# Information Design and Visualization

### Information Design and Visualization FNAR-337

This course is an advanced studio that explores the relationship between visual design and the field of information visualization. It presents strategies for designing effective visual communications while seeking to articulate a vocabulary of data design. Course work will provide students with an introduction to structuring and presenting information with an emphasis on meaning, clear communication and visual aesthetics.

### **Data**

individual pieces of information raw bits of binary information a set of values of qualitative or quantitative variables

### **Information**

scientifically, a choice—a yes-or-no choice In a broader sense, everything that informs our world—writing, painting, music, money

## The interdisciplinary study of "the visual representation of large-scale collections of non-numerical information, such as files and lines of code in software systems"

Michael Friendly, Professor of Psychology, York University

Information graphics are
the visual representations of information,
data, or knowledge, used where complex
information needs to be explained quickly,
accurately, and clearly

Doug Newsom and Jim Haynes, Public Relations Writing: Form and Style

The purpose of visualization is insight, not pictures.

Ben Shneiderman (1999)

Today, visualization has the potential to become a mass medium. Engagement-grabbing and keeping the attention of a viewer-is the key to its broader success. The clearest, most precise graphic in the world communicates nothing if nobody looks at it.

How To Make Data Look Sexy (2011) Fernanda Viegas and Martin Wattenberg

# Infoporn

Information which serves no purpose other than to hold the attention of its audience

Wikipedia

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# Measurement & Explanation

Data

Information

**Evidence** 

History

Memory?

Size

Weight

**Distance** 

Frequency

**Appearance** 

**Quantitative** 

Qualitative

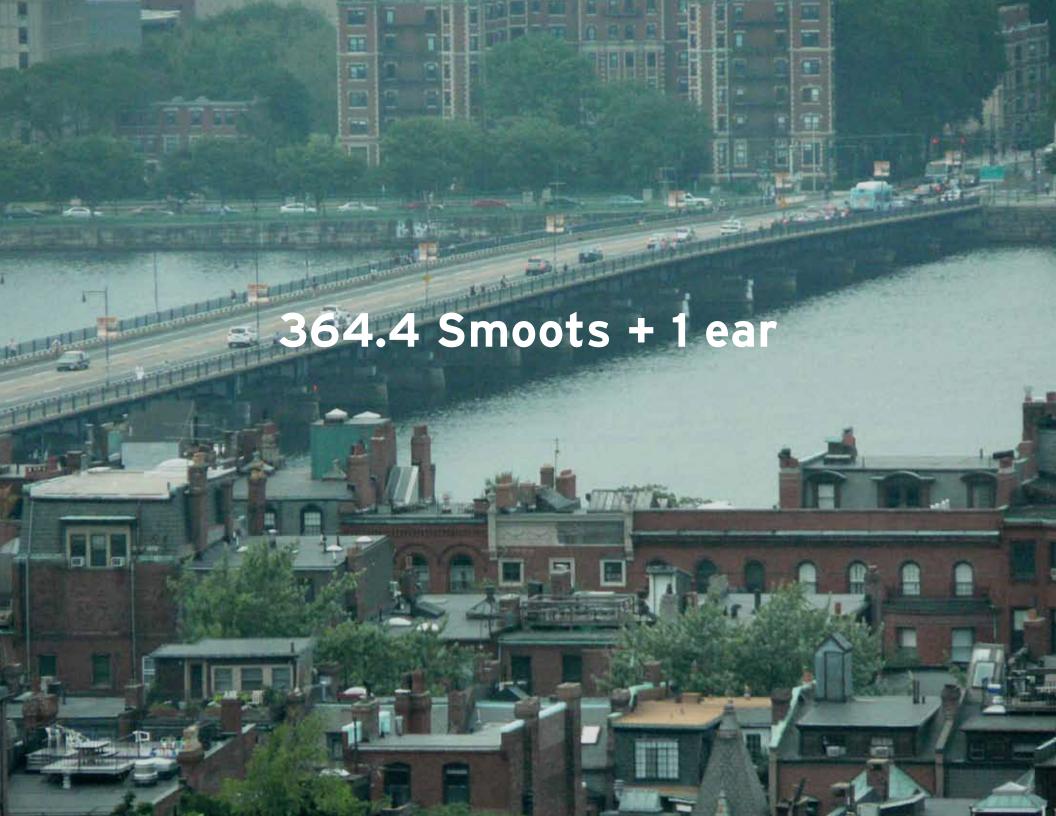
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Immeasurable?

**Hard Data** 

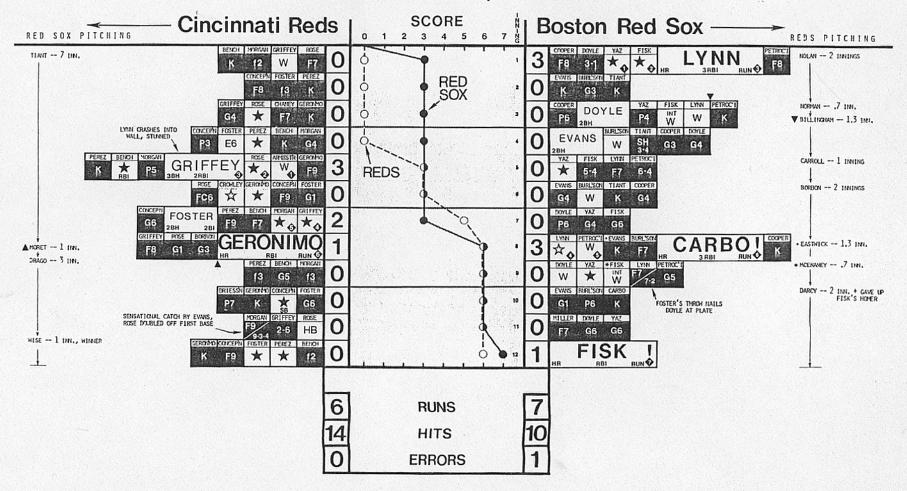
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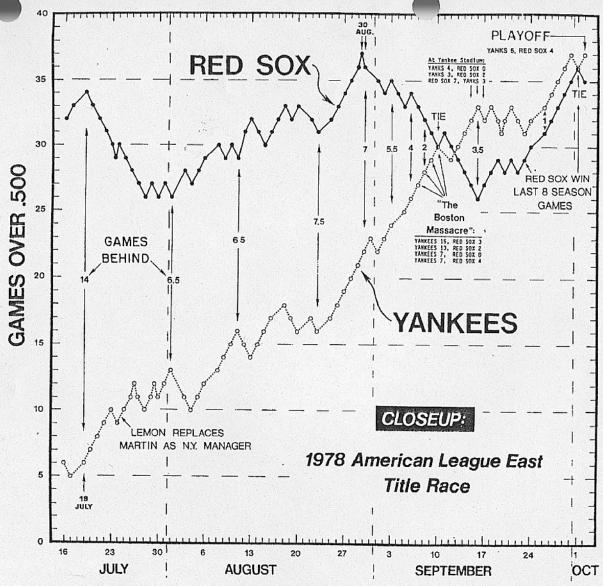




