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banknotes?<!-- HTML_TAG_END --></p></div><div class="body-content prose"><p><!-- HTML_TAG_START -->In many places,
paper money still fails to represent a portion of the population it serves, with many countries preferring to
showcase people (usually men) in positions of power or of national acclaim on their banknotes. However, money can
also be a platform to uplift the unsung leaders who deserve our gratitude for making our countries what they are. We
decided to investigate this imbalance. We gathered data about the people who appear on banknotes around the world, to
see what we could learn about them and their countries.<!-- HTML_TAG_END --></p><p><!-- HTML_TAG_START -->We wanted
this analysis to be as international as possible so we inquired into 38 countries from <a
href="https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/m49/" target="_blank">all 22 sub and sub-subregions of the world</a>,
based on the United Nations' Statistics Department geoscheme. Our dataset represents:<!-- HTML_TAG_END --></p></div>
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85 <p class="body-content prose"><!-- HTML_TAG_START -->The majority of the individuals depicted on banknotes are
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91 <div class="gender-label svelte-lv0yhdg">Male - 190 (79%)</div></div></div>
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95 </div><div class="body-content prose"><p><!-- HTML_TAG_START -->We looked at their professions and accomplishments,
among other characteristics, to understand who is featured on the banknotes of the world, and what it took to get
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