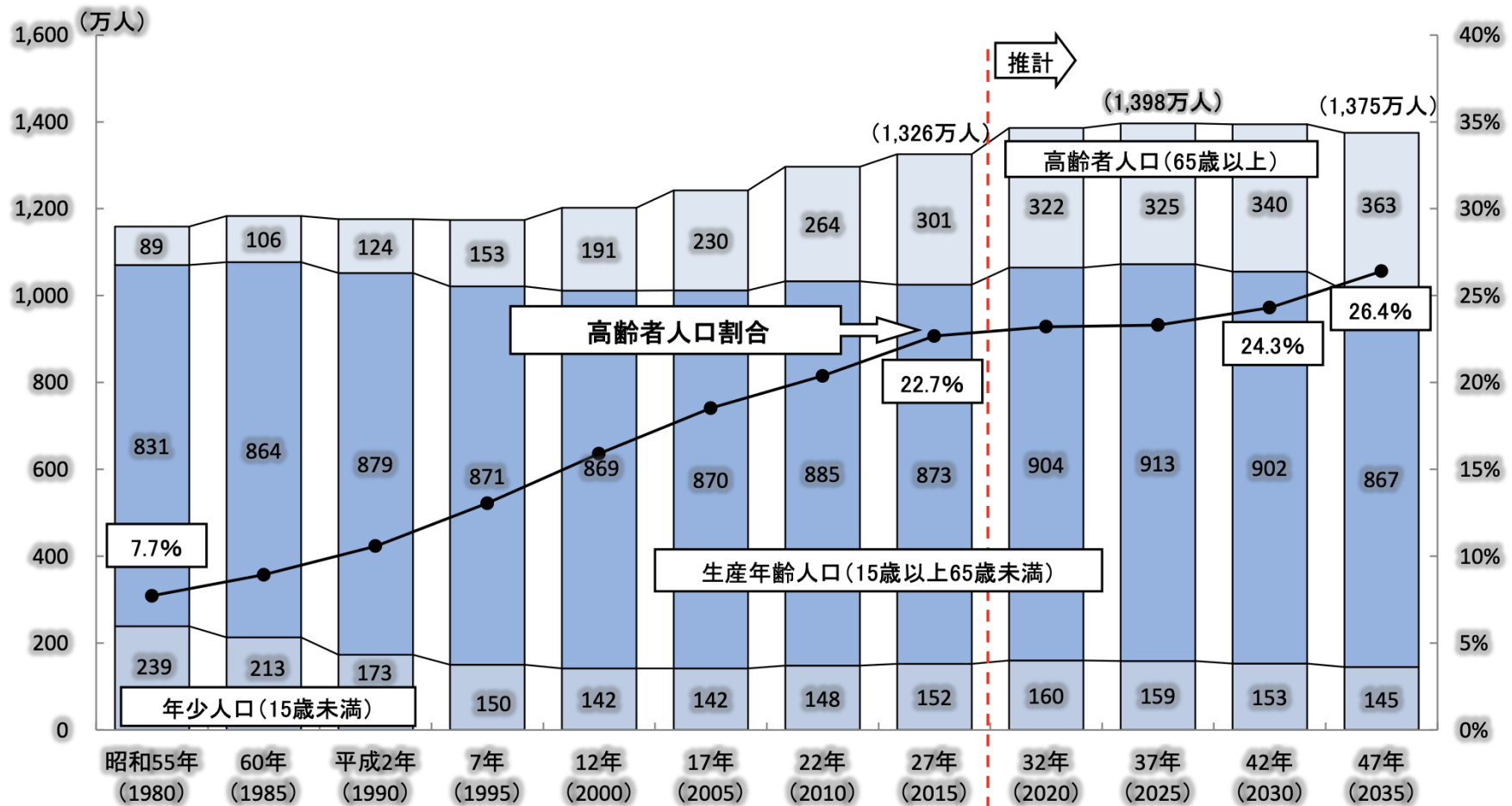


**Time for visualization!**

Let's talk about  
**communication**  
through design

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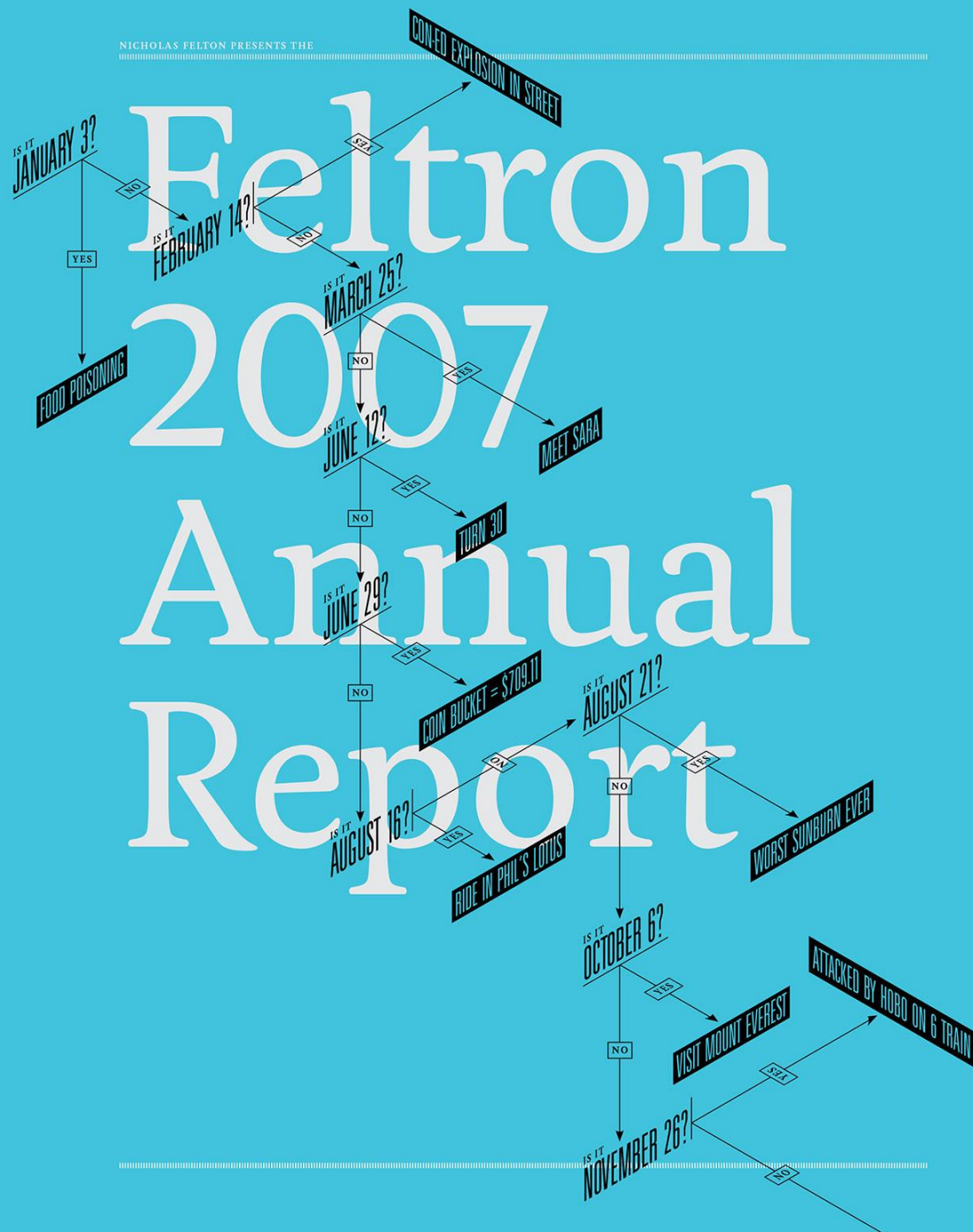
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# The Feltron Report

Nicholas Felton

[feltron.com](http://feltron.com)

NICHOLAS FELTON PRESENTS THE



AN ACCOUNTING OF THE YEAR IN

# Photos

ANALOG & DIGITAL

FLICKR VIEWS:

14,702

WWW.FLICKR.COM/PHOTOS/FELTRON

PERCENT OF PHOTOS POSTED TO FLICKR:

3%

201 PHOTOS

DIGITAL PHOTOS:

6,115

ANALOG PHOTOS:

648

PHOTOS BY LOCATION:

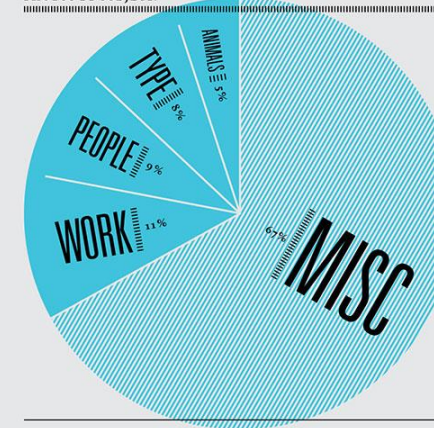


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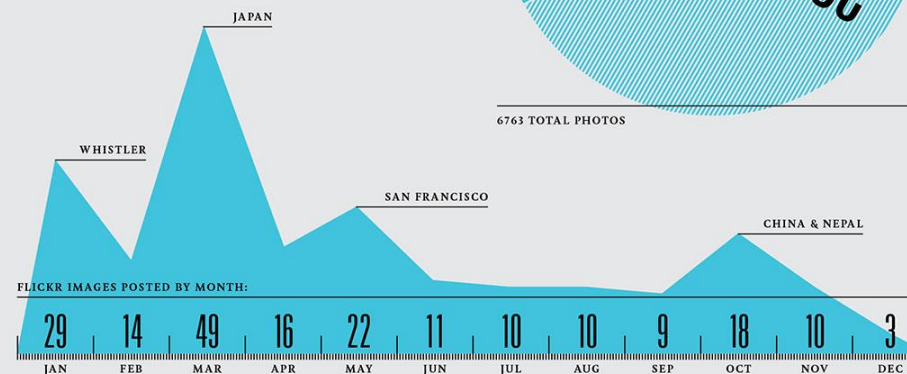
RYAN, BONNIE & SARA

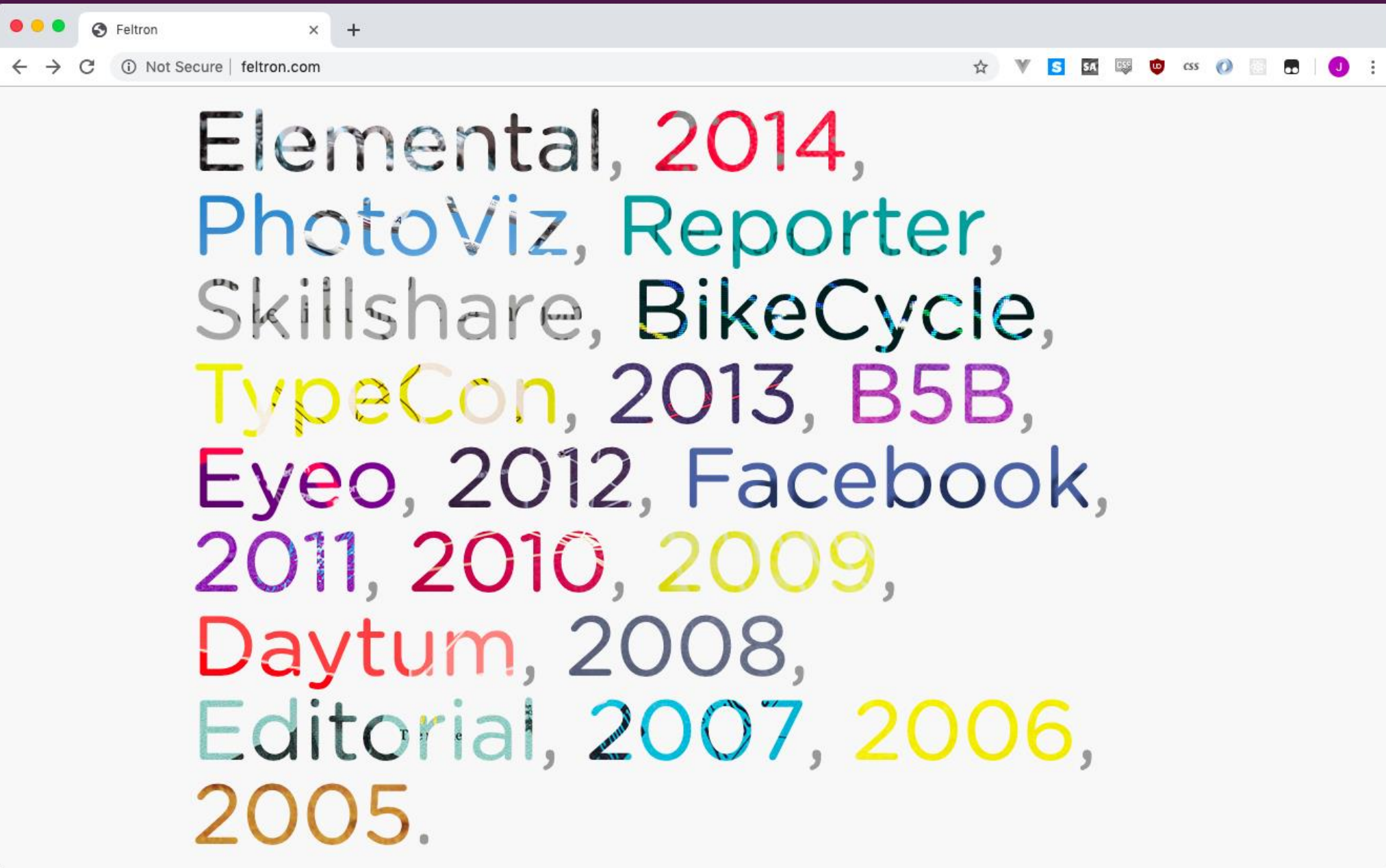
PATRIOT SALOON, 11:58 PM, DECEMBER 31ST

PHOTOS BY SUBJECT:



6763 TOTAL PHOTOS





Elemental, 2014,  
PhotoViz, Reporter,  
Skillshare, BikeCycle,  
TypeCon, 2013, B5B,  
Eyeo, 2012, Facebook,  
2011, 2010, 2009,  
Daytum, 2008,  
Editorial, 2007, 2006,  
2005.





USER NAME:

PASSWORD:

Sign in

( ☐ REMEMBER ME ON THIS COMPUTER )

# HELLO...

DAYTUM HELPS YOU COLLECT,  
CATEGORIZE AND COMMUNICATE  
YOUR EVERYDAY DATA.

## START USING DAYTUM

BEGIN COLLECTING AND EXPLORING YOUR DATA  
TO REVEAL THE BIGGER PICTURE. [LEARN MORE...](#)

### CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT

Submit Email

## WHAT'S NEW?



### IPHONE APP

DEC 31, 2010: THE DAYTUM IPHONE APP HAS  
BEEN RELEASED AND IS AVAILABLE FOR

## WHO USES DAYTUM?



[RAEO](#) USES DAYTUM TO TRACK HIS

274 MUSIC PURCHASES



[SPOUTDOORS](#): (2 MINUTES AGO)

ADDED 0.5 TR OUTSIDE CLIMBING TO "WORKOUT"



[SPOUTDOORS](#): (3 MINUTES AGO)

ADDED 0.33 TRAD CLIMBING TO "WORKOUT"



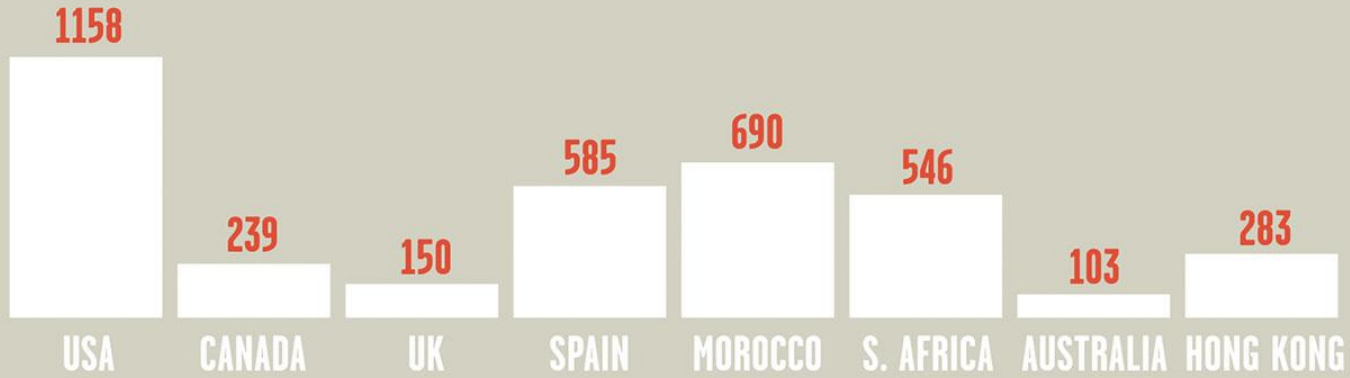
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## PHOTOGRAPHS PER COUNTRY



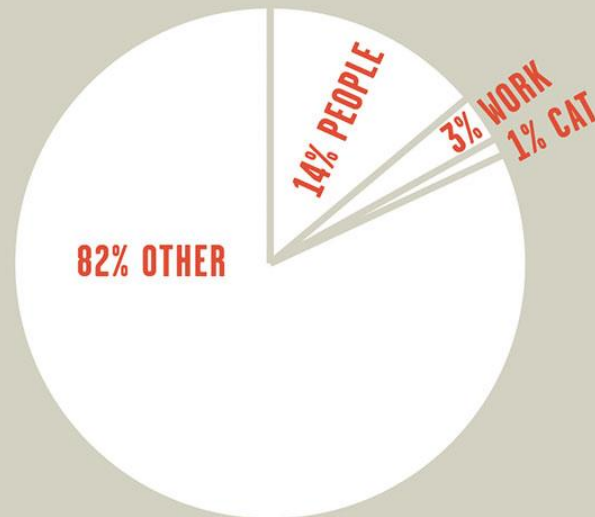
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## ANALOG PHOTOS

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## PHOTOGRAPHIC SUBJECTS

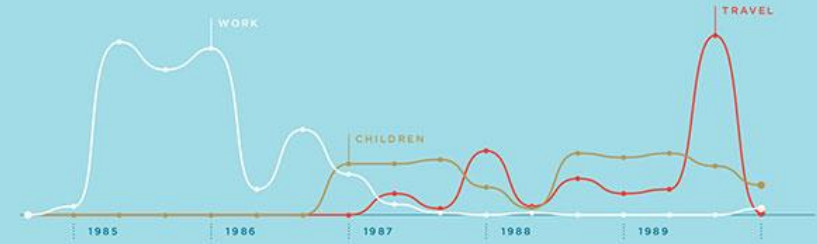


1980-1989  
MILL VALLEY  
& LARKSPUR

## THE EIGHTIES

706 ENTRIES

### CALENDAR



JUL 14, 1980  
51 YEARS  
AND 10 DAYS



MILES SAILED  
ON THE  
VIRAGO FROM  
VICTORIA, BC  
TO SAUSALITO

870

AUGUST 9-20, 1988

1985  
MOST VISITS  
TO A WORK  
LOCATION

80

THE STATE  
OFFICE  
BUILDING, SF

SECOND  
DIVORCE

NOV 3, 1987

AFTER 14 YEARS, 2 MONTHS  
AND 3 DAYS OF MARRIAGE

1984-1990  
DAYS OF WORK

268

AND 35 DAYS JOB HUNTING

PHYSICAL  
ACTIVITIES

TWELVE

CYCLING, DANCING, FISHING,  
HIKING, ICE SKATING, KAYAKING,  
RAFTING, SAILING, SKIING,  
TAI CHI AND WORK

MOVIES  
VIEWED

THIRTEEN

6 WITH CHILDREN

DAYS TAI CHI  
PRACTICED

11

1986-1987

PARTIES  
ATTENDED

TWENTY

2 CHRISTMAS AND 1 CHANUKAH

1985

### ELEVATORS ADJUSTED



1970-2010

## CALENDAR

4,412 RECORDS

ENTRIES

NUMBER OF  
CALENDARS

3

26 DESK  
7 POCKET

YEAR WITH  
THE MOST  
ENTRIES

1985  
269 DAYS

FIRST  
CALENDAR

1970  
150 DAYS

NUMBER OF  
WORDS

17,5  
AVERAGE

615 MEALS

EATING

1966

1974



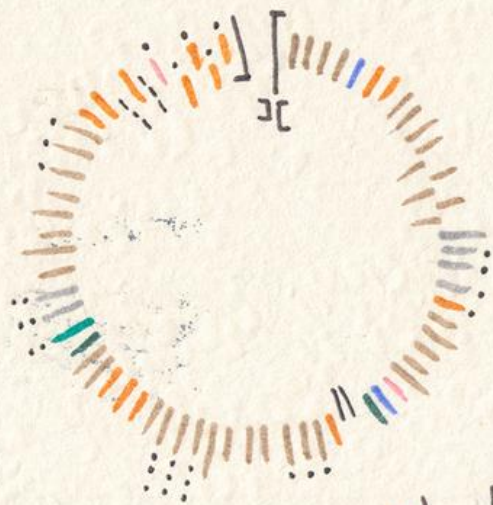
# Dear Data

**Giorgia Lupi and Stefanie Posavec**

[dear-data.com](http://dear-data.com)









66 DEAR DATA

WEEK 08: PHONE ADDICTION!

HOW TO READ IT:



PLACES/Sit.:

- x while walking
- \* while working
- II while waiting for sthng or S.body
- ø in the Bathroom
- o on the couch
- on the bed
- ^ other places at home
- % cafe/restaurants shops....
- ≡ public transportation

Every circle represents a PLACE or SITUATION where I checked my phone, somehow ordered from left to right according to how many times I did it in that place.

Every single LINE is a SINGLE TIME I interacted with my phone, ordered chronologically per each place.

COLORS: the reason why I picked it:

- text / email
- social media
- other APPS
- check the time
- check the weather
- phone call
- text with somebody who was in the room
- to charge it
- text / email with you
- take pictures of our postcards!

- ... dots = while with others (how many)
- 1 = used others' phone

ATTRIBUTES:

→ OUTSIDE = I picked it PURPOSELY

↳ INSIDE = Because of an alert

~ = turned the phone facing the table not to see it

--- didn't pick it because I didn't want to report

= thought it was ringing but wasn't!

FROM:  
NEW YORK NY 100  
GIORGIA LUPI  
US NOW 2

11249 BROOKLYN  
- NY - USA



SEND TO:

STEFANIE POSAVEC

LONDON

- UK -

ENGLAND

Dear Data

Not Secure | dear-data.com

4

4

S

J

Dear Data

A FRIENDSHIP IN 52 WEEKS OF POSTCARDS

GIORGIA LUPI

Dear Data

STEFANIE POSAVEC

FOREWORD BY MARIA FOFOVA

GIORGIA LUPI AND STEFANIE POSAVEC

OBSERVE, COLLECT, DRAW!

A VISUAL JOURNAL

DISCOVER THE PATTERNS IN YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE

Dear Data Postcard Kit

FOR TWO FRIENDS TO DRAW AND SHARE

GIORGIA LUPI AND STEFANIE POSAVEC

OUT SEPT. 25!



# What's the point?

In this case, maybe **art vs information?**

Why or why not?

