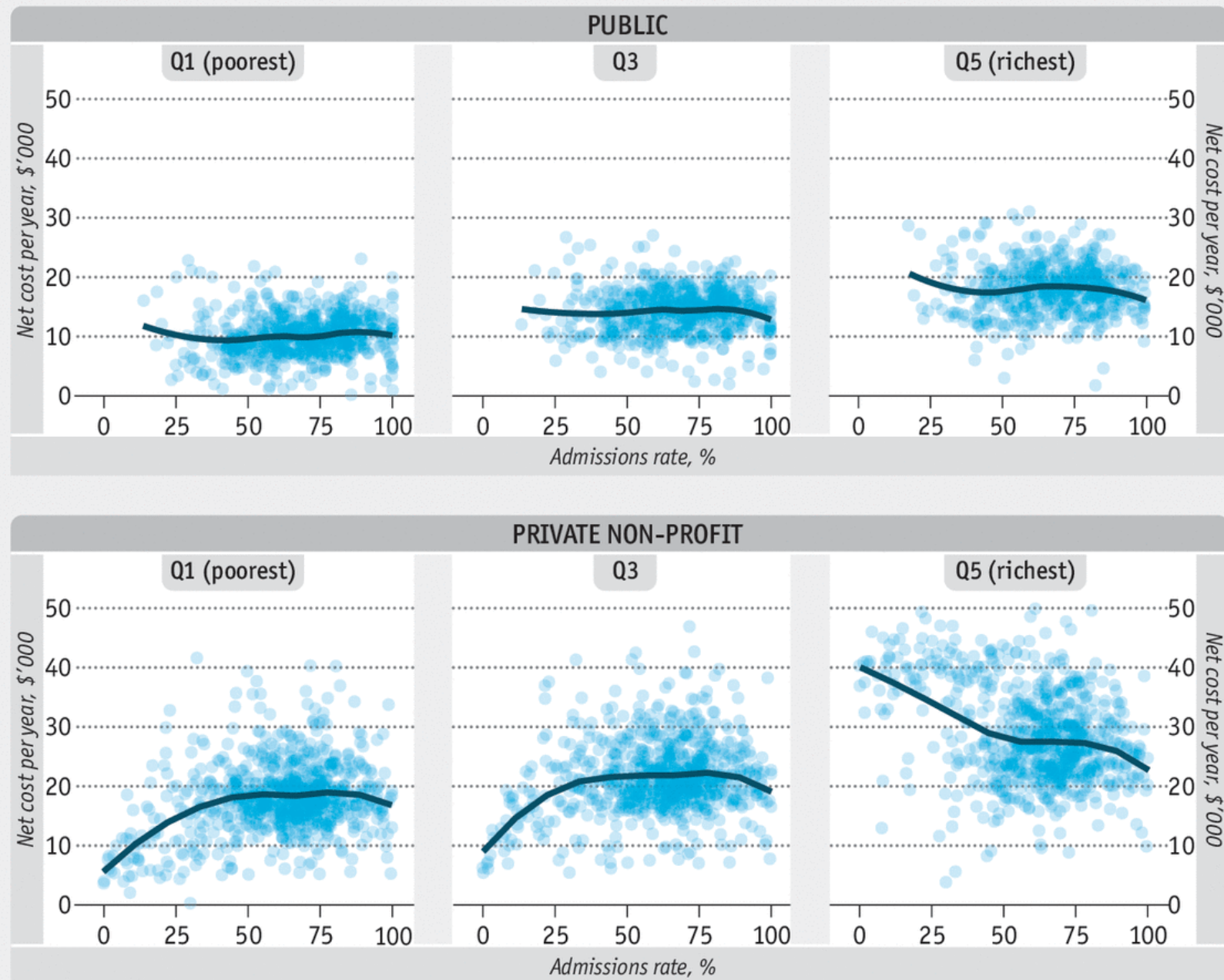
# What else is there?

