Data (mis) visualization

From Data to Insight

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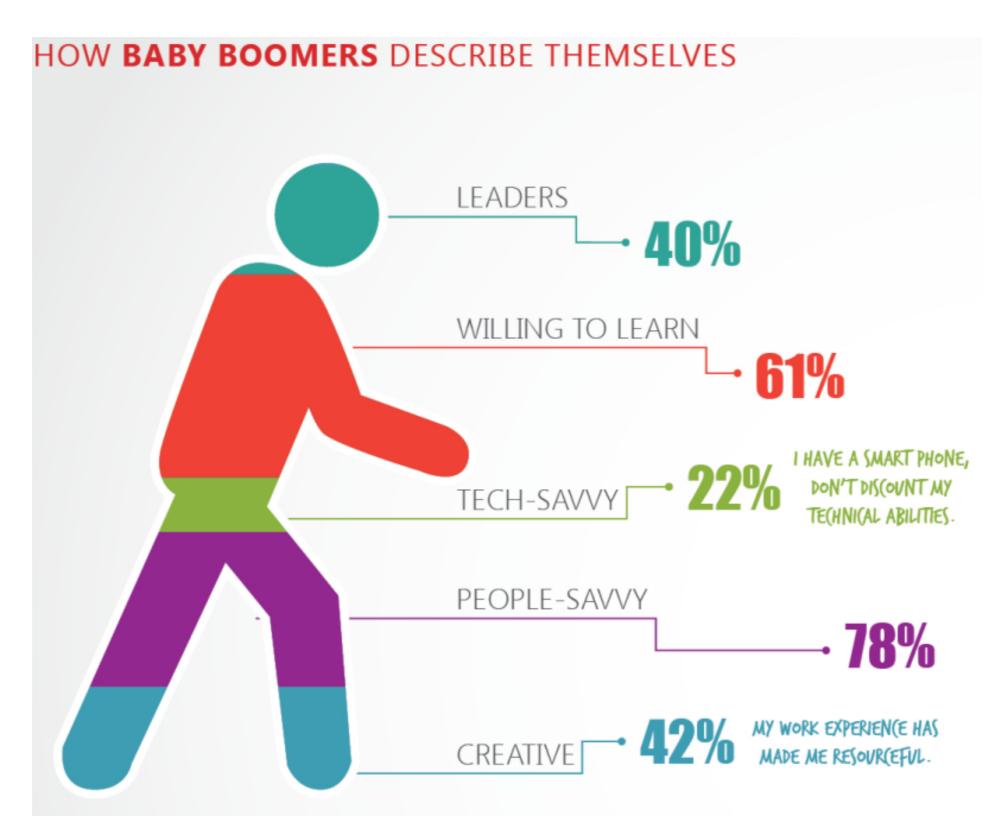
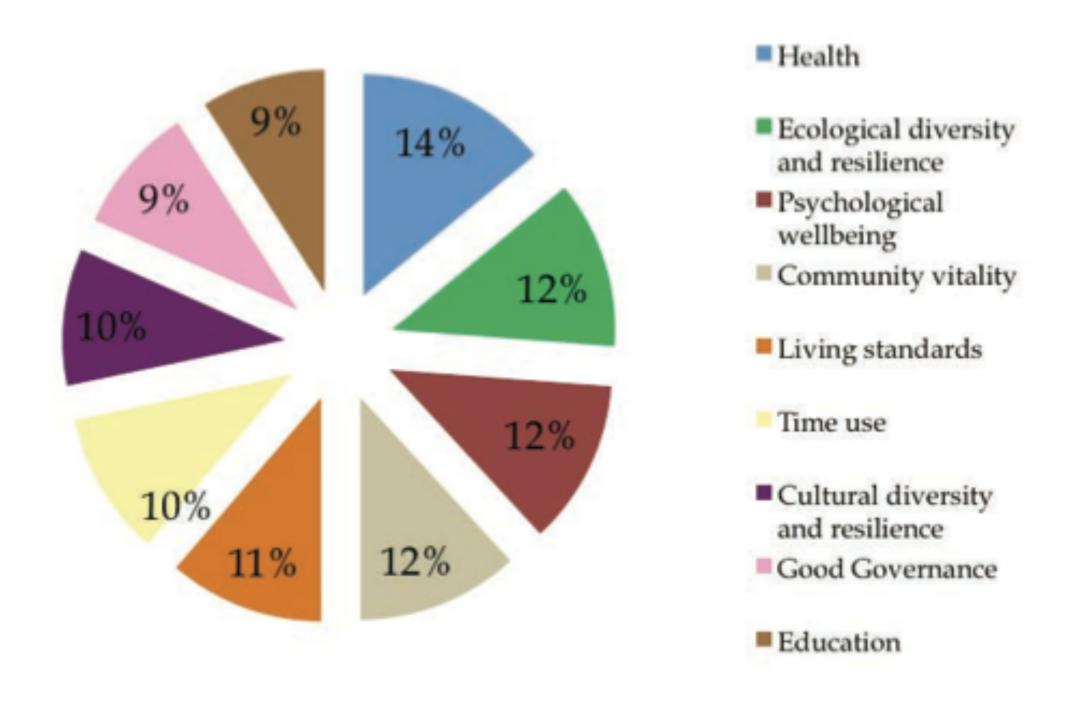
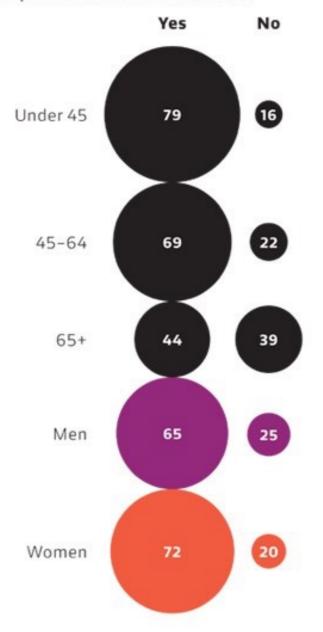


