

Do famous people go to college?

An analysis of Wikipedia's representation of college education
among different occupations in influential figures

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Questions we asked

- What occupational groups are most often listed by Wikipedia as having gone to college?
 1. What percentage of all college alumni listed on Wikipedia belong to which occupational group?
 2. How has the distribution of college alumni listed by Wikipedia changed through the years among different occupational groups?

Methods

1. Cleaning & Filtering
 - Assumptions made
2. Excluded 1.426.551, analyzed 100.304, of which 91.264 unique
3. Transforming
 - further excluded 42.073, left 58.231 to be included
 - percentages calculated

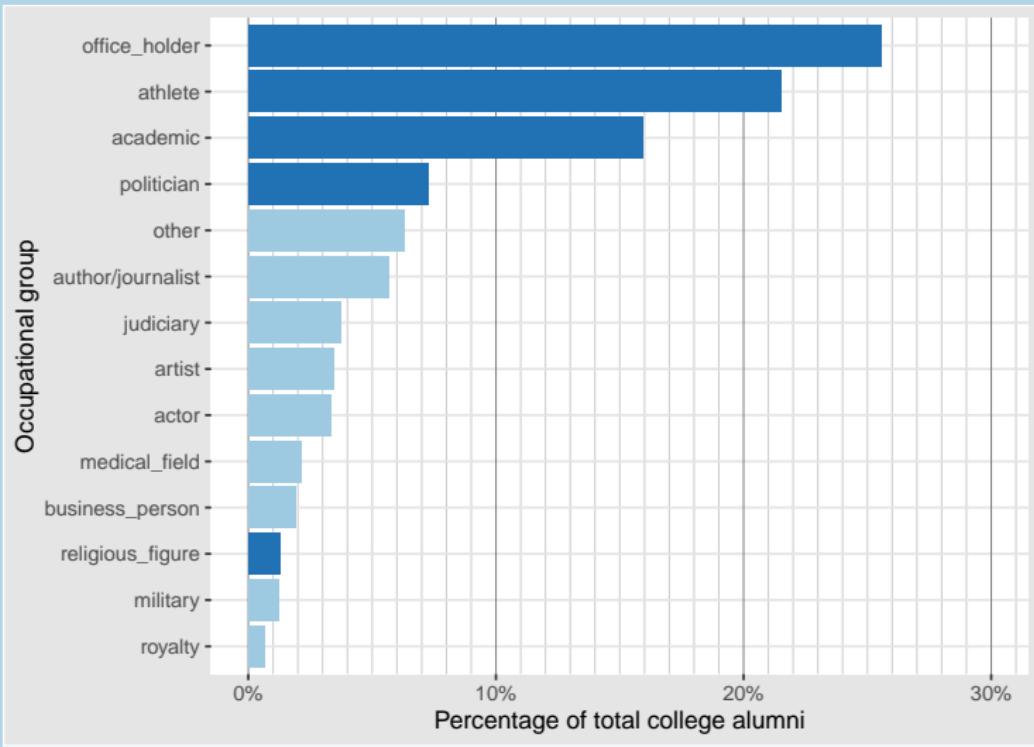


Figure: Horizontal bar graph depicting the percentages of college alumni made up by each occupational group. Highlighted occupations are further investigated.

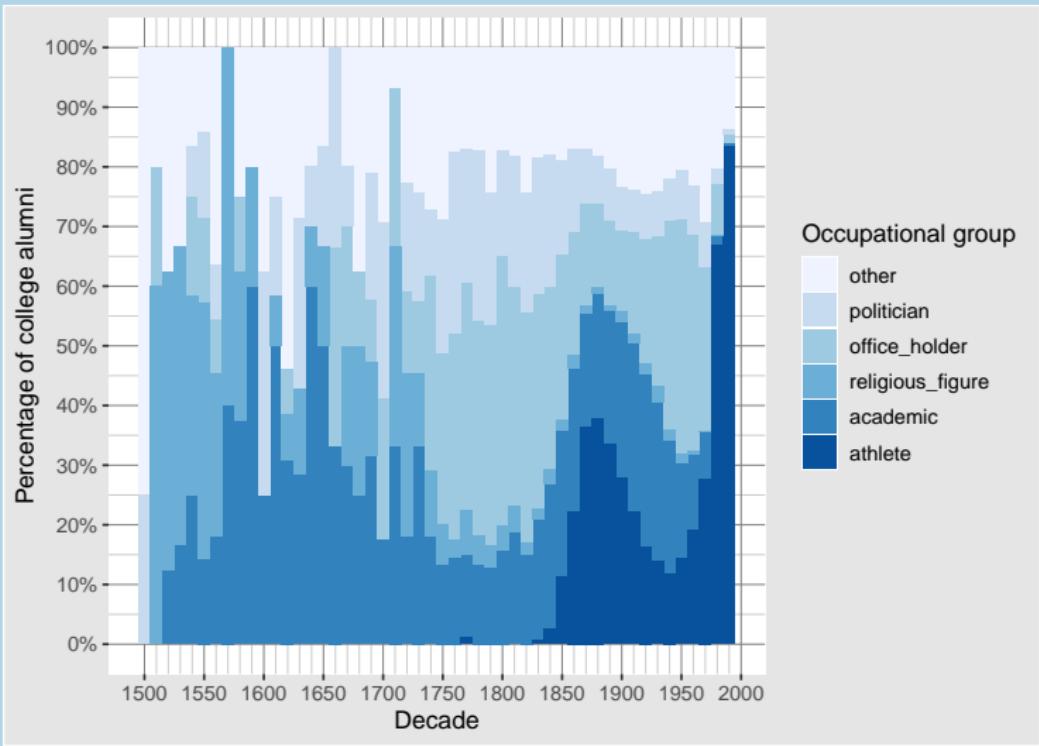


Figure: Stacked area graph depicting the percentages of college alumni made up by each occupational group, as compared over the decades between 1500 and 2000.

Discussion

- Greater variety in occupations
 - Increasing university enrolments
- Limited extrapolation to real world
 - limited and biased database



THANK YOU! - ANY QUESTIONS?

SOURCES

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- Dataset adapted from DBpedia.org