- Reordering factors
- Changing color scales
- Changing themes

**Your turn**

## Scorecard

Average net cost per year at US colleges\*, by income quintile



Source: College Scorecard

\*Colleges with at least 1,000 undergrads

Economist.com

**Task:** Recreate this graphic from *The Economist*

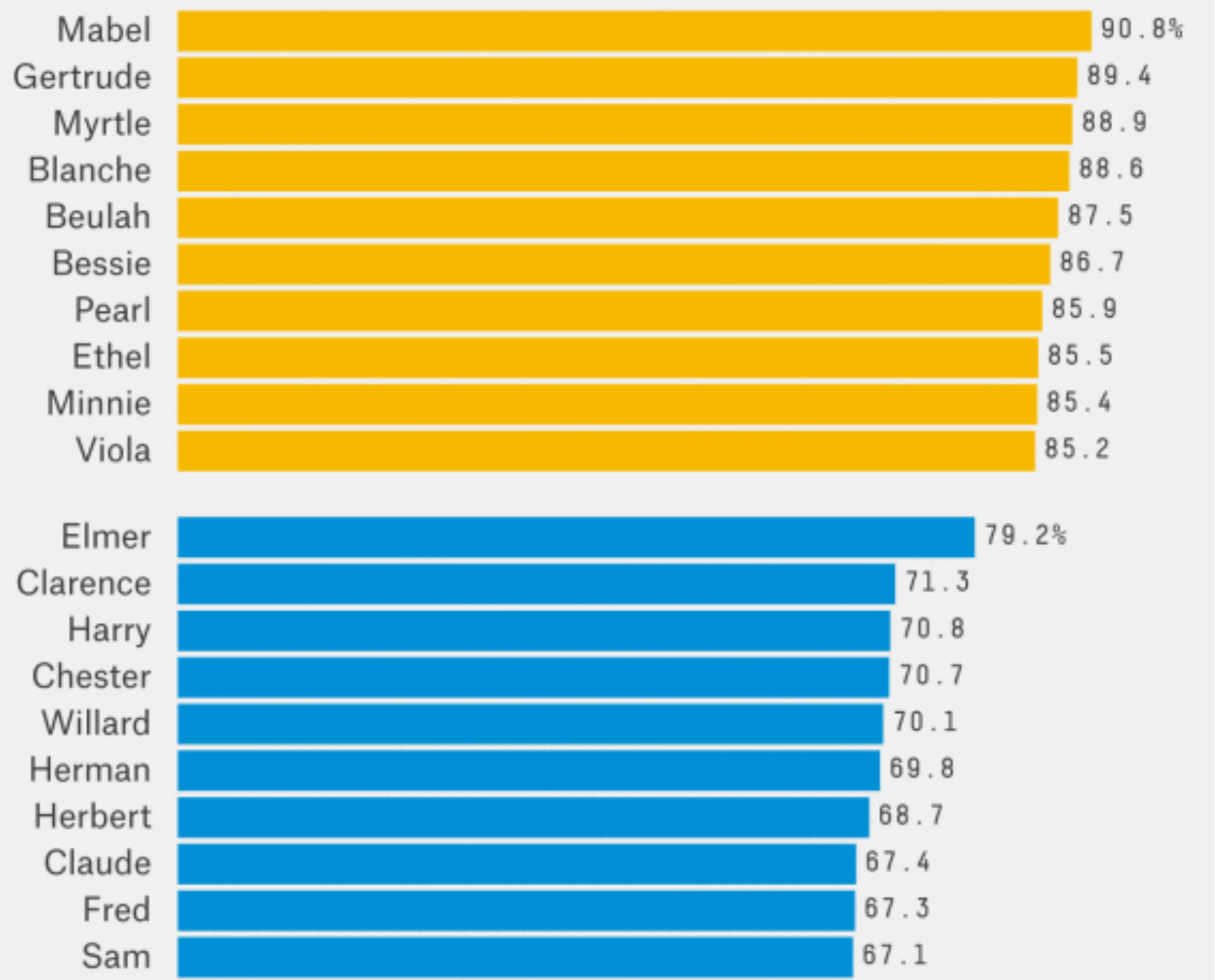
- ScorecardSmallNarrow.csv available on the course website
- Variables include:
  1. CONTROL: public (1) or private (2) institution.
  2. ADM\_RATE: admissions rate (%)
  3. income\_group: income quintile
  4. net\_cost: avg. net cost for students
- Hint: geom\_smooth will help

# Polishing



# Deadest Names

Estimated percentage of Americans with a given name born since 1900 who were dead as of Jan. 1, 2014



# Goals

- bar chart for names
- faceting and fill by sex
- flip the axes
- text giving the percentages

# Changing scales

**Recipe:** `scale_<aes>_<method>`

**Examples:**

- `scale_fill_manual`
- `scale_fill_brewer`
- `scale_color_viridis`
- `scale_shape_manual`