Figure 4: In which domains do happy people enjoy sufficiency?



MRS. PRESIDENT

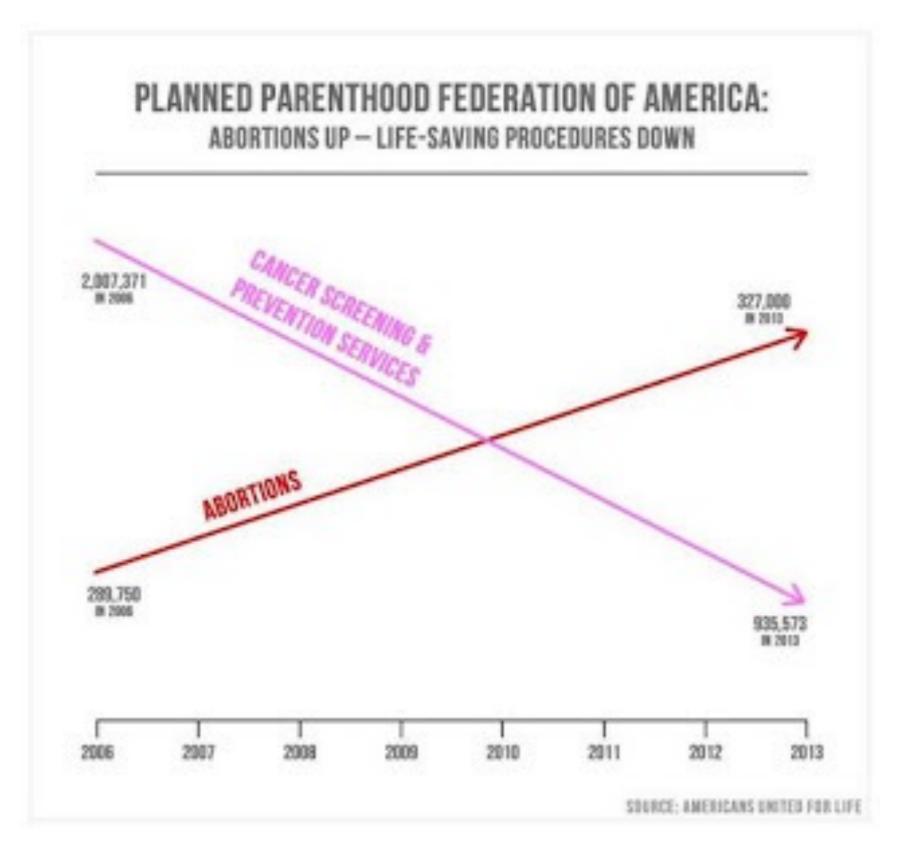
Percentage of respondents who say it is likely that a woman will be president in their lifetime.



