While he may not have been a federal judge, Uncle Phil (aka Judge Philip Banks from The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air) is still the greatest TV judge of all time. Can you even name another?

This week’s dataset covers every federal judicial appointment in U.S. history since 1789.

Over the past few weeks, I’ve been exploring alternatives to standard bar plots. While they’re still the gold standard in corporate decks, I’m here to have some fun.

Sankey diagrams are usually used to show flows or changes in state, but I thought they’d work well to visualize key variables in the dataset, like political party, gender, and length of service.

For simplicity, I removed judge appointments from parties other than Democrats and Republicans. I know you are disappointed that I didn’t include the Whig party, but trust me, it made the plot easier to read.

Check out my full notebook on GitHub:

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