

Data Visualization - 8.

Polishing and

Presenting Plots

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Code Horizons

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Polishing your plots and Presenting them

Load our packages

```
library(here)      # manage file paths
library(tidyverse) # your friend and mine
library(socviz)    # data and some useful functions
library(ggrepel)   # Text and labels
library(colorspace) # luminance-balanced palettes
library(scales)     # scale adjustments and enhancements
library(ggforce)   # useful enhancements to ggplot
```



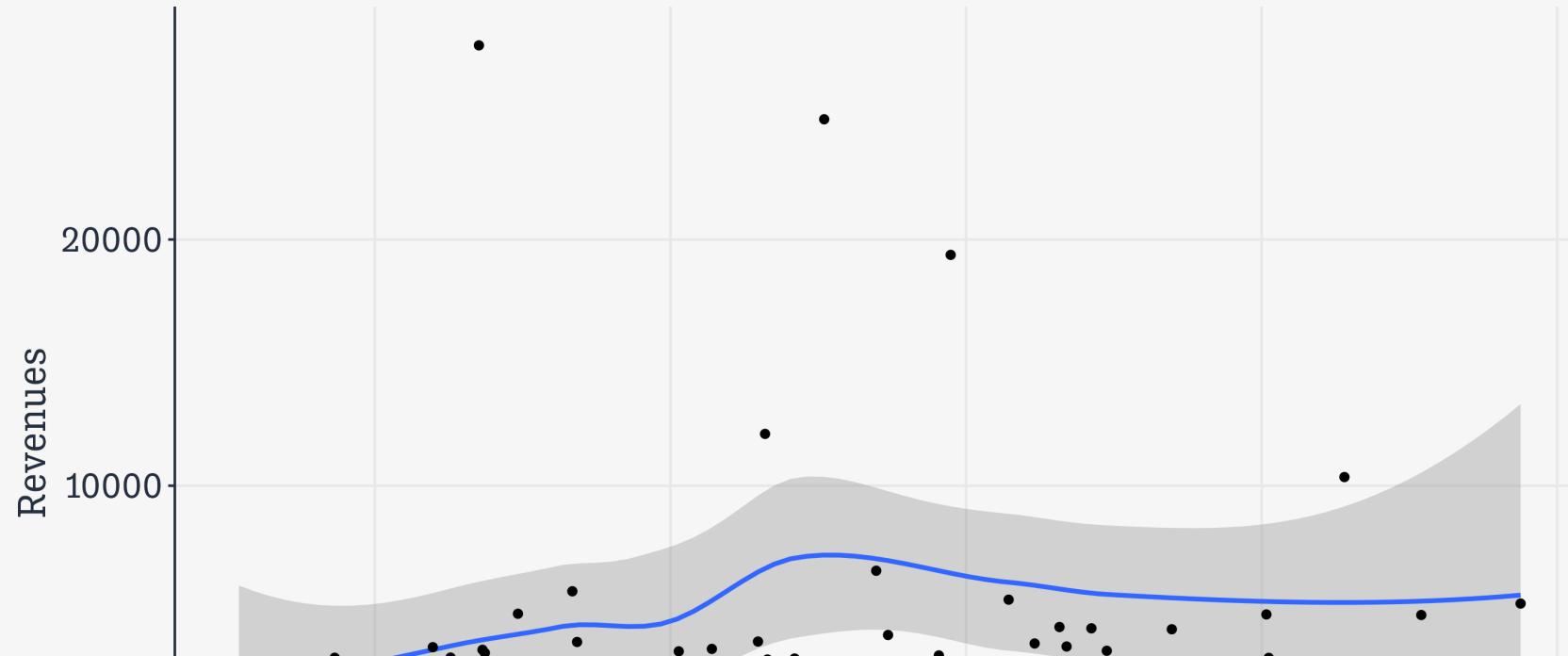
**Piece by piece,
Layer by layer**

Build your plots a piece at a time

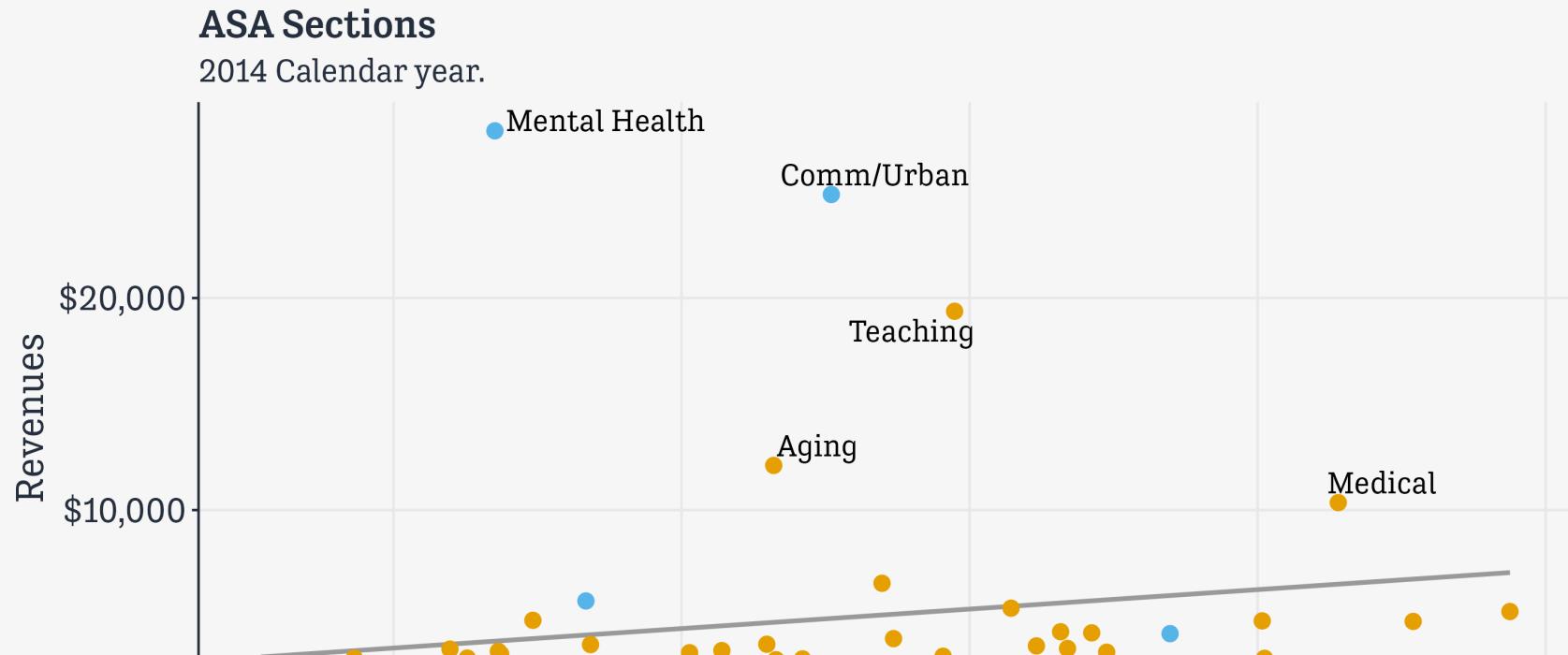
```
asasec ← as_tibble(asasec)
asasec
```

```
# A tibble: 572 × 9
  Section      Sname Beginning Revenues Expenses Ending Journal Year Members
  <fct>       <fct>    <int>     <int>   <int>   <int> <fct>  <int>   <int>
1 Aging and the... Aging     12752    12104   12007   12849 No    2005     598
2 Alcohol, Drug... Alco...    11933     1144     400    12677 No    2005     301
3 Altruism and ... Altr...    1139      1862    1875    1126 No    2005     NA
4 Animals and S... Anim...     473      820    1116     177 No    2005     209
5 Asia/Asian Am... Asia      9056     2116    1710    9462 No    2005     365
6 Body and Embo... Body     3408     1618    1920    3106 No    2005     NA
7 Children and ... Chil...    3692     3653    3713    3632 No    2005     418
8 Coll Behavior... CBSM     8127     3470    2704    8893 No    2005     708
9 Communication... CITA...   17093     4800    4804   17089 No    2005     301
10 Community and... Comm...   26598    24883   23379   28102 Yes   2005     721
# i 562 more rows
```

Build your plots a piece at a time



Build your plots a piece at a time



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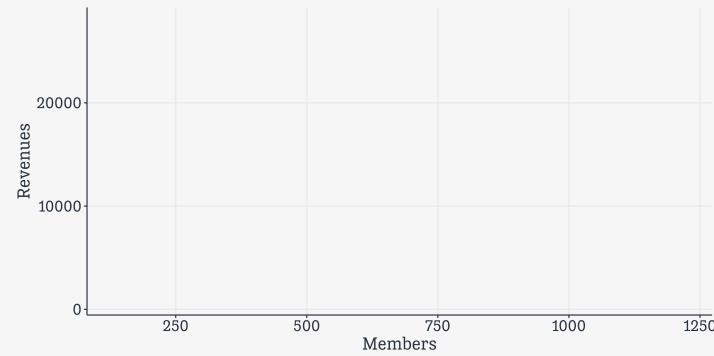
Build your plots a piece at a time

```
1 asasec >  
2   filter(Year == 2014)
```

```
# A tibble: 52 × 9  
  Section      Sname Beginning Revenues Expenses  
  <fct>        <fct>    <int>    <int>    <int>  
  <int>        <fct>    <int>    <int>  
  1 Aging and the... Aging     12752    12104    12007  
  12849 No       2014      580  
  2 Alcohol, Drug... Alco...    11933    1144     400  
  12677 No       2014      173  
  3 Altruism and ... Altru...    1139     1862     1875  
  1126 No       2014      318  
  4 Animals and S... Anim...    473      820     1116  
  177 No       2014      154  
  5 Asia/Asian Am... Asia     9056     2116     1710  
  9462 No       2014      336  
  6 Body and Embo... Body     3408     1618     1920  
  3106 No       2014      312  
  7 Children and ... Chil...    3692     3653     3713  
  3632 No       2014      421  
  8 Coll Behavior... CBSM     8127     3470     2704  
  8893 No       2014      835  
  9 Communication... CITA...   17093    4800     4804  
  17089 No       2014      371  
  10 Community and... Comm...  26598    24883    23379  
  28102 Yes      2014      630
```

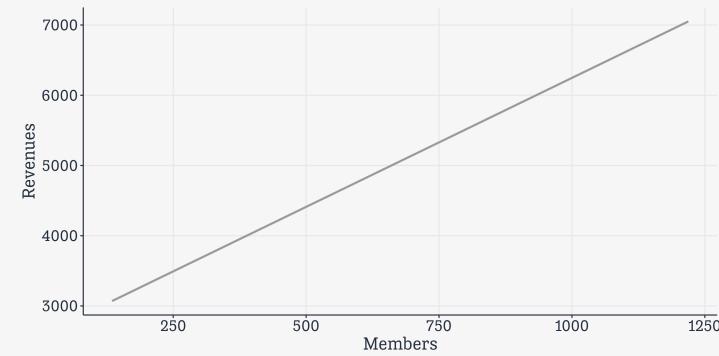
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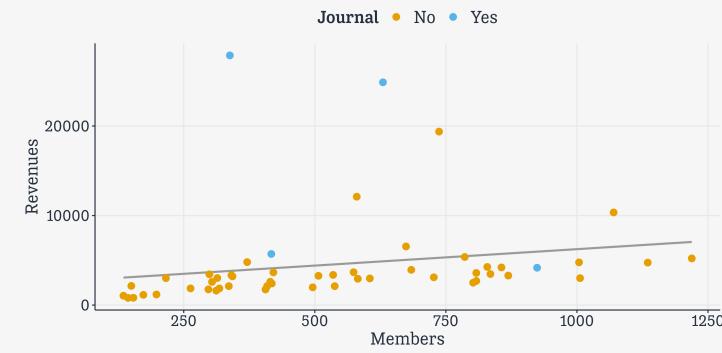
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3   ggplot(mapping = aes(x = Members,
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6   geom_smooth(method = "lm",
7               se = FALSE,
8               color = "gray60")
```



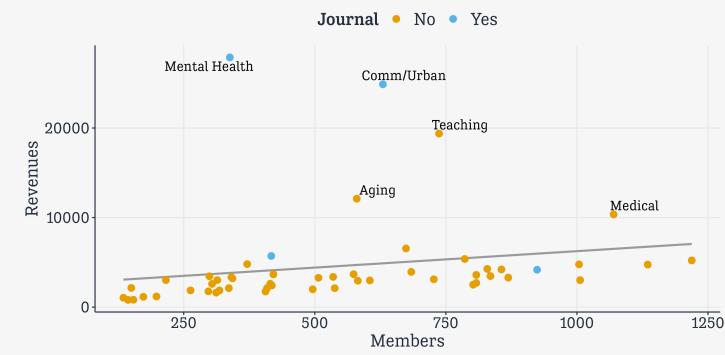
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8               color = "gray60") +
9   geom_point(mapping = aes(color = Journal),
10              size = rel(3))
```



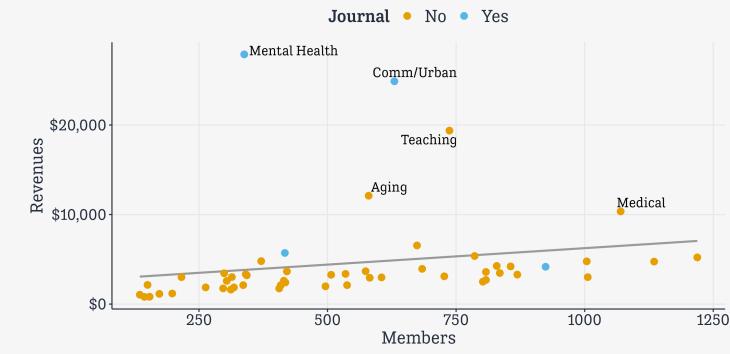
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11     geom_text_repel(data=subset(asasec,
12                               Year = 2014 &
13                               Revenues > 7000),
14                               size = rel(5),
15                               mapping =
16                               aes(family = "Tenso Slide"))
```



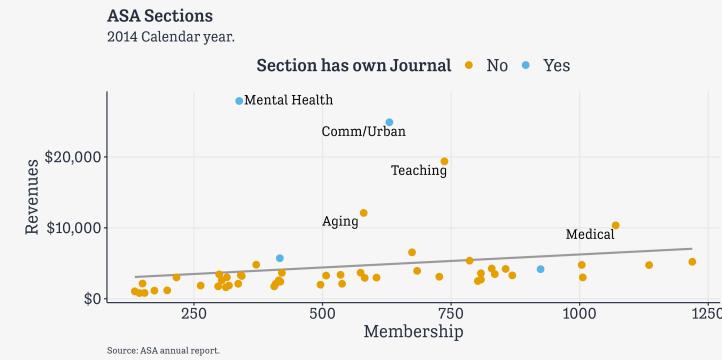
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17     scale_y_continuous(labels =
18                           scales::label_dollar())
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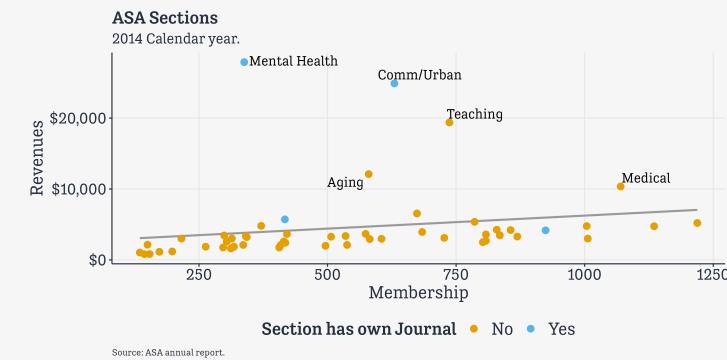
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16                     aes(family = "Tenso Slide")) +
17       scale_y_continuous(labels =
18                     scales::label_dollar()) +
19       labs(x="Membership", y="Revenues",
20             color = "Section has own Journal",
21             title = "ASA Sections",
22             subtitle = "2014 Calendar year.",
23             caption = "Source: ASA annual report.")
```