Source: CBS News, June 2008

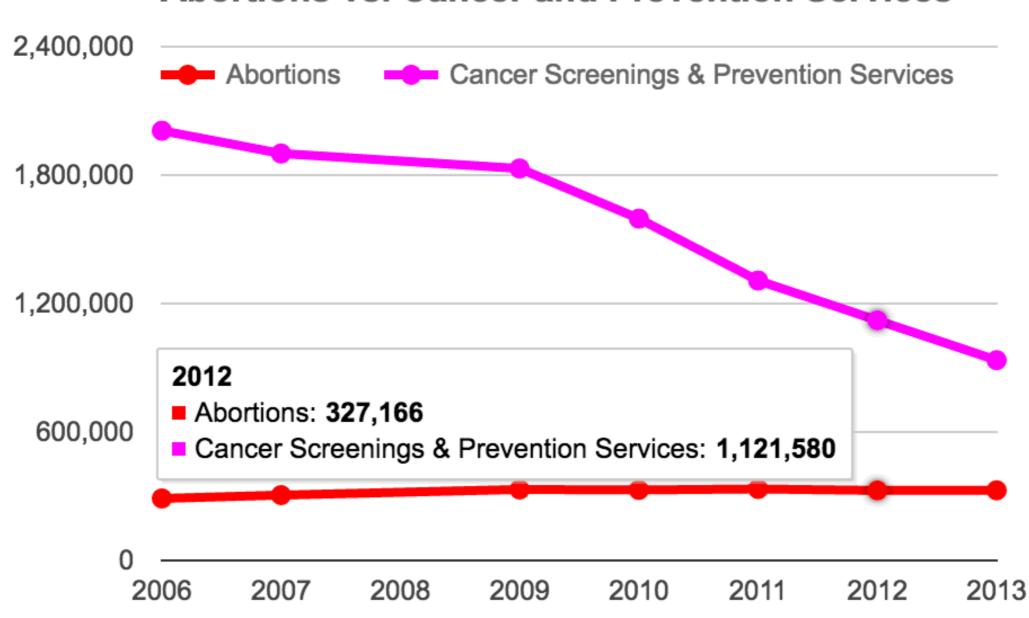


Source: http://viz.wtf/



Redo

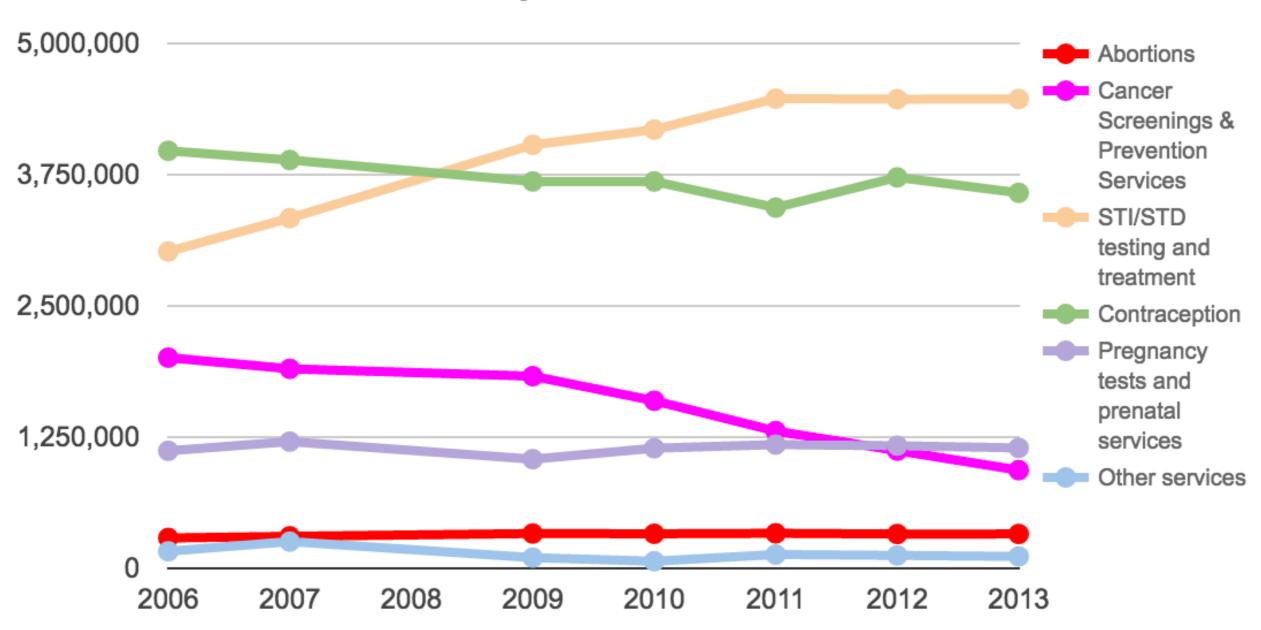
Planned Parenthood Federation of America: Abortions vs. Cancer and Prevention Services



Source: http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2015/oct/01/jason-chaffetz/chart-shown-planned-parenthood-hearing-misleading-/