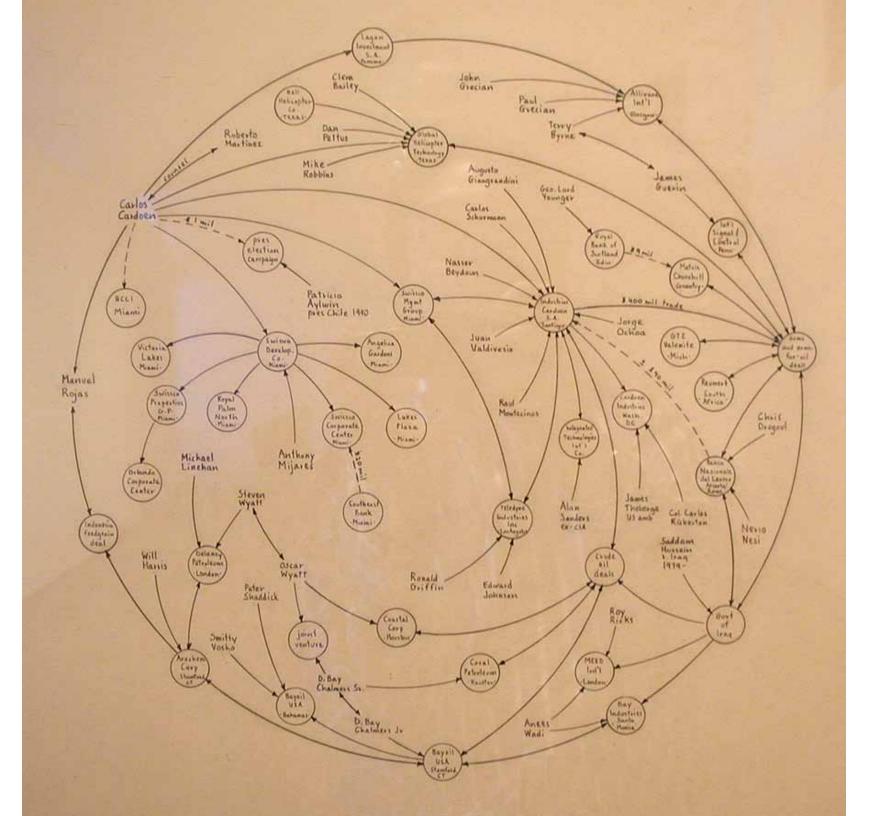
# GAME SIX, 1975



Graph 97. The most dramatic game in Boston Red Sox history, and perhaps World Series history — the sixth game of the 1975 World Series. In addition to the usual abbreviations for a walk (W, "INT" if intentional), error (E), hit batsman (HB), and stolen base (SB), common symbols and player numbers of game-scoring are used (white-on-black) to identify outs (F = fly, f = foul, G = ground-out, P = pop fly, FC = fielder's choice, SH = sacrifice bunt, K = strikeout). Black stars represent regular (outfield) singles; white stars stand for infield singles. Extra-base hits are labeled (2BH, 3BH, HR), runs batted in (RBI, 2RBI, 3RBI) are also indicated, and runs scored are shown by black diamonds with white numbers representing the ordinal number of each run. Asterisks and black triangles show where pitching changes occurred within innings.



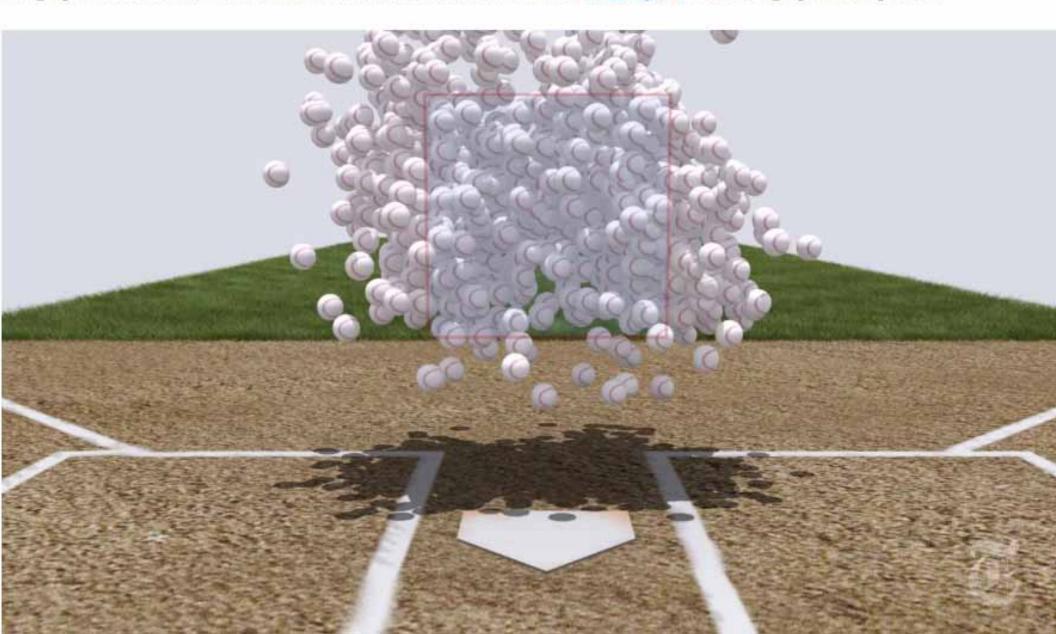
FENWAY FIASCO. In 1978, the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees, probably the two best teams in the majors that year, staged one of the great dramas of the century. Fourteen games ahead of the Yankees on July 19th, the Red Sox suddenly lost half of their lead with a bad road trip at the end of July, matched Yankee wins through August, then lost the other half of the lead in early September, completing what was, numerically, the worst fold in modern major league history. The collapse of the Injury-riddled Bosox in September was climaxed by a four-game slaughter by the Yankees at Fenway Park called The Boston Massacre. Later that month, Boston removed part of the stigma of its disintegration by recovering remarkably, rallying from 3½ games behind to tie New York on the closing day. In the October 2 playoff game at Fenway Park, Bucky Dent's three-run homer over The Wall put the Yanks ahead in the seventh Inning and another homer by Reggle Jackson gave them their winning run in a 5-4 thriller.