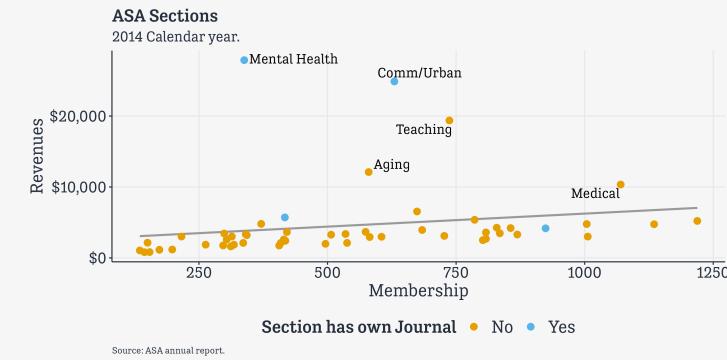
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More about Scales

Working with `color` and `fill` scales

`scale_<MAPPING>_<KIND>()`

.large[Scale functions control the display of the variables they map. So to change the colors for `color` or `fill` mappings, you adjust the corresponding `scale_` function, not the `theme()` function.]

.large[`ggplot` has several color palettes built in. A variety of packages provide others.]

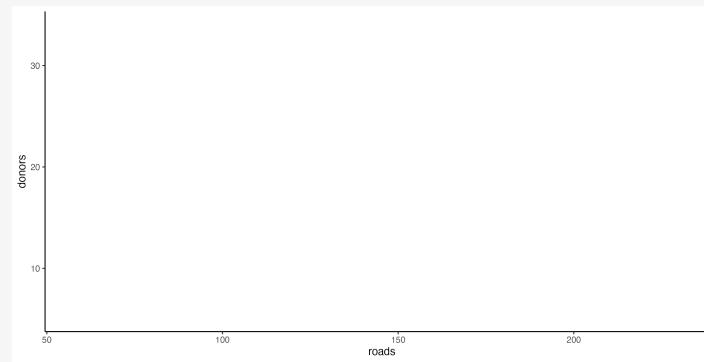
You can specify scales manually

```
1 organdata
```

```
# A tibble: 238 × 21
  country     year    donors    pop  pop_dens    gdp
  <chr>      <date>    <dbl>  <int>    <dbl>  <int>
  gdp_lag health health_lag
  <int>   <dbl>    <dbl>
  1 Australia NA        NA    17065    0.220 16774
  16591 1300     1224
  2 Australia 1991-01-01 12.1  17284    0.223 17171
  16774 1379     1300
  3 Australia 1992-01-01 12.4  17495    0.226 17914
  17171 1455     1379
  4 Australia 1993-01-01 12.5  17667    0.228 18883
  17914 1540     1455
  5 Australia 1994-01-01 10.2  17855    0.231 19849
  18883 1626     1540
  6 Australia 1995-01-01 10.2  18072    0.233 21079
  19849 1737     1626
  7 Australia 1996-01-01 10.6  18311    0.237 21923
  21079 1846     1737
  8 Australia 1997-01-01 10.3  18518    0.239 22961
  21923 1948     1846
  9 Australia 1998-01-01 10.5  18711    0.242 24148
  22961 2077     1948
  10 Australia 1999-01-01 8.67 18926    0.244 25445
  24148 2231     2077
```

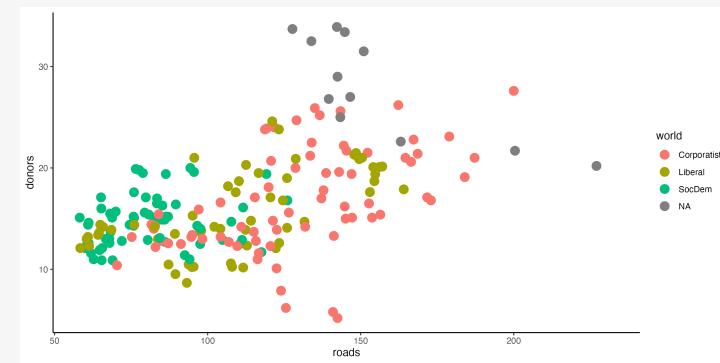
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1 organdata %>%
2   ggplot(mapping = aes(x = roads,
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```



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```
1 organdata %>
2   ggplot(mapping = aes(x = roads,
3                         y = donors,
4                         color = world)) +
5   geom_point(size = 4)
```



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```
1 organdata %>
2   ggplot(mapping = aes(x = roads,
3                         y = donors,
4                         color = world)) +
5   geom_point(size = 4) ->
6   p
```

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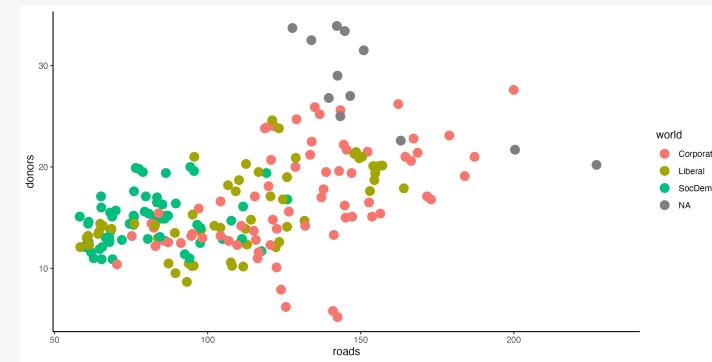
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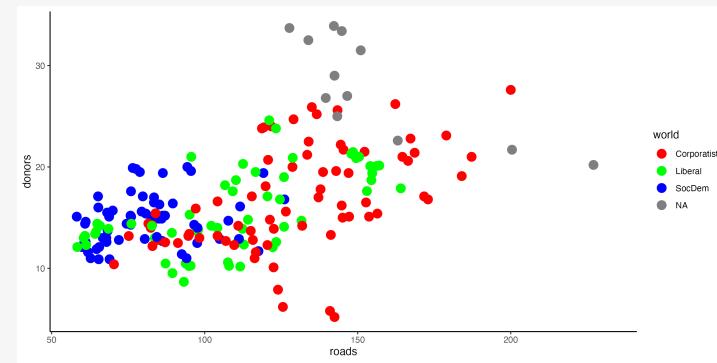
You can always specify scales manually

1 p



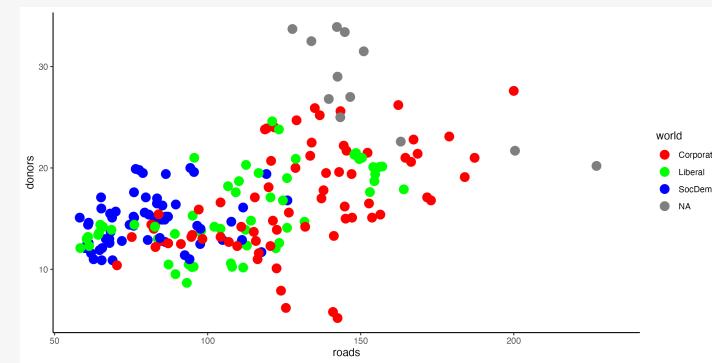
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```
1 p +  
2   scale_color_manual(  
3     values = c("red", "green", "blue"))
```



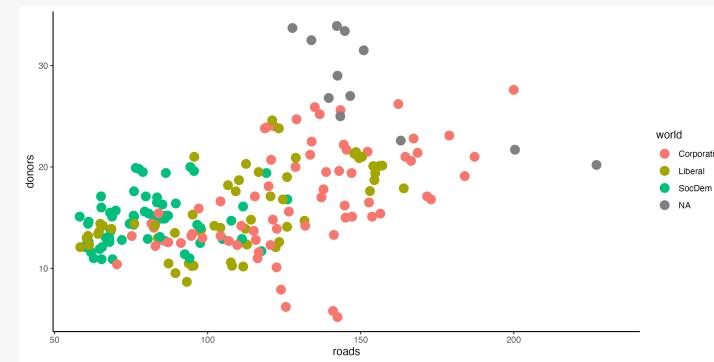
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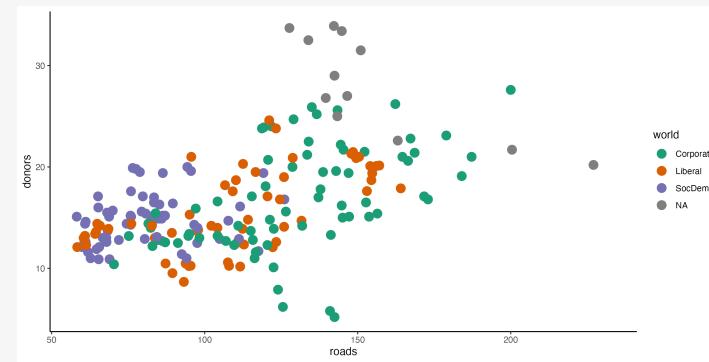
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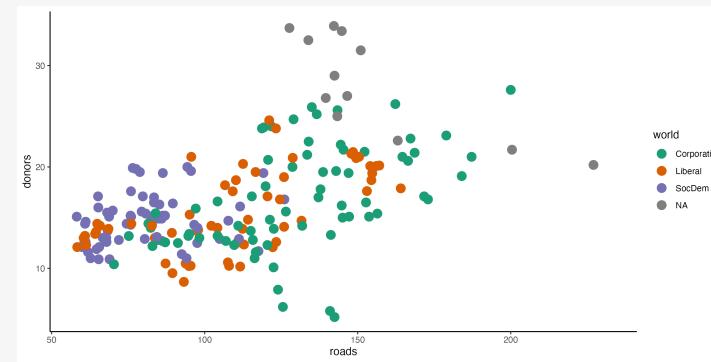
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```
1 p +  
2   scale_color_manual(  
3     values = c("#1B9E77", "#D95F02", "#7570B3"))
```



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```



You can specify scales manually

```
1 colkey ← c("Corporatist" = "pink",
2           "Liberal" = "goldenrod",
3           "SocDem" = "firebrick")
```

You can specify scales manually

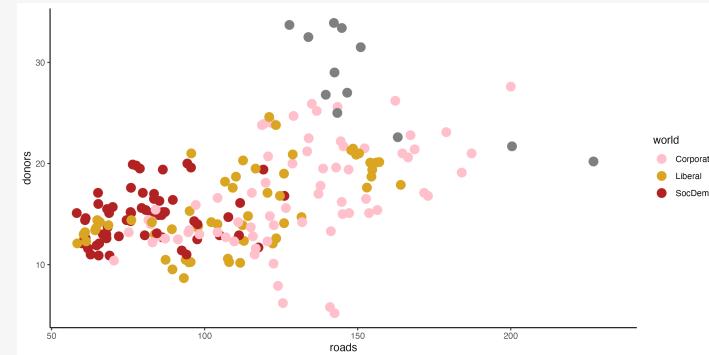
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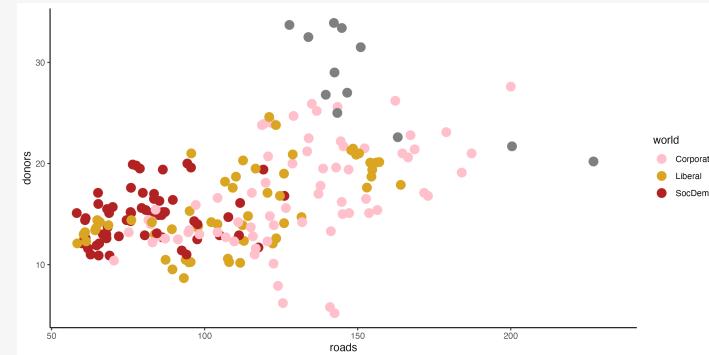
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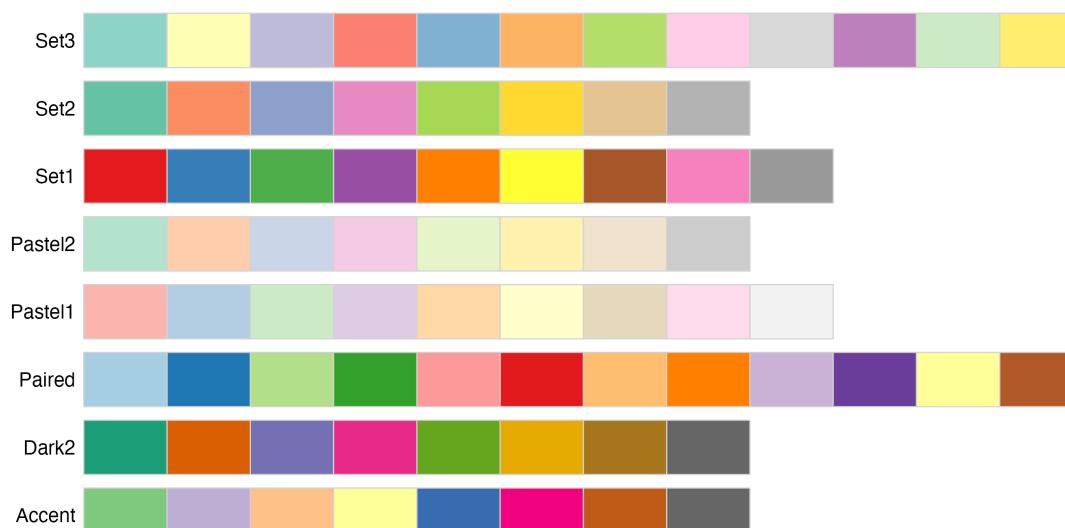
Use balanced palettes

E.g., the `RColorBrewer` Palettes

These are available through the `scale_color-brewer()` and `scale_fill_brewer()` functions independently.

