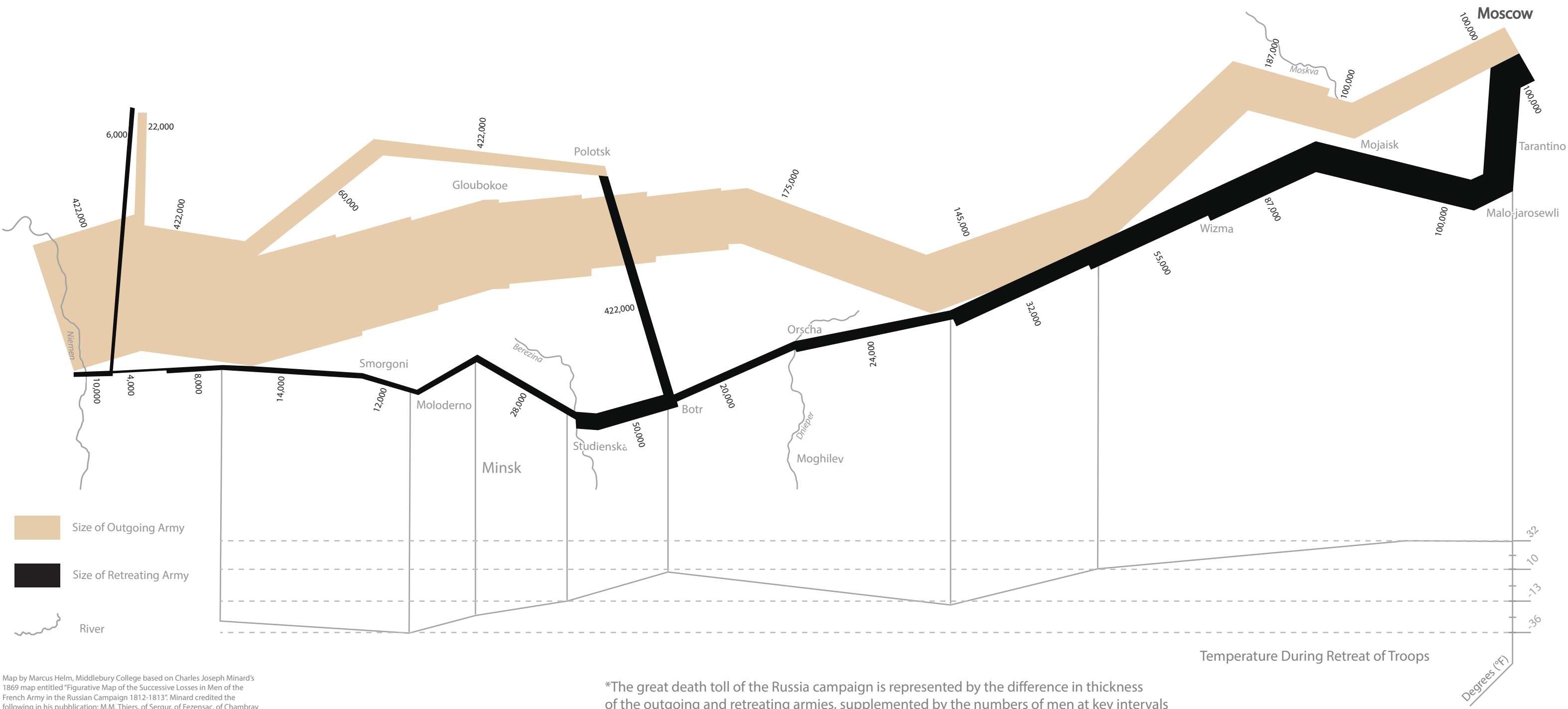


War is a Losing Proposition

A Case Study of the Napoleonic Invasion of Russia



Map by Marcus Helm, Middlebury College based on Charles Joseph Minard's 1869 map entitled "Figurative Map of the Successive Losses in Men of the French Army in the Russian Campaign 1812-1813". Minard credited the following in his publication: M.M. Thiers, of Sergur, of Fezensac, of Chambray and the diary of Jacob, a pharmacist of the Army since October 28th.

*The great death toll of the Russia campaign is represented by the difference in thickness of the outgoing and retreating armies, supplemented by the numbers of men at key intervals