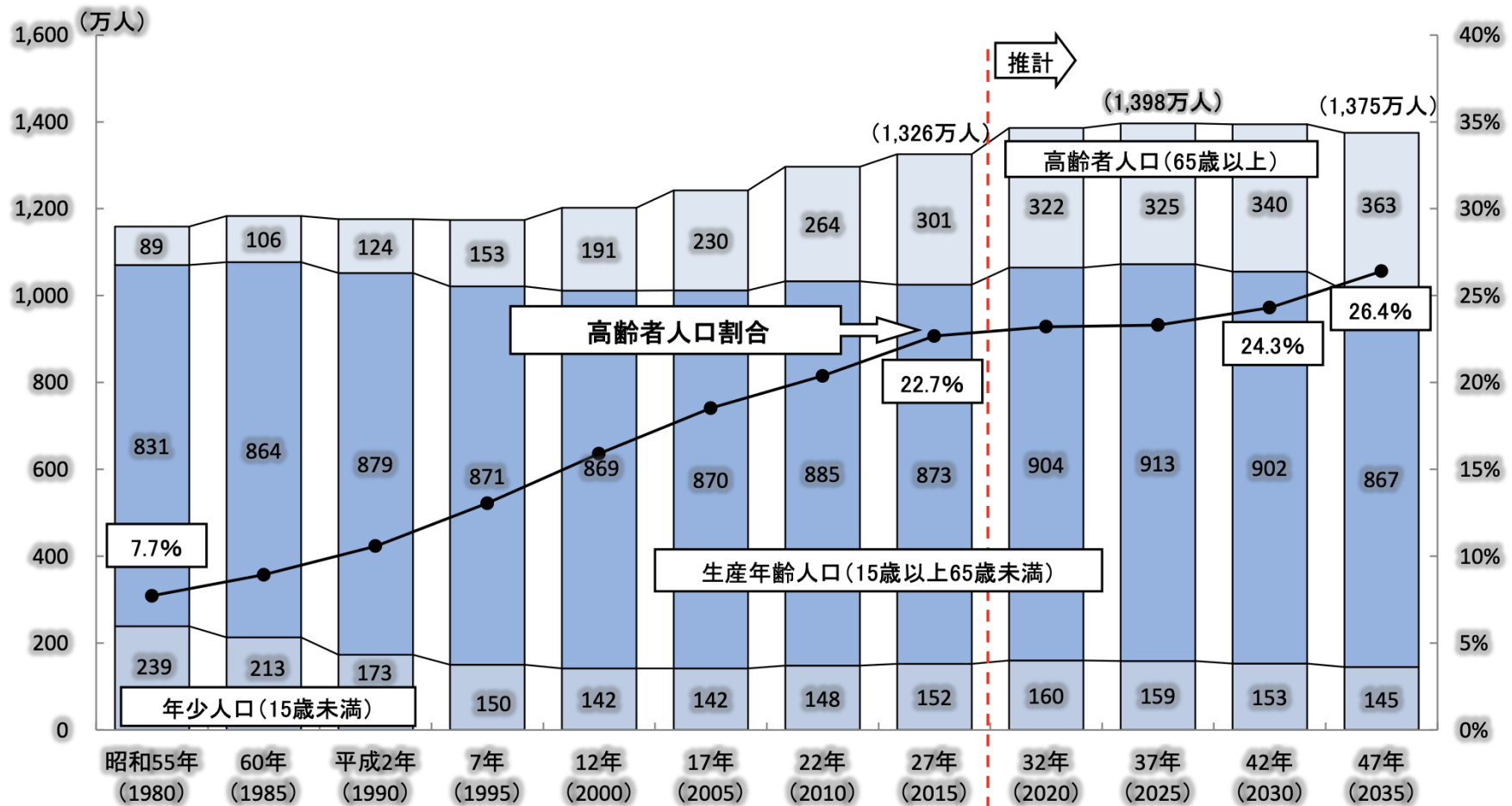
Everything should be on  
purpose.

**Every drop of ink** should have a reason.

**Every color** should have a story.

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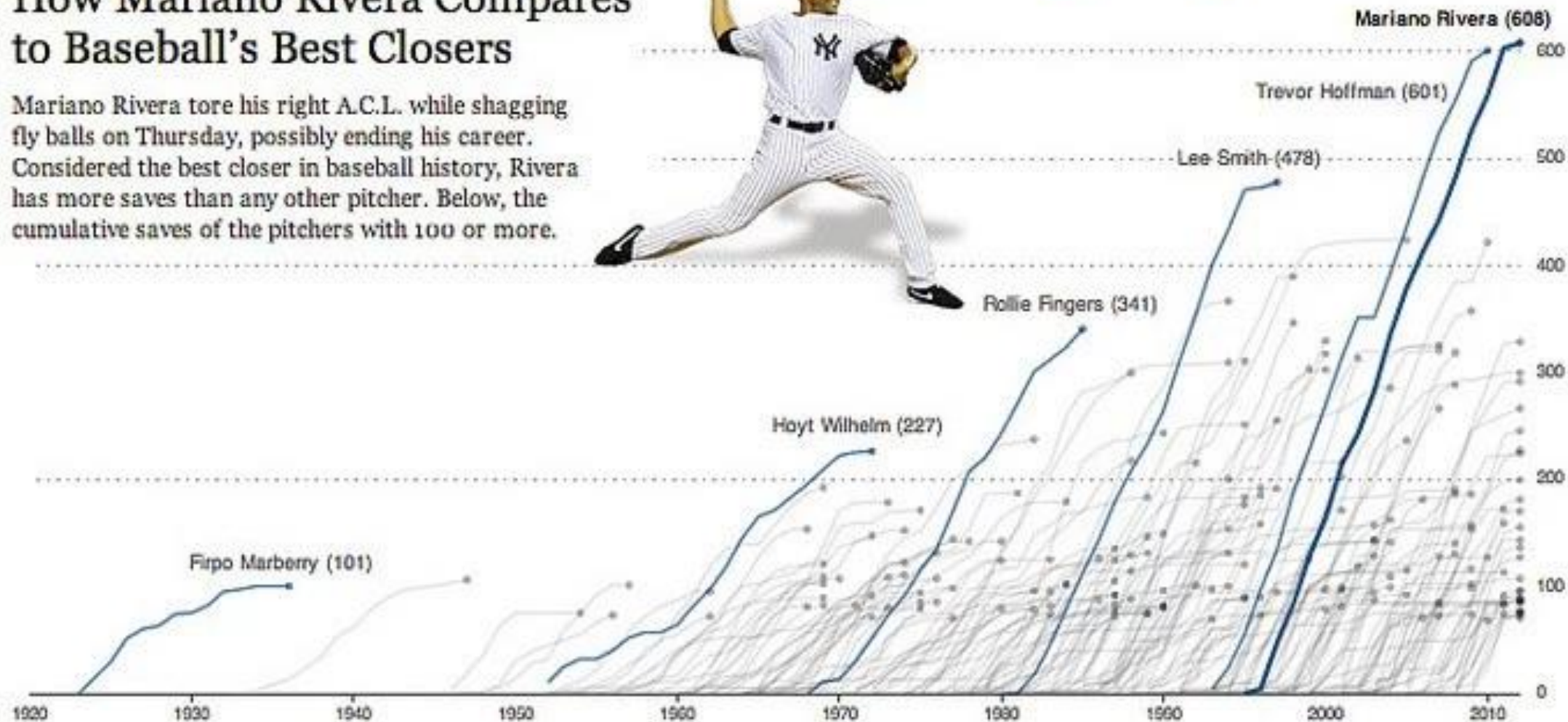
**...THE MORE DATA YOU SHOW,  
THE LESS INFORMATION THE USER CAN SEE**

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## **Rollie Fingers (341)**

Known for his handlebar moustache, Fingers was the second relief pitcher inducted into Baseball's Hall of Fame.

## **Lee Smith (478)**

From 1983 to 1995, Smith averaged 35 saves a season, saving no fewer than 25 in any season.

## **Trevor Hoffman (601)**

Hoffman was the first to break the 500 and 600 save marks, despite a 1994 shoulder injury that forced him to change his pitching style.



# FOCUS

what should the reader pay attention to?

**SMALL DATA**

**VS**

**LARGE DATA**

**...DON'T LET YOUR USER GET DISTRACTED**

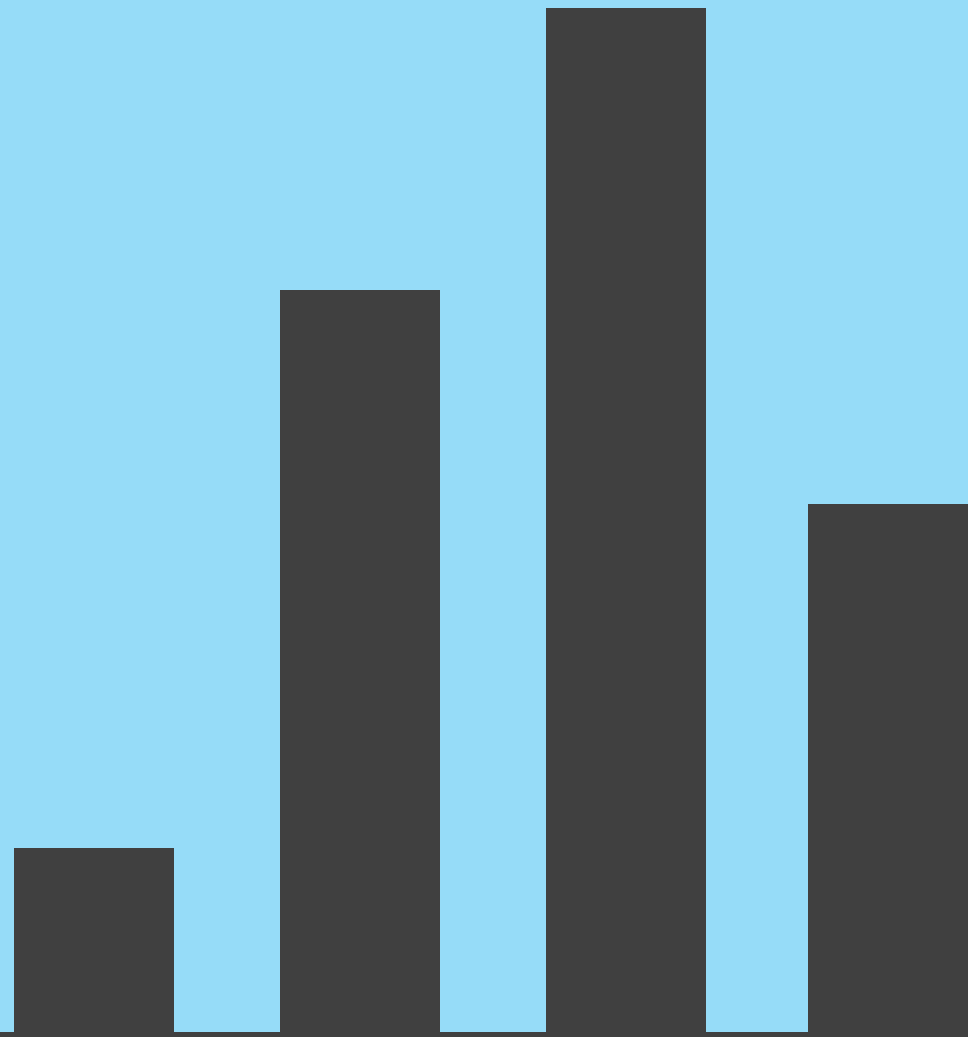


A bar chart with a light blue background and a dark gray horizontal axis. There are two dark gray bars. The first bar, labeled 'CATS', has a height of approximately 35% of the chart area. The second bar, labeled 'DOGS', has a height of approximately 55% of the chart area.

Category	Value
CATS	35
DOGS	55

**CATS**

**DOGS**

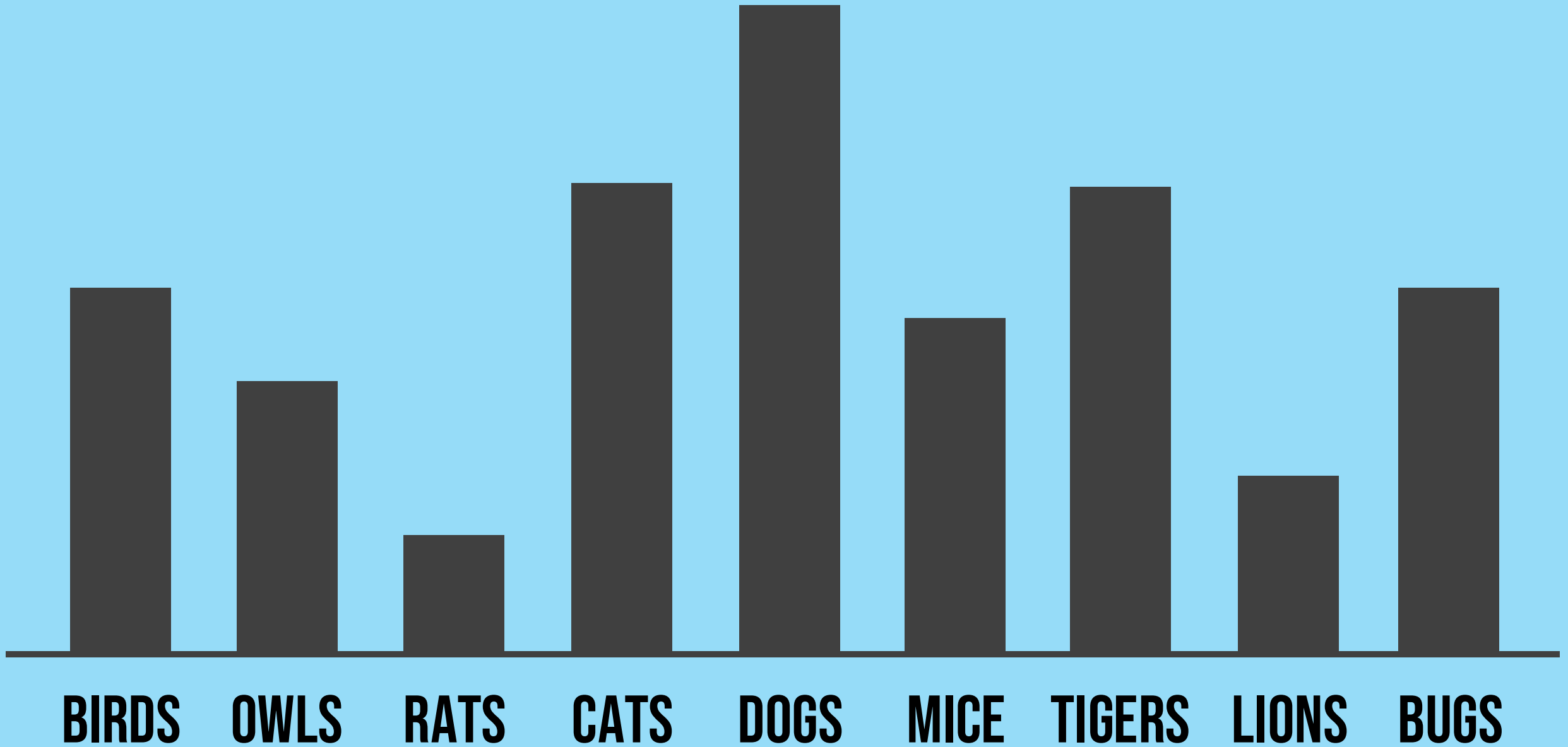


**RATS**

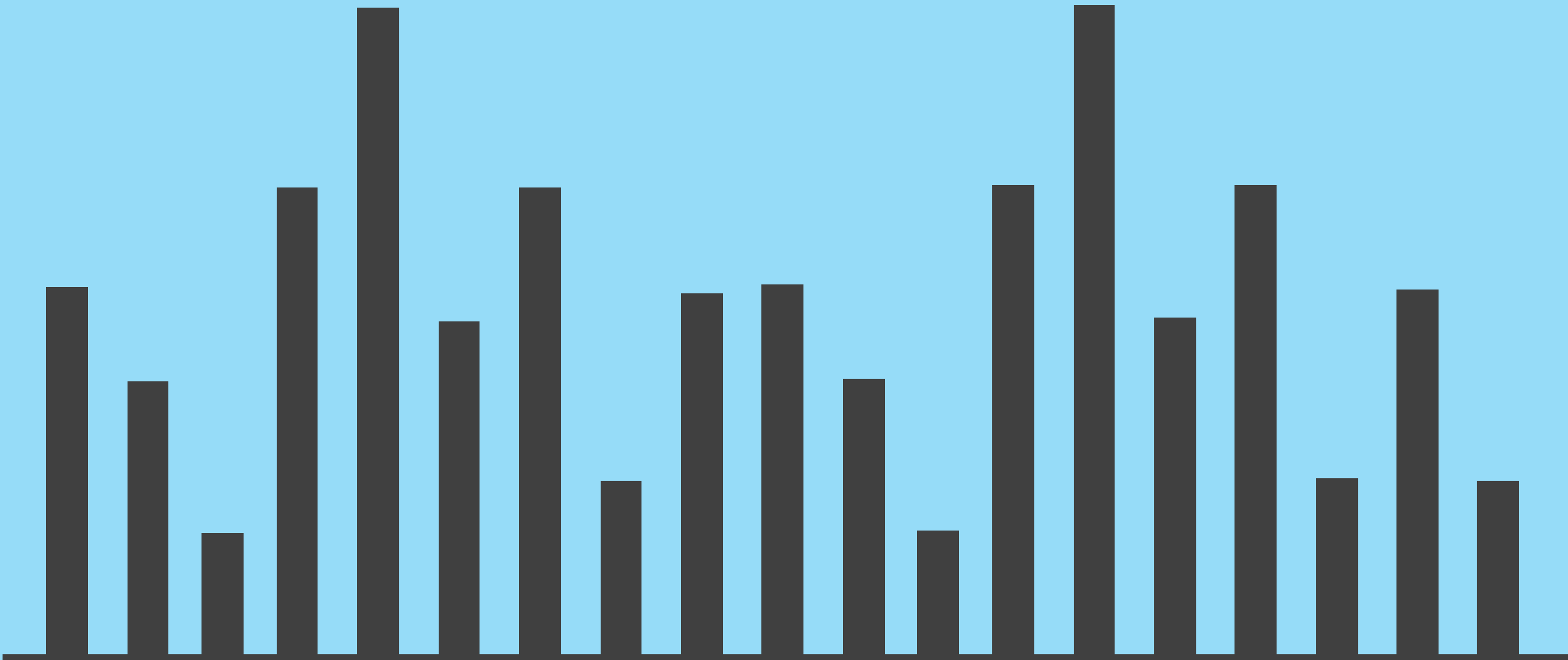
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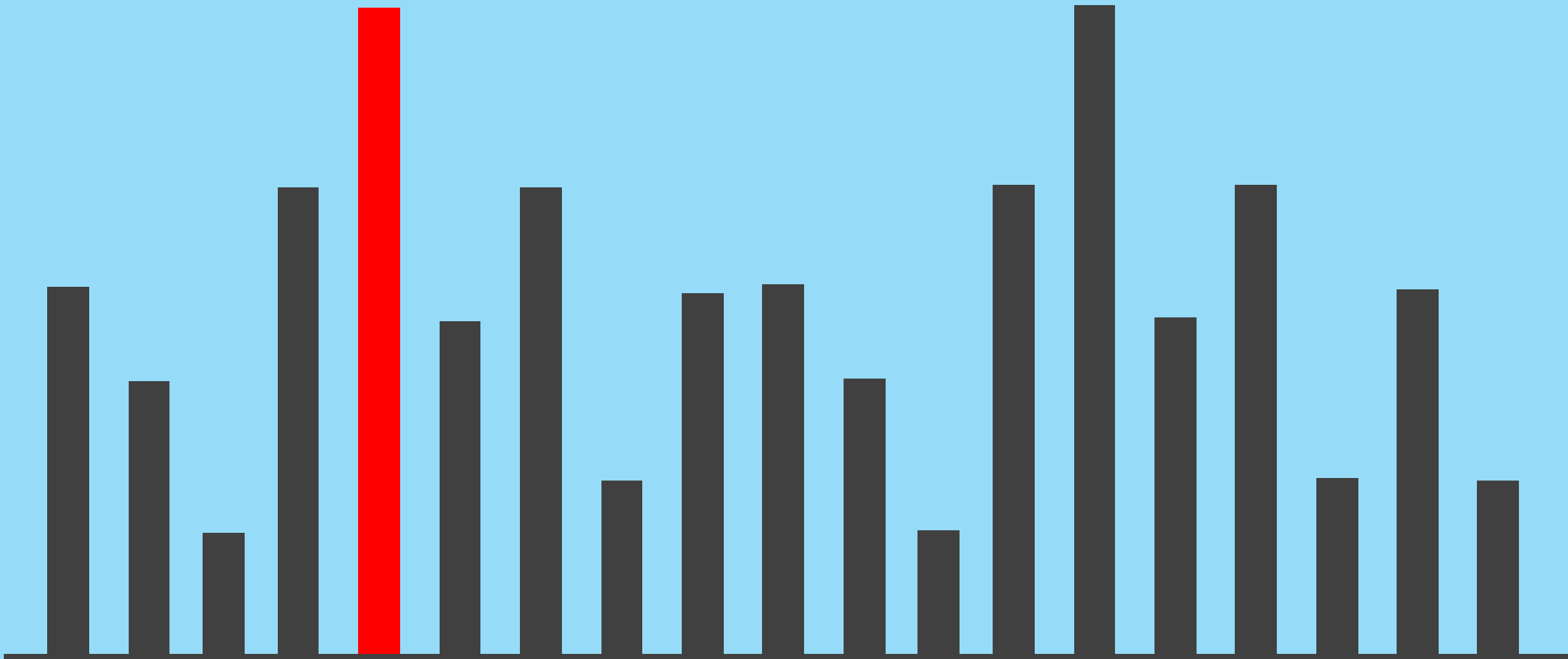
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**MICE**