See the palettes with
`RColorBrewer :: display.b`

Qualitative palettes



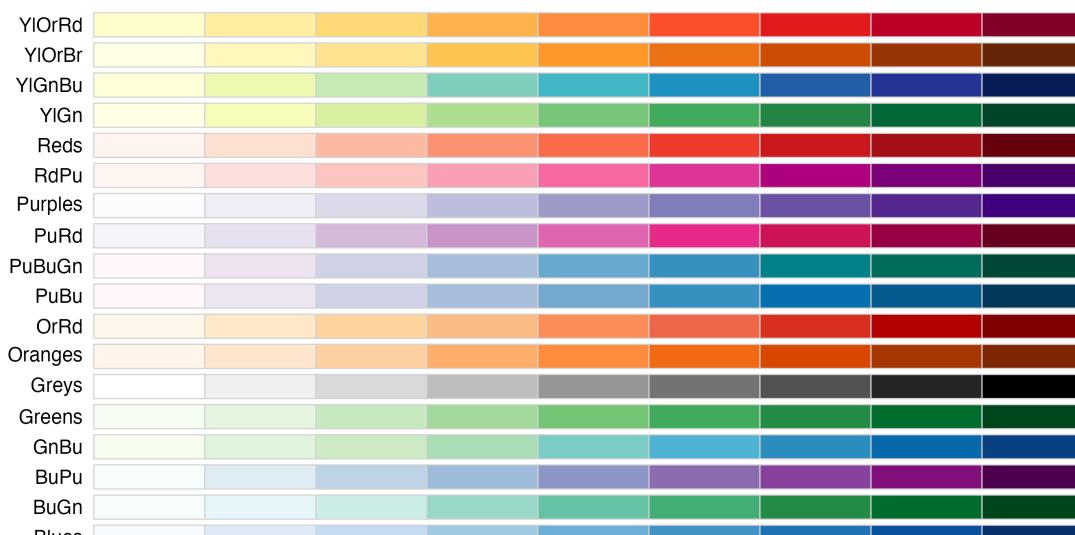
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Diverging palettes



Qualitative Brewer Palettes

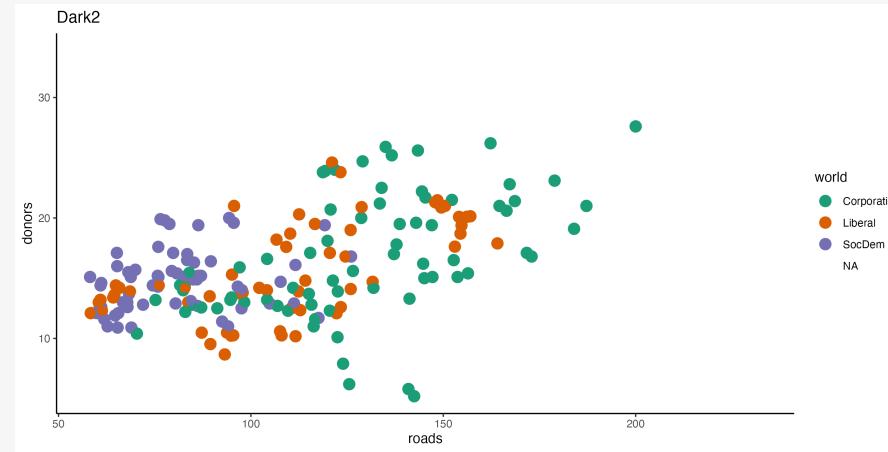
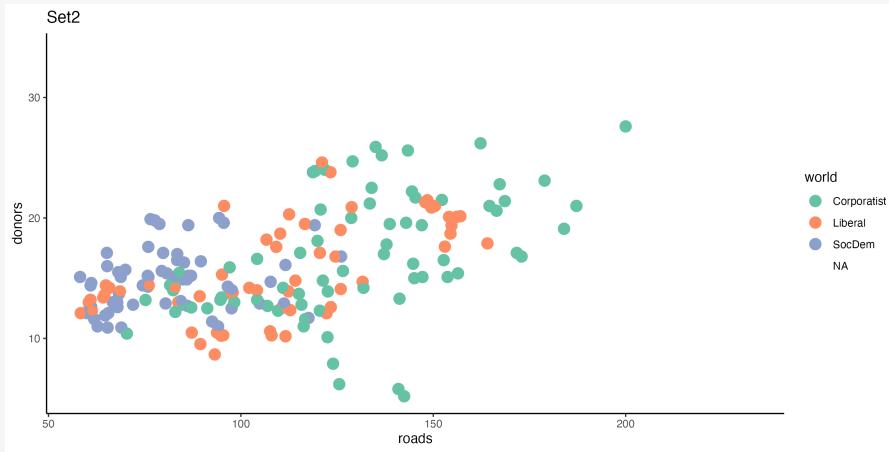
```
p + geom_point(size = 2) +
  scale_color_brewer(palette = "Set2") +
  labs(title = "Set2")

p + geom_point(size = 2) +
  scale_color_brewer(palette = "Pastel2") +
  labs(title = "Pastel2")

p + geom_point(size = 2) +
  scale_color_brewer(palette = "Dark2") +
  labs(title = "Dark2")

p + geom_point(size = 2) +
  scale_color_brewer(palette = "Accent") +
  labs(title = "Accent")
```

Some color palettes



The colorspace package has more



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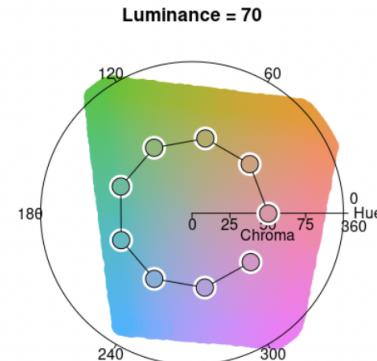
Reference

Changelog

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A Toolbox for Manipulating and Assessing Colors and Palettes

Color spaces



HCL-based palettes

Qualitative

Pastel 1

Dark 3

Harmonic

Sequential (single-hue)

Blues 3

Reds 3

Greens 3

Sequential (multi-hue)

Purple-Blue

Viridis

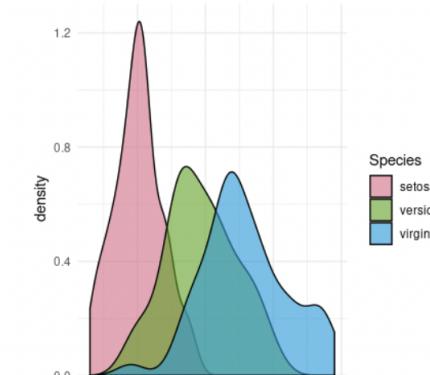
ag_Sunset

Diverging

Blue-Red

Green-Brown

ggplot2 scales



Links

Download from CRAN at

[https://cloud.r-project.org/
package=colorspace](https://cloud.r-project.org/package=colorspace)

Report a bug at

[https://colorspace.R-Forge.R-project.org/
contact.html](https://colorspace.R-Forge.R-project.org/contact.html)

Online color apps at

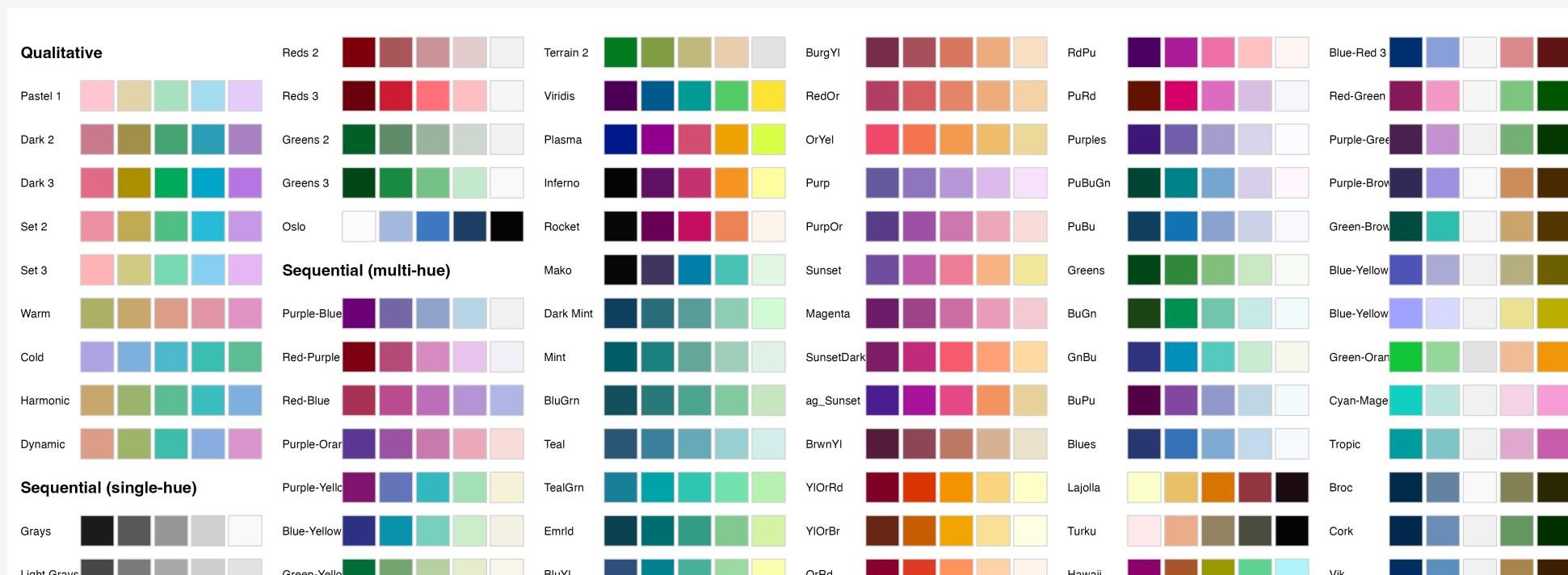
<https://hclwizard.org/>

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The `colorspace` function convention

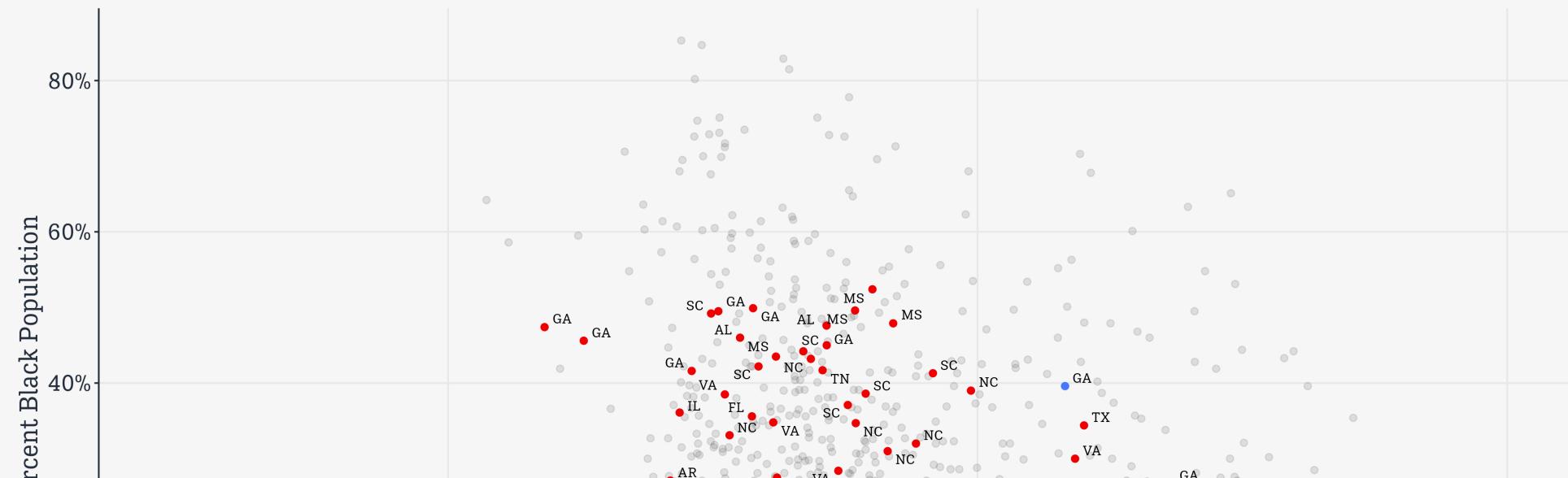
`scale_<MAPPING>_<KIND><COLORSCALE>()`

`scale_color_binned_diverging()`
`scale_color_binned_qualitative()`
`scale_color_binned_sequential()`
`scale_color_continuous_diverging()`
`scale_color_continuous_qualitative()`
`scale_color_continuous_sequential()`

**Layer color and text
to your advantage**

Flipped counties, 2016

County flipped to ... • Democrat • Republican



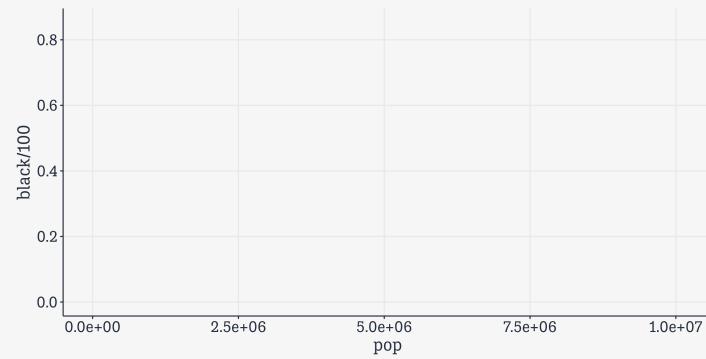
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2 party_colors ← c("royalblue1", "red2")
```



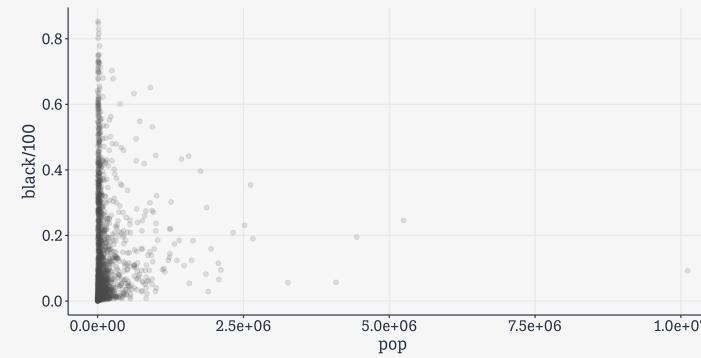
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3
4 ggplot(data = subset(county_data,
5                     flipped = "No"),
6         mapping = aes(x = pop,
7                     y = black/100))
```