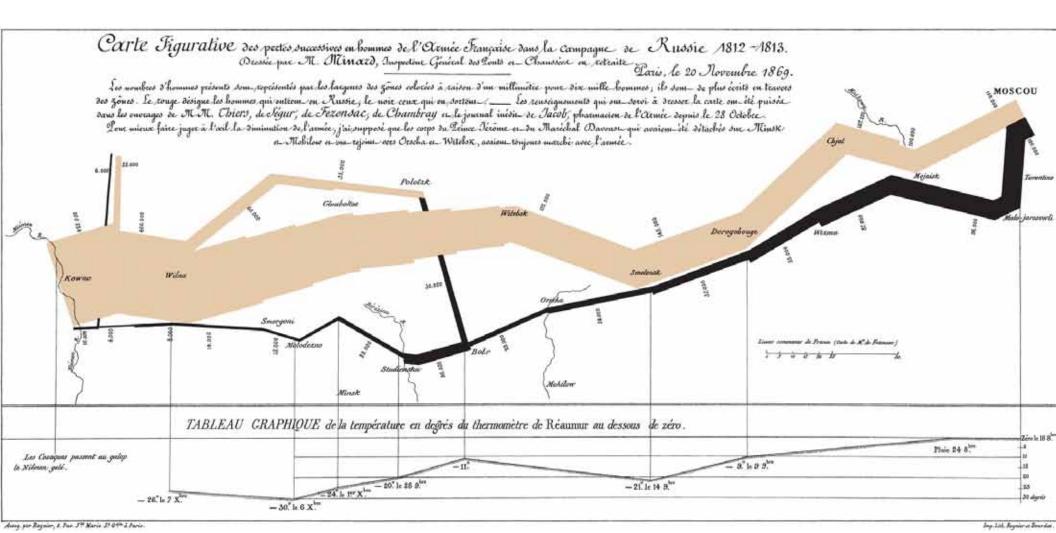


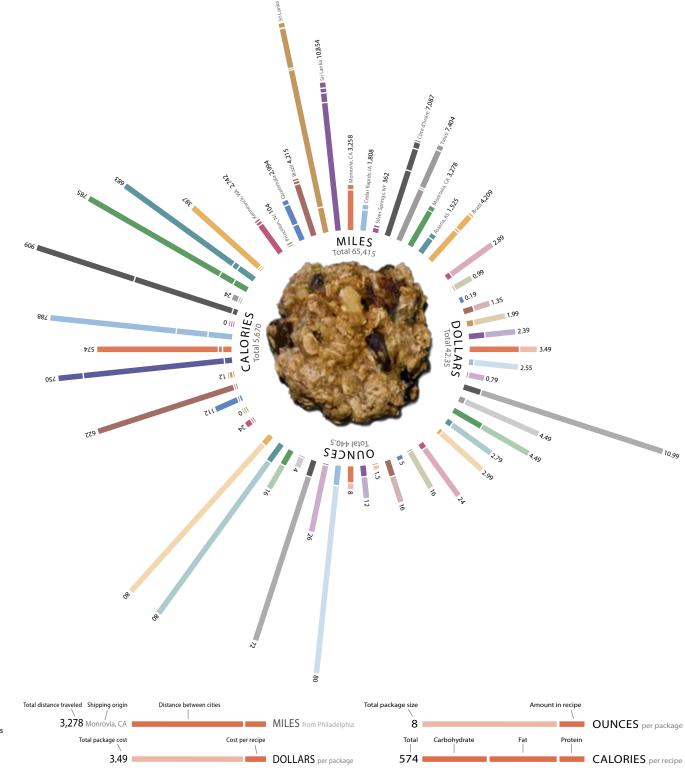
## Mariano Rivera | King of the Closers

A motion graphic explaining how Mariano Rivera dominates hitters with his signature cutter.

The graphic received the Peter Sullivan Award for Best in Show at the Malofiej19 information graphics competition.









#### **OAT EVERYTHING COOKIES**

From the World to My Kitchen to Your Mouth Alyssa Rosenzweig

For even the simplest of recipes, considerable amounts of resources are spent to bring all the ingredients together into one, delicious item. This project was an attempt to determine how each ingredient in my Oat Everything Cookies made it from the world to my kitchen in Philadelphia to your mouth.

Sources ranged from USDA reports and grower's associations (like the American Sugar Alliance) to sea freight patterns to personal contact withlocal grocery managers, distributors and individual company representatives

# Break it down to build it back up.

Kirk Varnedoe

Observation / Inquiry / Interpretation / Visualization

## 321 tips for happiness

a collecetion of 321 tips to be happy. everyone is in search of it. everyone is in desperate need of it. click here if you're feeling lucky!

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#### Happy[11]

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Artists

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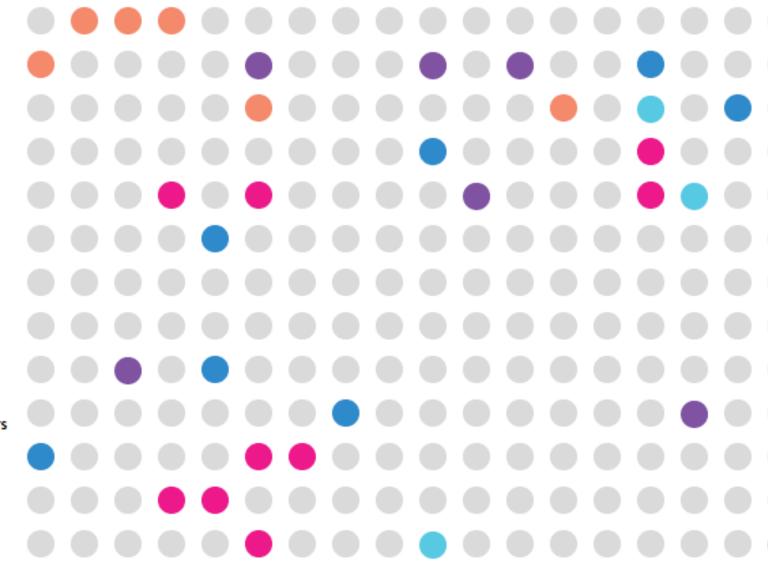
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Medicine

Psychology

Religion

Research

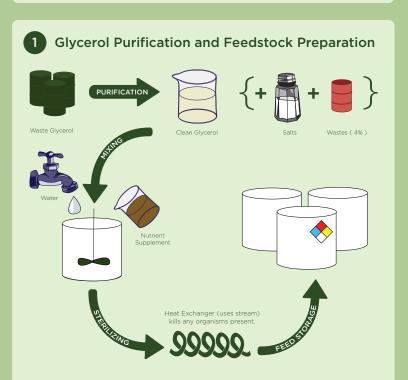


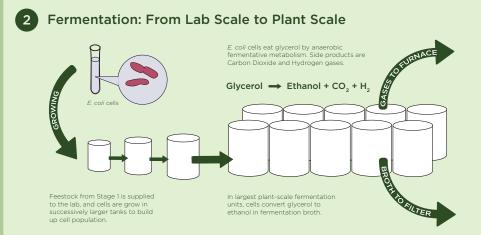
## An Alternative to Corn-Derived Ethanol: **Turning Waste Glycerol Into Fuel**

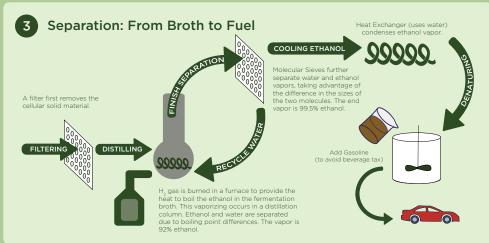
#### Bacteria can grow on almost anything...