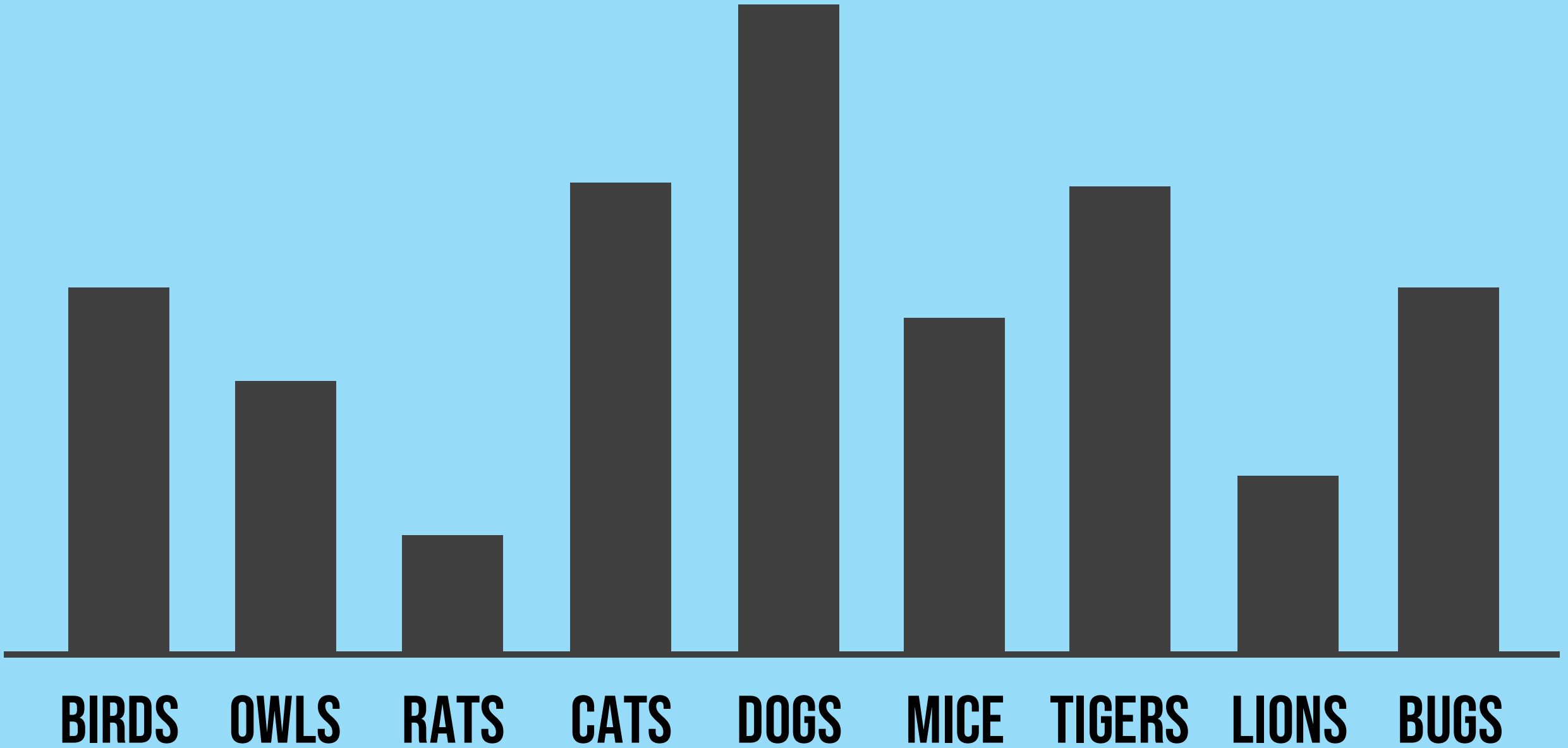


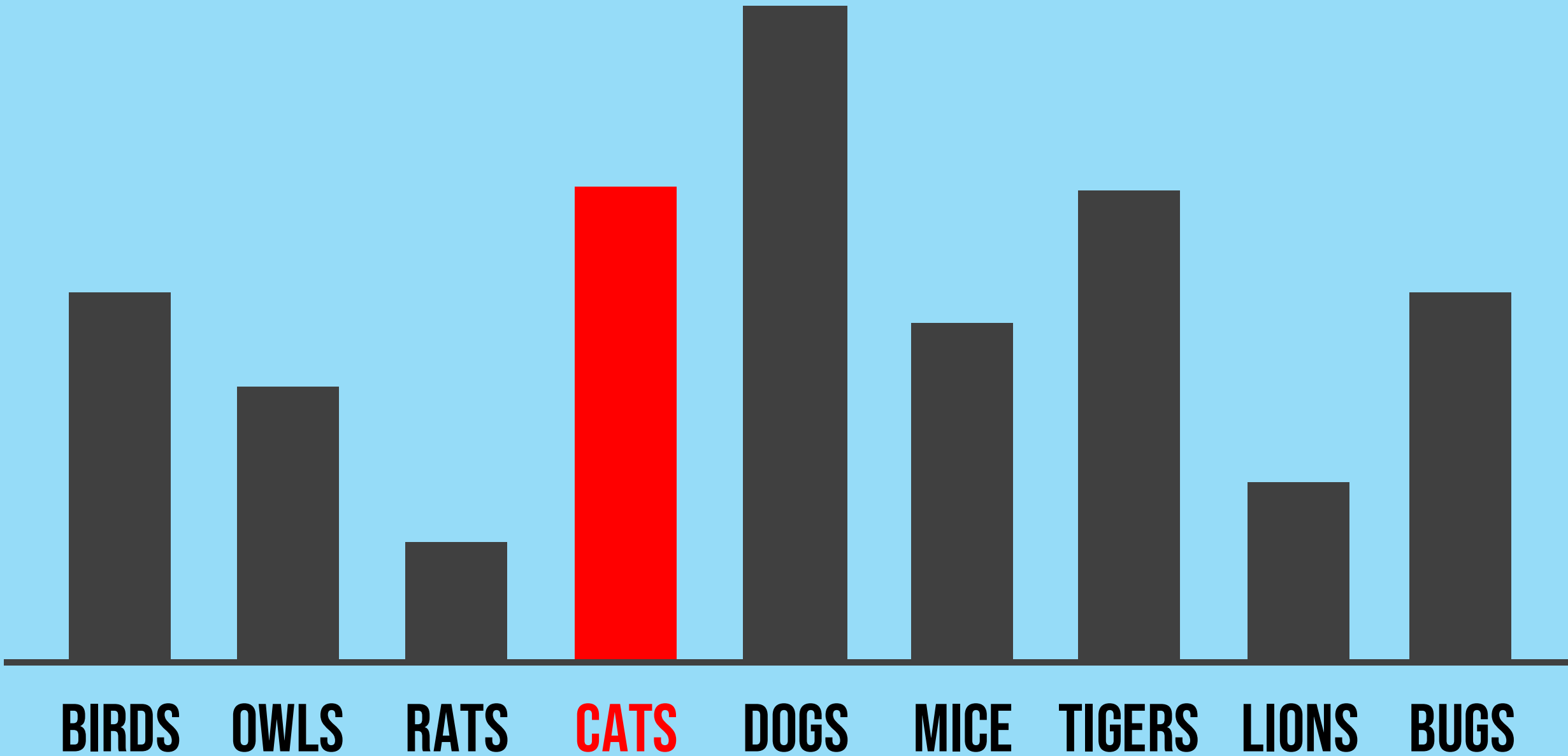


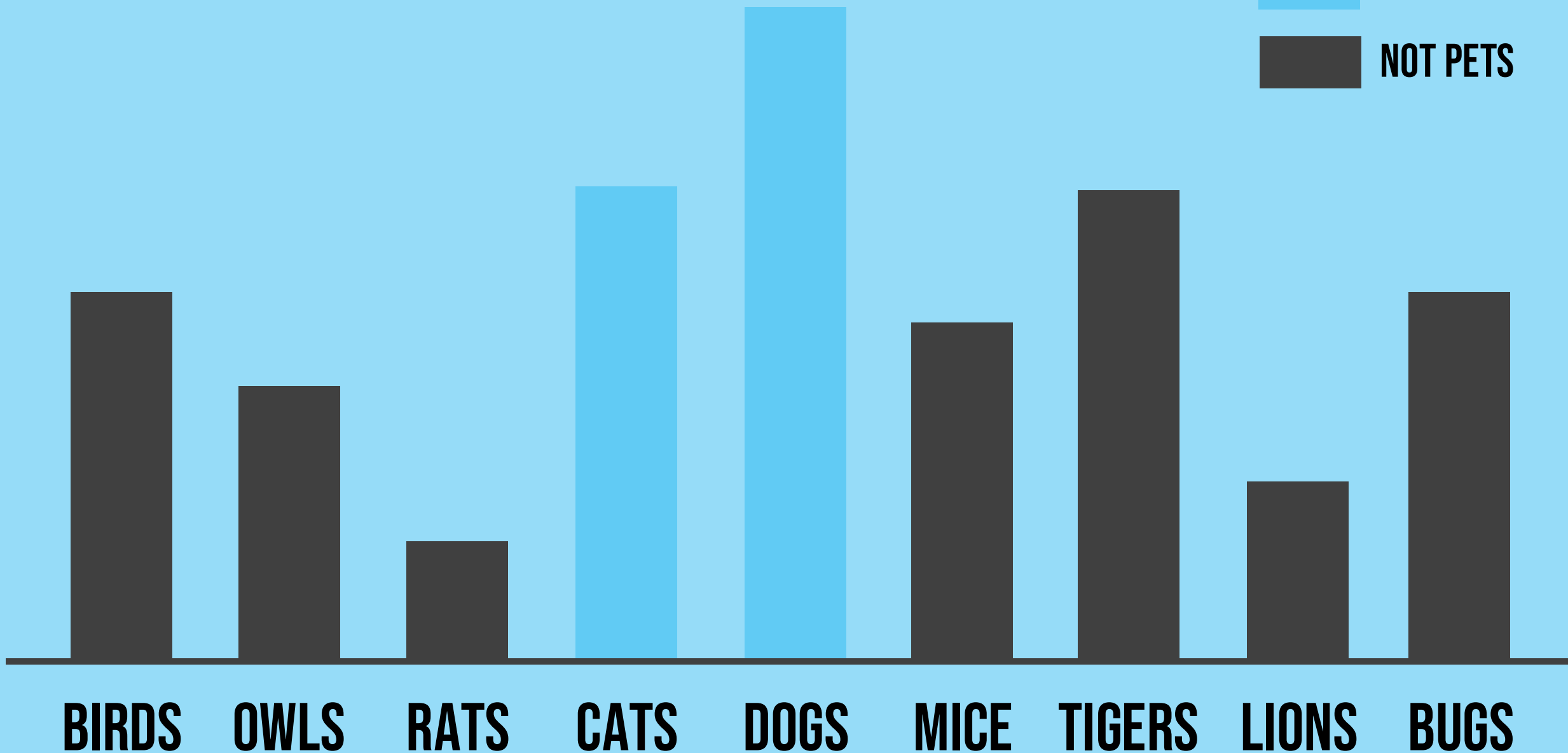




**DIRECT FOCUS TO WHAT'S IMPORTANT**









MORE NUMBERS HERE, TOO

TEN

TWENTY

THIRTY

FORTY

FIFTY

SIXTY

SEVENTY



MORE NUMBERS HERE, TOO

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TWENTY

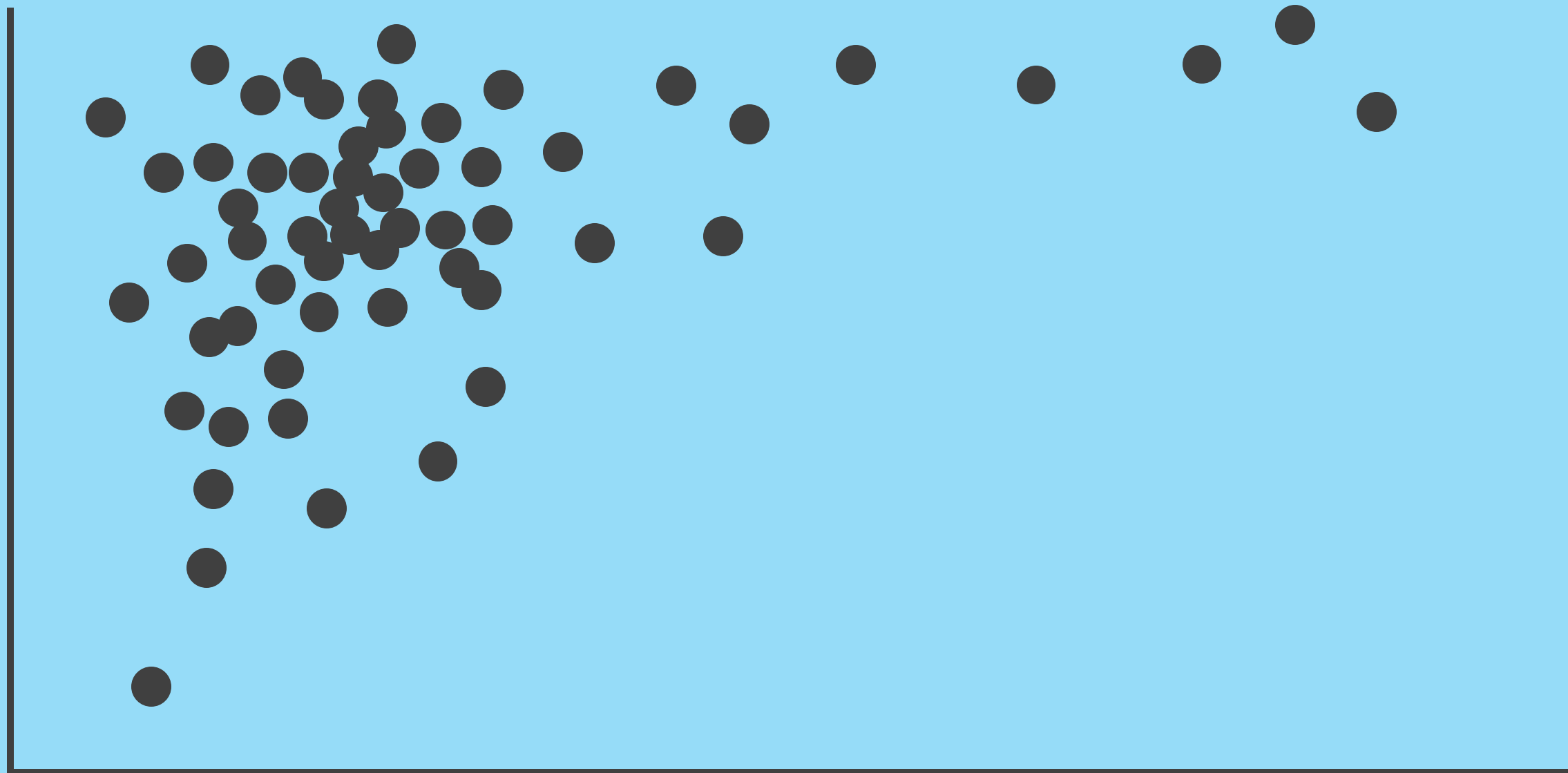
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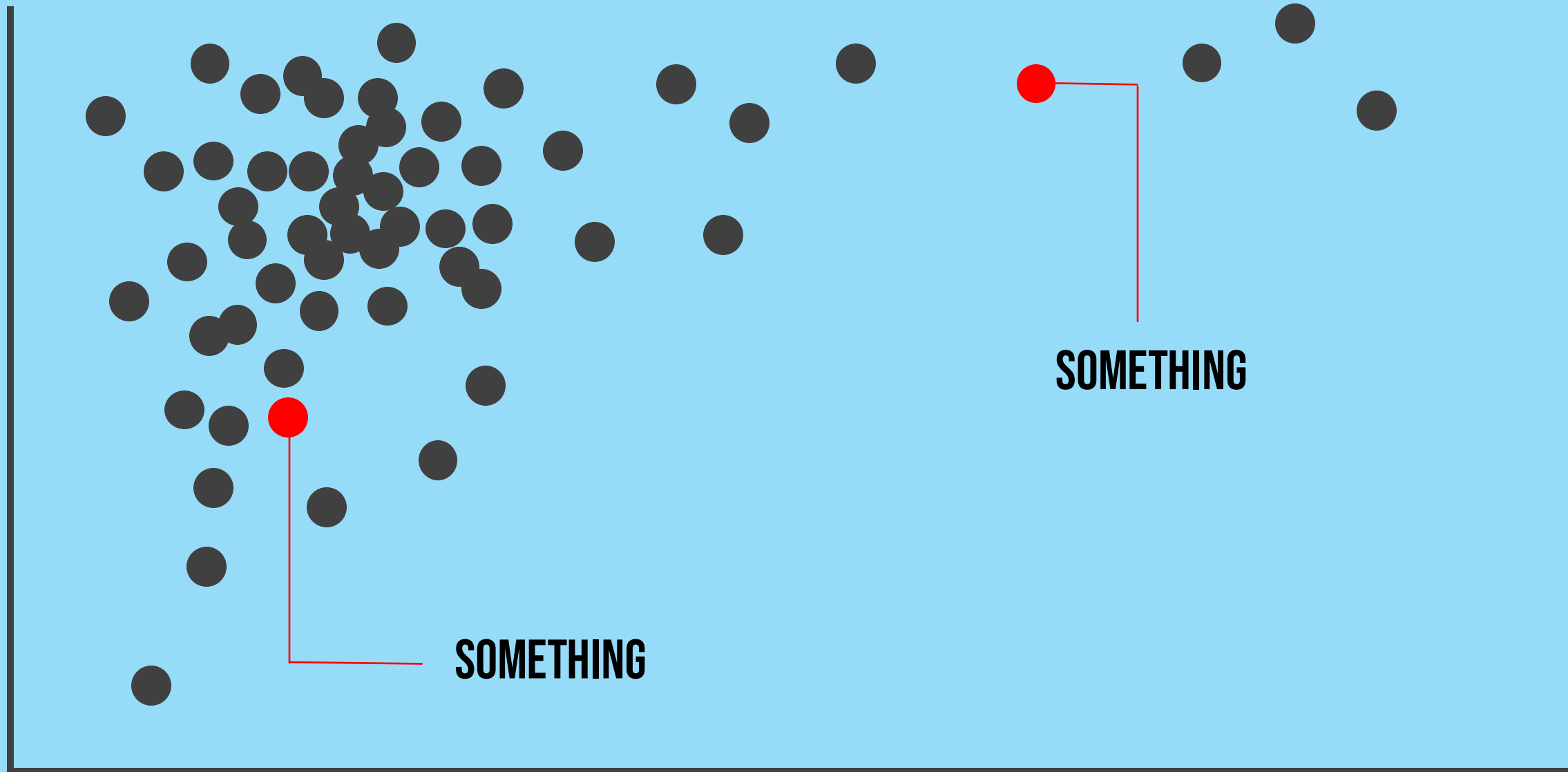
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SIXTY

SEVENTY

SOMETHING

SOMETHING



MORE NUMBERS HERE, TOO

TEN

TWENTY

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**"BACKGROUND"**  
**DATA WITH GREY**



MORE NUMBERS HERE, TOO

TEN

TWENTY

THIRTY

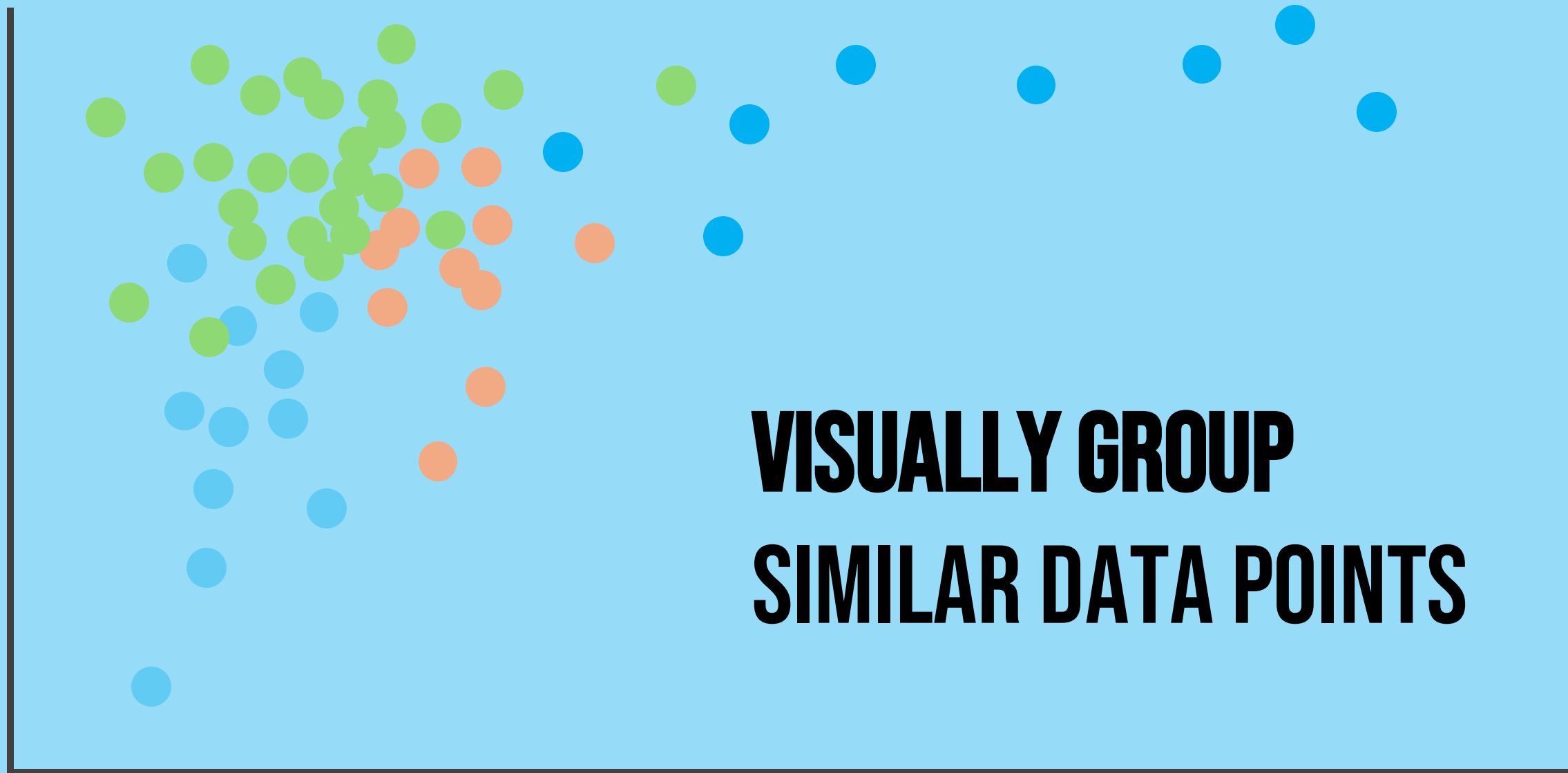
FORTY

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**VISUALLY GROUP  
SIMILAR DATA POINTS**