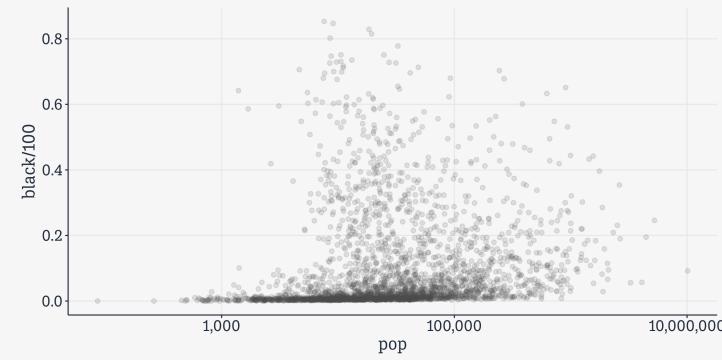
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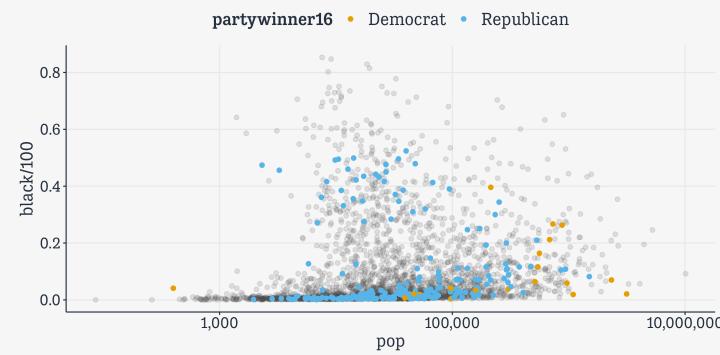
We know how to build this

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9                 size = rel(2)) +
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```



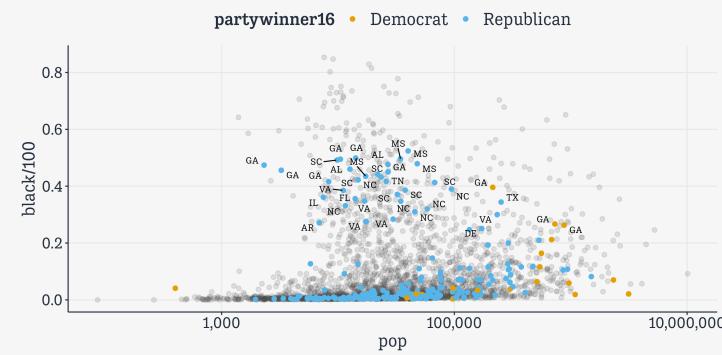
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14      color = partywinner16),
15    size = rel(2))
```



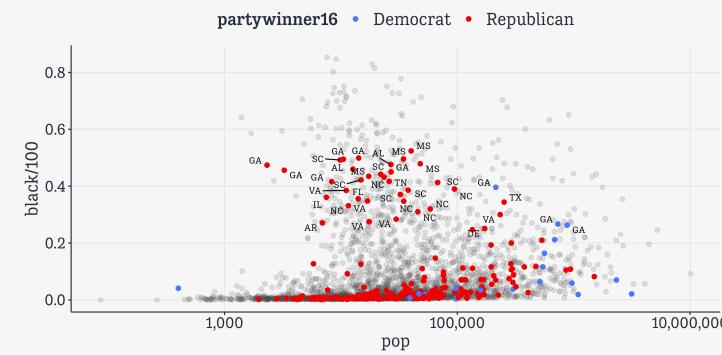
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19                                y = black/100, label = state,
20                                family = "Tenso Slide",
21                                face = "bold"), size = rel(3.5))
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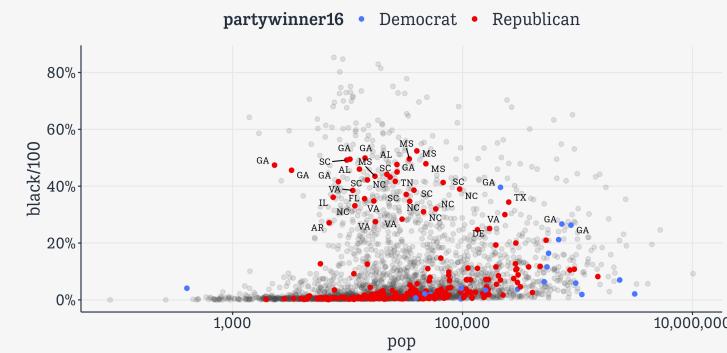
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```



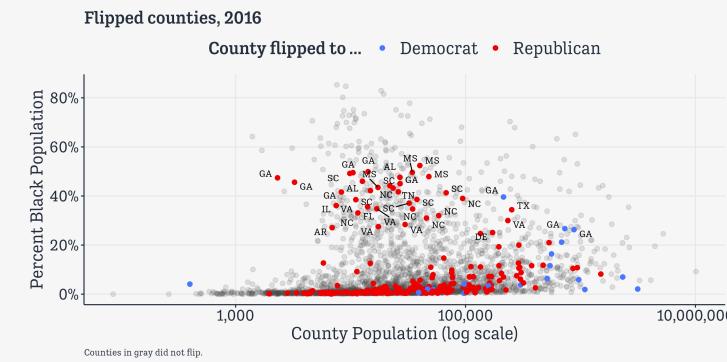
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22    scale_color_manual(values = party_colors) +
23    scale_y_continuous(labels = label_percent())
```



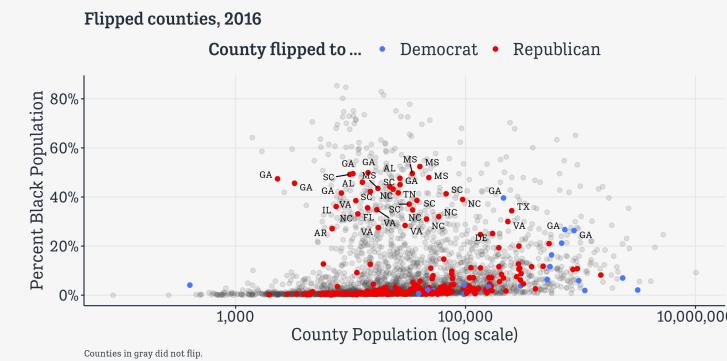
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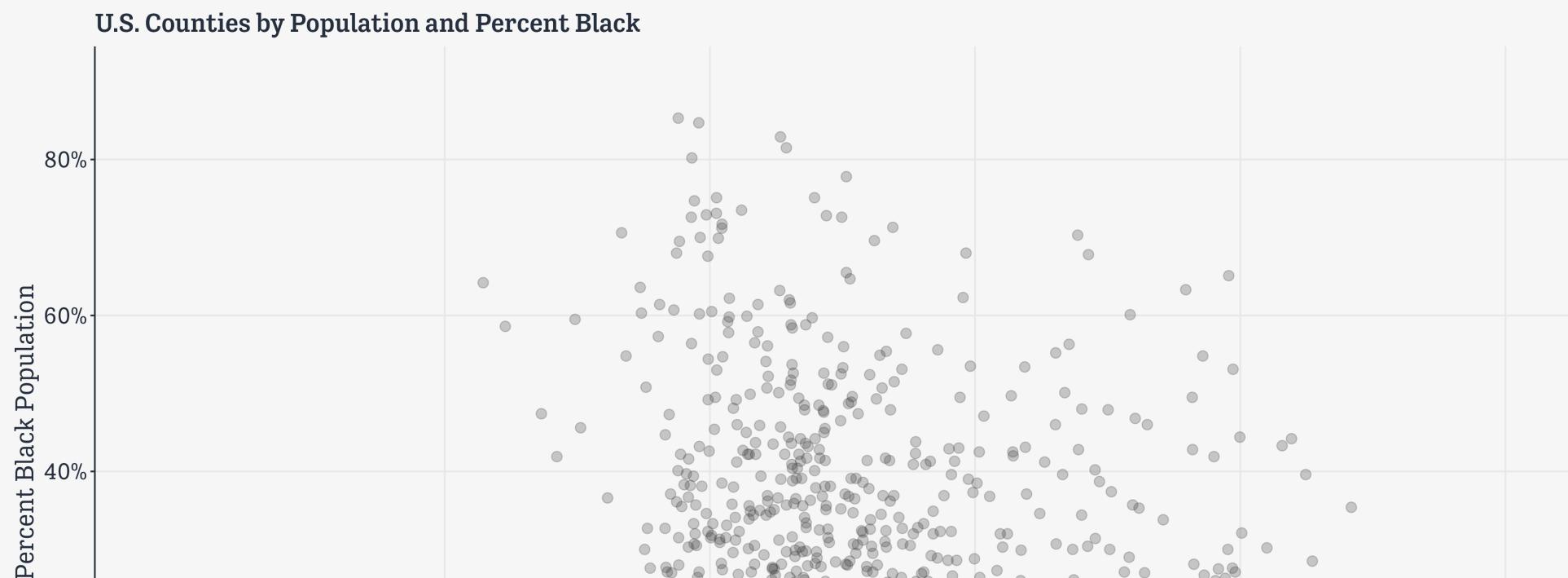


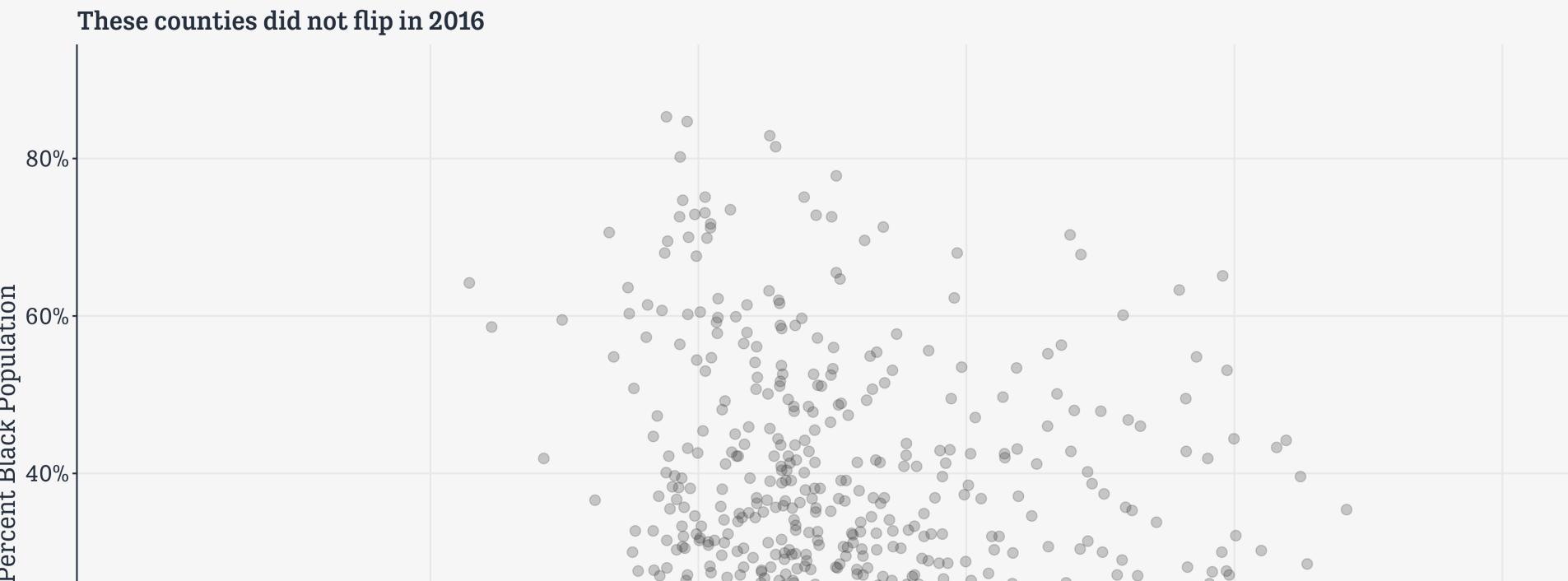
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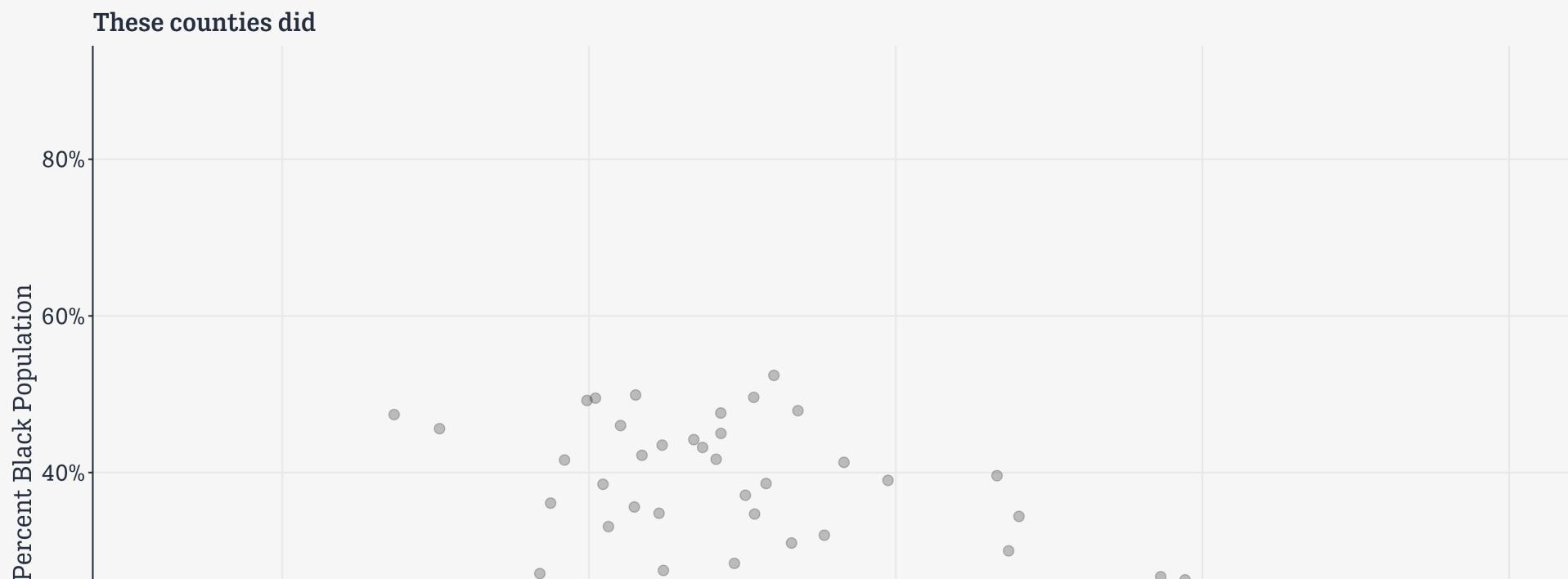
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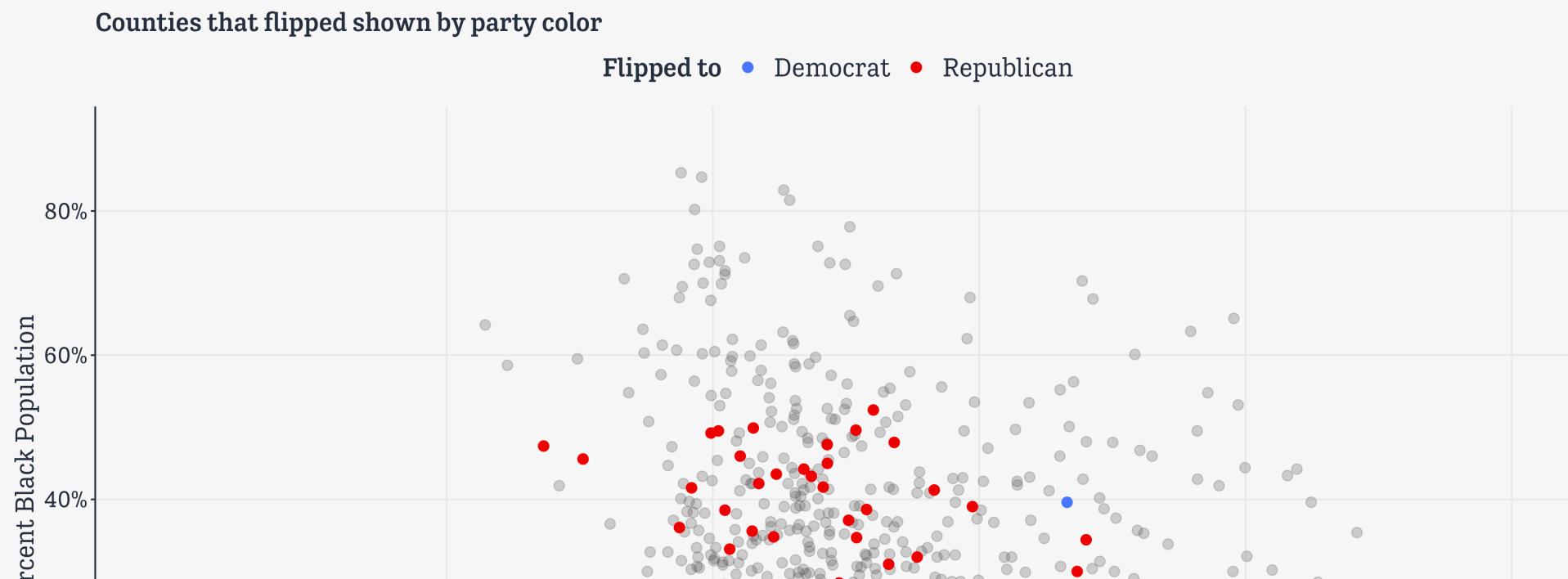