Redo further

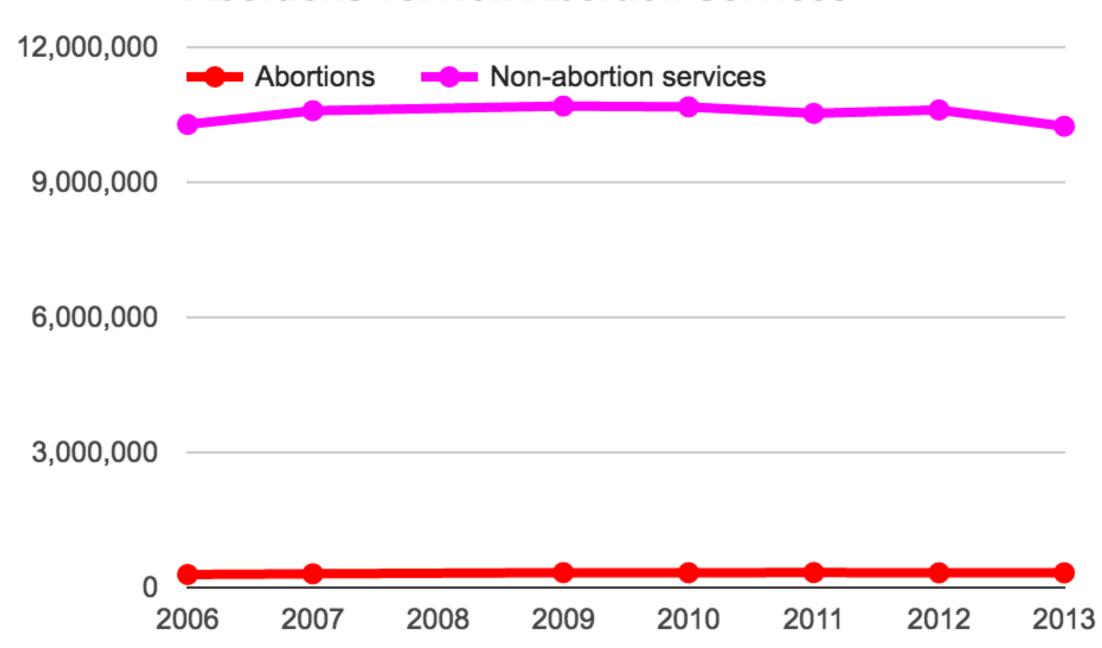
Services Provided by Planned Parenthood



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One last look

Planned Parenthood Federation of America: Abortions vs. Non-Abortion Services



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Scale matters!

Gallup Poll shows a *minor* increase in percentage of Americans without health insurance coverage.

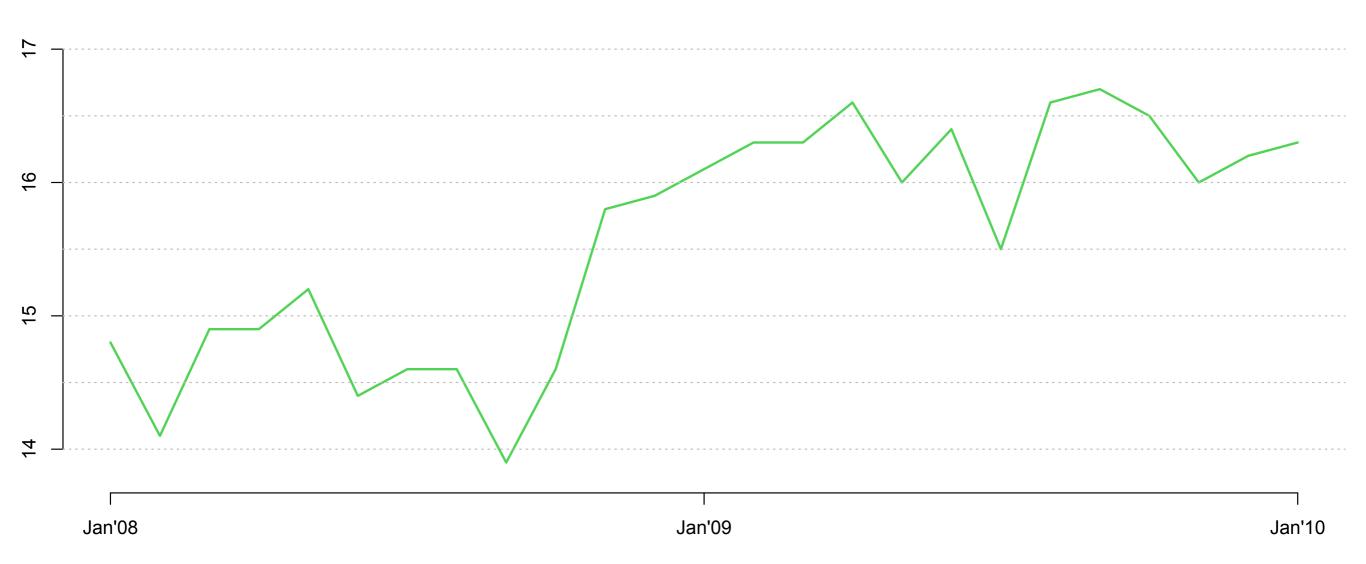
Percentage of Americans Without Health Insurance Coverage