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**TEN**

**TWENTY**

**THIRTY**

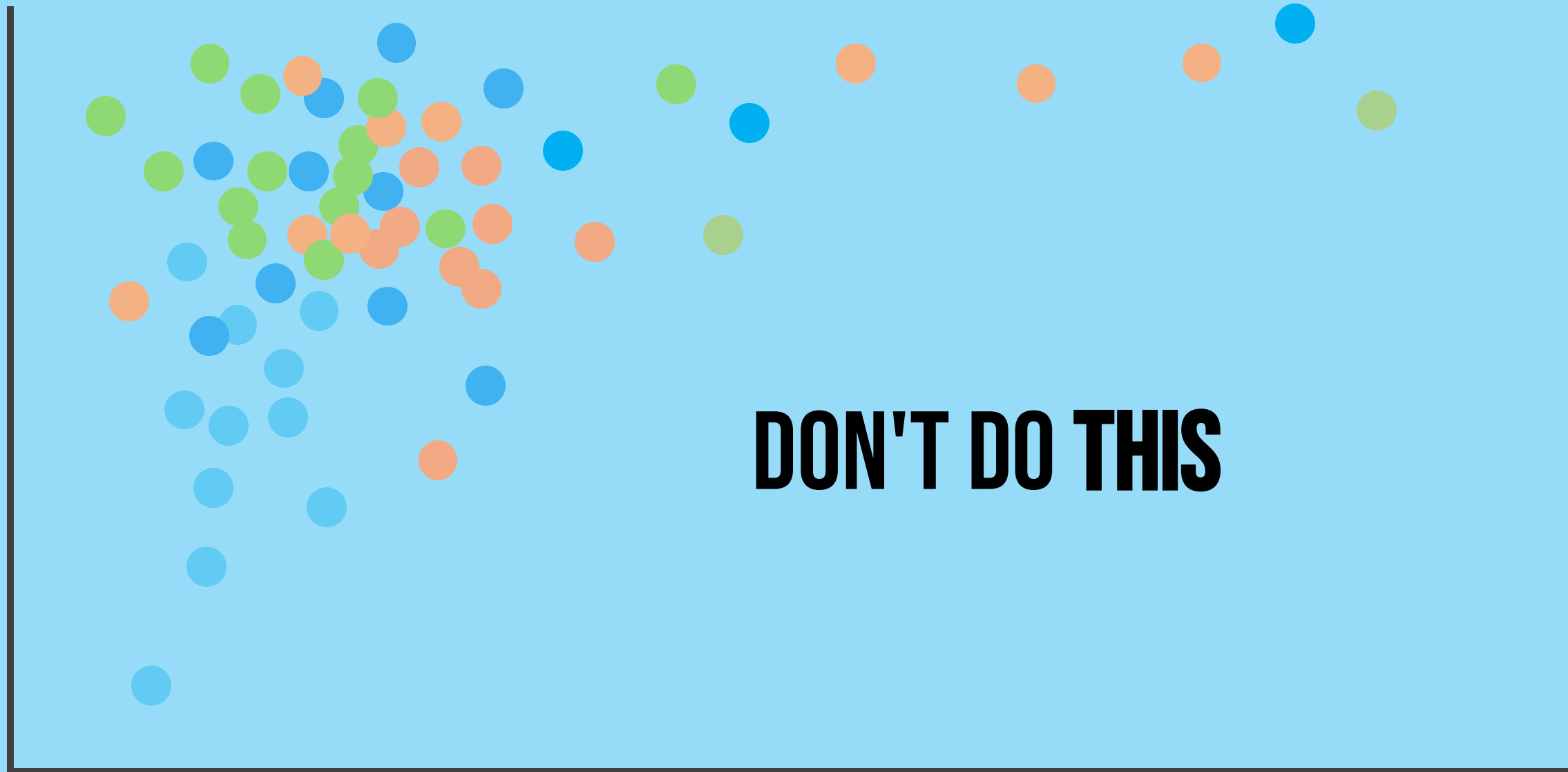
**FORTY**

**FIFTY**

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**SEVENTY**

**DON'T DO THIS**



**MORE NUMBERS HERE, TOO**

**TEN**

**TWENTY**

**THIRTY**

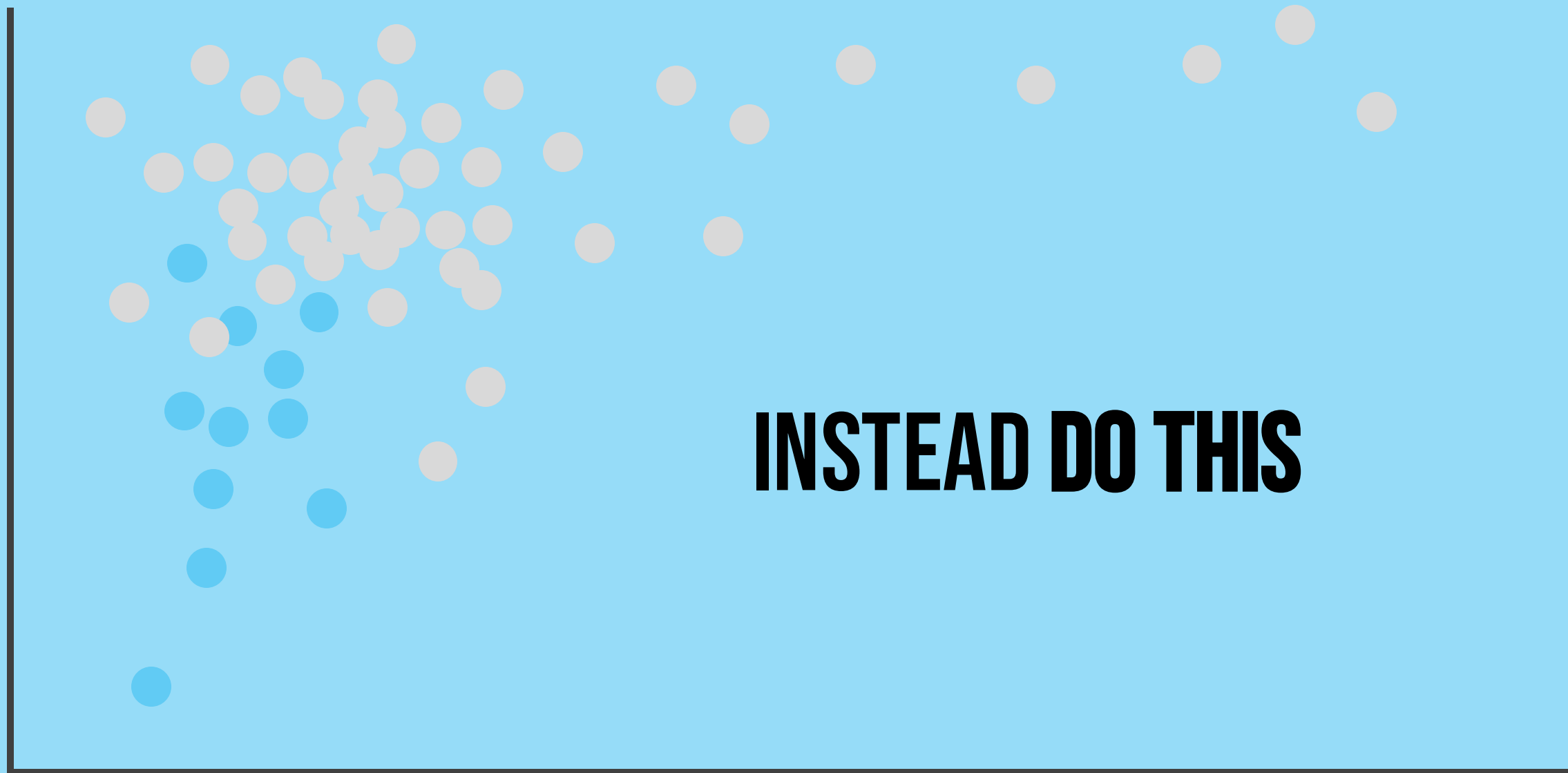
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**FIFTY**

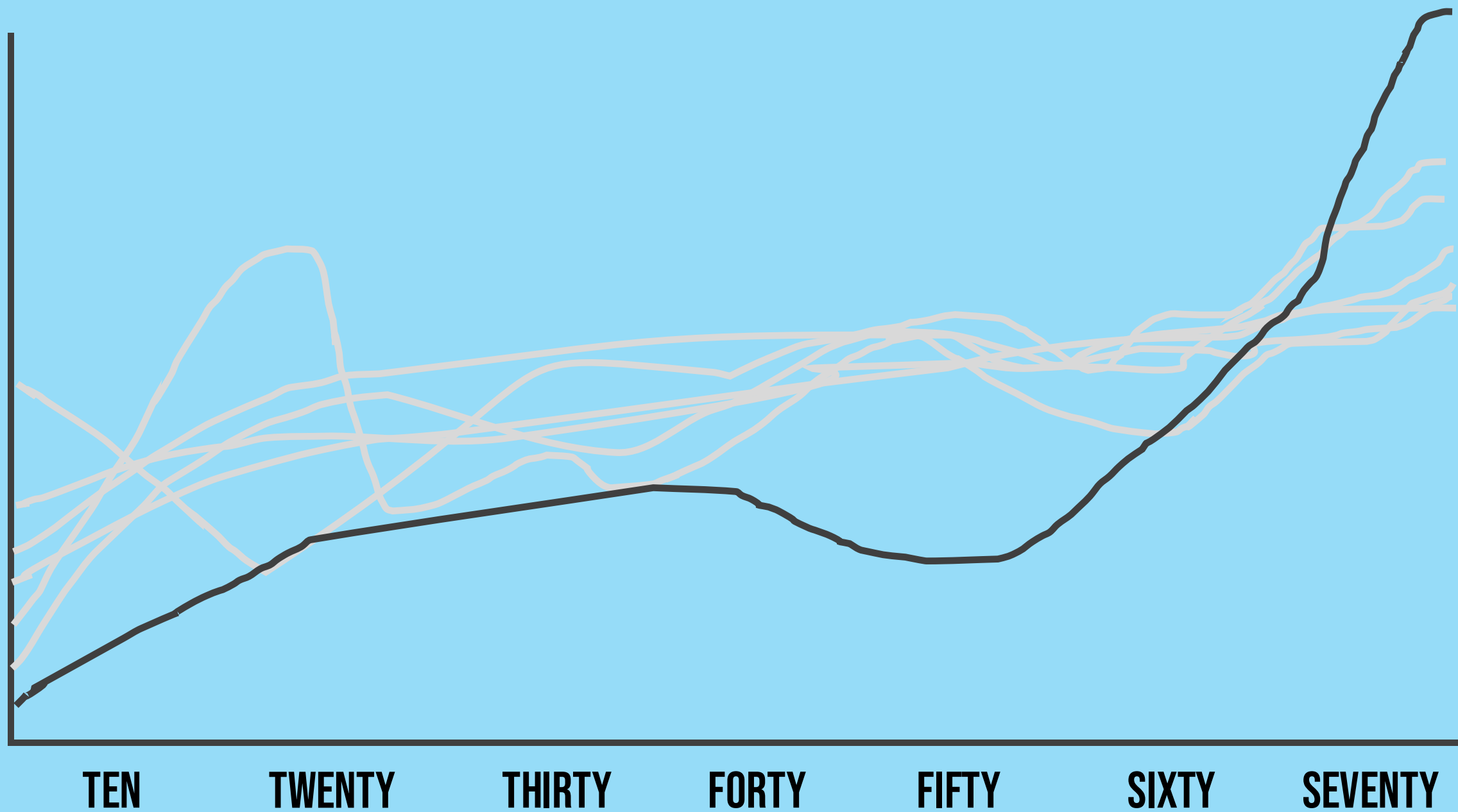
**SIXTY**

**SEVENTY**

**INSTEAD DO THIS**



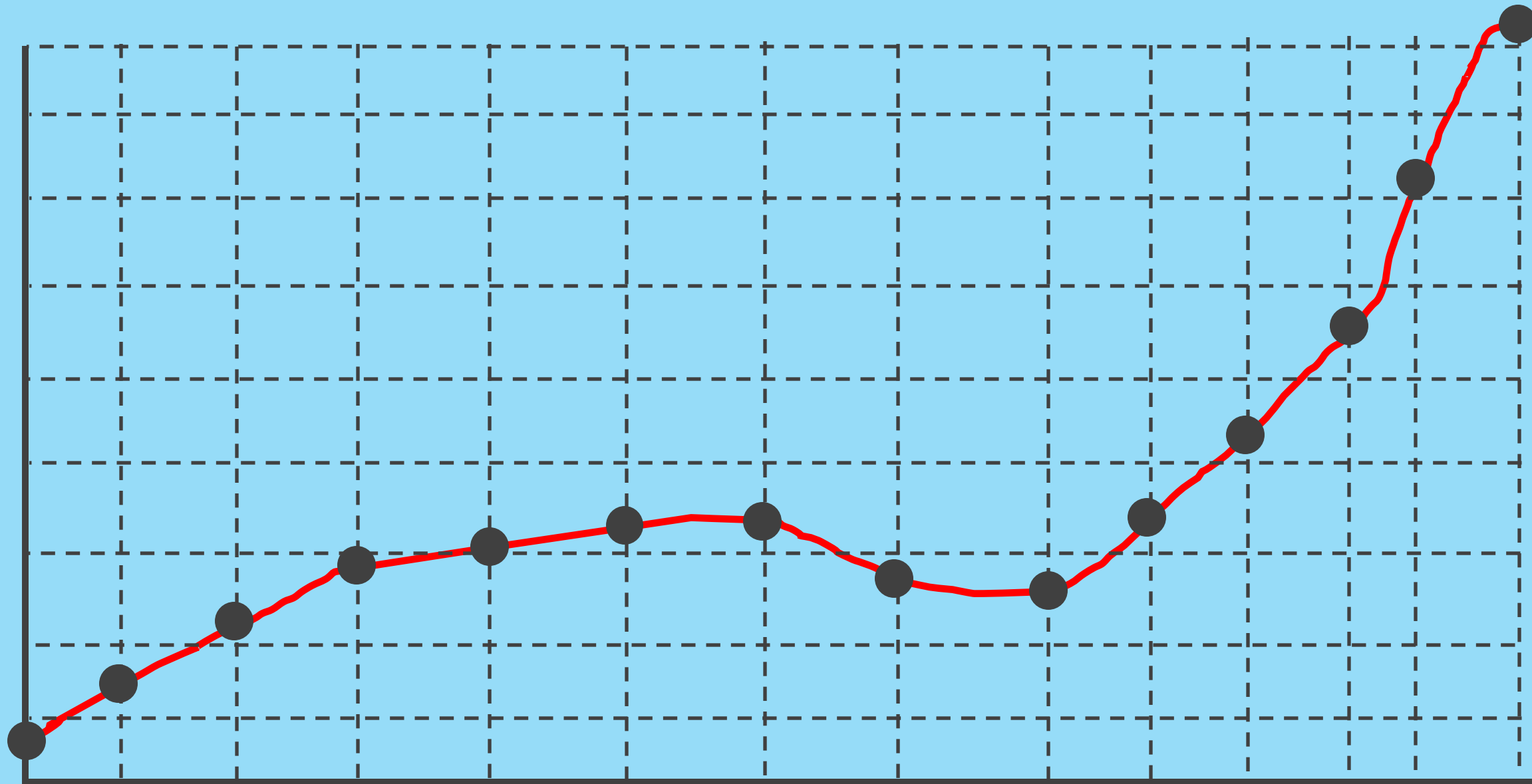
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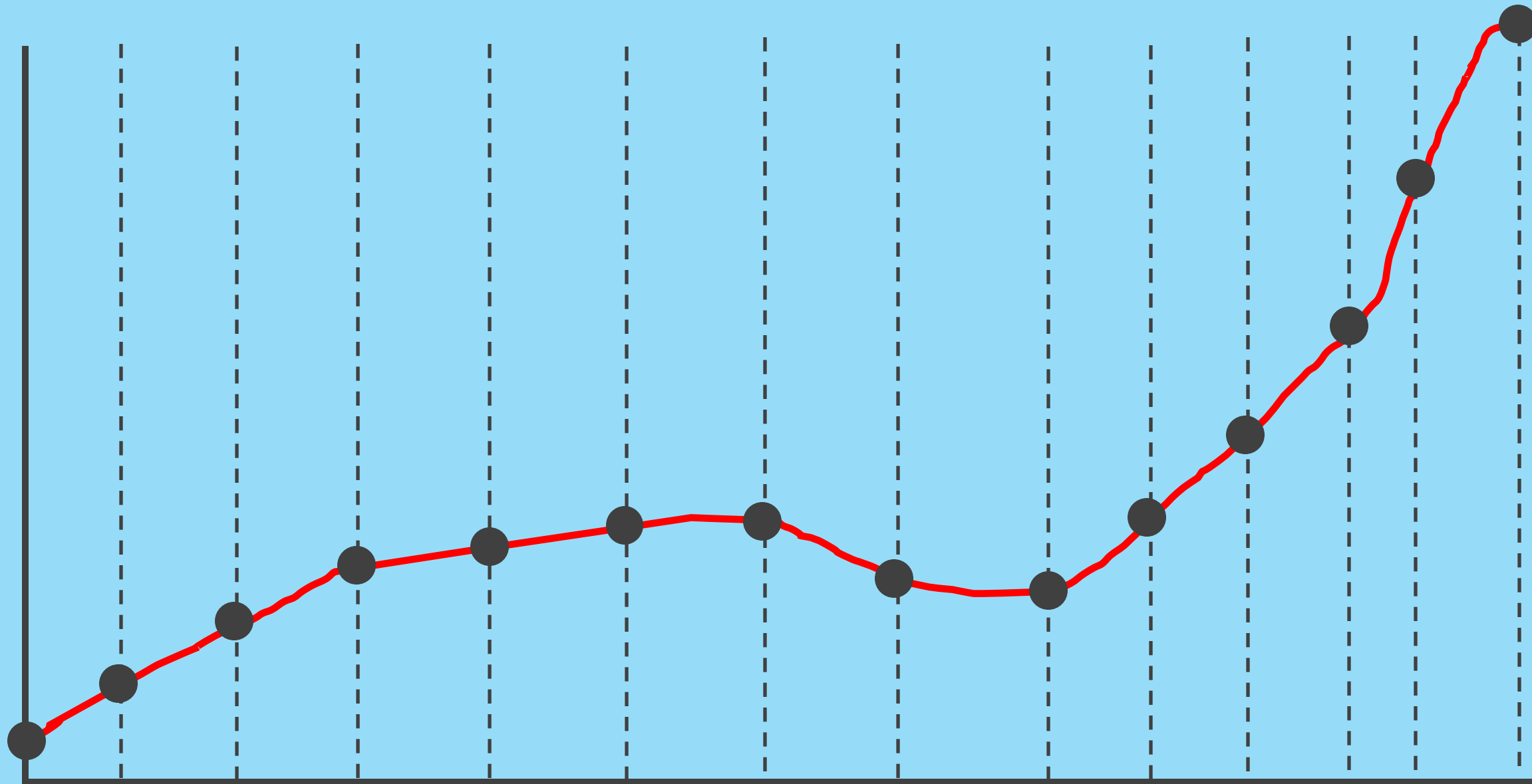