As you may know from personal experience! Do you drink beer? If you do, you may also know that when bacteria are deprived of oxygen, they ferment sugars to make ethanol in order to live. Bacteria can also ferment glycerol to make ethanol, which can be used as a fuel or as a

The scaled-up process for the fermentation of glycerol to ethanol has three stages, which are outlined here.





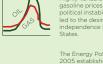


#### Why Make Ethar

renewable fuels

alternative fuel franchise agree provision that







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of 85% ethanol gasoline. Ethanol deman Prices will be hi political suppor





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#### How is Glycerol Made?

Glycerol is a byproduct of the production of Biodiesel from vegetable oils.

For every 100 kilograms of biodiesel produced 10 kilograms of glycerol is produced.



crop that are known for restoring nutrients and



pressing the harvested beans The oil is used for cooking, and



The used oil is reacted with alcohol to create biodiesel and glycerol, which separate into



The glycerol produced during biodiesel manufacturing is

for soap-making.

not clean enough to be used

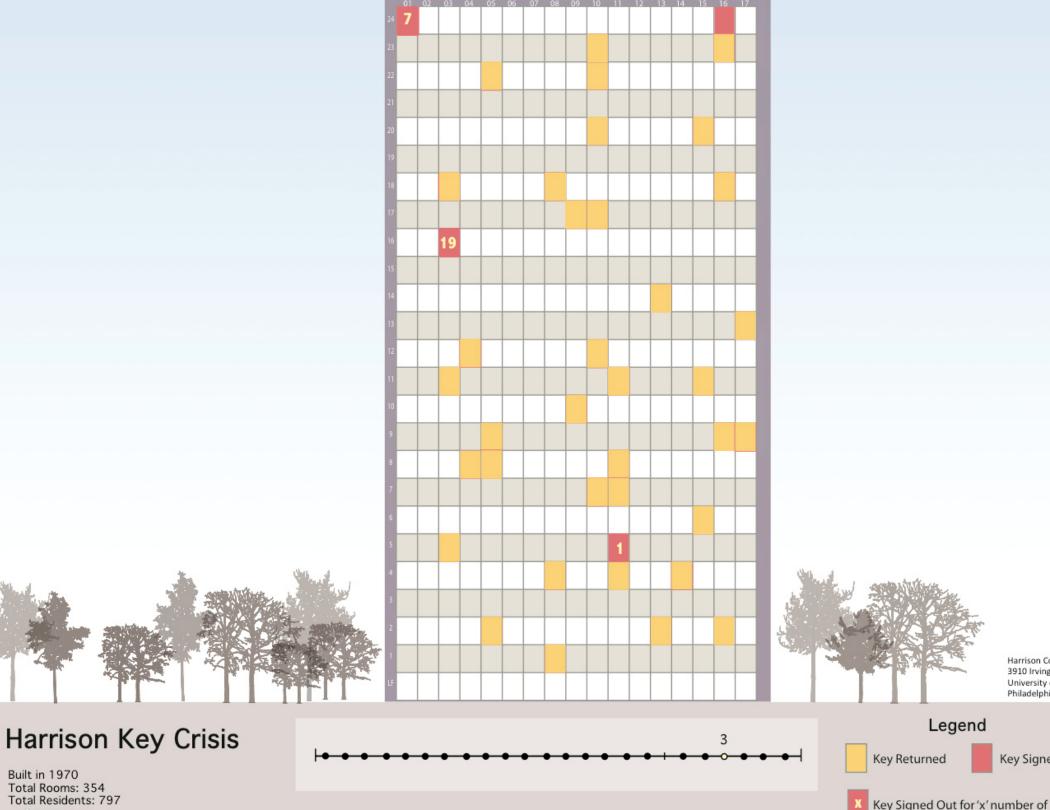


The crude glycerol is how can it be used?