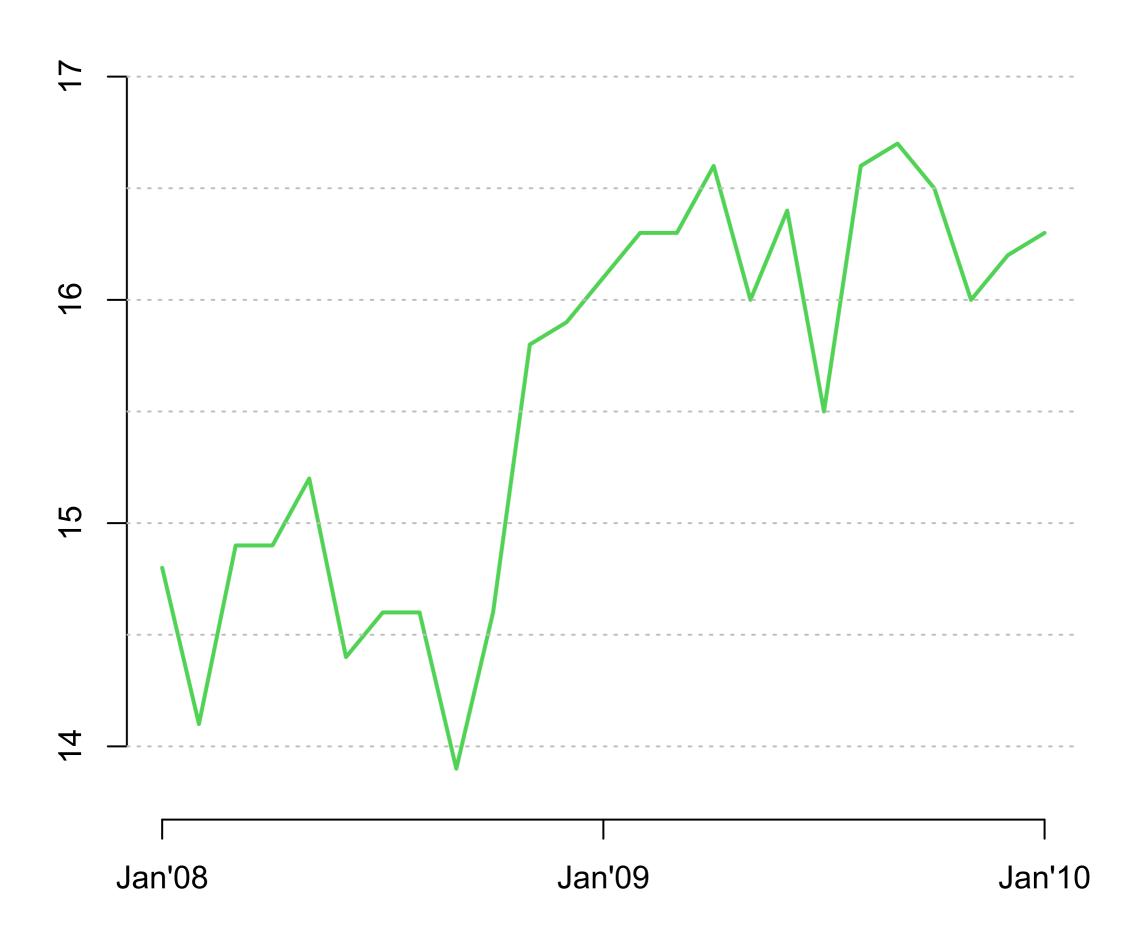
Among adults aged 18 and older

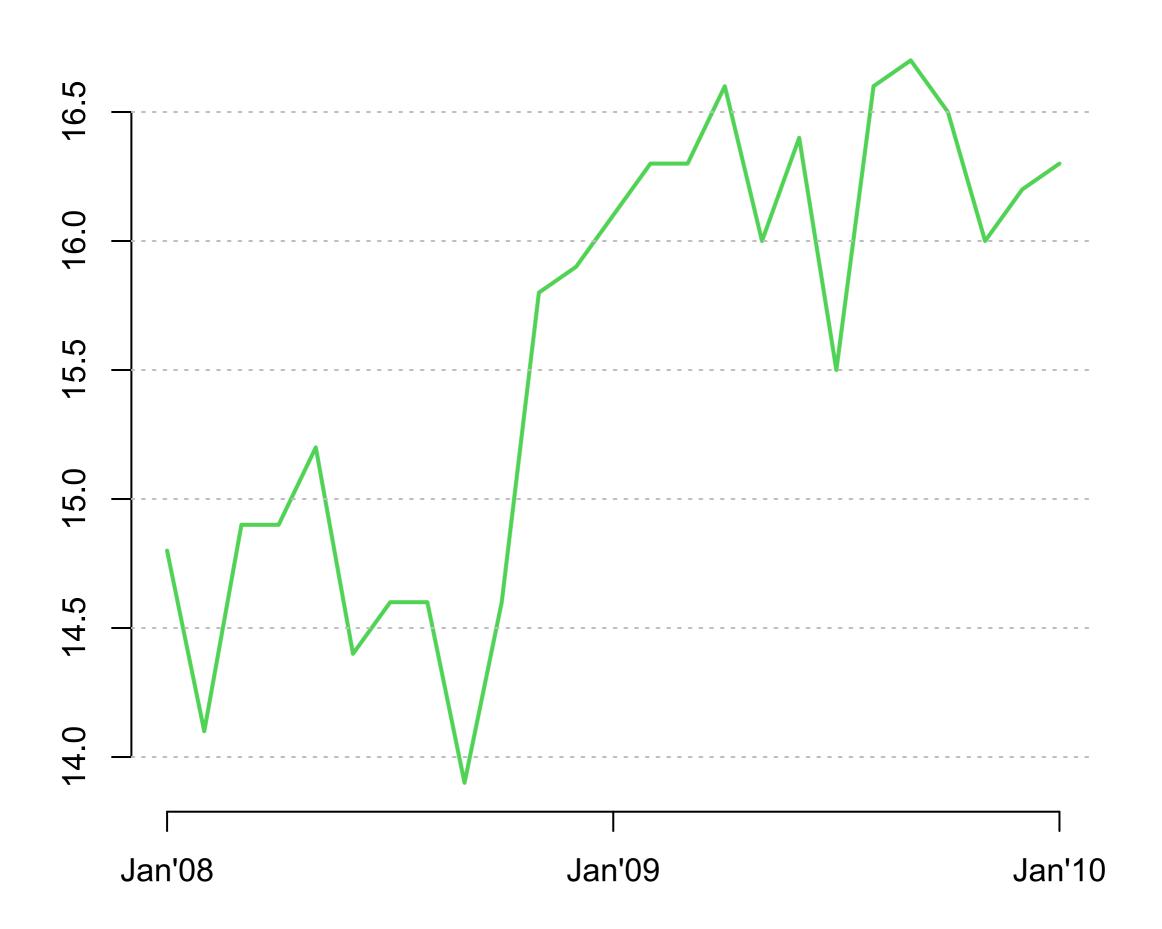