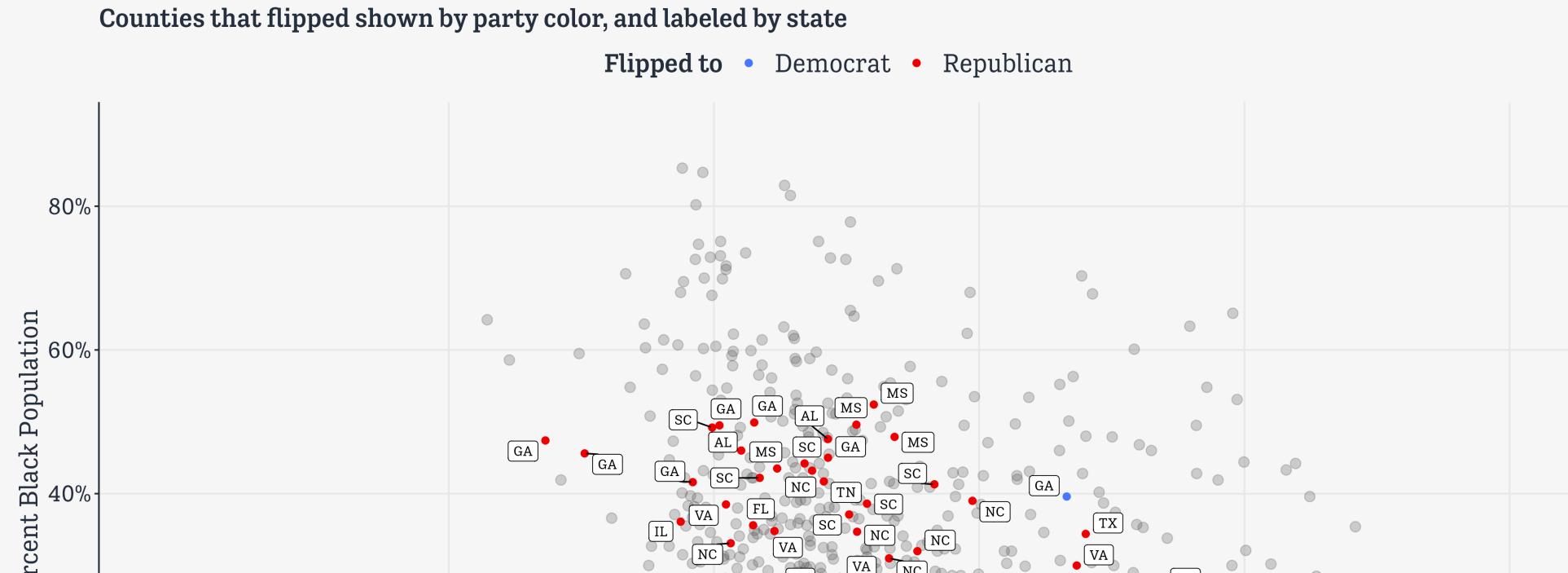
Leverage ggplot's
layered approach

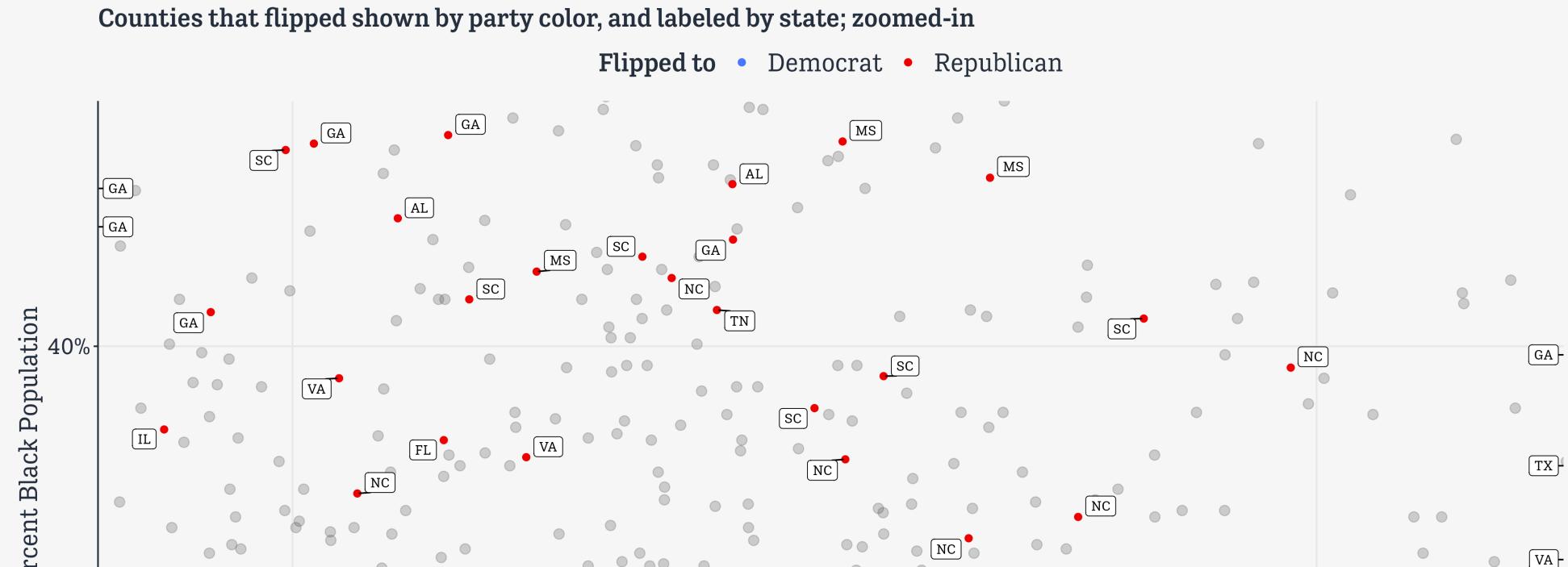






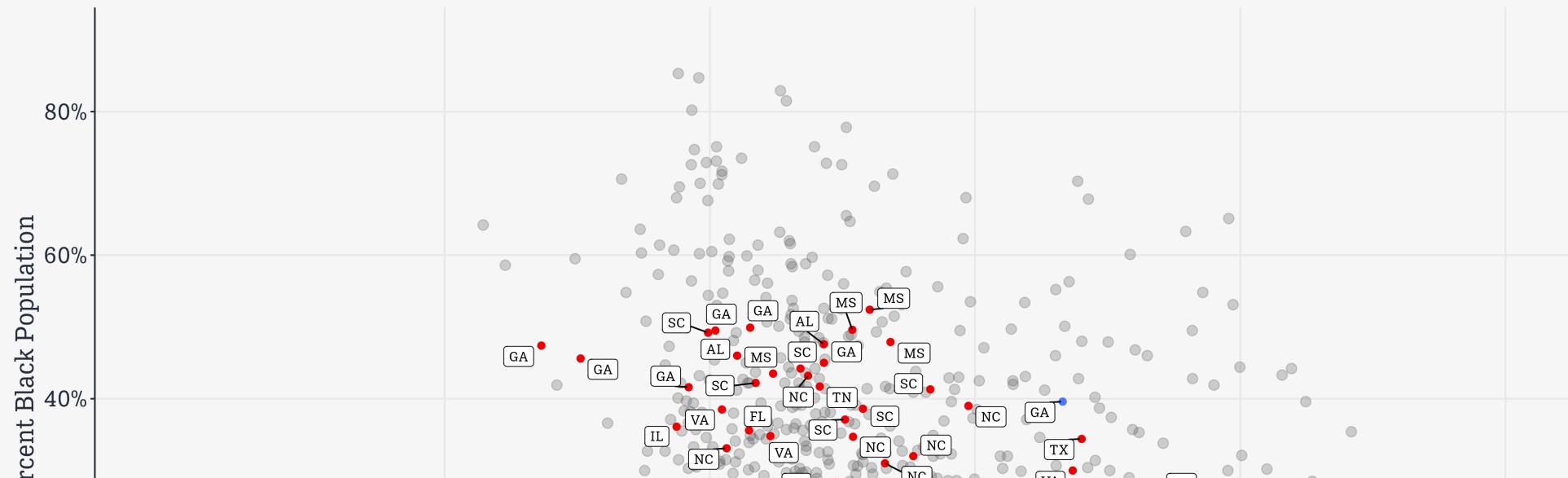






Counties that flipped shown by party color, and labeled by state

Flipped to • Democrat • Republican



Layer,
Highlight,
Repeat

Build from ideas to data

III

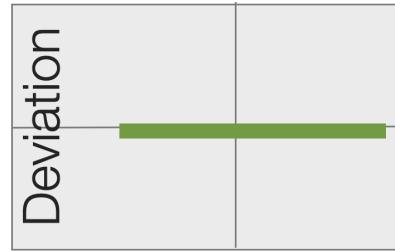
Vote Difference from Median Score

+

0

Deviation from
Consensus

Build from ideas to data



1. Pure Objectivity



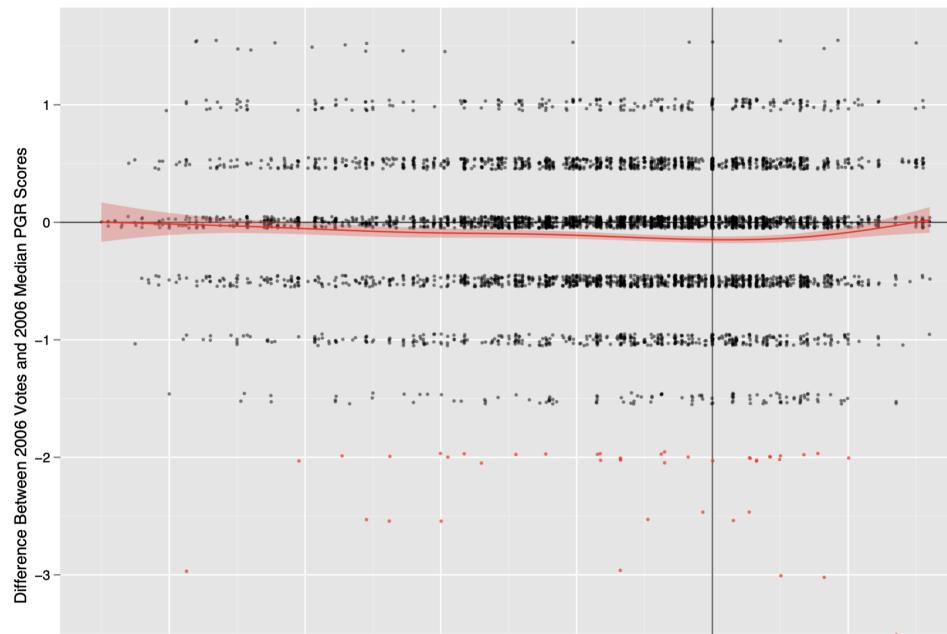
2. Distant Envy



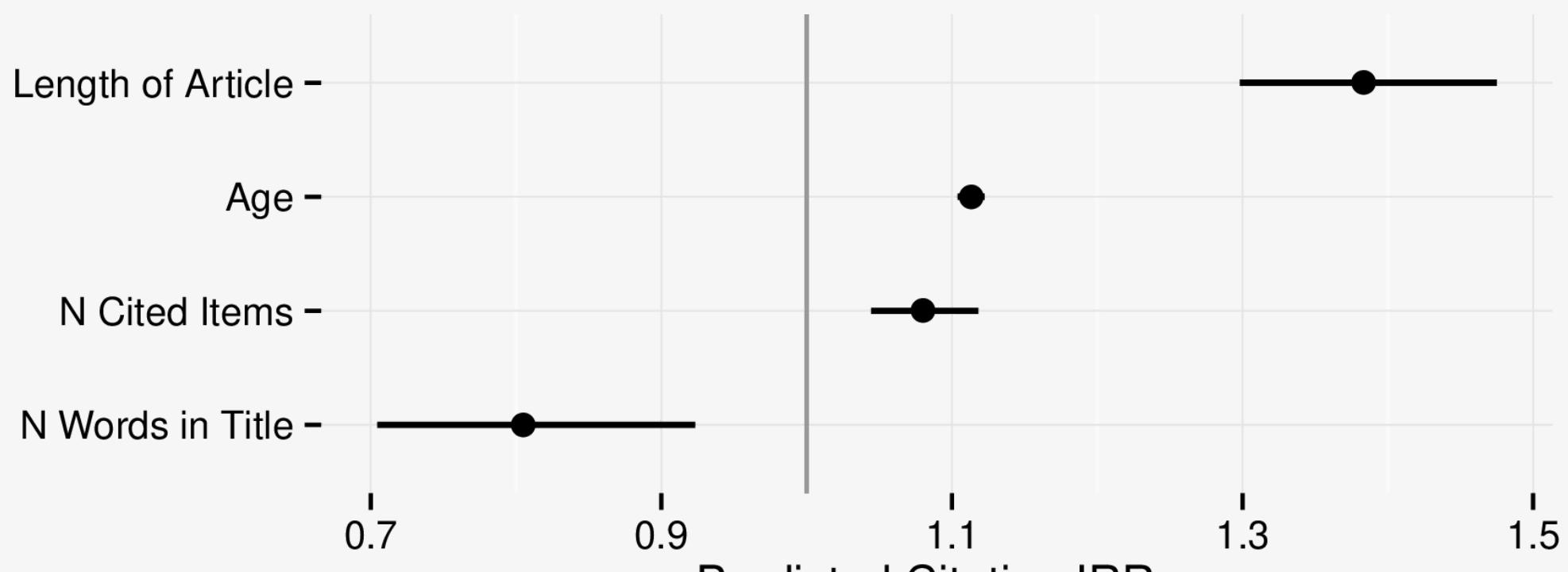
3. Local Envy

Build from ideas to data

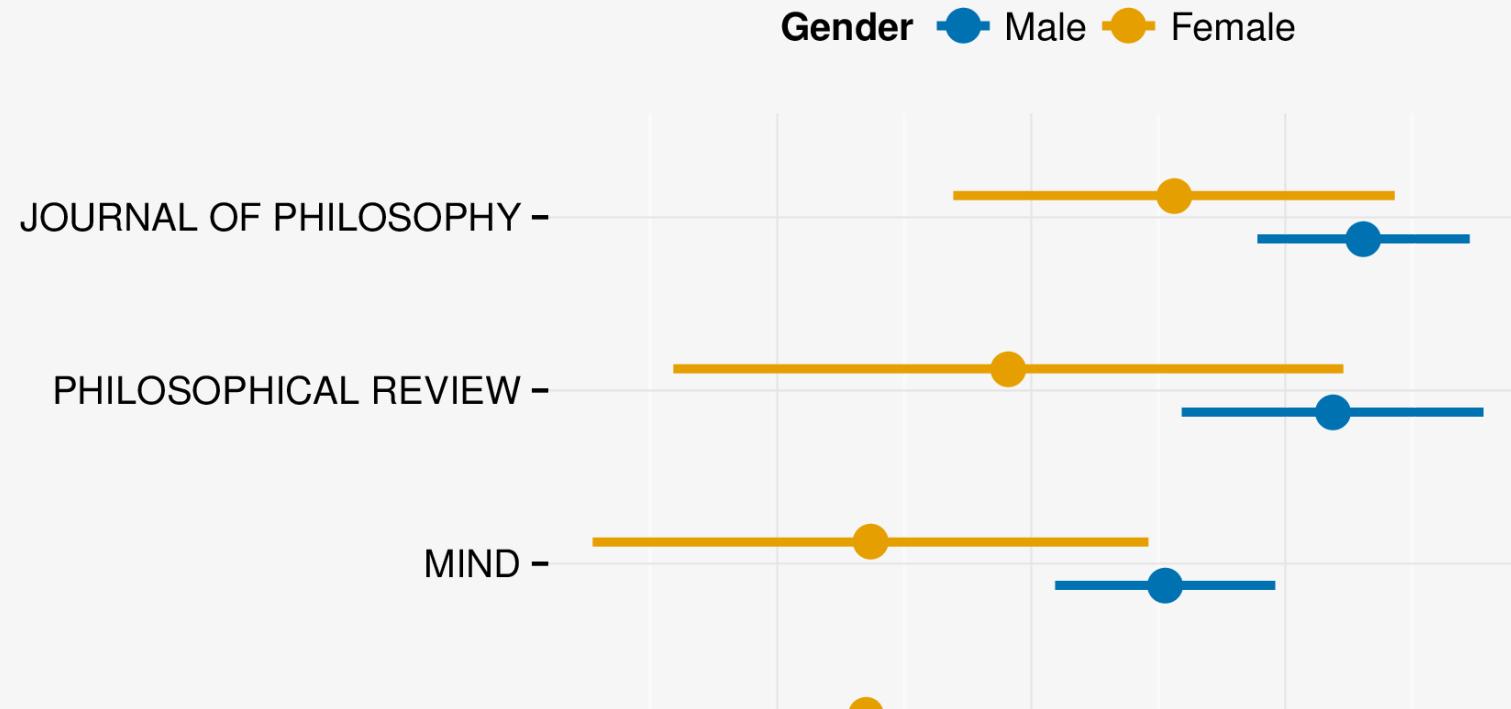
Deviation