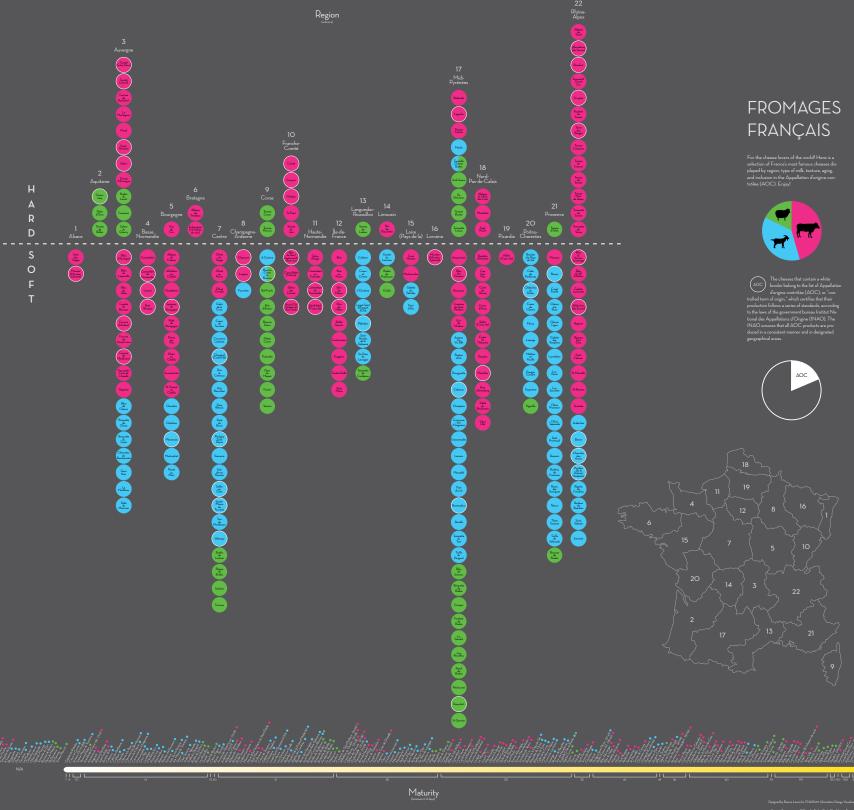


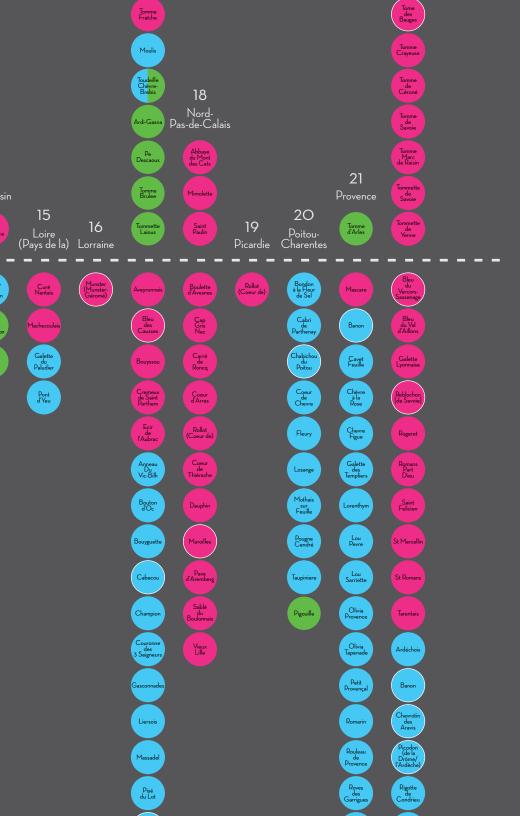


Researchers Dharmadi and Rice University have shown glycerol can be used as a fe sugar source to make ethan



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## FRANÇAIS

For the cheese lovers of the world! Here is a selection of France's most famous cheeses displayed by region, type of milk, texture, aging, and inclusion in the Appellation d'origine contrôlée (AOC). Enjoy!



The cheeses that contain a white border belong to the list of Appellation d'origine contrôlée (AOC), or "controlled term of origin," which certifies that their production follows a series of standards, according to the laws of the government bureau Institut National des Appellations d'Origine (INAO). The INAO ensures that all AOC products are produced in a consistent manner and in designated geographical areas.





#### Idol Worship/Divya Prabhakar

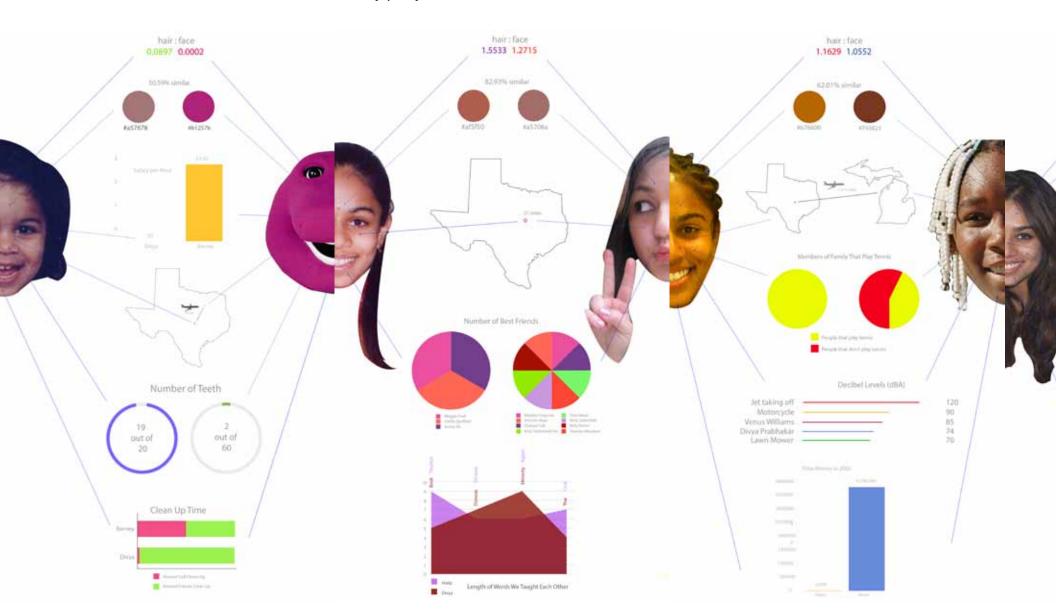
Comparative: Skin tones

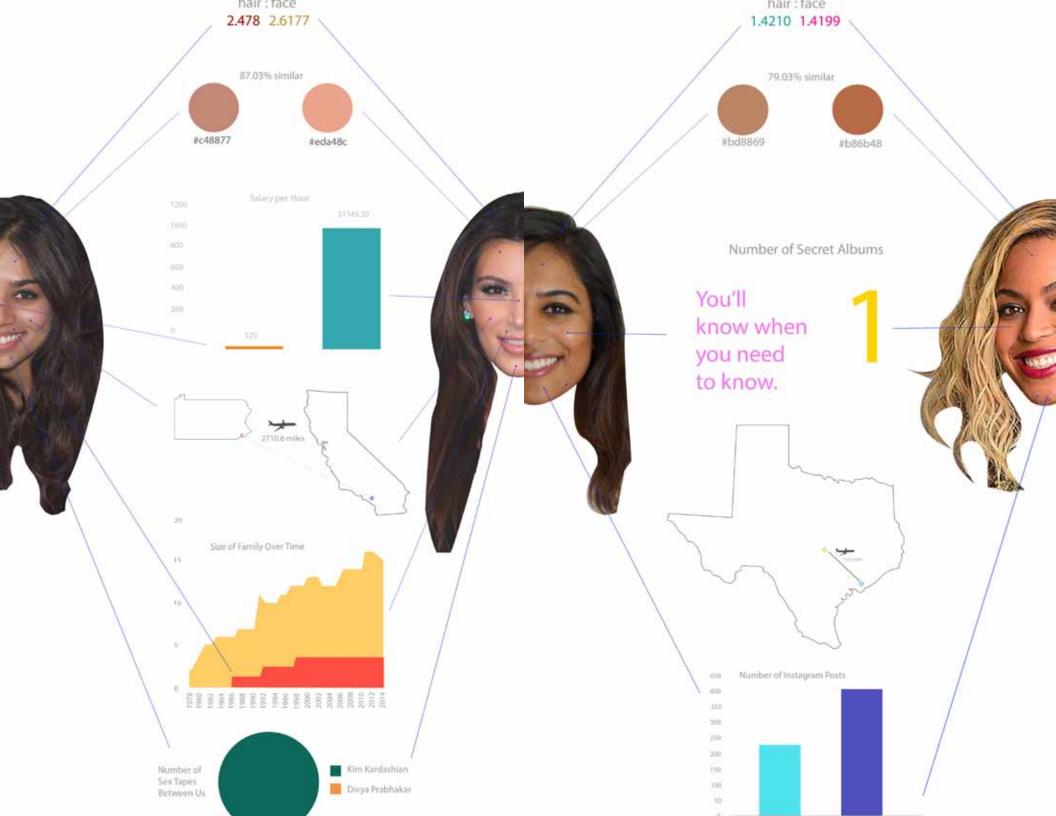
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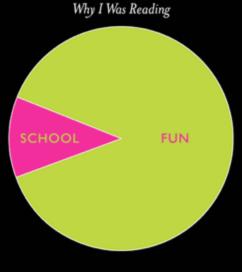
Number of best friends

