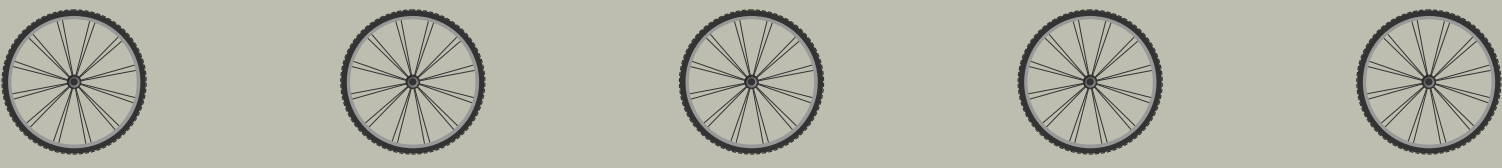
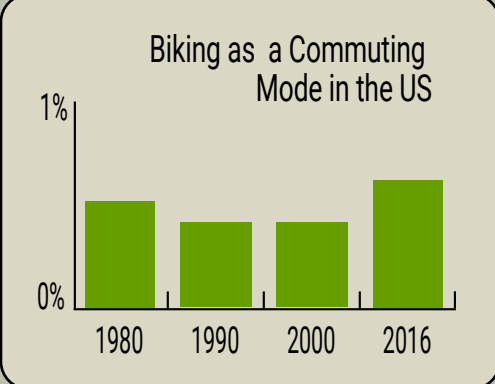
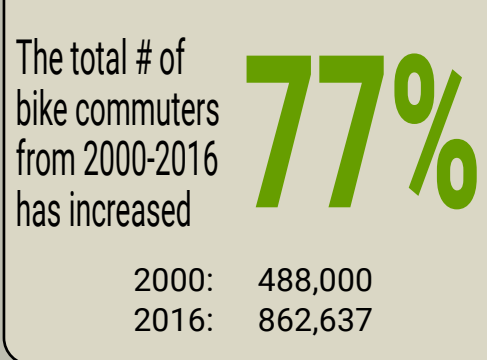
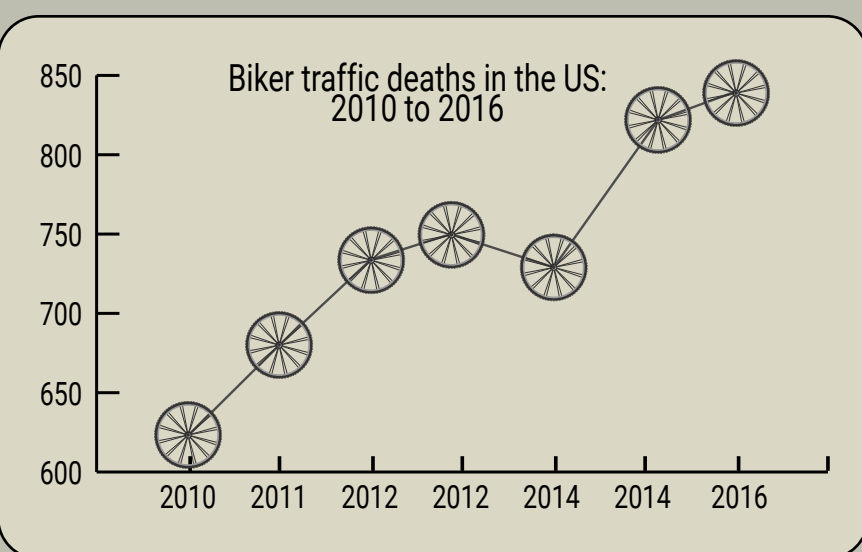