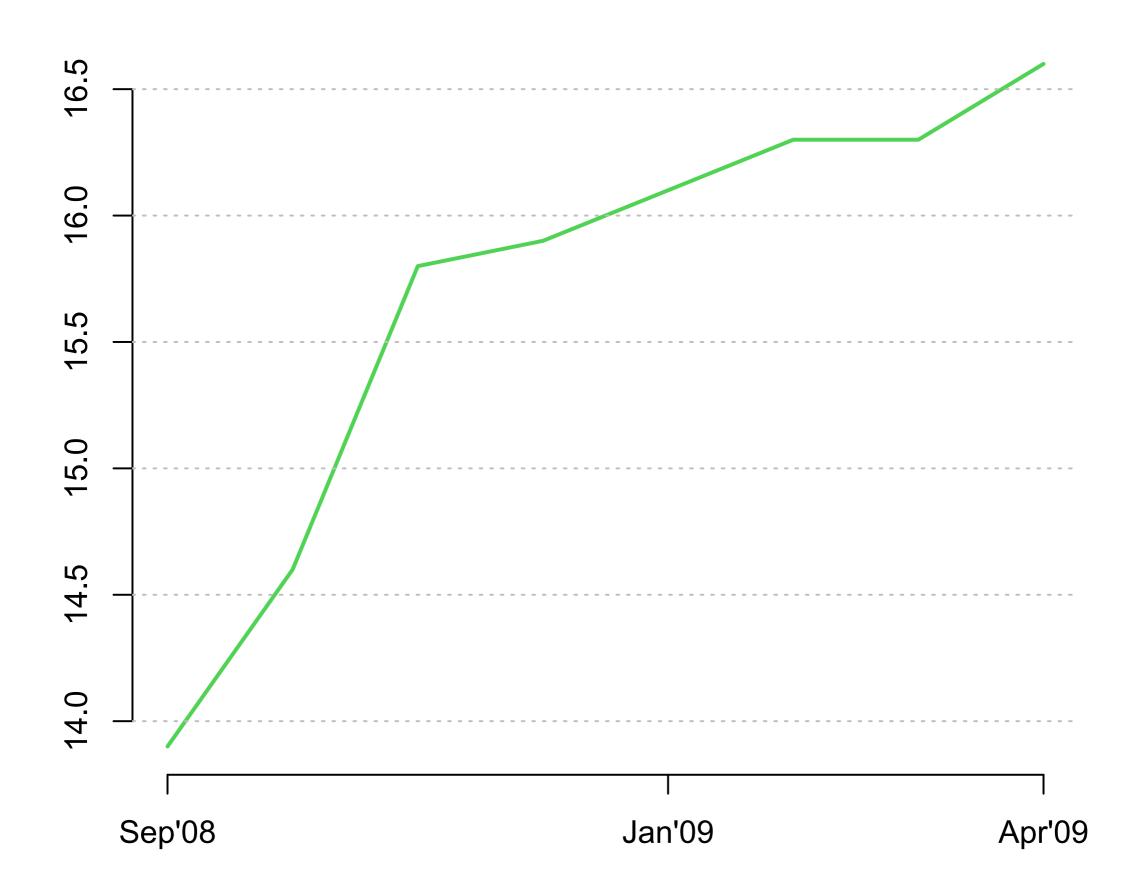
Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index