Hair length to face length ratio

Salary per year



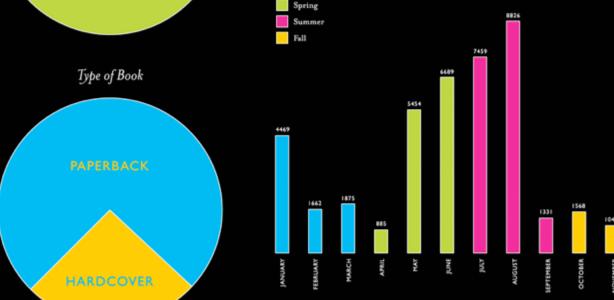




# **BRYNN SHEPHERD**

"An Open Book?"

CUMULATIVE PAGES READ BY SEASON



Winter

Total Pages Read
44770

Average Date of Publication

1985

Earliest Date of Publication

1611

THE TEMPEST
BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Average Number of Pages Per Book

366.97

Greatest Number of Pages in Any Book

1344

THE POWER BROKER
BY ROBERT A. CARO

YEAR VS. TOTAL PAGES READ (BY GENRE), 1999 - 2009



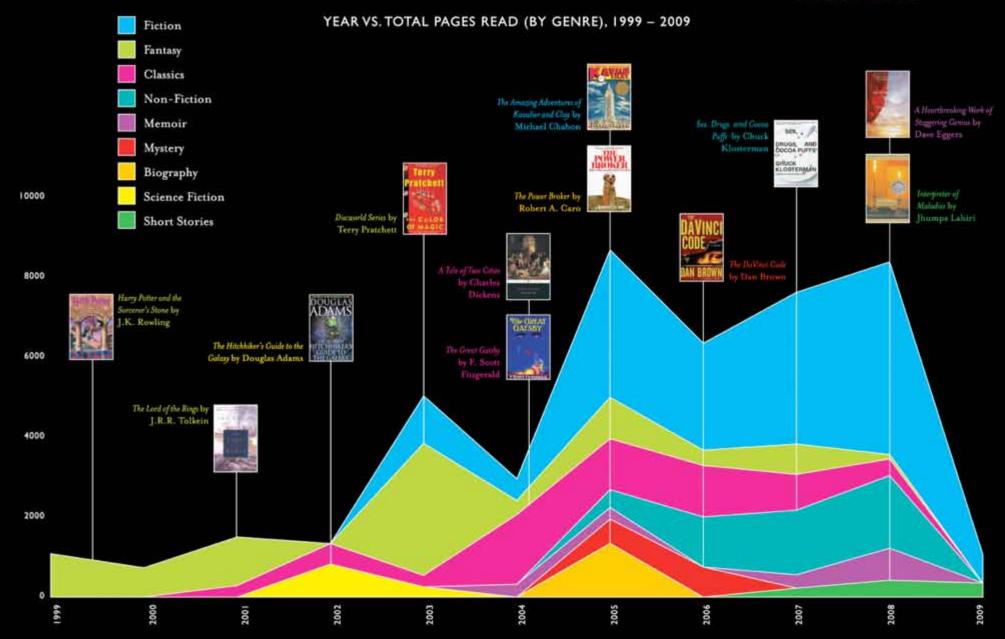








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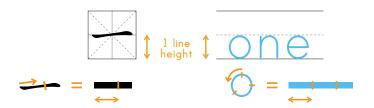
All information compiled and analyzed using www.goodreads.com and Google Spreadsheets.

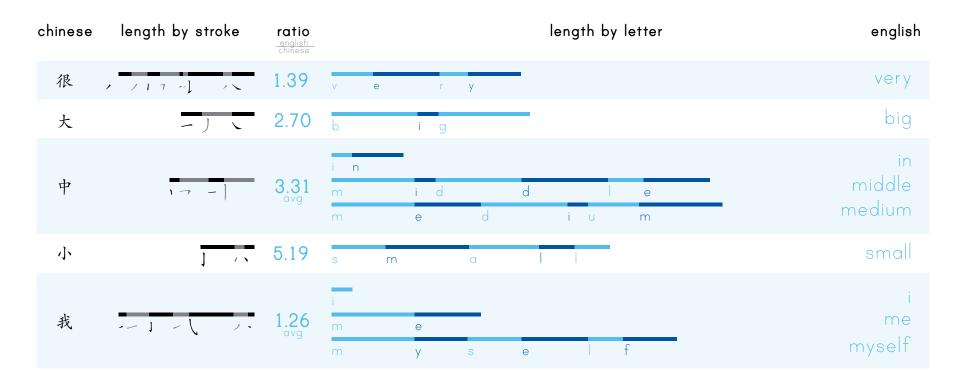


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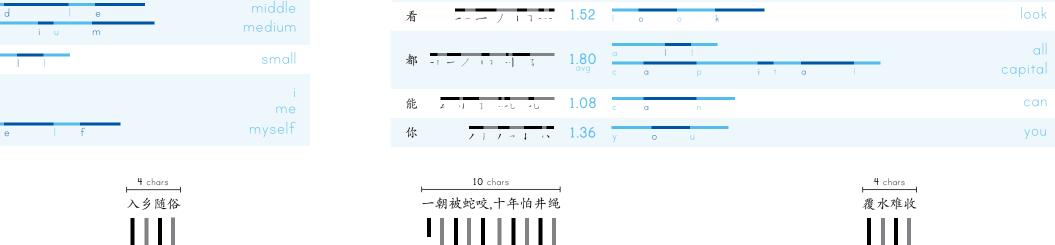
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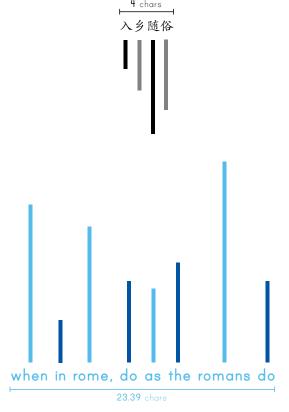
**CHINESE & ENGLISH** 