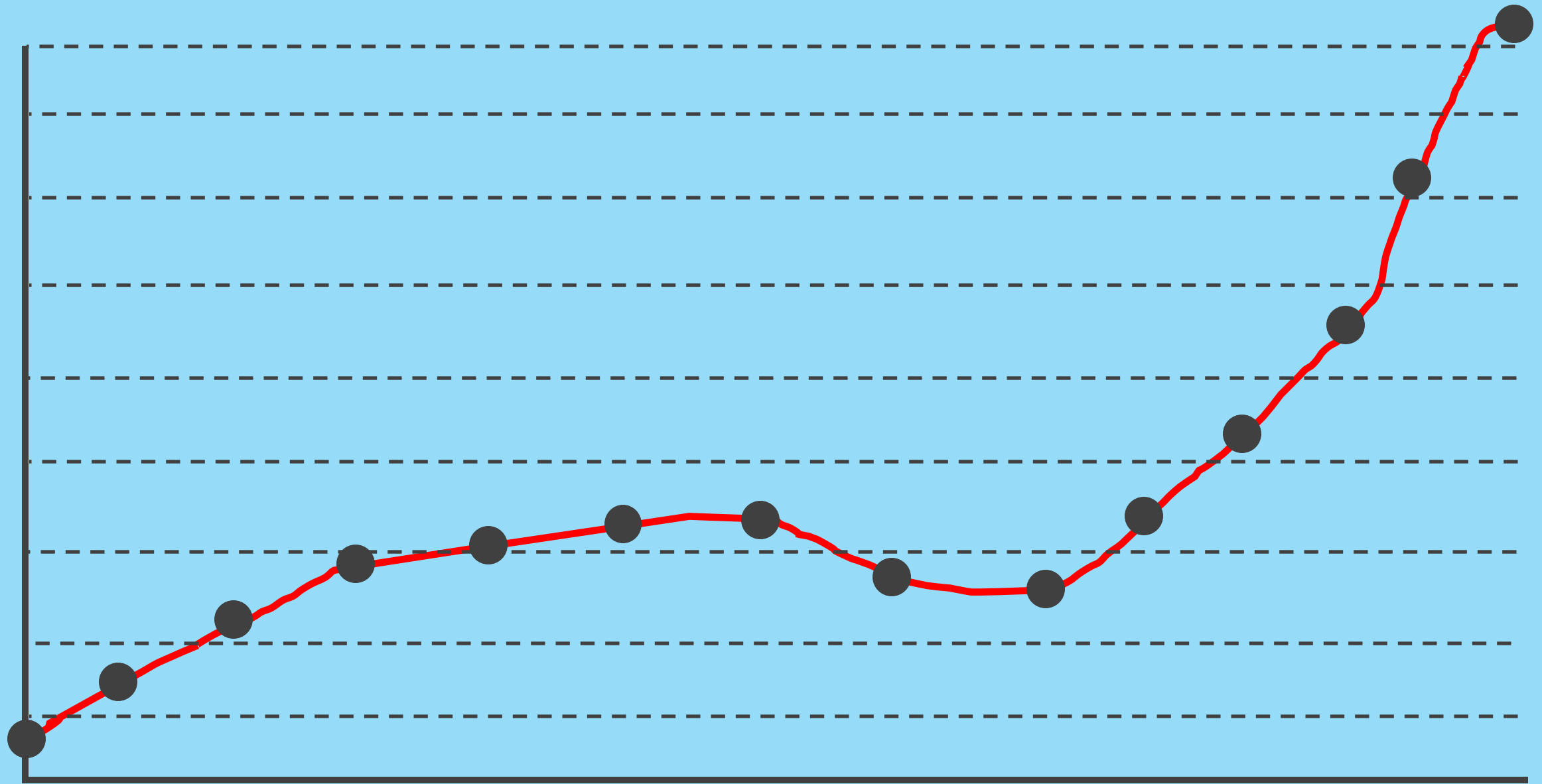
# **KEEPING YOUR LINES IN LINE**

**...SHOW YOUR USER ONLY WHAT THEY NEED TO KNOW.**

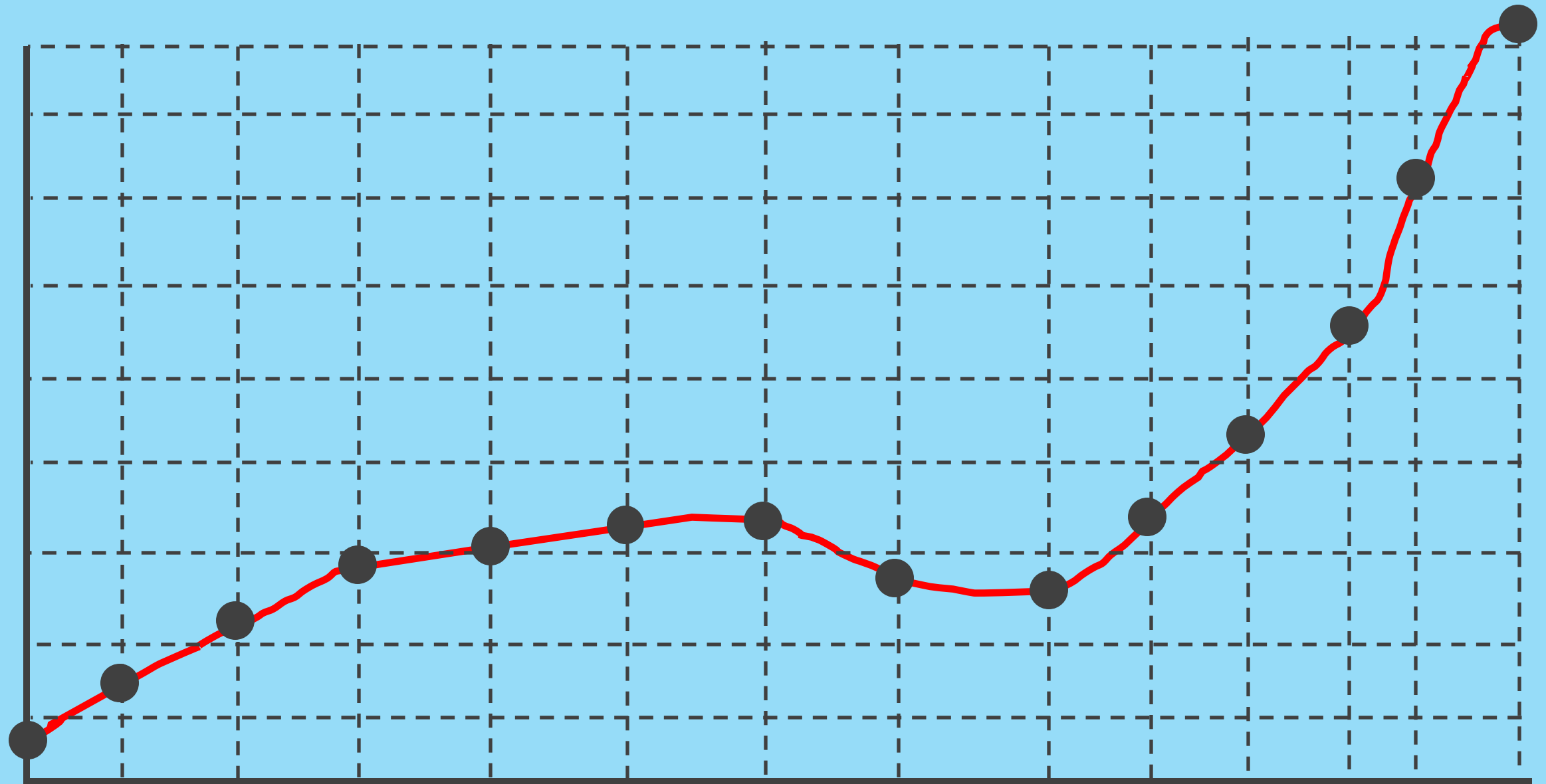




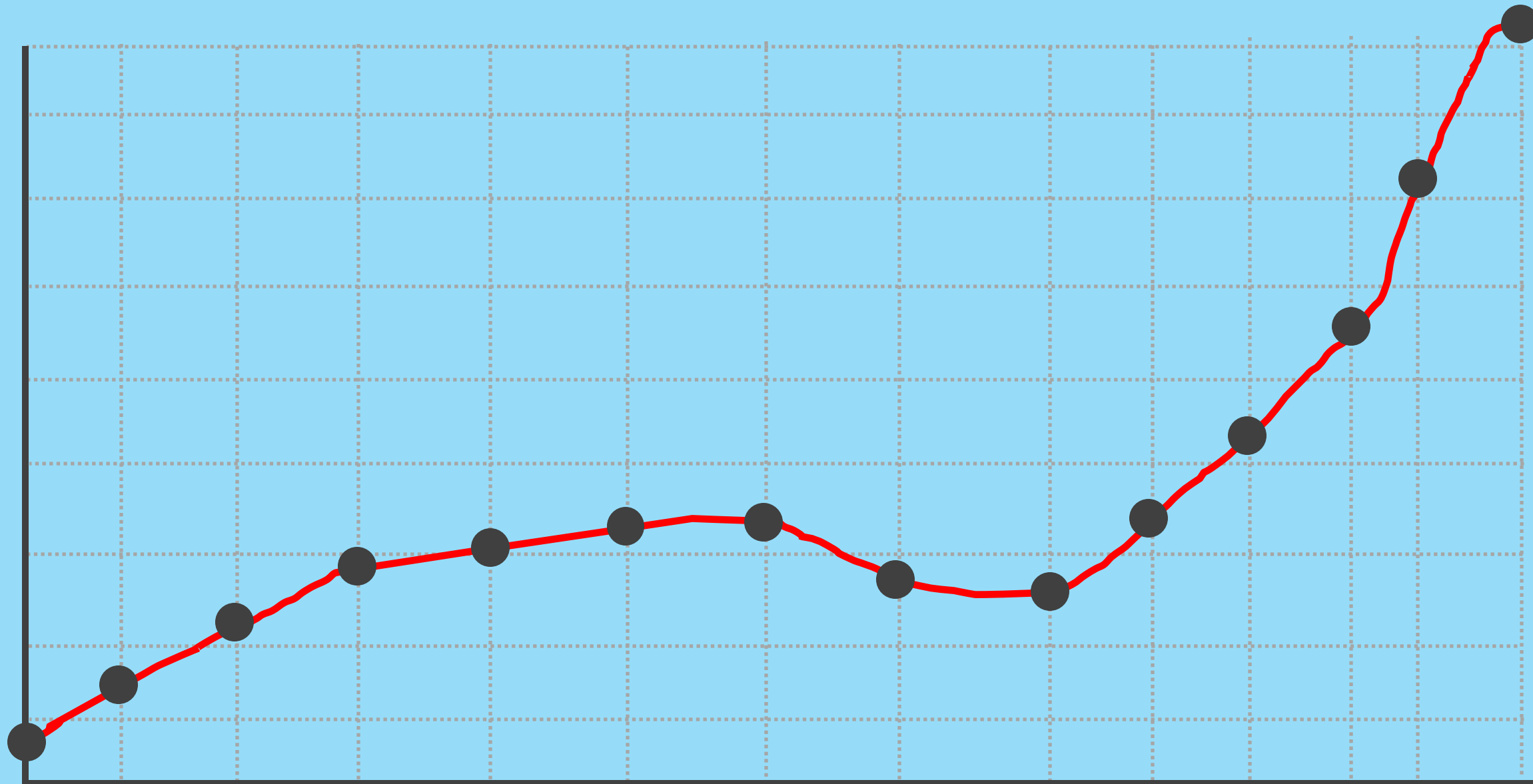
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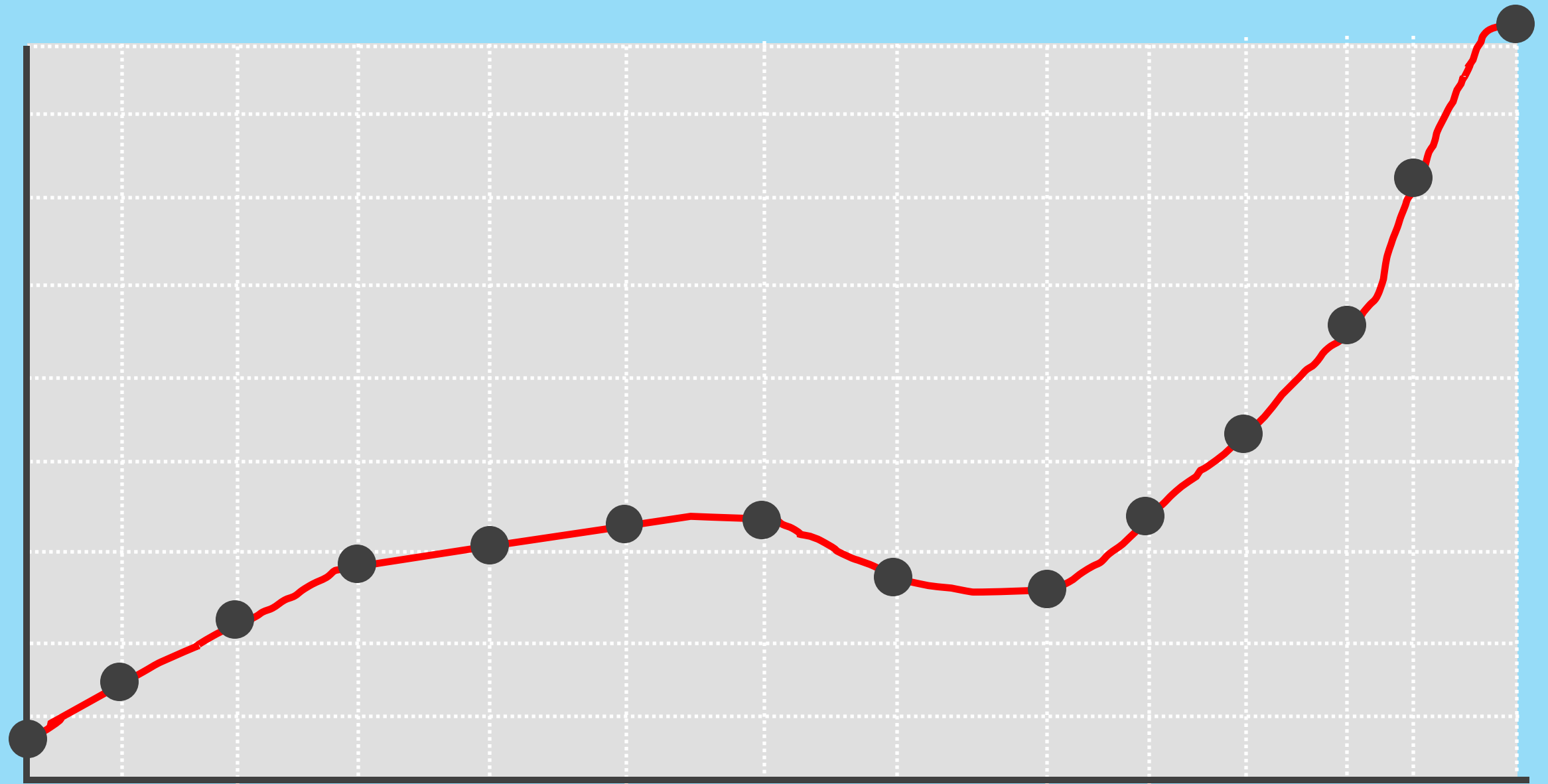
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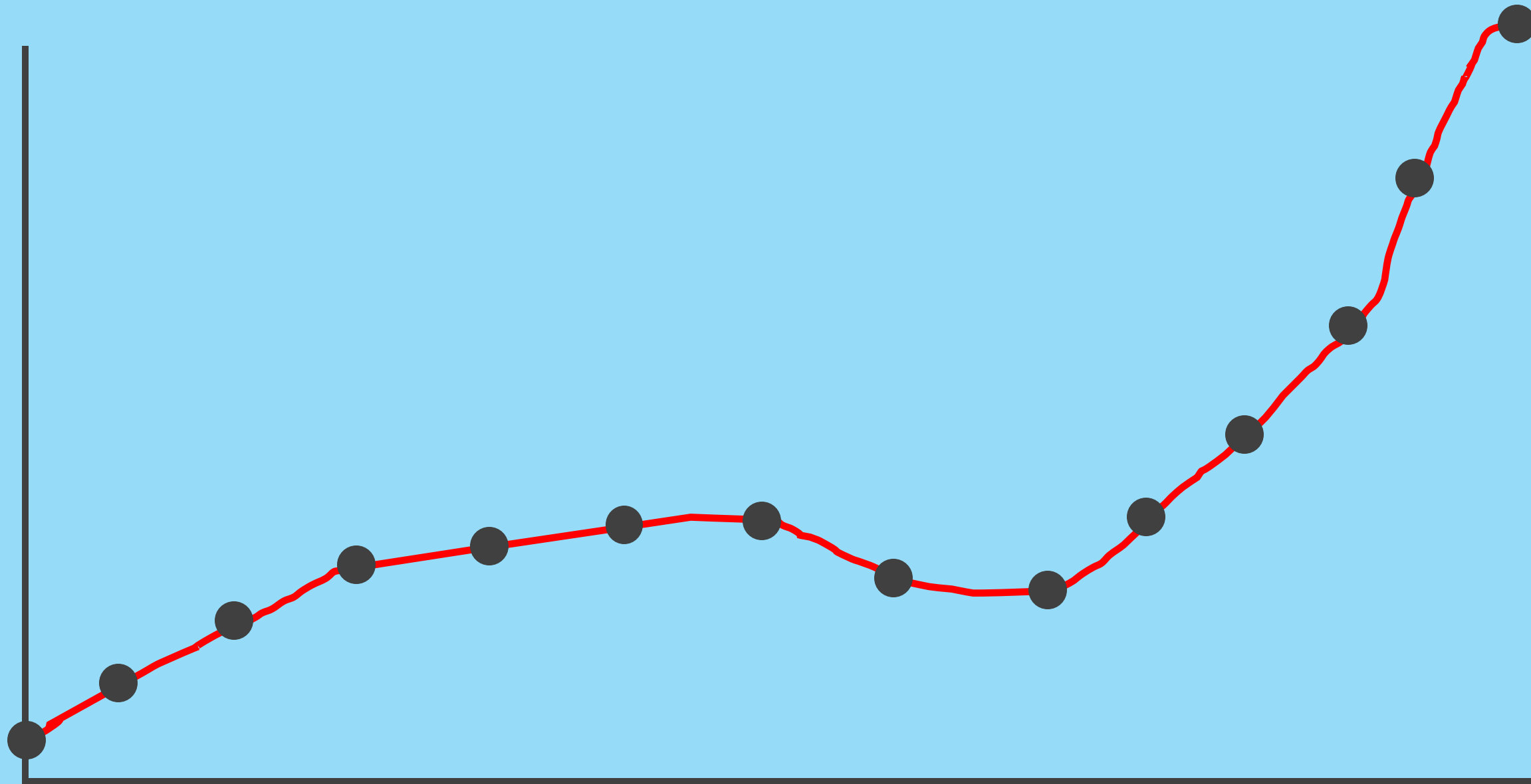
**DO YOU NEED TO KNOW EVERYTHING?**