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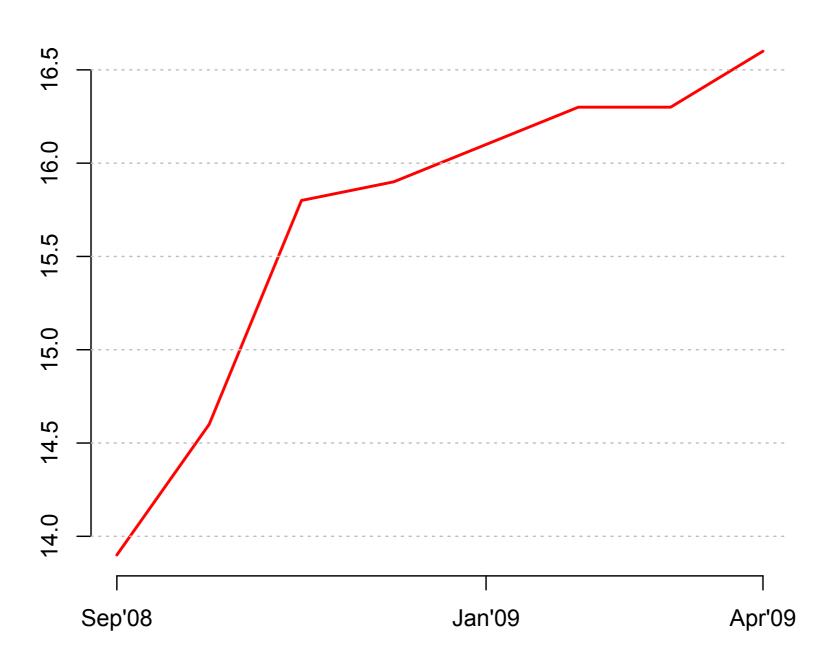




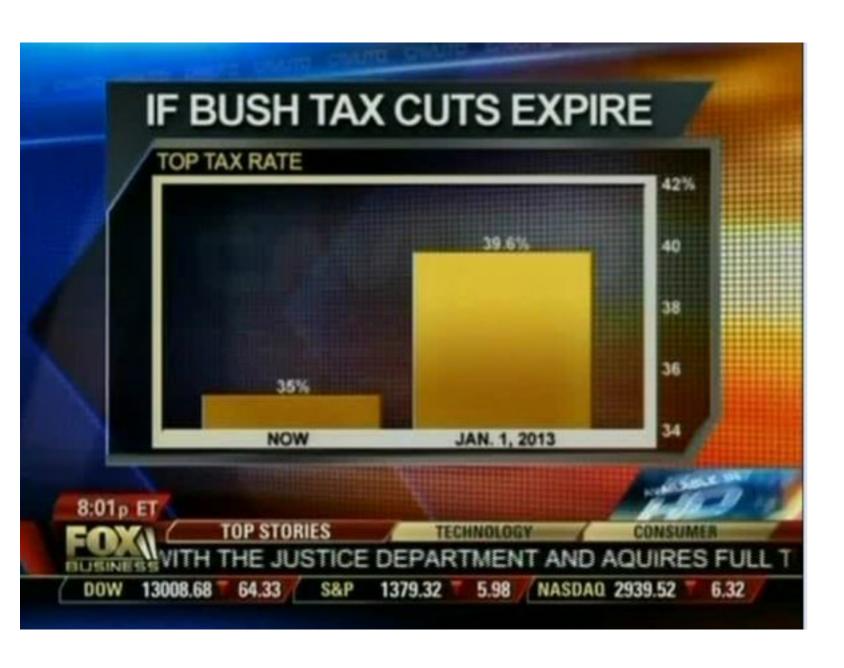


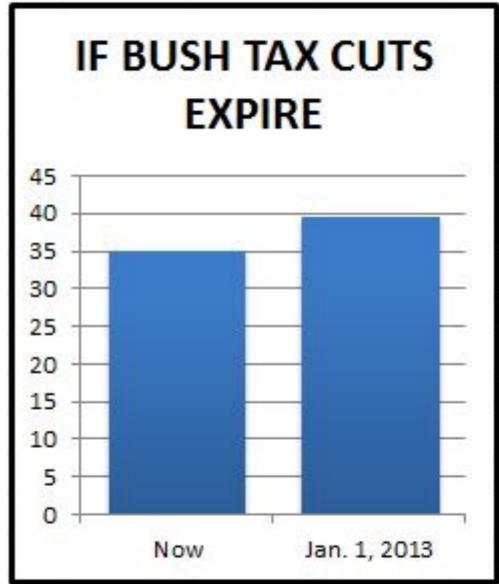


Gallup Poll shows a *substantial* increase in percentage of Americans without health insurance coverage.