# Changing themes

Loading ggthemes allows you to access numerous prebuilt themes

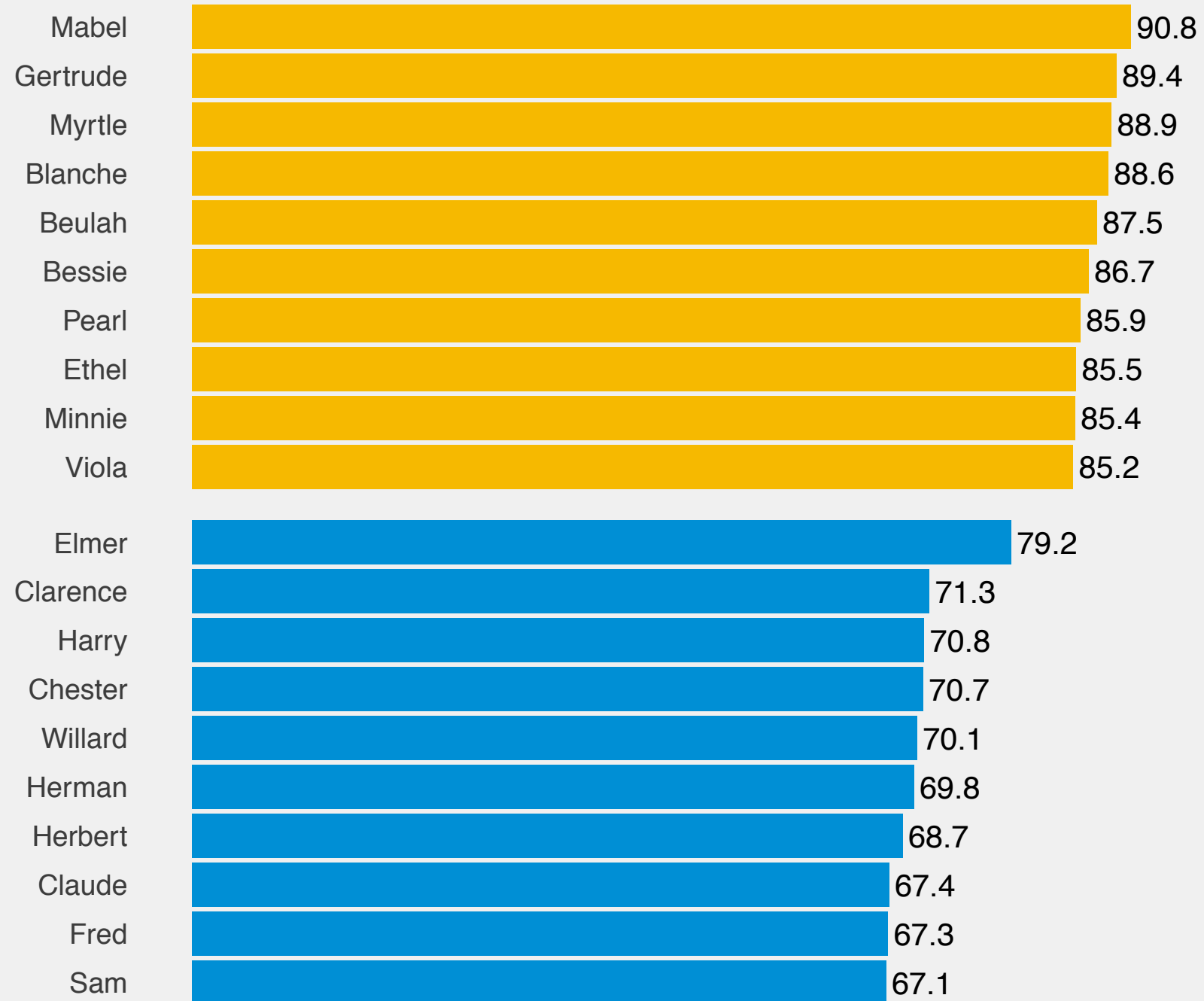
- `theme_ws()`
- `theme_few()`
- `theme_hc()`
- `theme_gdocs()`

# Custom themes

- `theme()` function allows us to fine tune every aspect of our plot canvas
- A LOT of decisions (run `?theme` to see more)
- A LOT of control

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```
dnplot2 +  
  theme_fivethirtyeight() +  
  theme(legend.position = "none",  
        panel.grid = element_blank(),  
        strip.text = element_blank(),  
        axis.text.x = element_blank()  
  )
```