The Rise of Urban Cycling in the United States

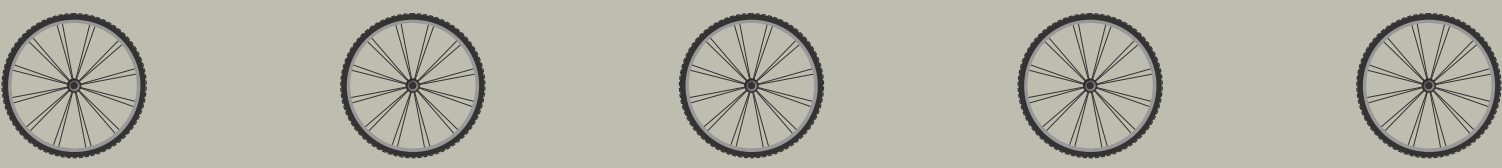
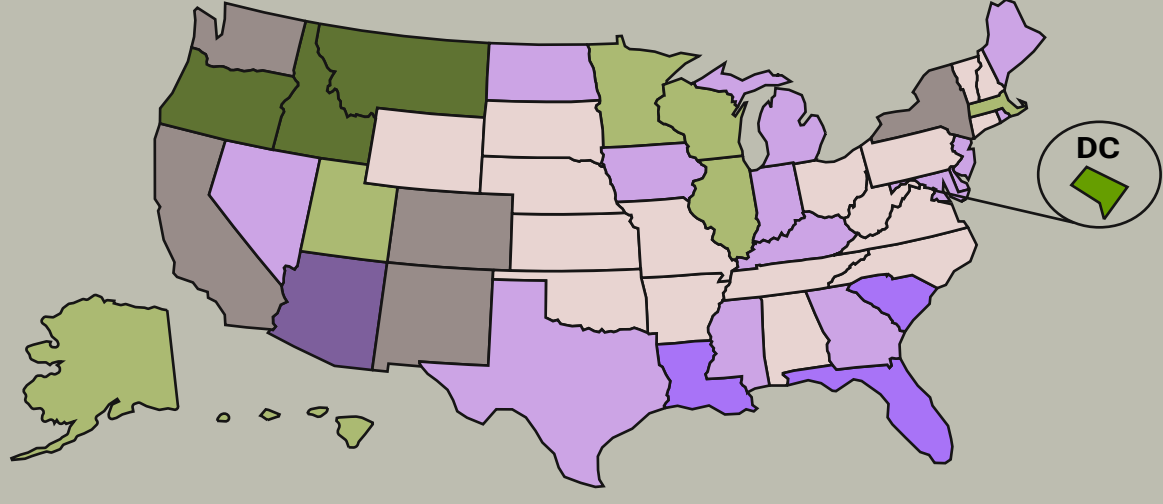
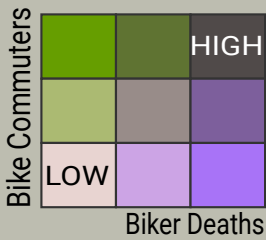
No, you're not imagining it - there are more bikers than ever on the road, especially in **urban areas**. Although biking as a commuting mode has remained stable for the nation as a whole, large increases in urban bike commutership are occurring and the urban landscape is tranforming in turn.



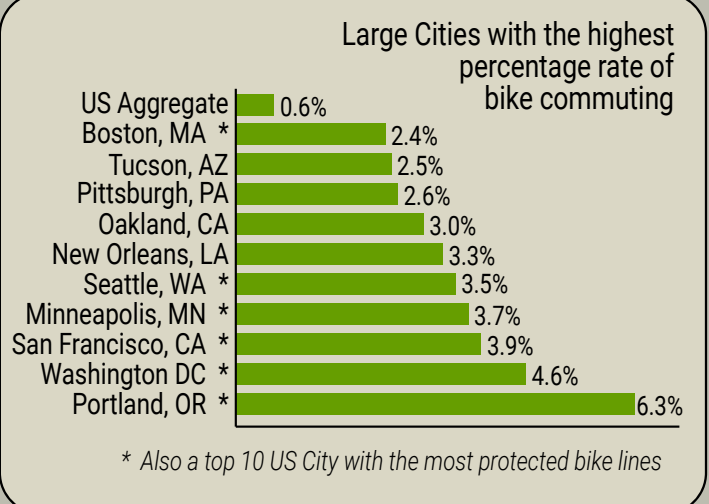
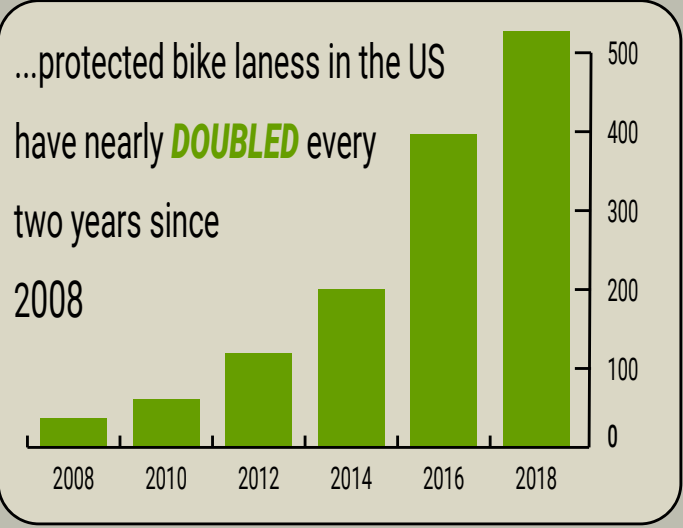
But in the era of distracted drivers and record numbers of bike commuters, are the streets becoming more **dangerous** ?



Relative Biker Deaths & Commuter Rates in 2016 per State



The **safety-in-numbers theory** has proved a motorist is less likely to collide with a person walking and biking if more people walk or bike. Policies that increase the numbers of walkers and bikers are an effective route to improve safety. **and thus ...**



- Protected bike lanes :**
- Increase the numbers of bikers
 - Make biking safer
 - Decrease sidewalk biking
 - Make motorists & bikers feel safer

Coincidence ?

6 of the top-10 bike-commuting cities also are also within the top-10 US cities with the most protected bike lanes.