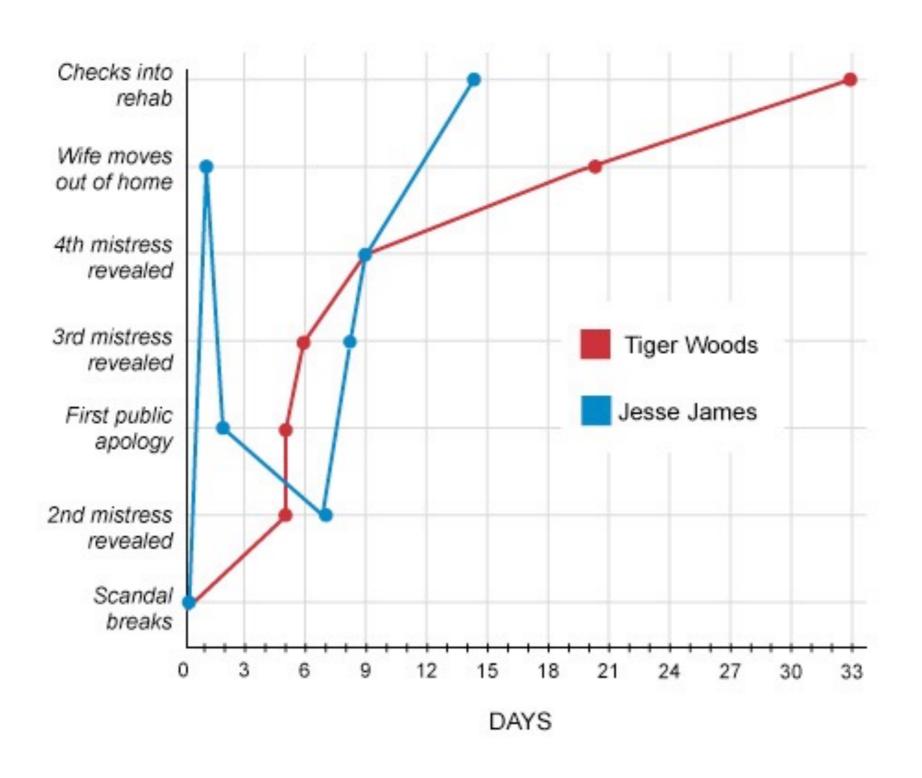
How substantial is the increase?



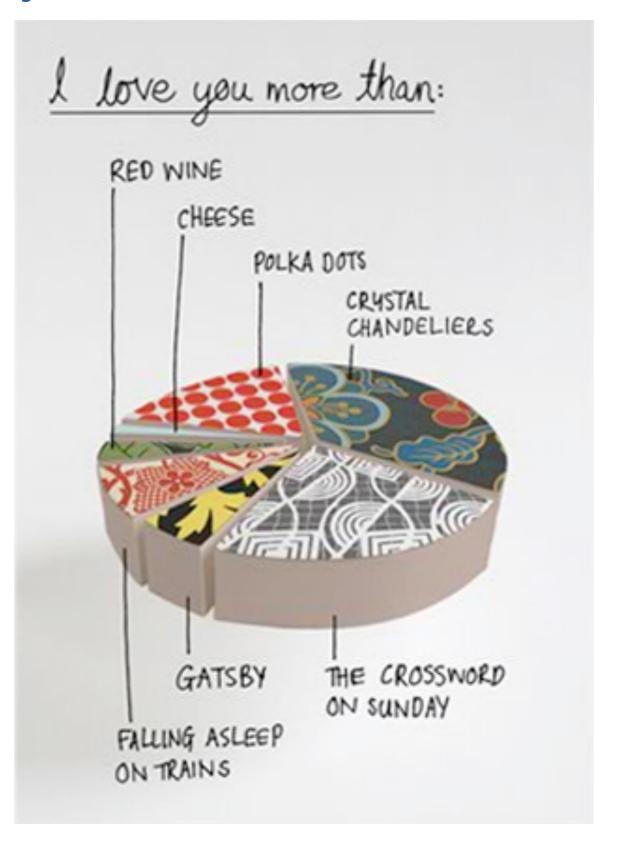


Does your visualization tell a story, or complicate a story?

What story does this visualization tell?



What story does this visualization tell?



Use a visualization when you can

Birth control options: Statistics

March 18, 2011













An estimated 62 million U.S. women are in their childbearing years. Of those, 62% use some kind of contraception.

Among those who don't, 31% are pregnant, trying to get pregnant, postpartum, sterile or not sexually active. The other 7% take their chances. Among those using contraceptives, here's what they use:

The pill 28%

Sterilization 27.1%

Condom 16.1%

Vasectomy 9.9%

IUD 5.5%

Withdrawal 5.2%

Injectable Depo-Provera 3.2%

Vaginal ring 2.4

Rhythm 0.9

Other: 0.6

Statistics from the National Center for Health Statistics and the Guttmacher Institute.

In summary...

Tufte's principles for graphical excellence

- 1. Above all else show the data.
- 2. Maximize the data-ink ratio.
- 3. Erase non-data ink.
- 4. Erase redundant data ink.
- 5. Revise and edit