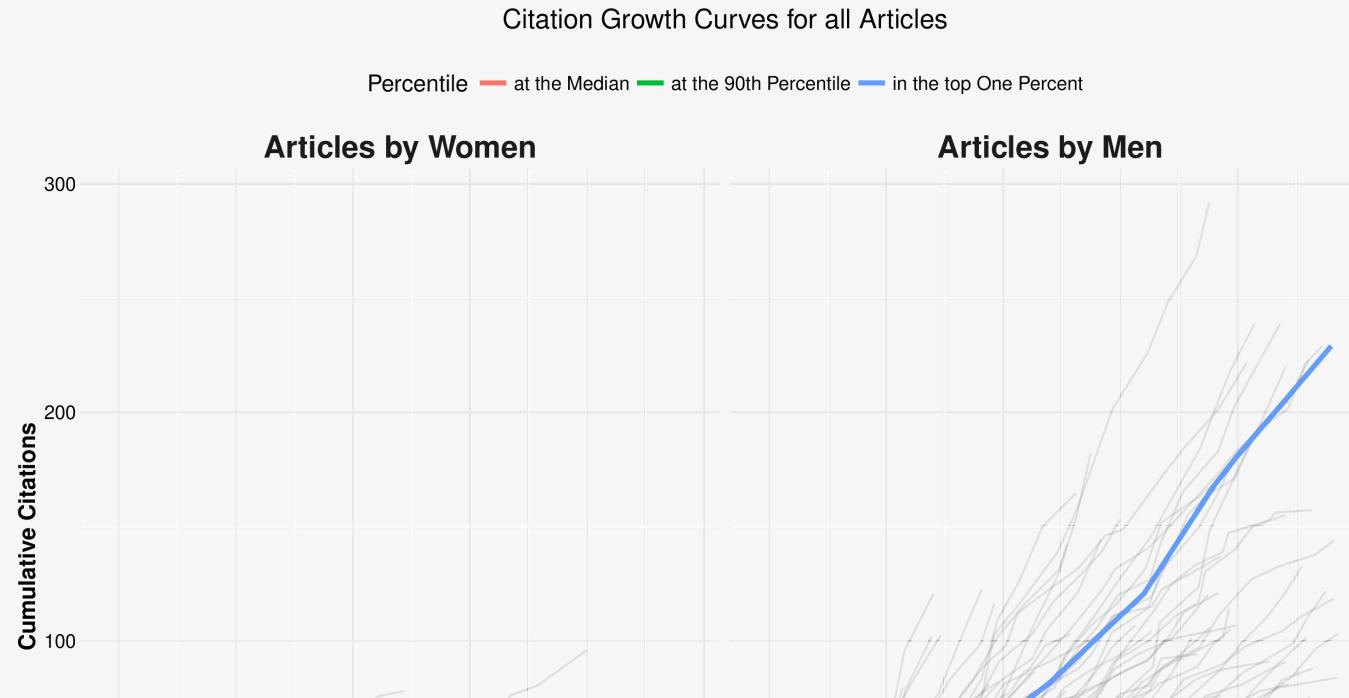
Repeat to differentiate



Repeat to differentiate

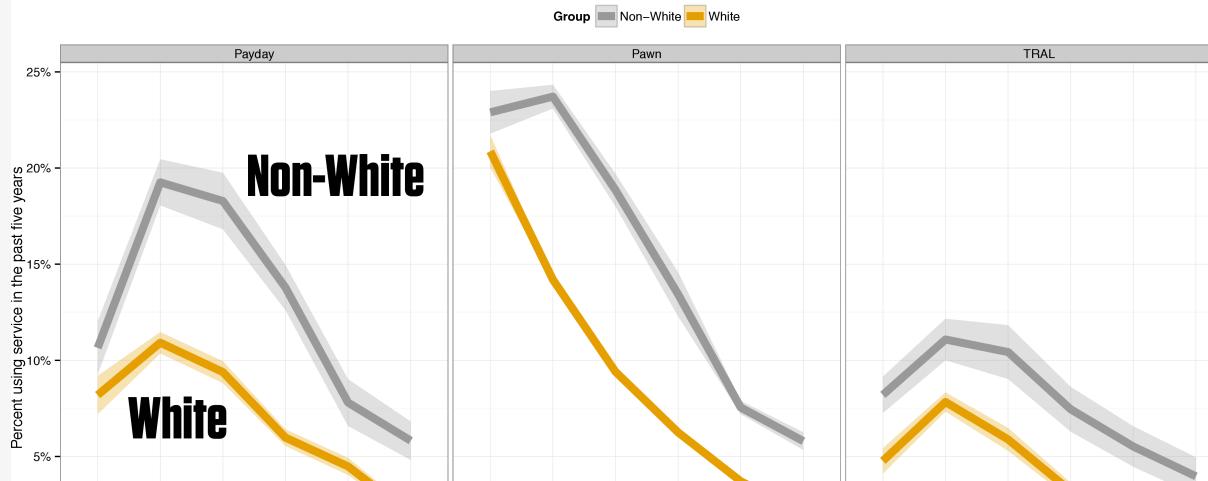


Layer and repeat with facets



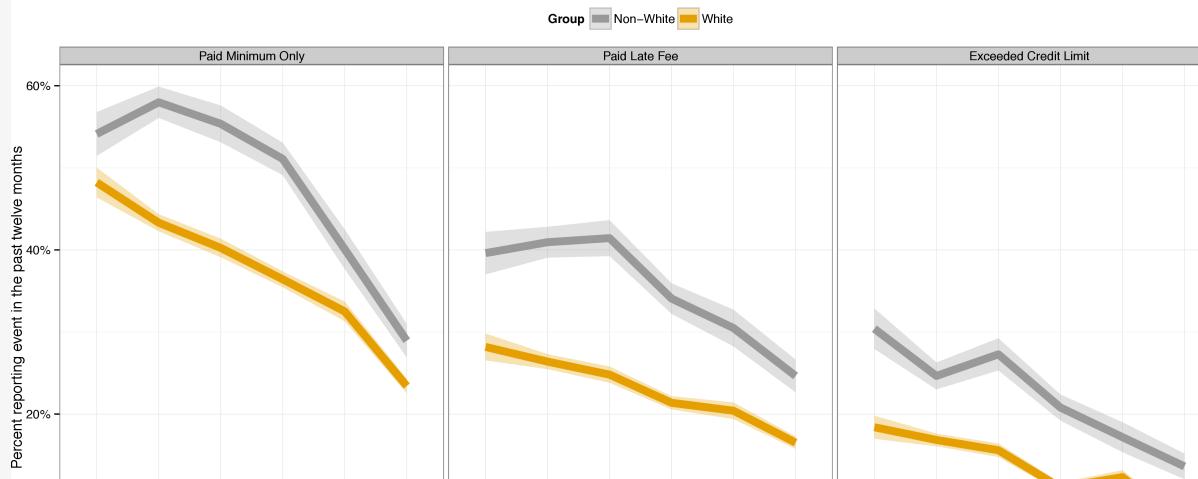
Layer and repeat across facets

Categorical Gaps: Alternative Financial Services

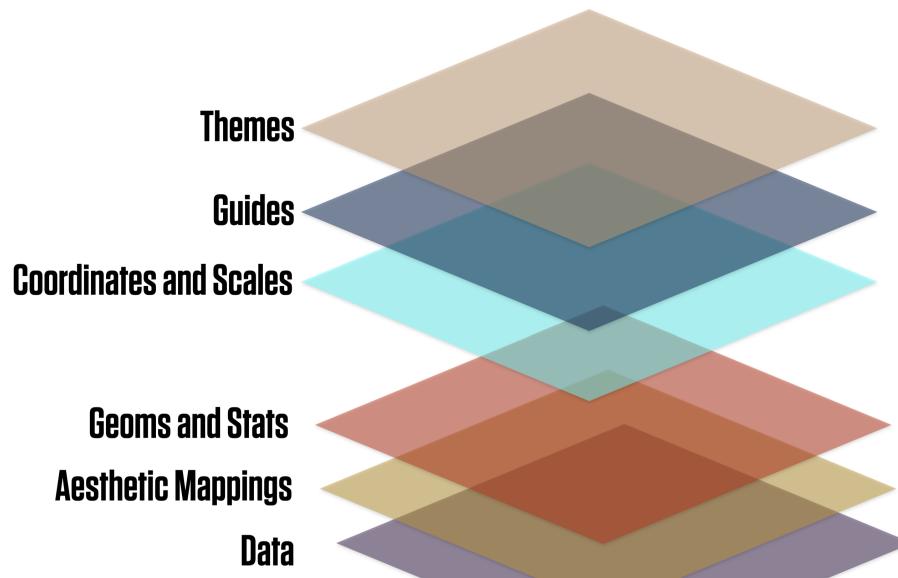


Layer and repeat across facets

Categorical Gaps: Adverse Credit Events



X-Ray Vision



Theme.kjh-grey[s]

Themes ...

are controlled by the `theme()` function

can be bundled into functions of their own, like `theme_bw()` or `theme_minimal()`

can be set for the duration of a file or project with `theme_set()`

make changes that are applied *additively*

and most importantly ...