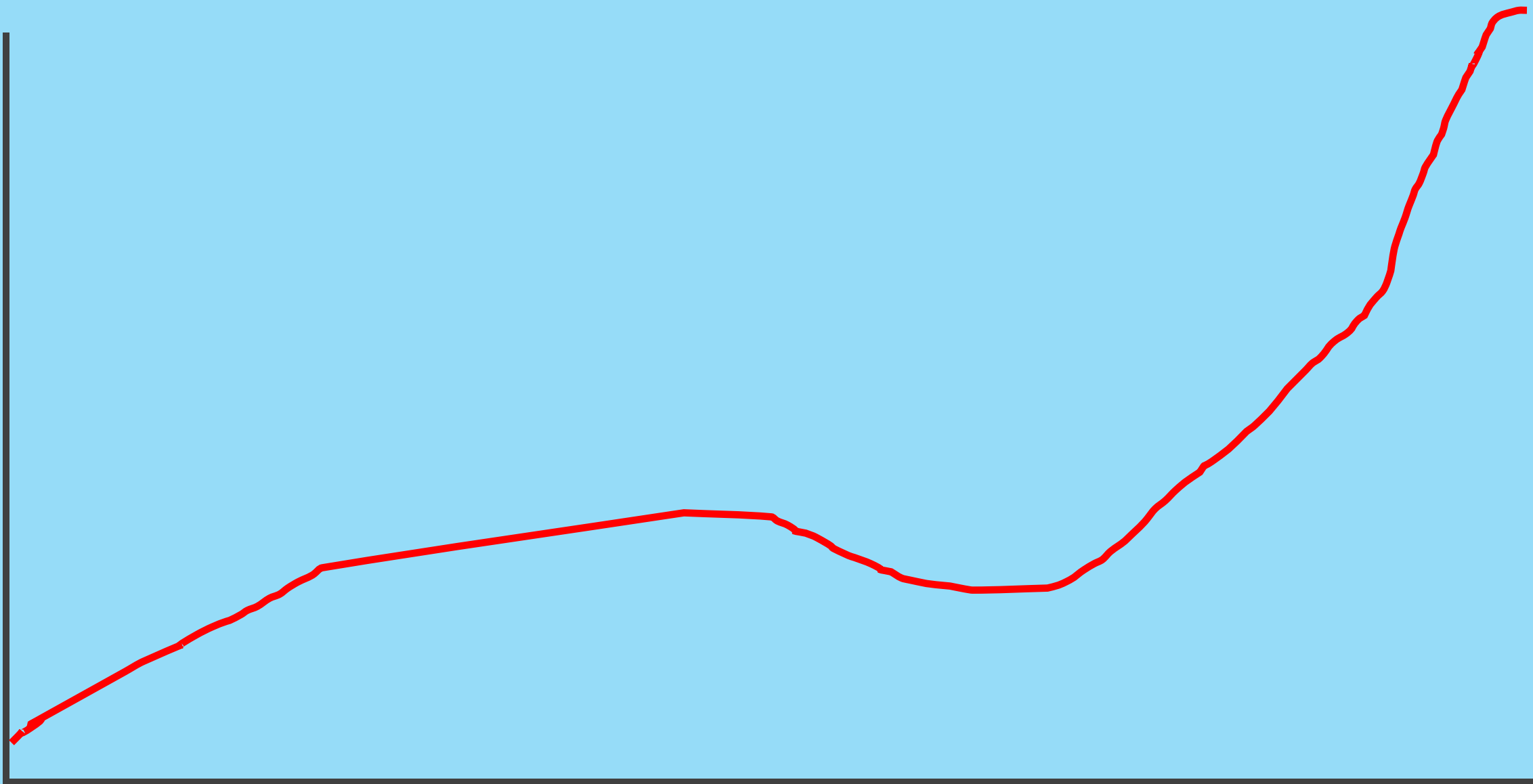
**HIDE YOUR GUIDE LINES TO SIMPLIFY**

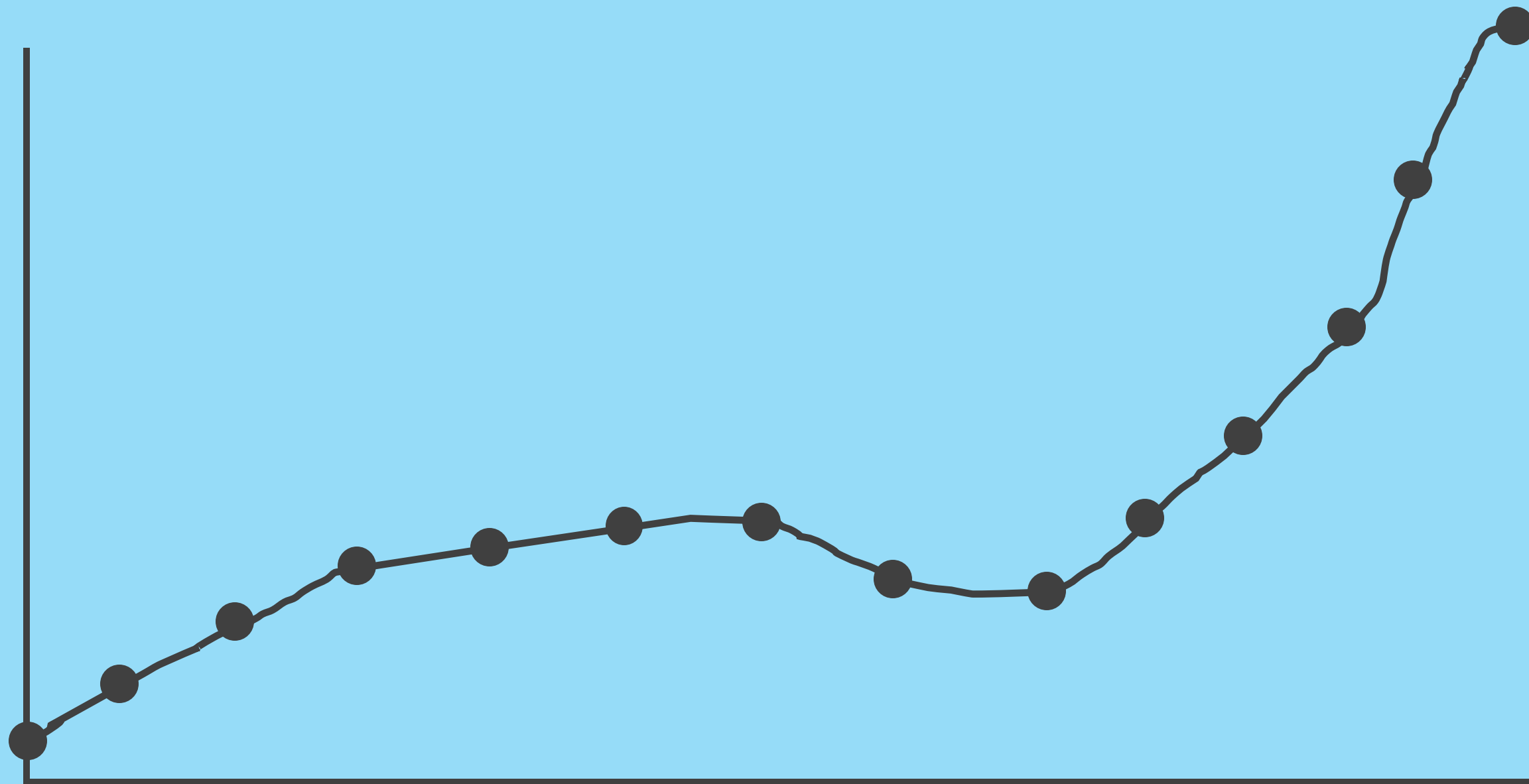


**ALTERNATIVE: WHITE OVER GREY**





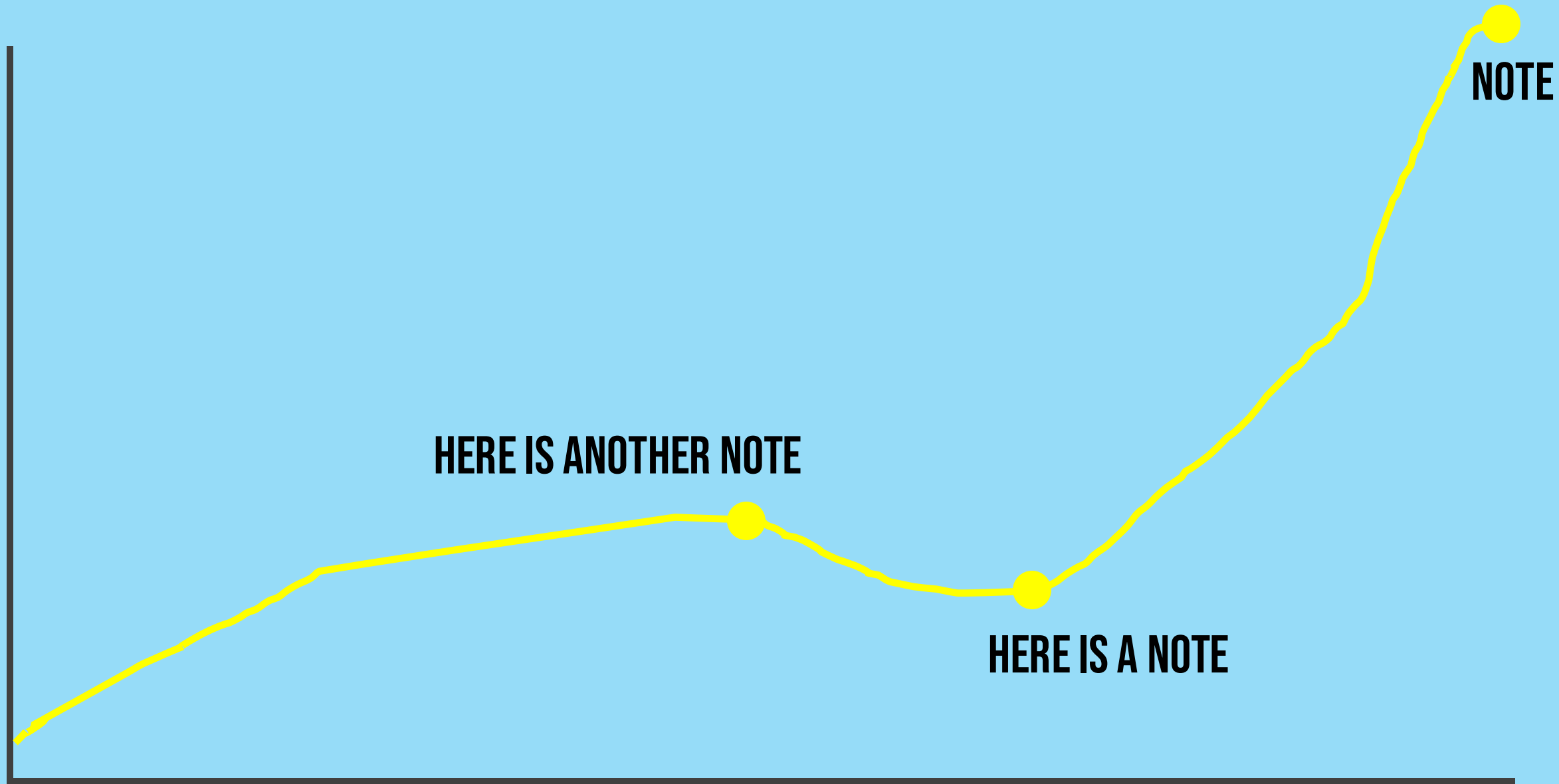




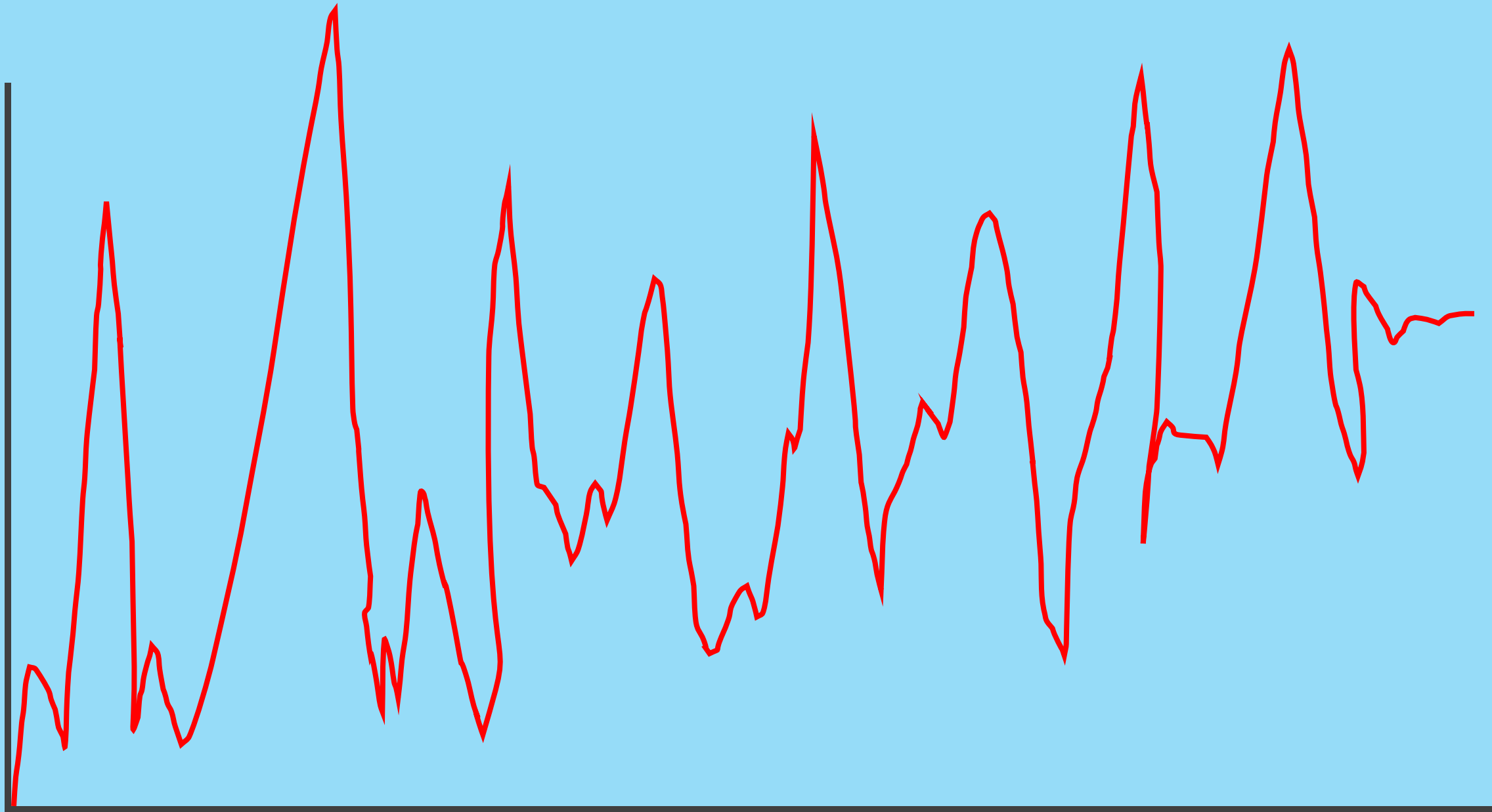
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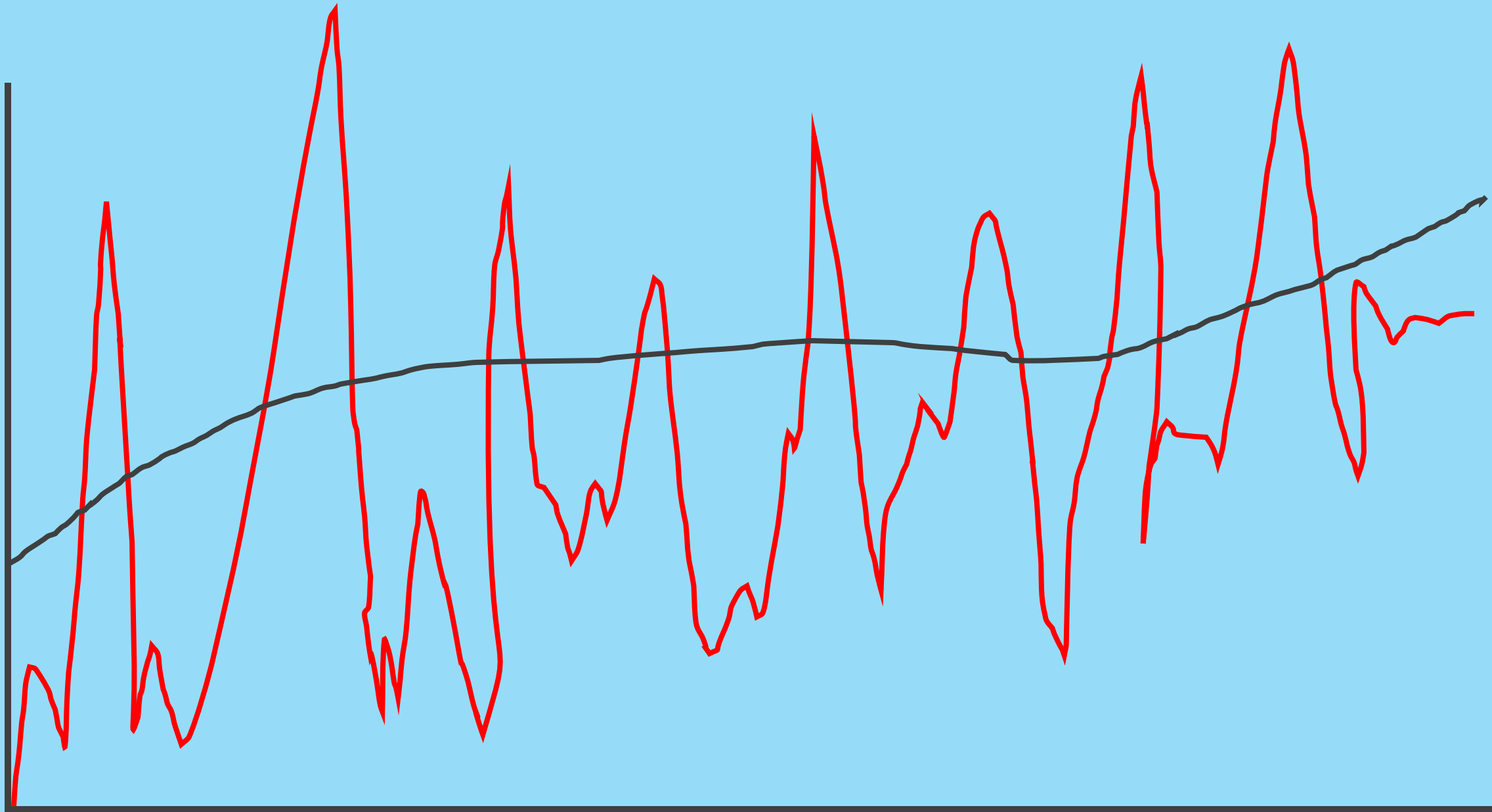


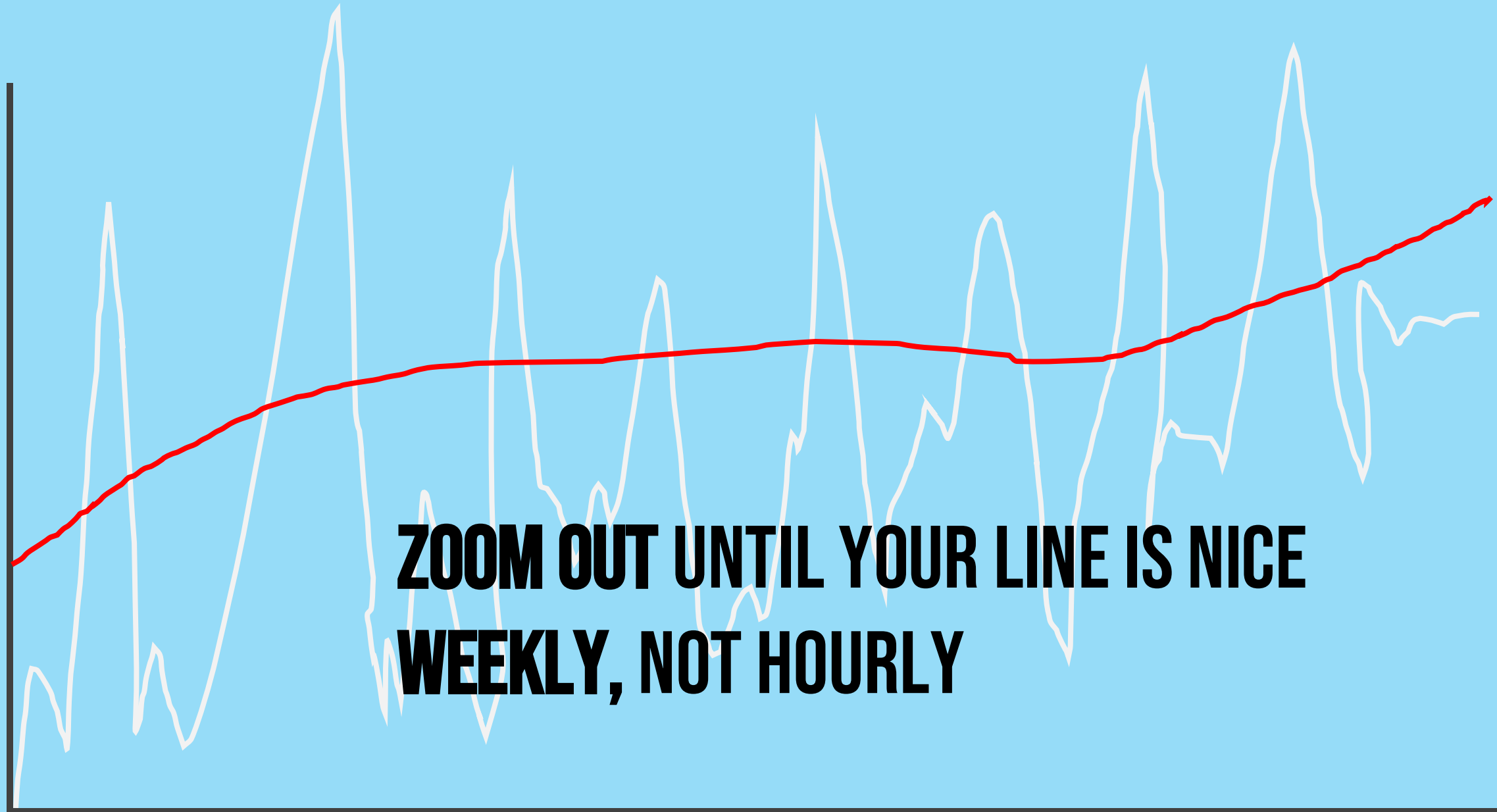
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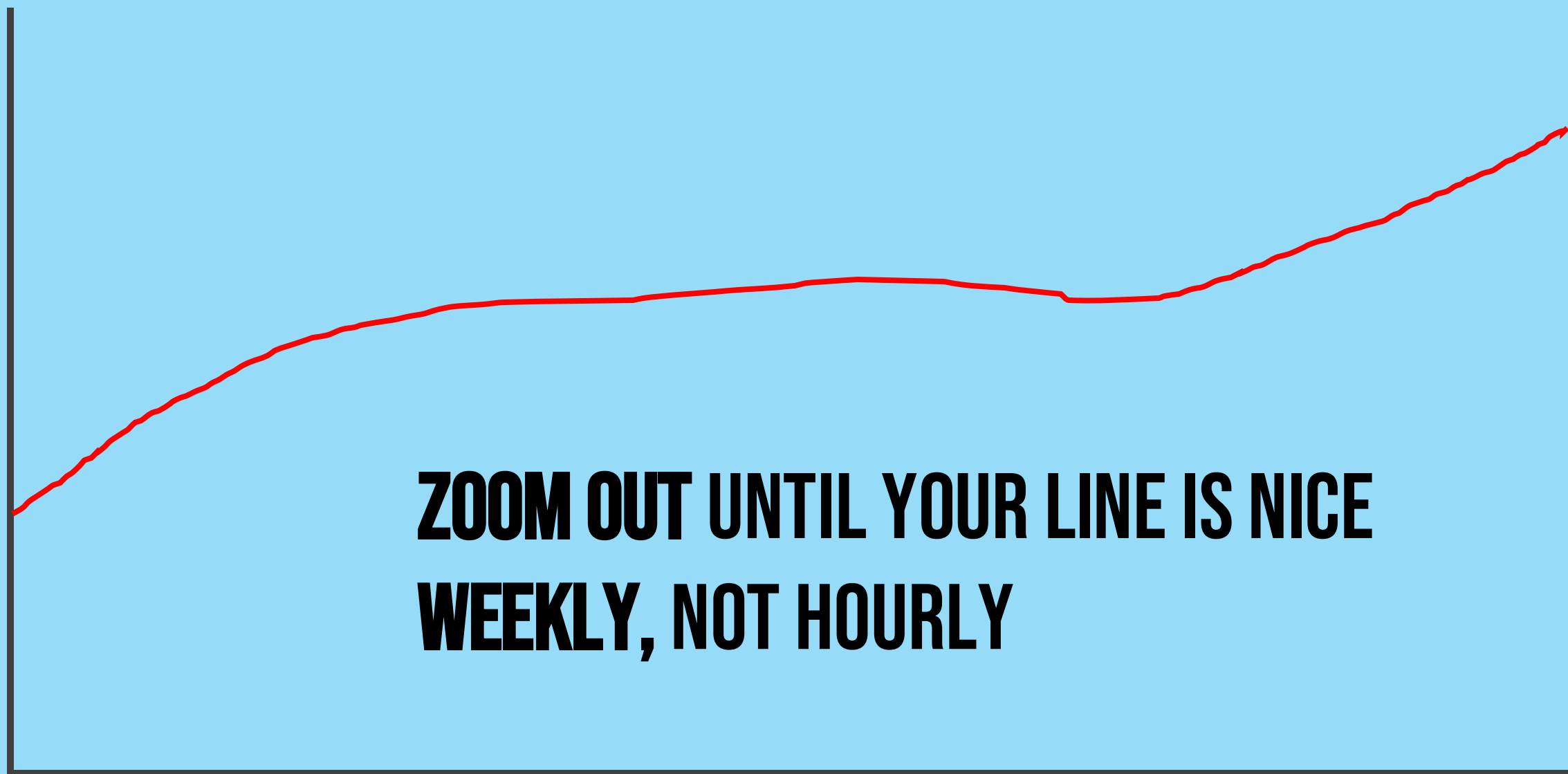


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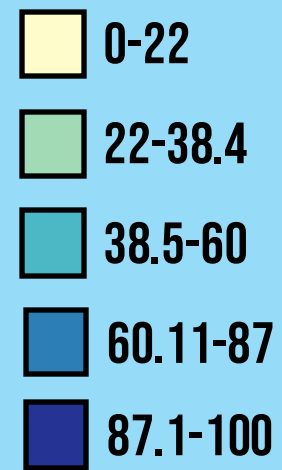


**ZOOM OUT UNTIL YOUR LINE IS NICE  
WEEKLY, NOT HOURLY**



# **BEAUTIFUL LEGENDS**

**...SIMPLIFY, SIMPLIFY, SIMPLIFY**





**0-22**



**22-38.4**



**38.5-60**



**60.11-87**



**87.1-100**



**ROUND OFF  
TO "REAL"  
NUMBERS**



**0-20**



**21-40**



**41-60**



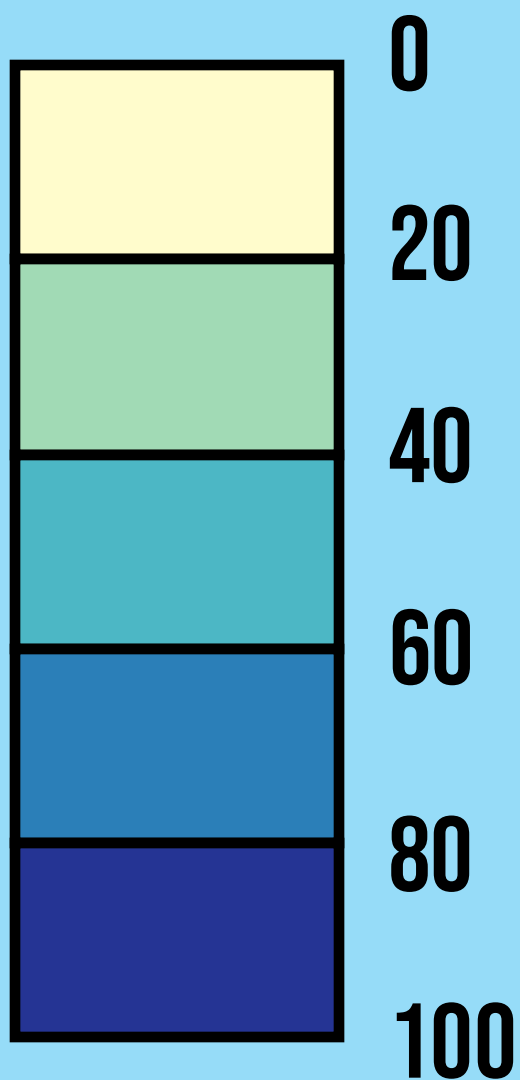
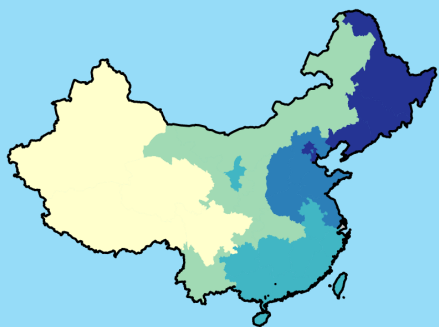
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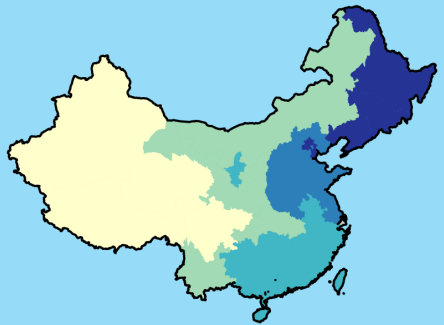
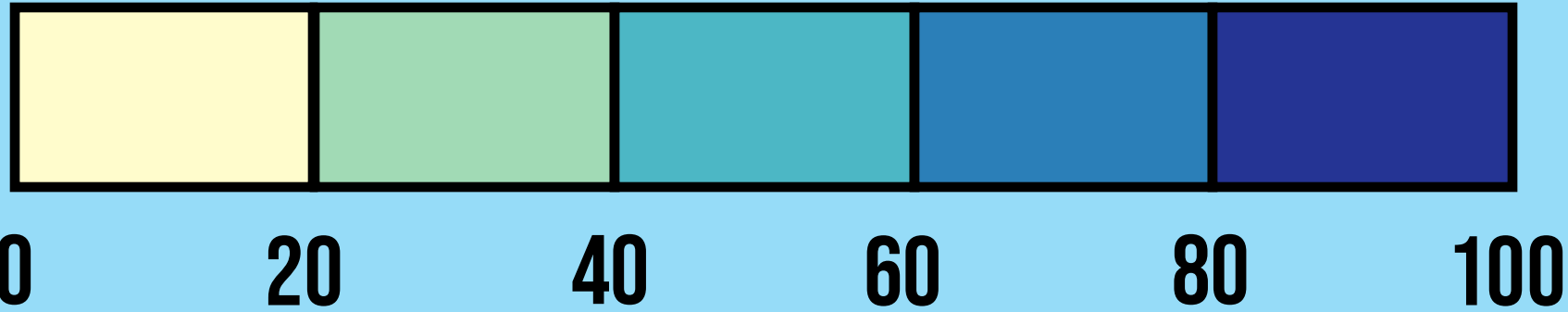
**81-100**