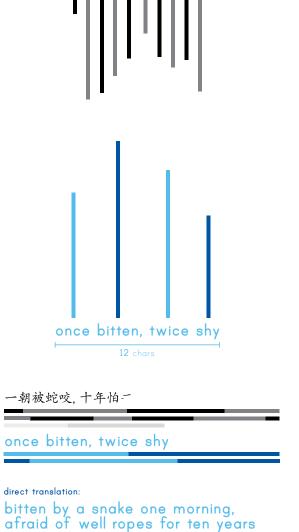


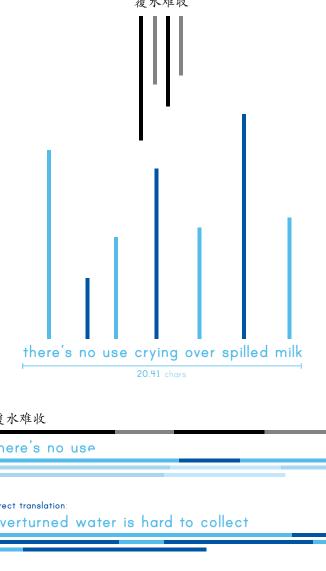


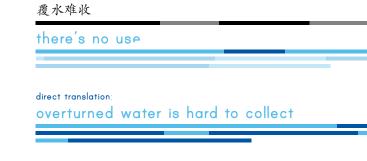


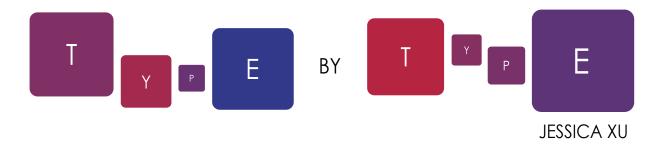










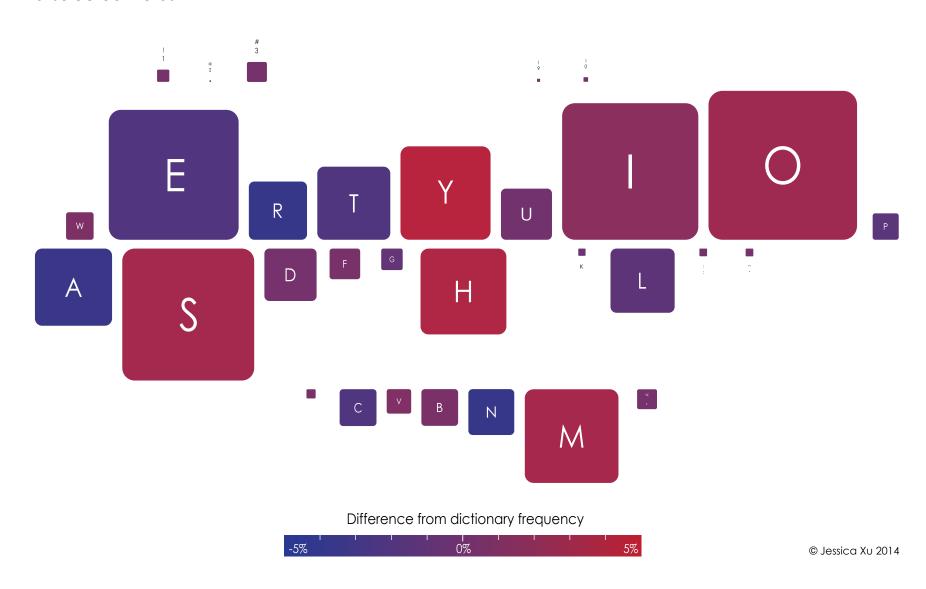


A visualization of differences in keyboard usage across genders and personality types. All characters from the top 100 words correlated with each type are counted and represented according to their frequency of usage.

Created by Jessica Xu for the **World Well-Being Project** and **Information Visualization and Design** at the University of Pennsylvania

## FEMALE <3 so much sooooo so happy yummy my hair yay! i miss with her

626 characters & selected words



# AHAPPY LIFE SHOULD NOT EQUAL AN UNHAPPY PLANET.

U.S. -

Czech Republic

Iran

## **CARBON FOOT** PRINT.

Western Nations Latin America & Caribbean **Former Communist Countries** Middle East East Asia

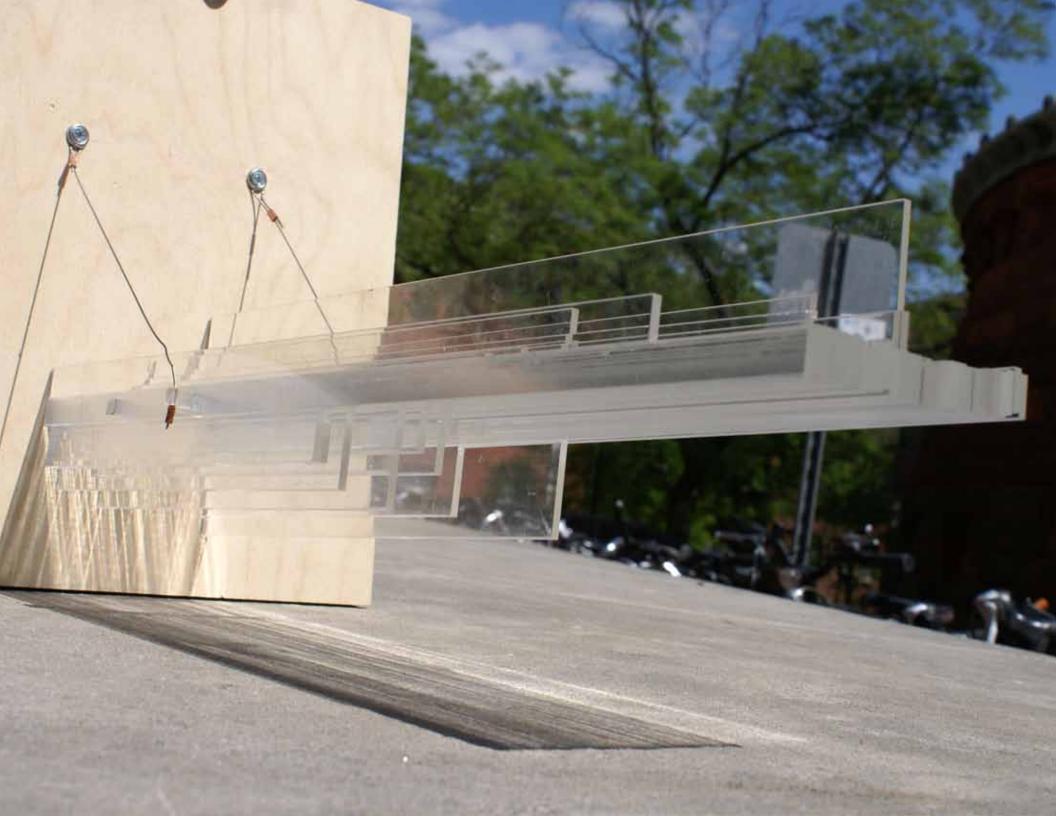
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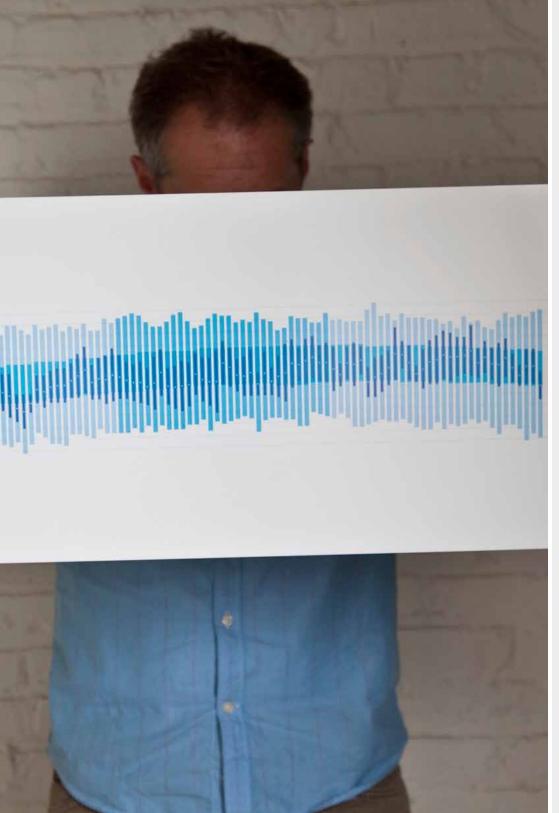
Sub-Saharan Africa

