Task_1: Critique & Redesign

Goals:

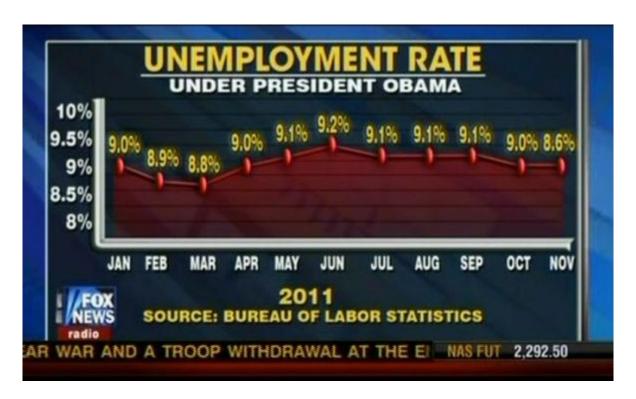
- Discover common flaws and mis-interpretations of visualizations
- Create visualization guidelines
- Design improved visualizations

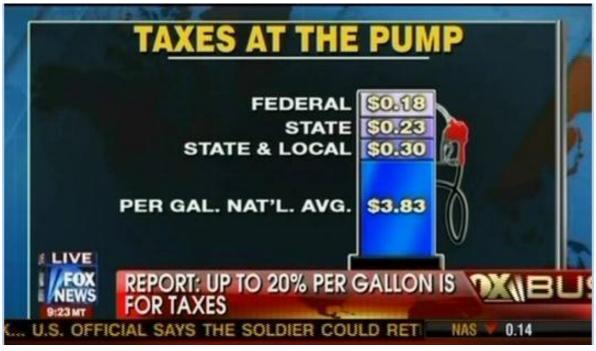
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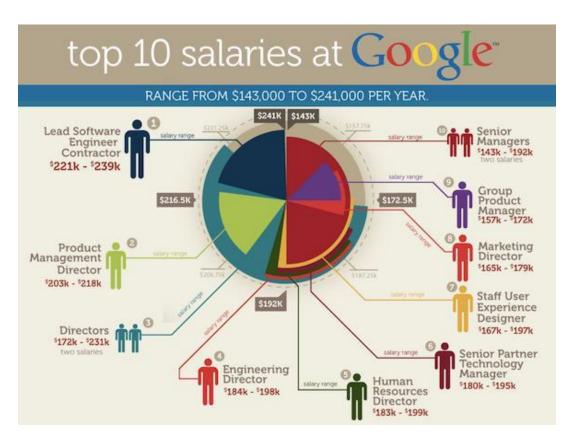
- 1. Analysis (10min)
 - Individually
 - Look at all the charts provided
 - o list as many flaws as you can
- 2. Discussion (10 min)
 - With your neighbor,
 - o discuss the flaws you found
 - o compile a list of common flaws/pitfalls you found.
 - Give each pitfall
 - a name (e.g., 'Axes truncated')
 - and an implication of how this might affect people's (mis)interpretation ('People will
 mis-interpret differences between values on the y-axis. People might misinterpret
 actual sizes. Etc.')
 - Discuss faults in class

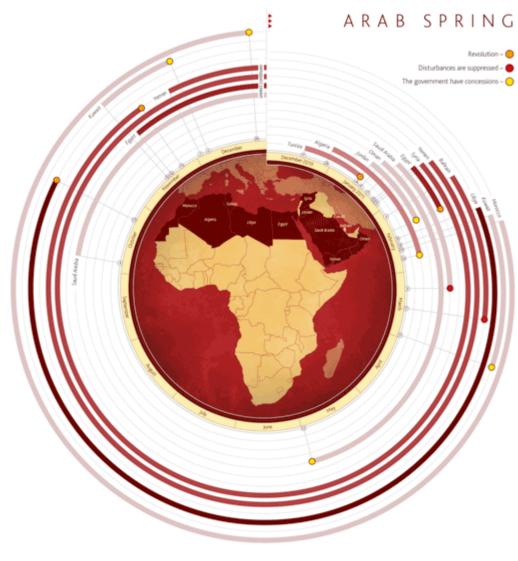
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- 1. Re-design (30min)
 - o with your neighbor
 - o pick 2 visualizations from the charts provided
 - o for each visualization, sketch 2 possible redesigns
 - o Argue with the guidelines (see above) and state where guidlines can be violated.
- 2. Guidelines (20min)
 - with your neighbor,
 - o formulate visualization guidelines to overcome these flaws/pitfals. Use careful formulations: "Do X; "Avoid Y"; "If X, then Y"; "Keep in mind that X", etc.
- 3. Show visulizations on wall (20min)









(red=Republicans, blue=democrats, dark colors mean higher percentages for the respective party)