# MARK BOUNDS, NOT RANGES



# NUMERIC SCALES GO HORIZONTAL





# TOO MANY OUTLINES ARE UGLY



0

20

40

60

80

100



# DO YOU NEED EVERY NUMBER?



20

40

60

80

0



100



# DO YOU NEED EVERY COLOR?



20

40

60

80

0



100

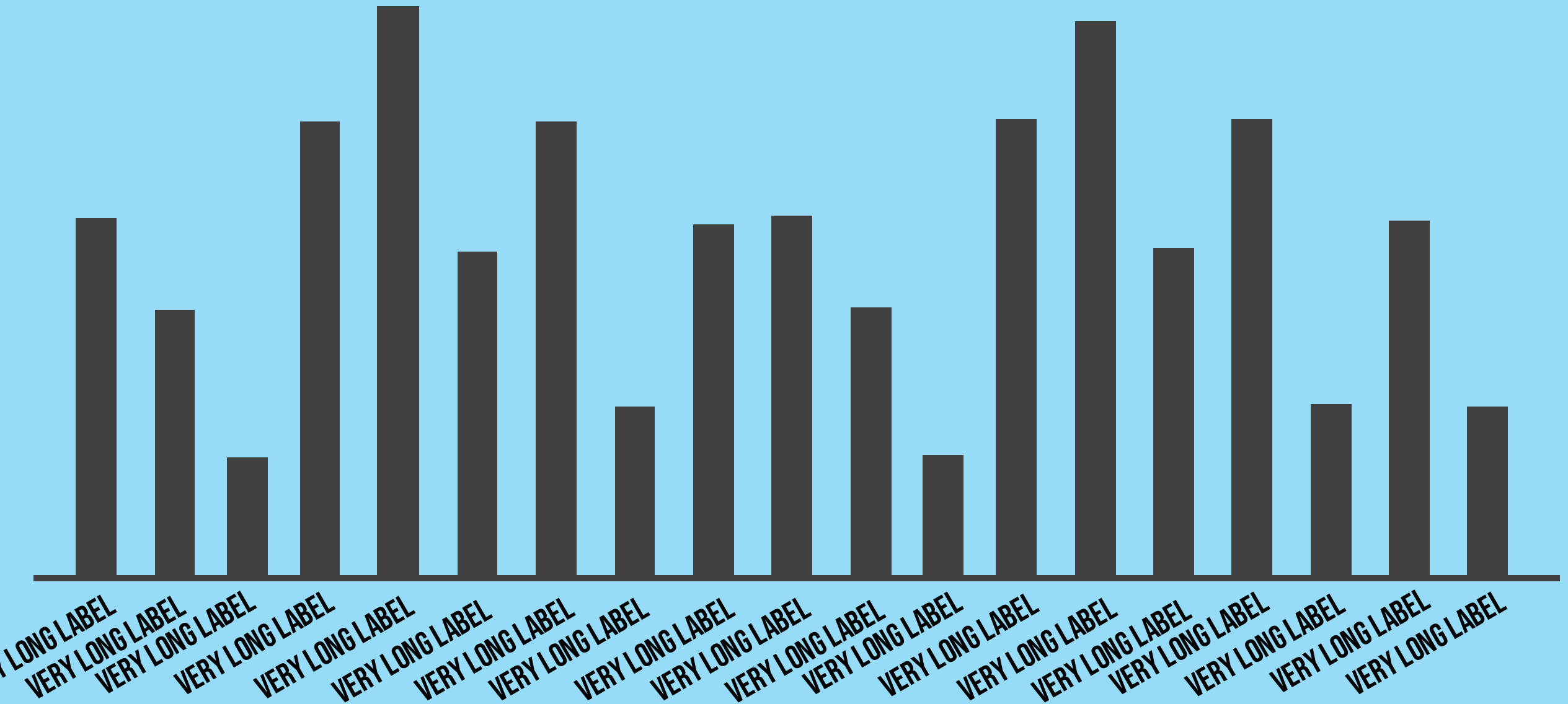
**(THESE ARE UGLY, I HATE THEM)**



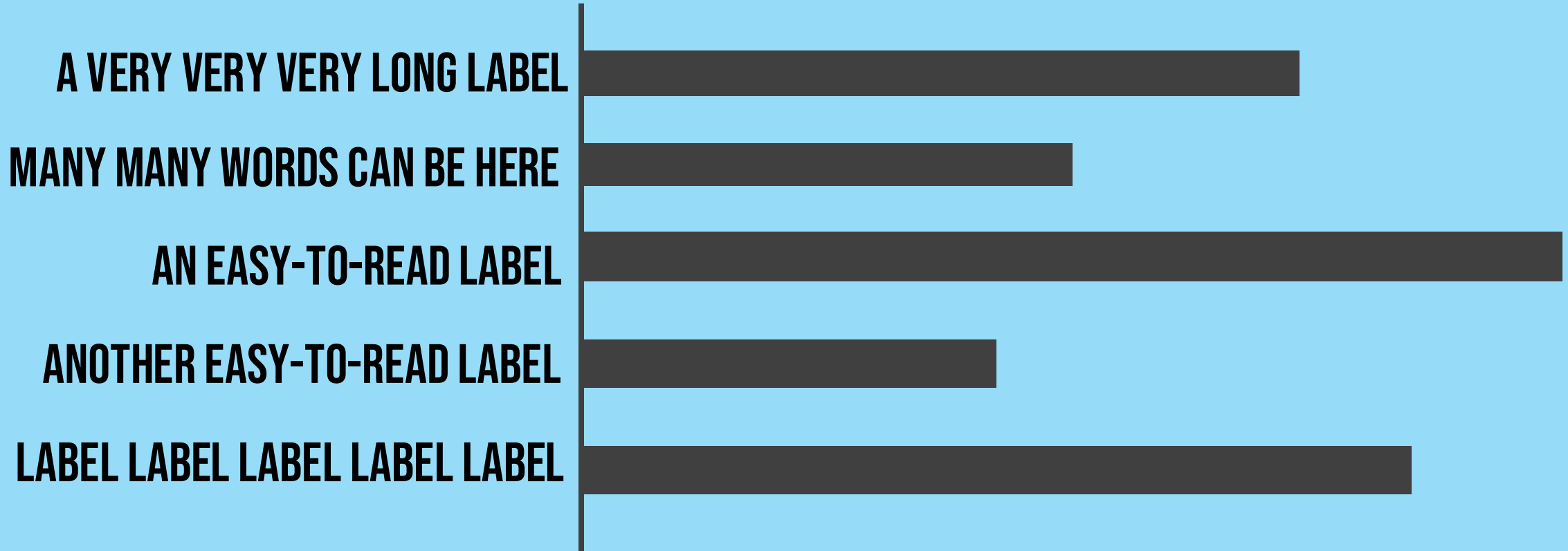
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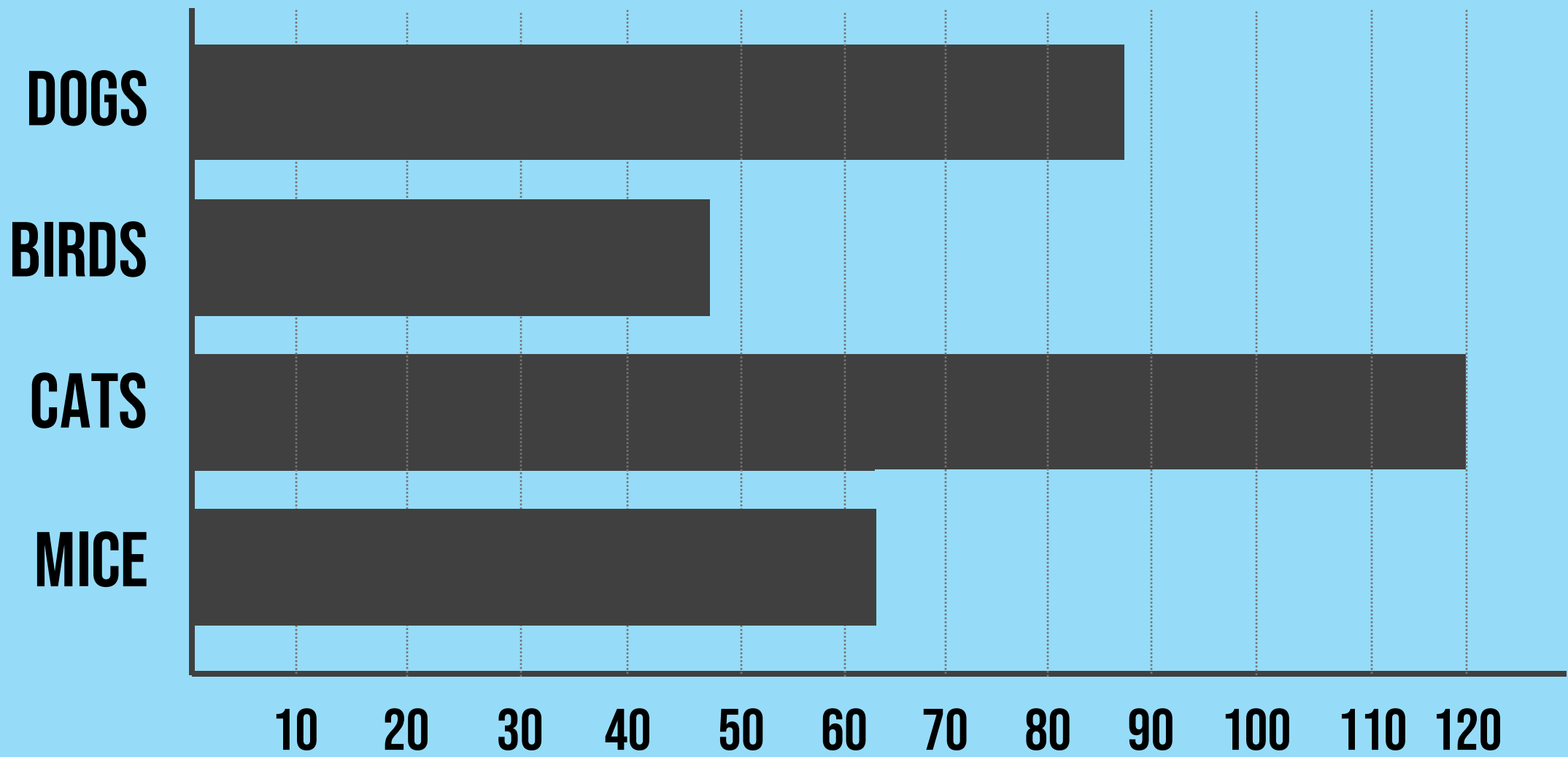
**...ARE SIMPLE TO MAKE AND SIMPLE TO IMPROVE**

**LONG LABELS + VERTICAL COLUMNS = CLUTTERED**



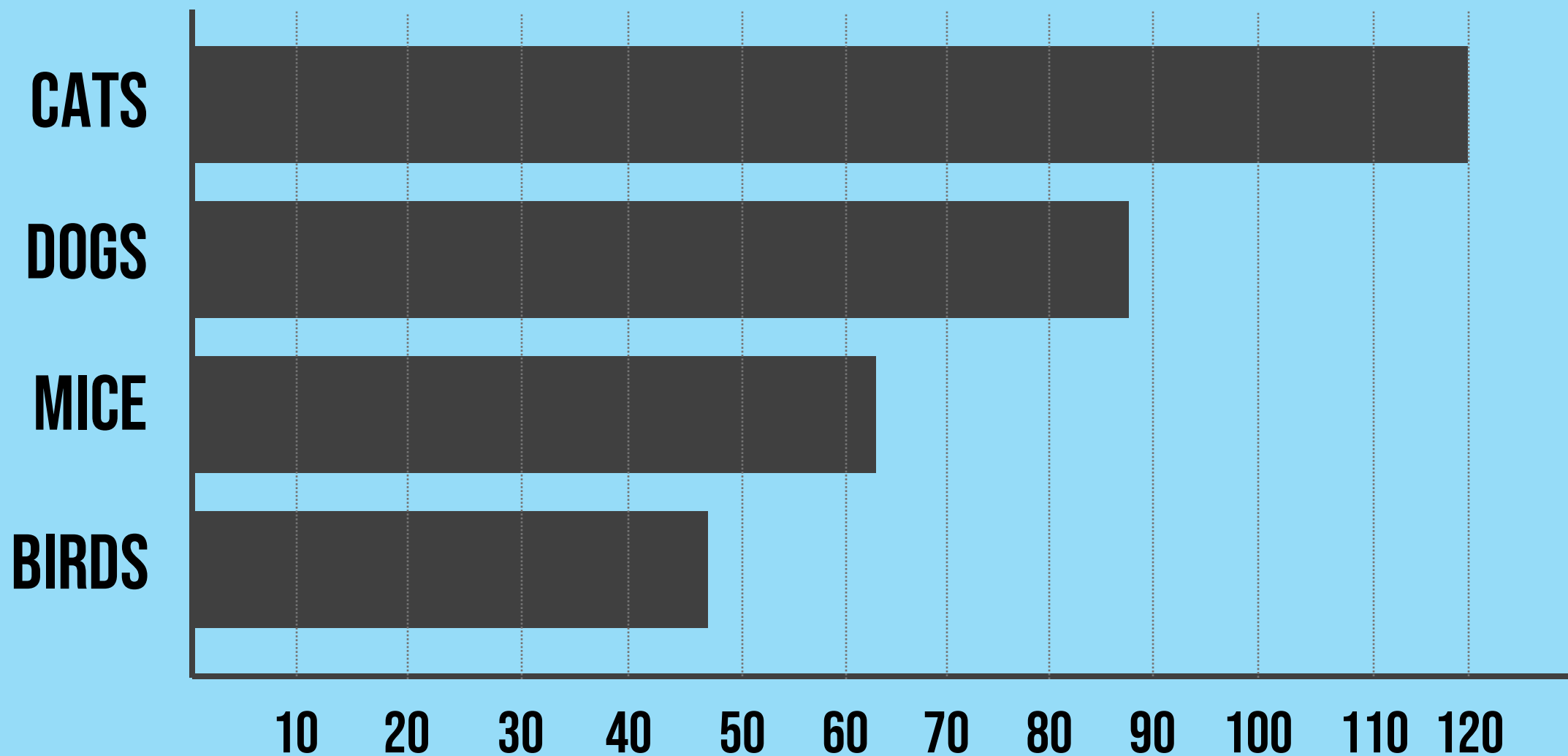
# LONG LABELS GET HORIZONTAL BARS



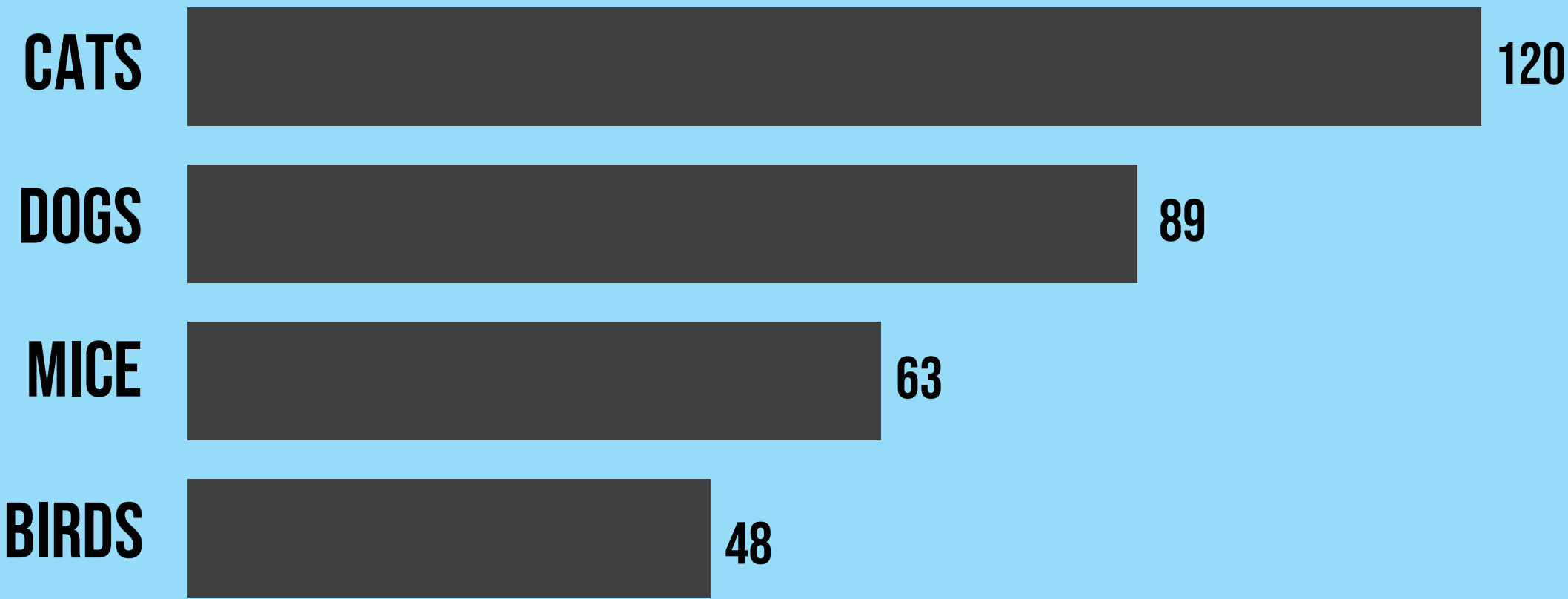




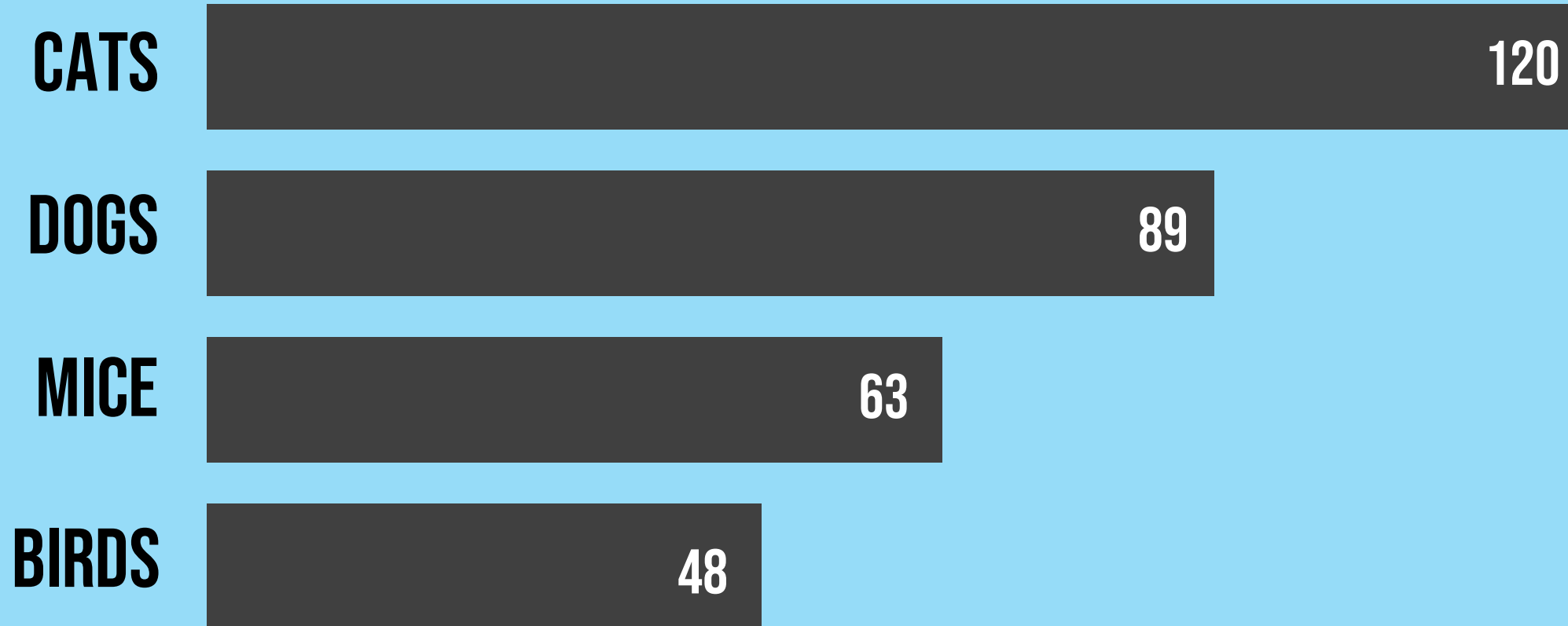
# KEEP YOUR BARS IN ORDER



# DIRECTLY LABEL IF YOU HAVE FEW DATA POINTS



# YOU CAN GO INSIDE, TOO!



MORE NUMBERS HERE, TOO

TEN

TWENTY

THIRTY

FORTY

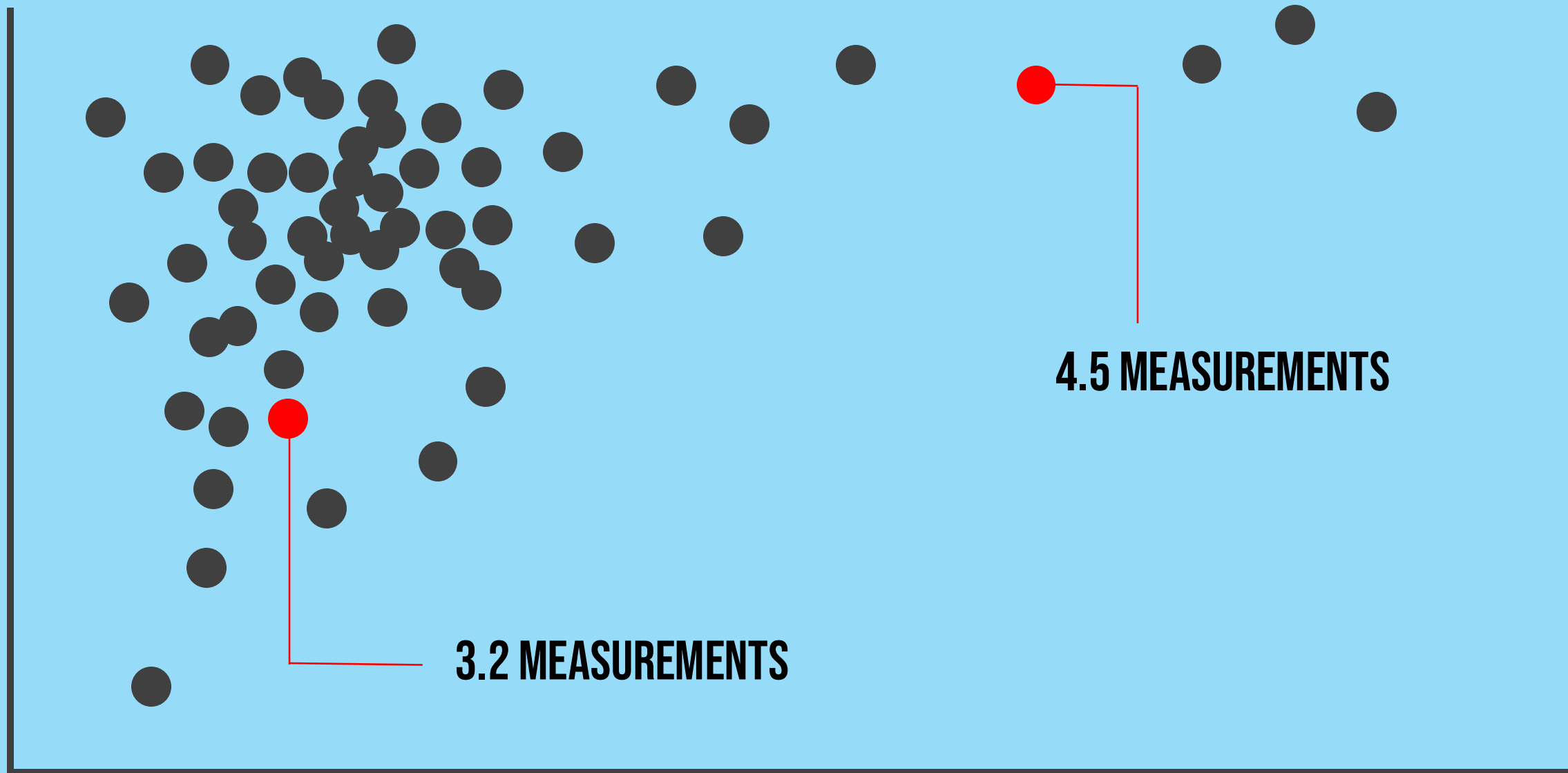
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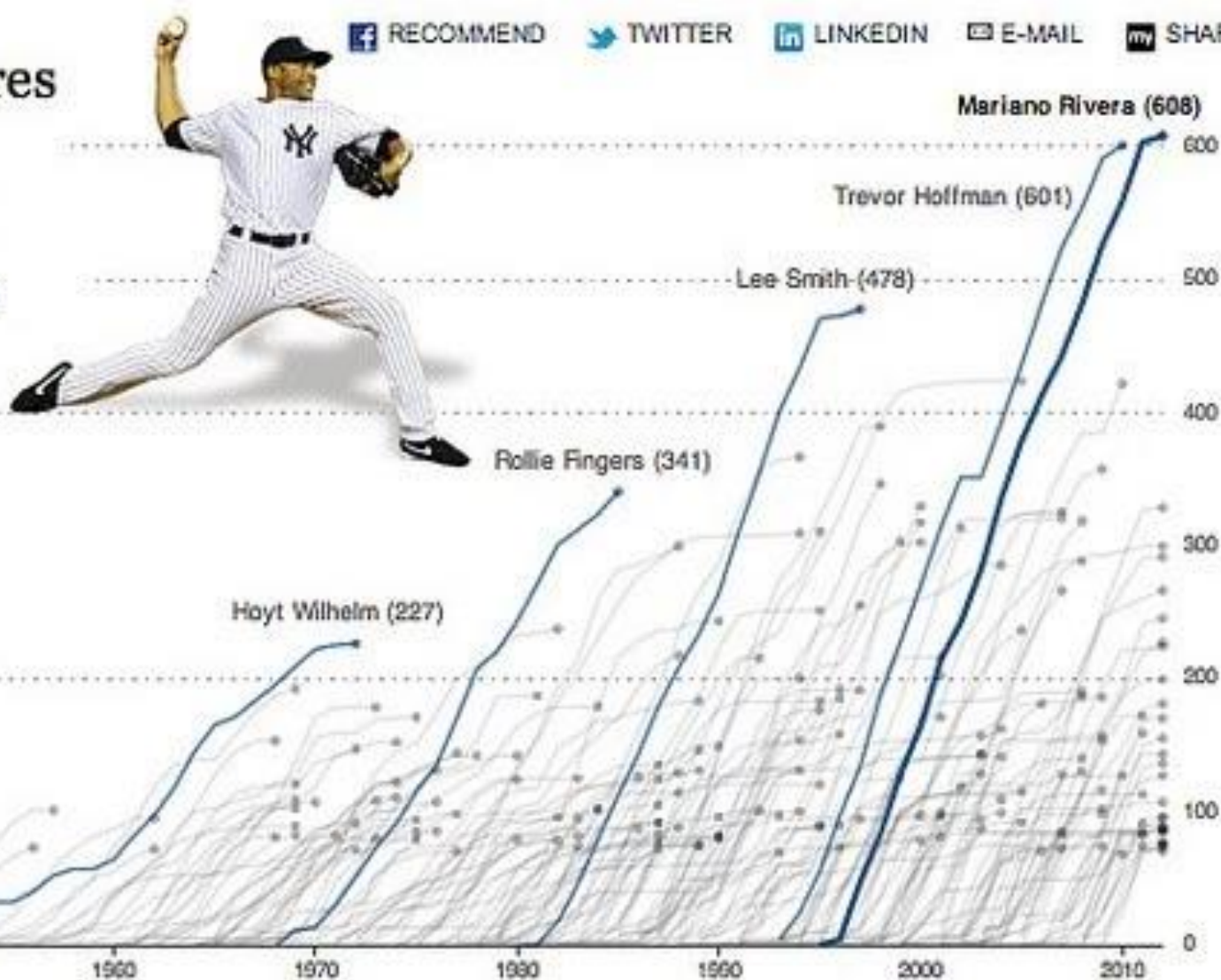
3.2 MEASUREMENTS

4.5 MEASUREMENTS



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In addition to being the first pitcher to break the 200 save mark, Wilhelm pitched a no-hitter against the Yankees in 1958.