Thematic elements do not

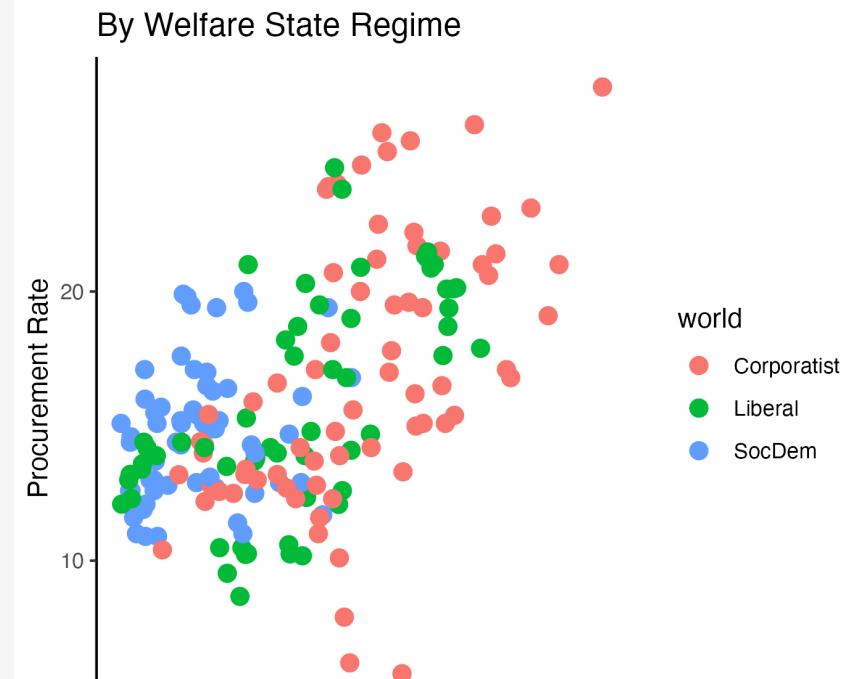
represent data
directly

Make a plot

```
kjh_set_classic_theme(3)
```

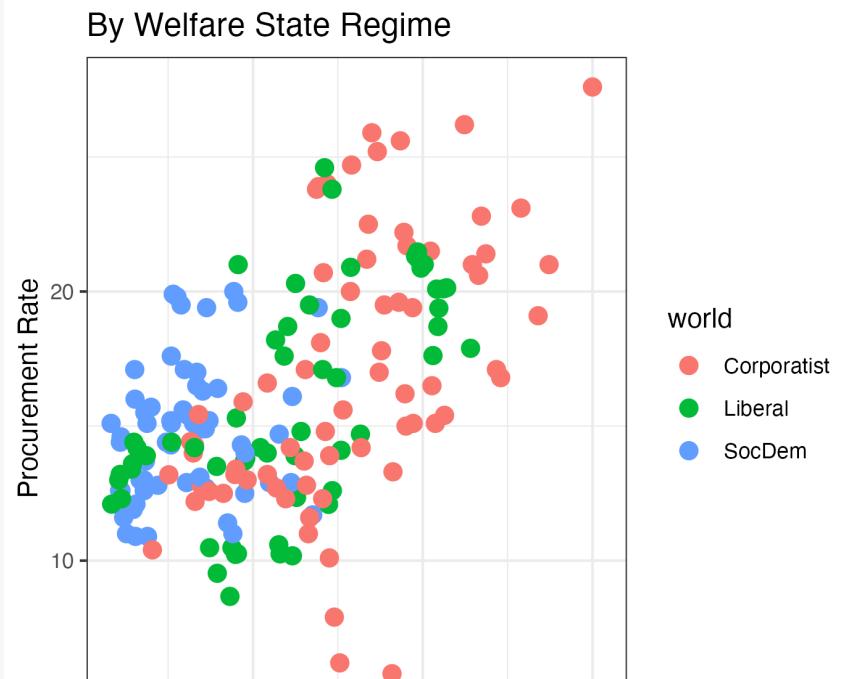
```
p ← organdata %>%  
  drop_na(world) %>%  
  ggplot(mapping = aes(x = roads, y = donors,  
                      color = world)) +  
  geom_point(size = 3) +  
  labs(x = "Road Deaths",  
  
       y = "Procurement Rate",  
       title = "By Welfare State Regime")
```

```
p
```



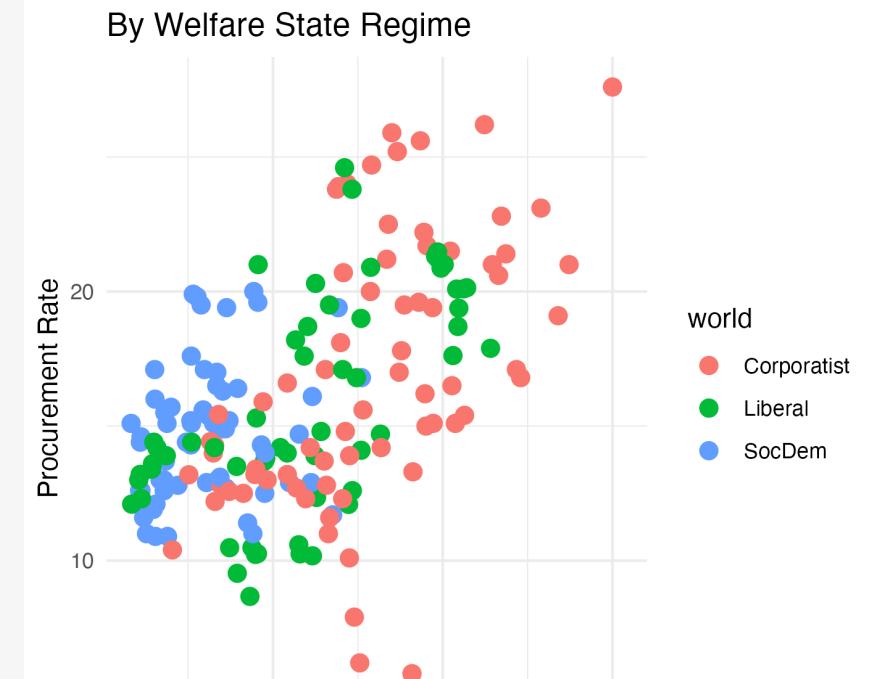
Add a theme ... `theme_bw()`

```
p + theme_bw()
```



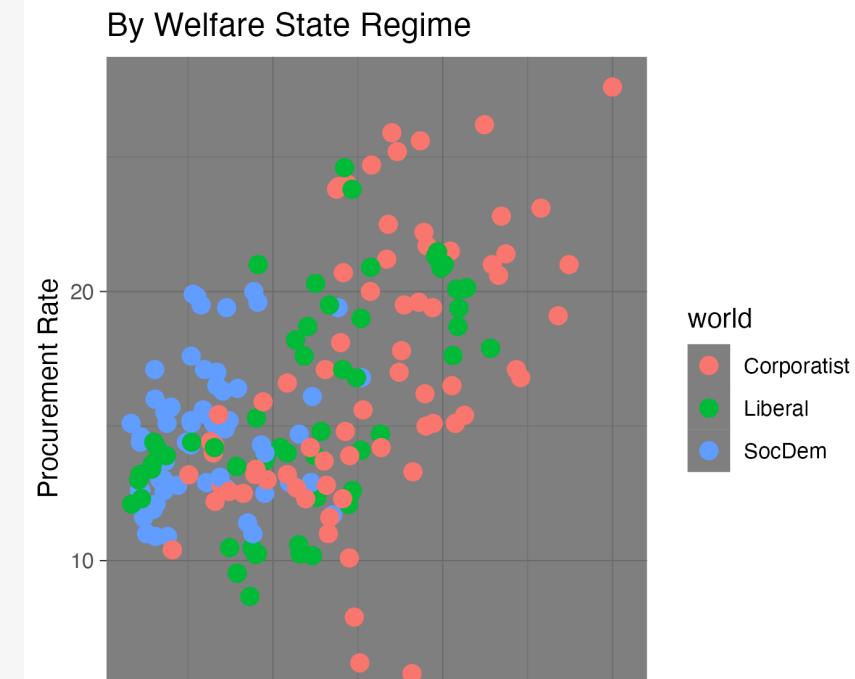
Add a theme ... `theme_minimal()`

```
p + theme_minimal()
```



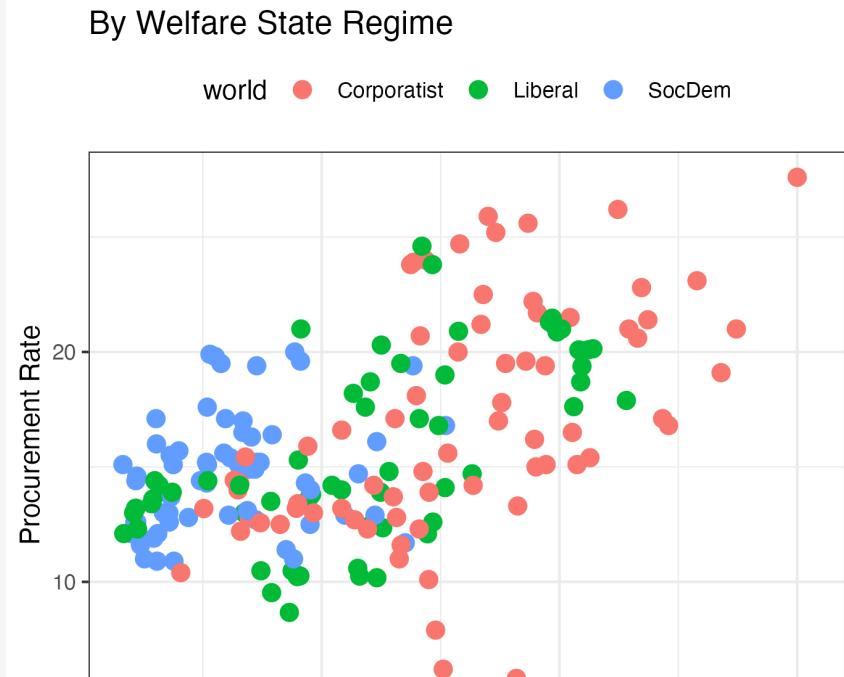
Add a theme ... `theme_dark()`

```
p + theme_dark()
```



Adjust with the `theme()` function

```
p + theme_bw() +  
  theme(legend.position = "top")
```



There are *many* adjustable theme elements

line rect text title

aspect.ratio

axis.title axis.title.x

axis.title.x.top

axis.title.x.bottom axis.title.y

axis.title.y.left

axis.title.y.right axis.text

axis.text.x axis.text.x.top

axis.text.x.bottom axis.text.y

axis.text.y.left

legend.background

legend.margin

legend.spacing

legend.spacing.x

legend.spacing.y legend.key

legend.key.size

legend.key.height

legend.key.width legend.text

legend.text.align legend.title

legend.title.align

legend.title.color

But they are structured

line rect text title
aspect.ratio

axis.title axis.title.x
axis.title.x.top
axis.title.x.bottom axis.title.y
axis.title.y.left

axis.title.y.right axis.text

axis.text.x axis.text.x.top
axis.text.x.bottom axis.text.y
axis.text.y.left

axis.text.y.right axis.ticks

axis.ticks.x axis.ticks.y top

legend.background
legend.margin
legend.spacing
legend.spacing.x
legend.spacing.y legend.key
legend.key.size
legend.key.height
legend.key.width legend.text
legend.text.align legend.title
legend.title.align
legend.position
legend.direction

And *inherit*

line rect text title
aspect.ratio
axis.title axis.title.x
axis.title.x.top
axis.title.x.bottom axis.title.y
axis.title.y.left
axis.title.y.right] **axis.text**
axis.text.x axis.text.x.top
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axis.text.y.right] **axis.ticks**
axis.ticks.x axis.ticks.x.top

legend.background
legend.margin
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legend.key.size
legend.key.height
legend.key.width] **legend.text**
legend.text.align legend.title
legend.title.align
legend.position
legend.direction

Two kinds of adjustment

It's a single setting.

E.g., `legend.position` can be "none", "left", "right", "bottom", or "top"

Hence, e.g., `theme(legend.position = "top")`, which we have seen several times. Similarly for e.g. `legend.direction` (can be "horizontal" or "vertical").

It's a component of the plot that might be styled in several ways. E.g., The text on the axes, or the lines in the plot panel.

If the latter ...

If adjusting a thematic element ask...

Where on the plot is it?

Is it part of an *axis*, part of the *panel*, the *strip* (facet title) box, or the *legend*? This will help you find the name of the thing you want to adjust.

E.g. “I want to adjust the text for the markings on the x-axis”

You want `axis.ticks.x`

E.g. “I want to adjust the styling of the main y-axis grid lines inside the plot”

You want `panel.grid.major.y`



If adjusting a thematic element, ask...

What *kind* of element is it?

Is it *text*, or a *line*, or a *rectangle*?

This will tell you what function to use to make the adjustment to the named element.

If it's text, adjust the element with `element_text()`

If it's a line, adjust it with `element_line()`

If it's a rectangle, with `element_rect()`

If you want to *fully turn off* an element, use `element_blank()`



For example ...

“I want to adjust the styling of the plot title”

The relevant element is `plot.title`.

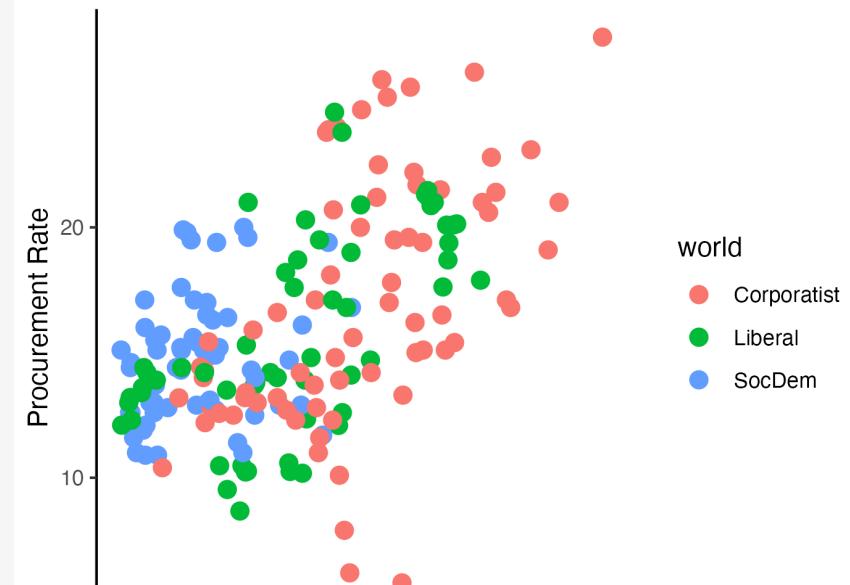
It's *text*.

Inside the theme function, adjust it with `element_text()`.

For example ...

```
p + theme(plot.title =  
          element_text(size = rel(3),  
                      face = "bold",  
                      color = "orange"))
```

By Welfare State Re



For example ...