Phillippines









This visualization maps the daily high and lo July, and August, against the normal and reco for each day. Temperature data was recorded b Service for Philadelpia, PA Latitude: 39 52 www.weather.gov/

Actual (una average)

Normal

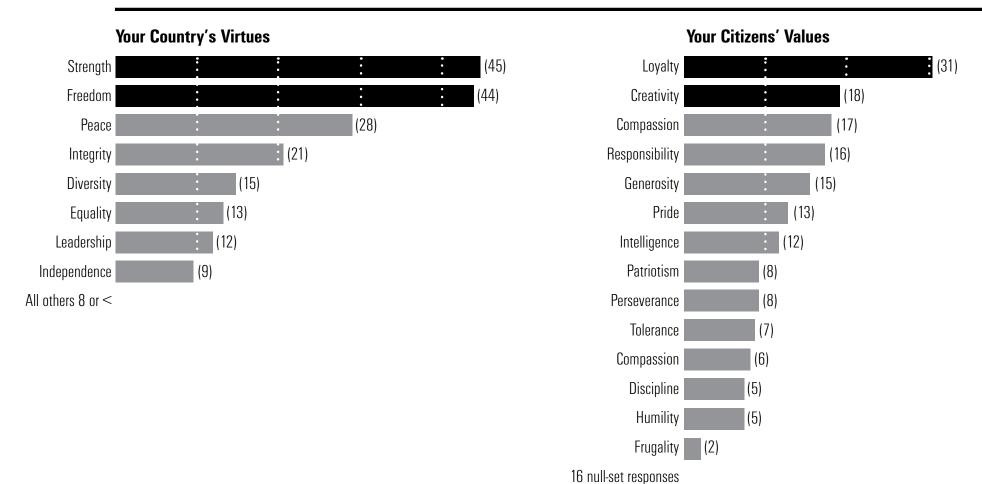
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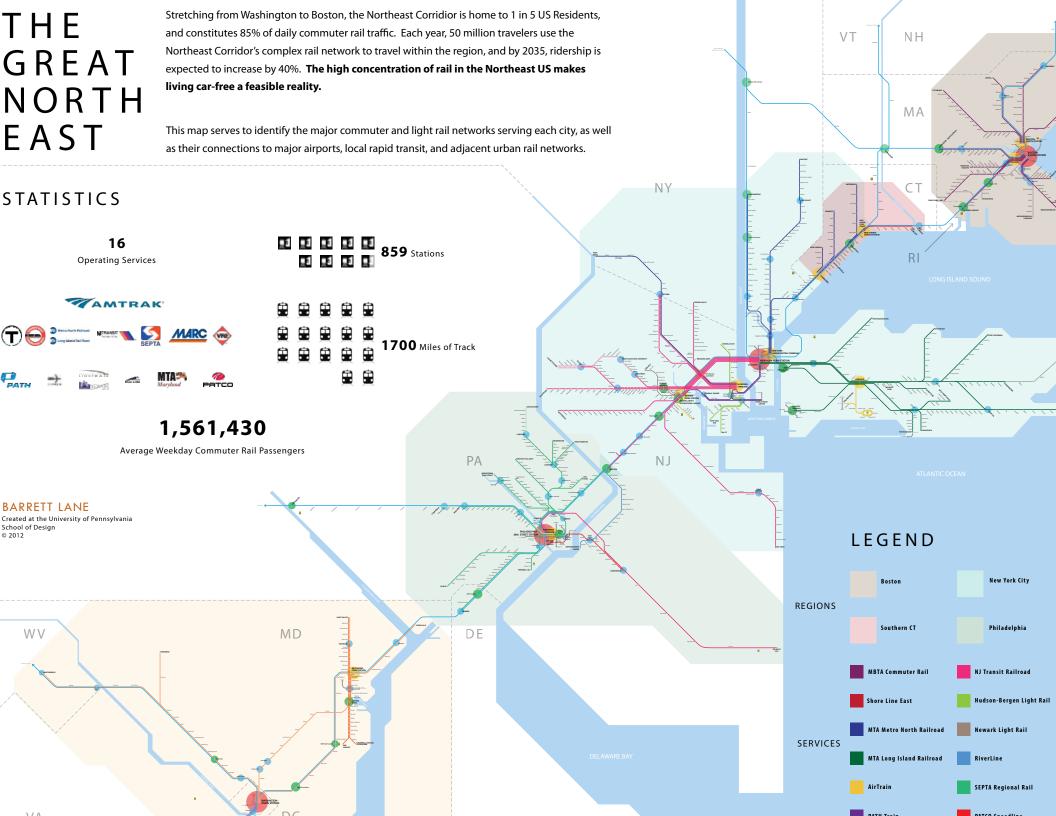
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## **Survey Results:** Virtues + Values

Middle School Students June 20, 2011









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