“I want to adjust y axis grid lines on the plot”

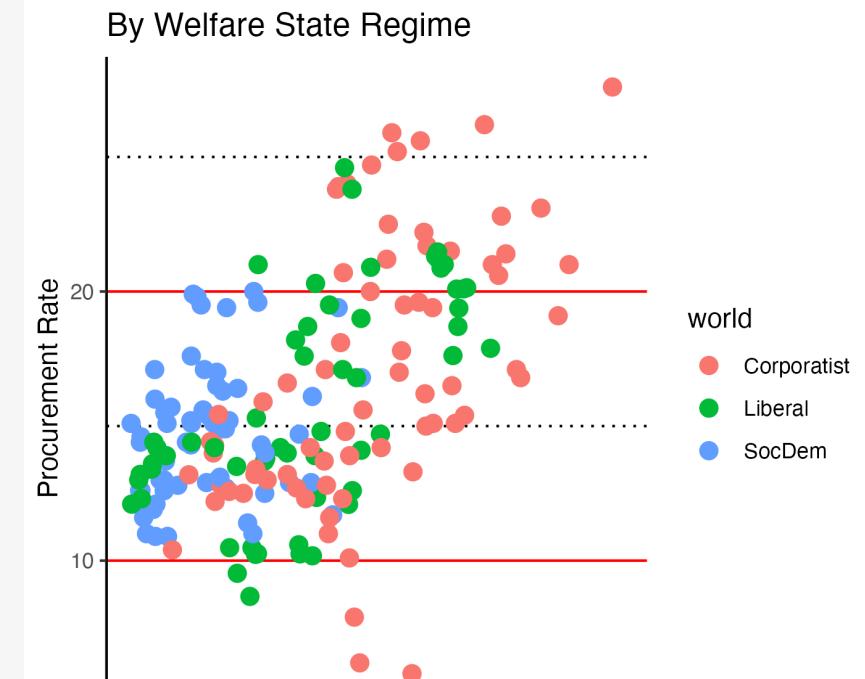
The relevant elements are `panel.grid.major.y` and `panel.grid.minor.y`.

These are *lines*.

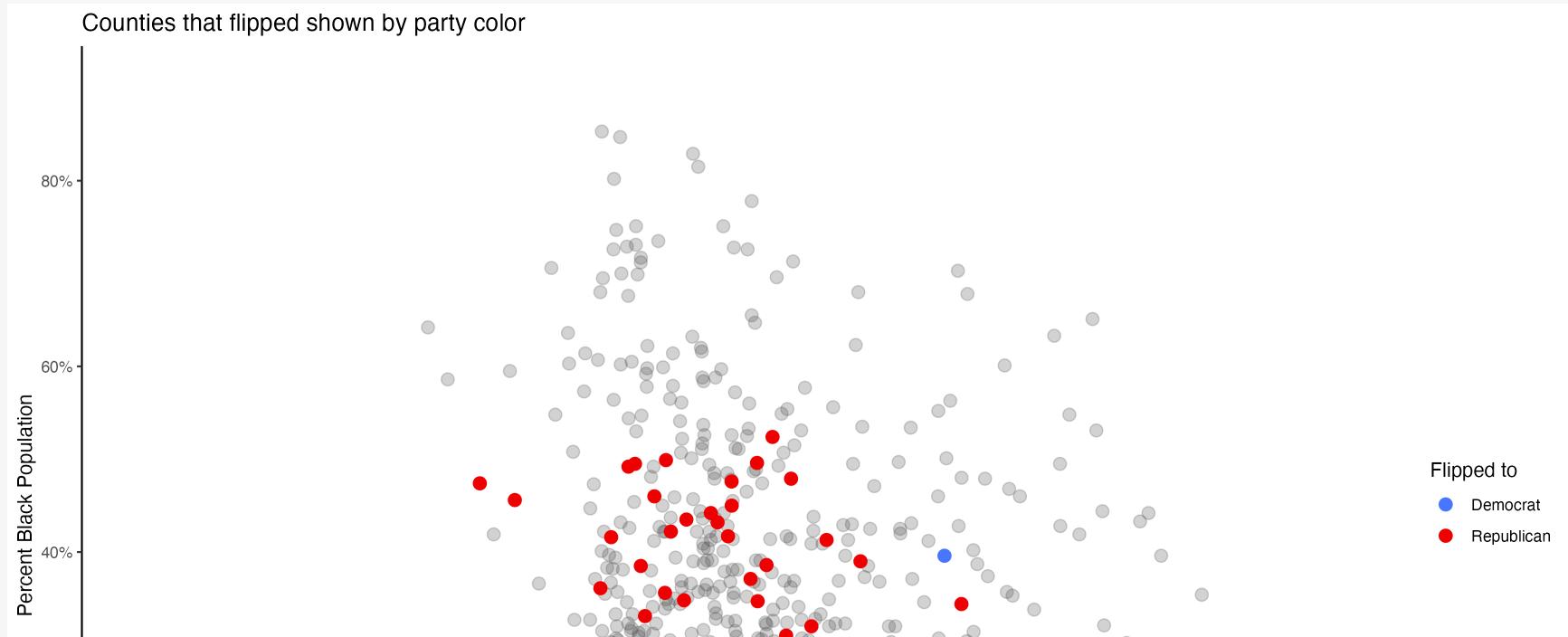
Inside the theme function, adjust it with `element_line()`.

For example ...

```
p + theme(panel.grid.major.y =  
          element_line(color = "red"),  
          panel.grid.minor.y =  
          element_line(color = "black",  
                      linetype = "dotted"))
```



The ggthemes package

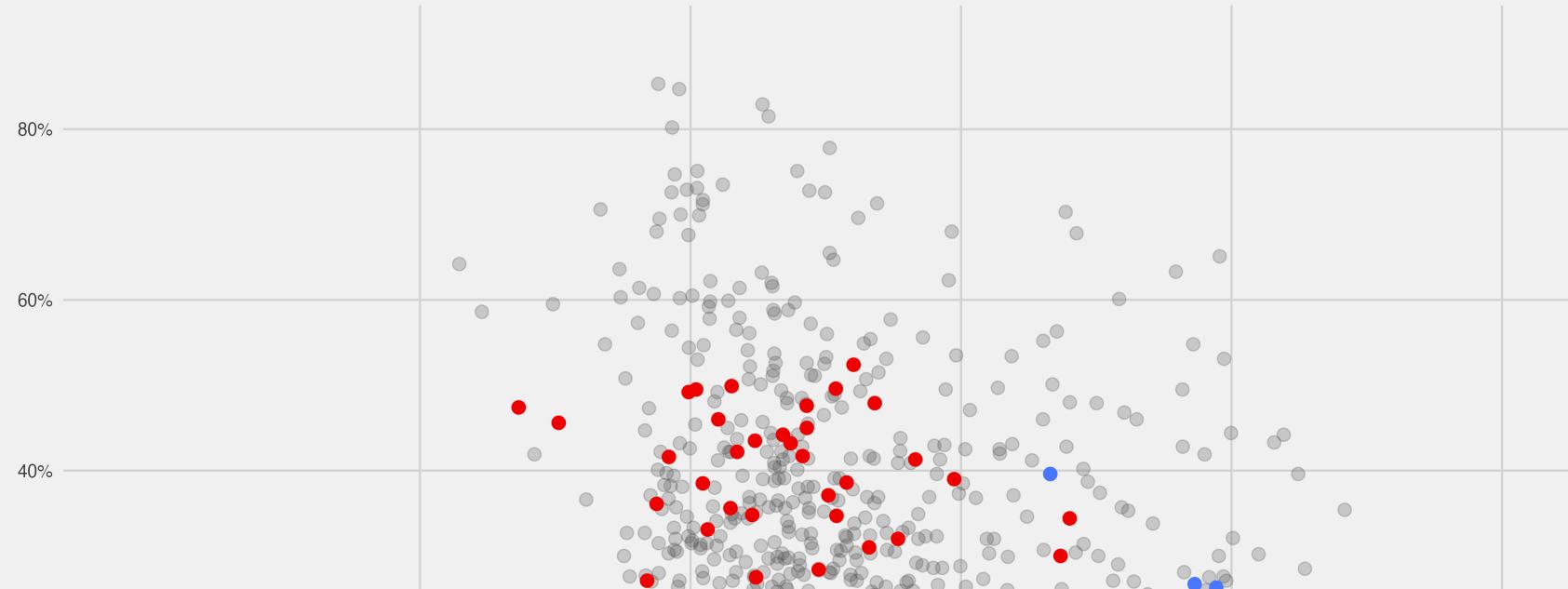


Theming a plot

```
library(ggthemes)
theme_set(theme_fivethirtyeight())
```

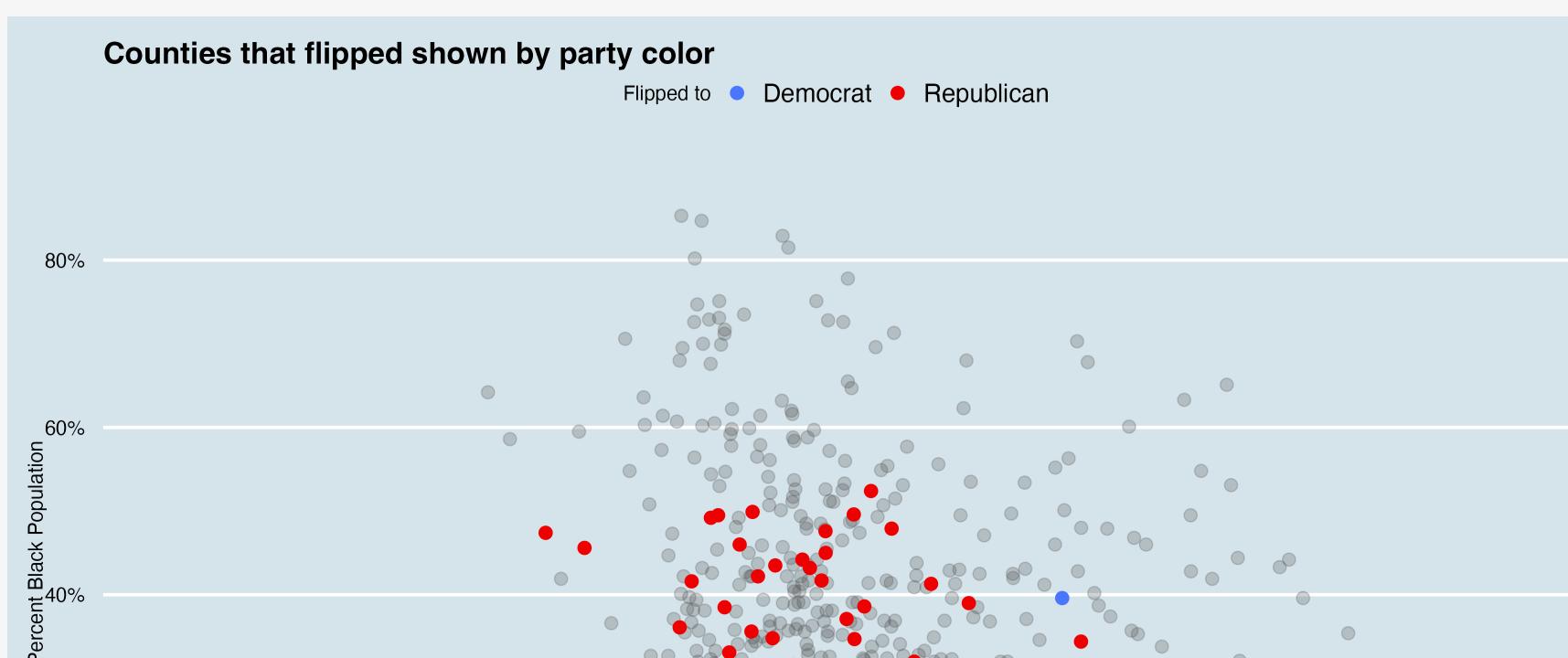
See how the full function call goes inside `theme_set()`, including the parentheses, because we are actually running that function to set all the elements.

Counties that flipped shown by party color



Theming a plot

```
theme_set(theme_economist())
```

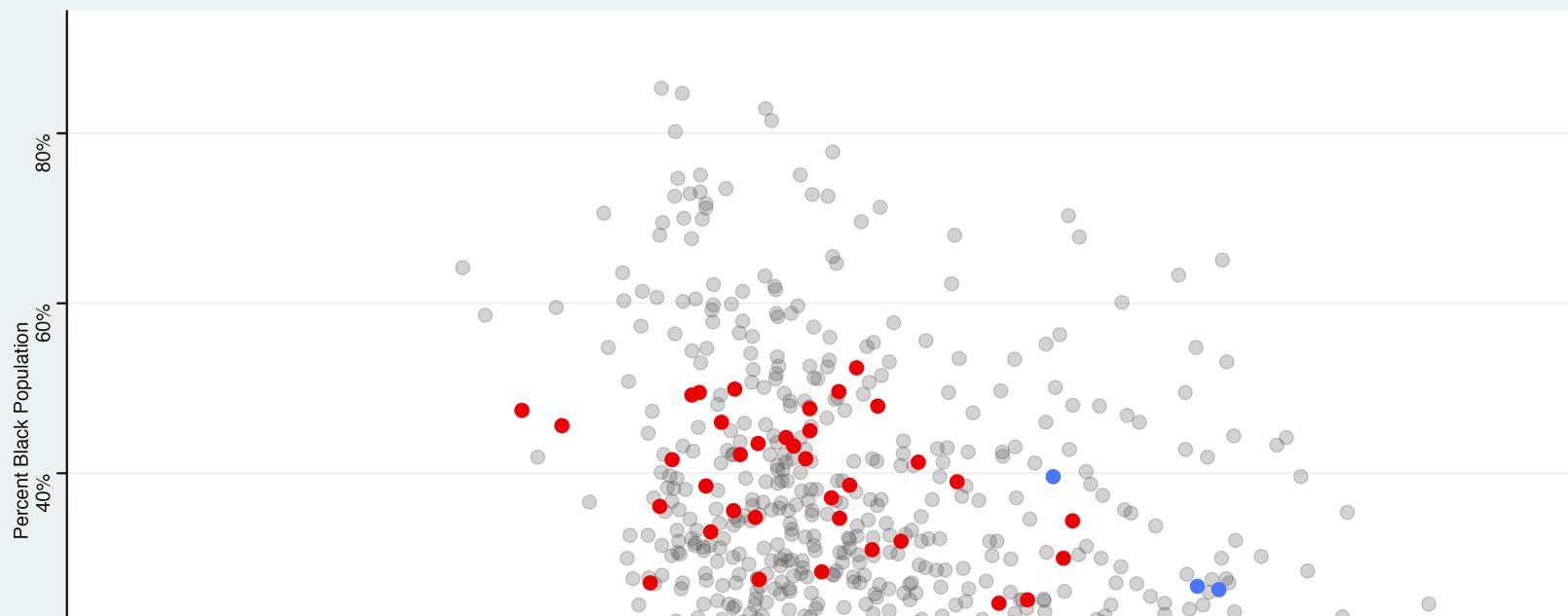


This seems morally wrong

```
theme_set(theme_stata())
```



Counties that flipped shown by party color



Pick a theme
and stick with it