## Rollie Fingers (341)

Known for his handlebar moustache, Fingers was the second relief pitcher inducted into Baseball's Hall of Fame.

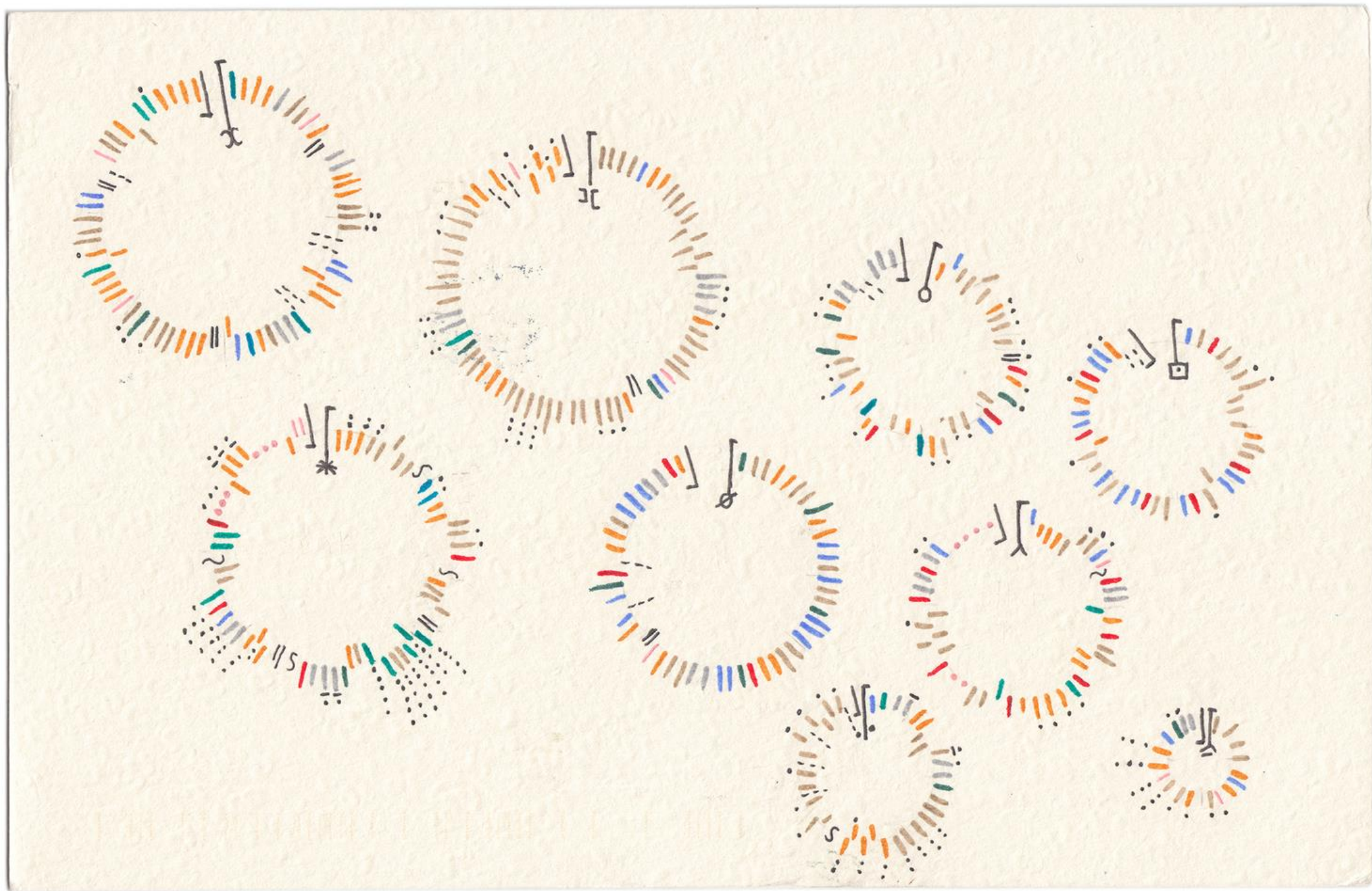
## Lee Smith (478)

From 1983 to 1995, Smith averaged 35 saves a season, saving no fewer than 25 in any season.

## Trevor Hoffman (601)

Hoffman was the first to break the 500 and 600 save marks, despite a 1994 shoulder injury that forced him to change his pitching style.





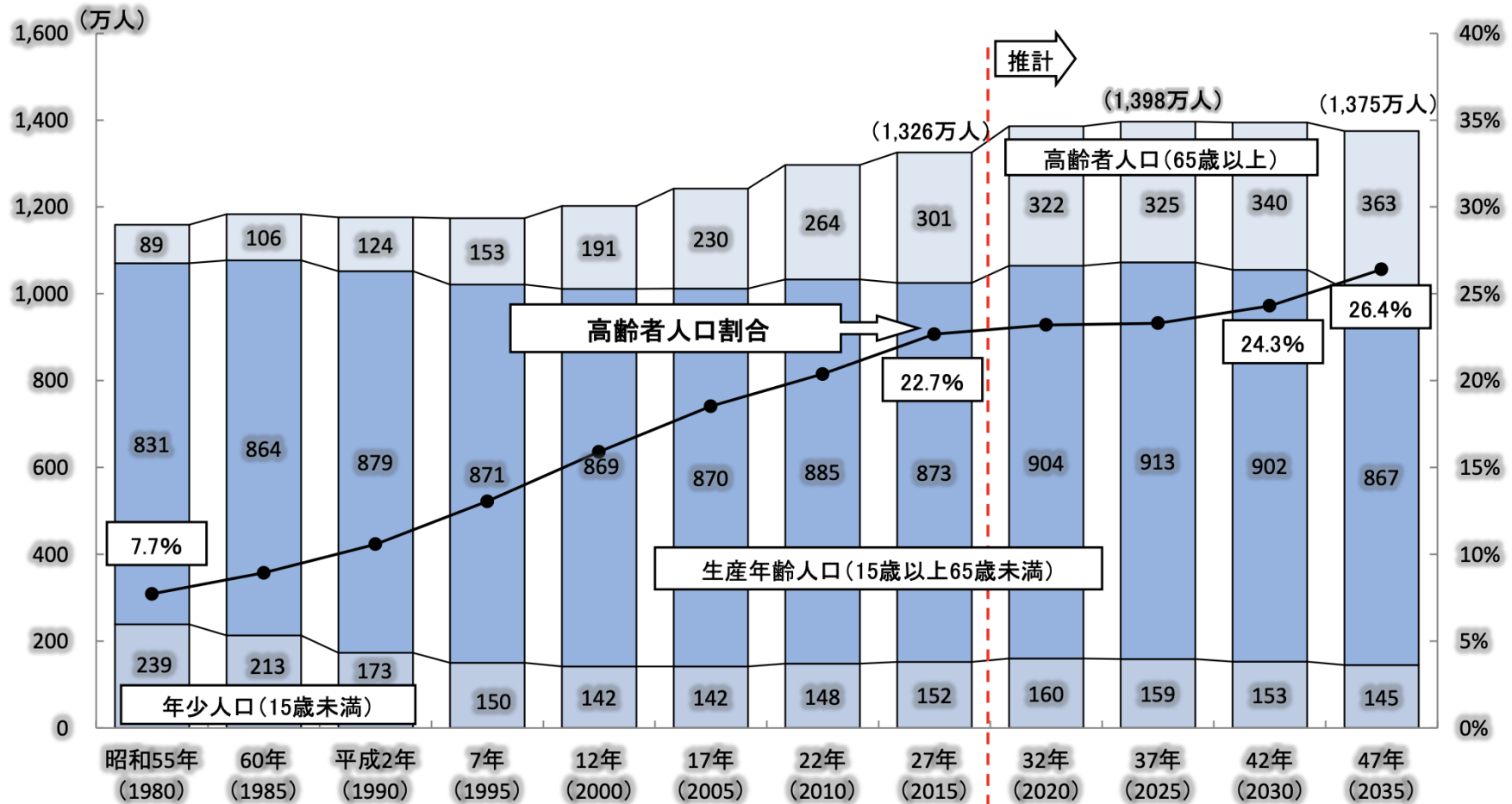
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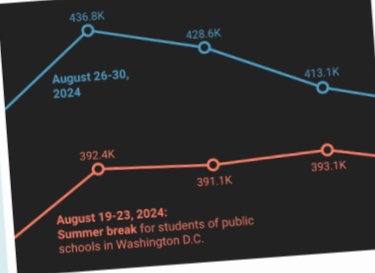
## Value labels in line charts

- ☒ First
- ☒ Last

Labels per line



- ☒ Outline labeled data points



## New: Automatically label data points in line charts

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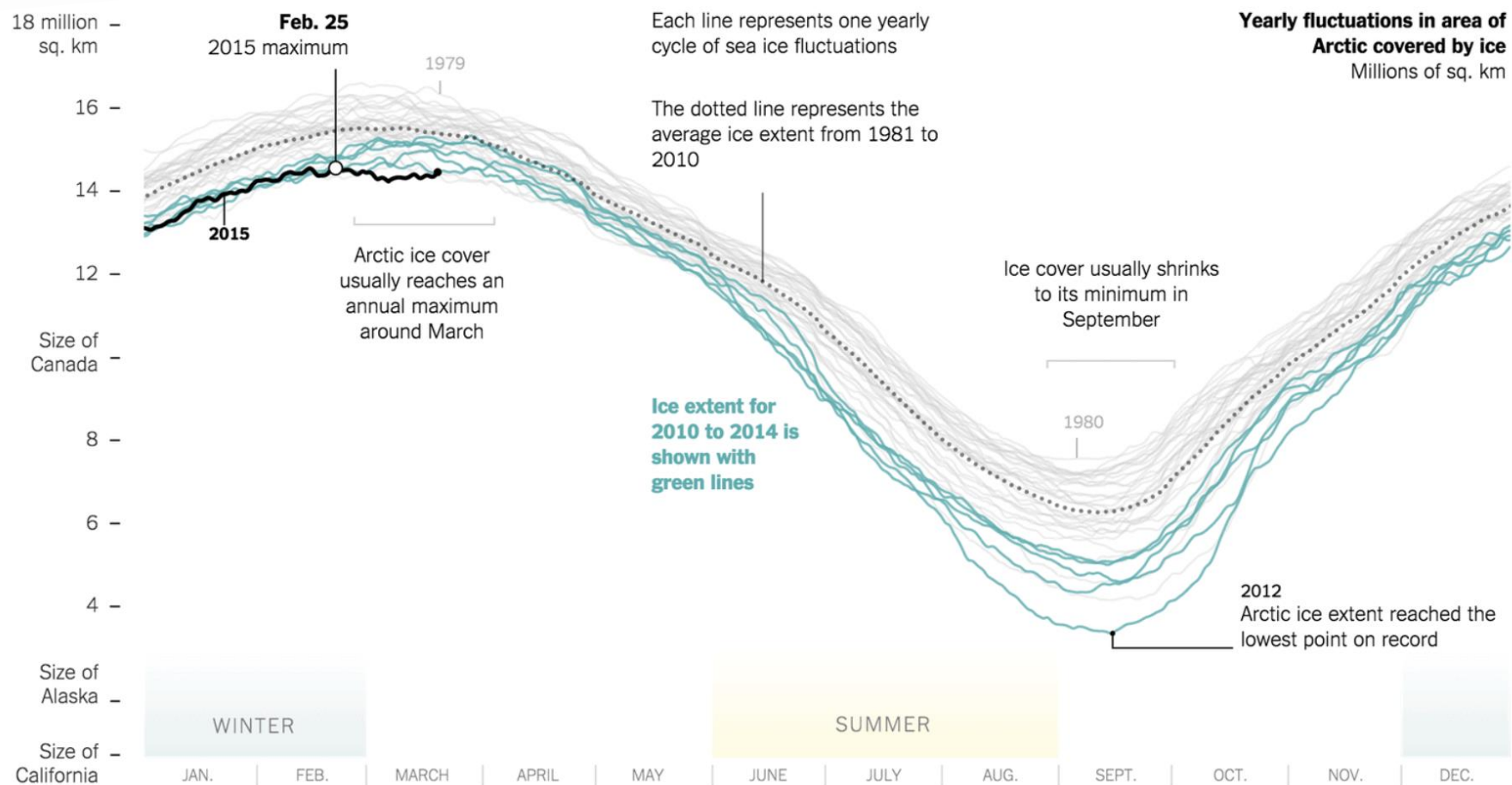
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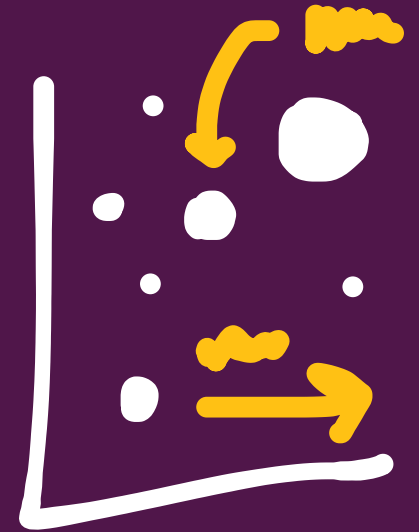
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# Why annotate?

**For readers:** they help them understand the graphic

- We talked about color and position to direct attention
- Annotations do a better job with slightly less elegance



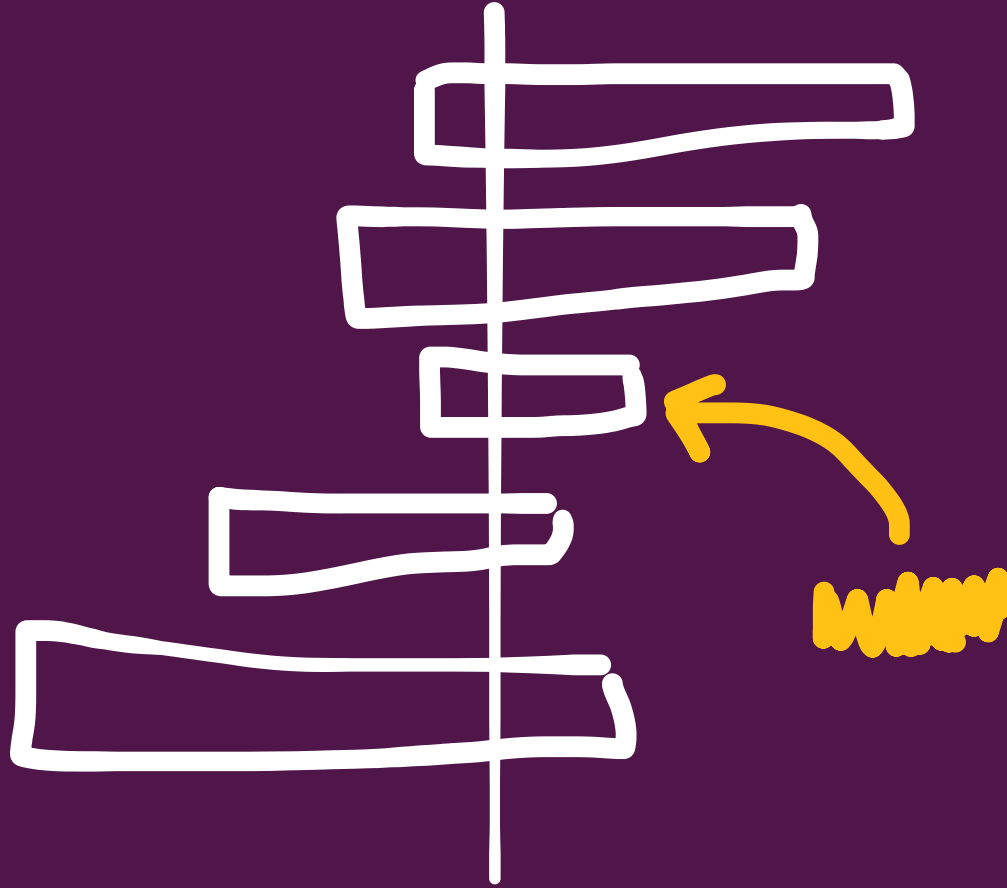
**For you:** they force you understand the visual a little better

- Just like with titles, you need to determine **what's important**
- There has to be something worth directing attention to

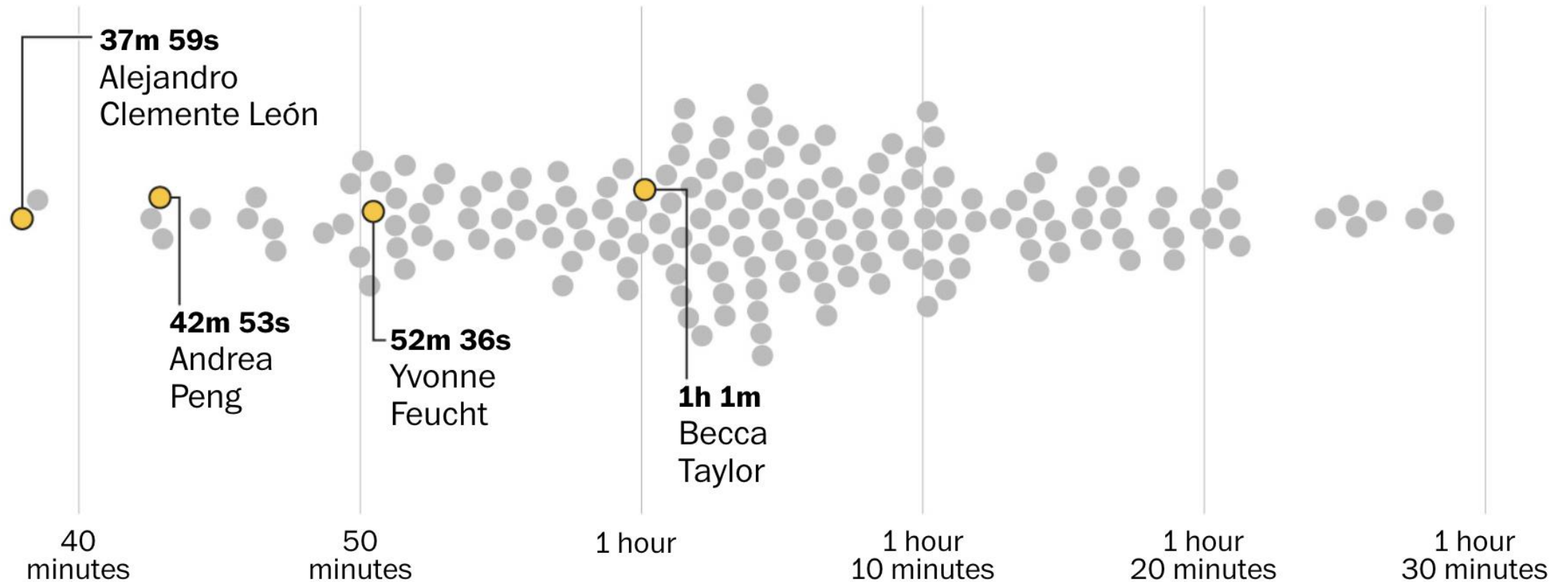
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- Explain why data points **look like they do**
- Explain or support **design decisions**
- **Provide specifics** or follow-up from title

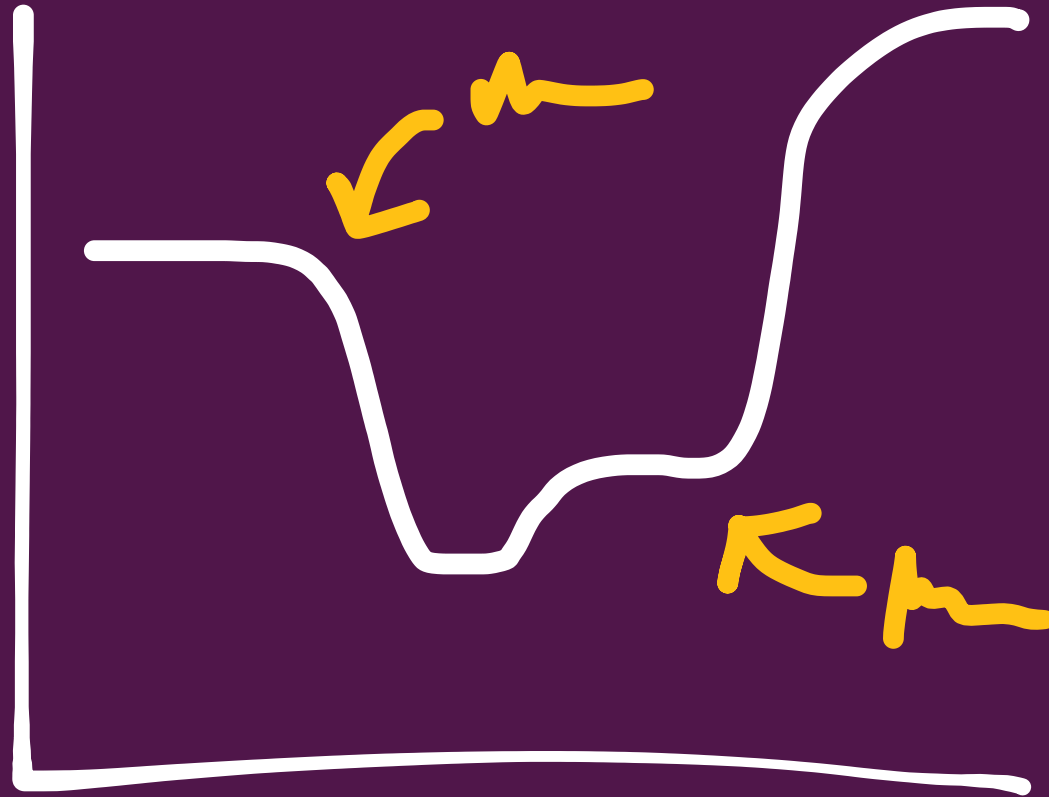
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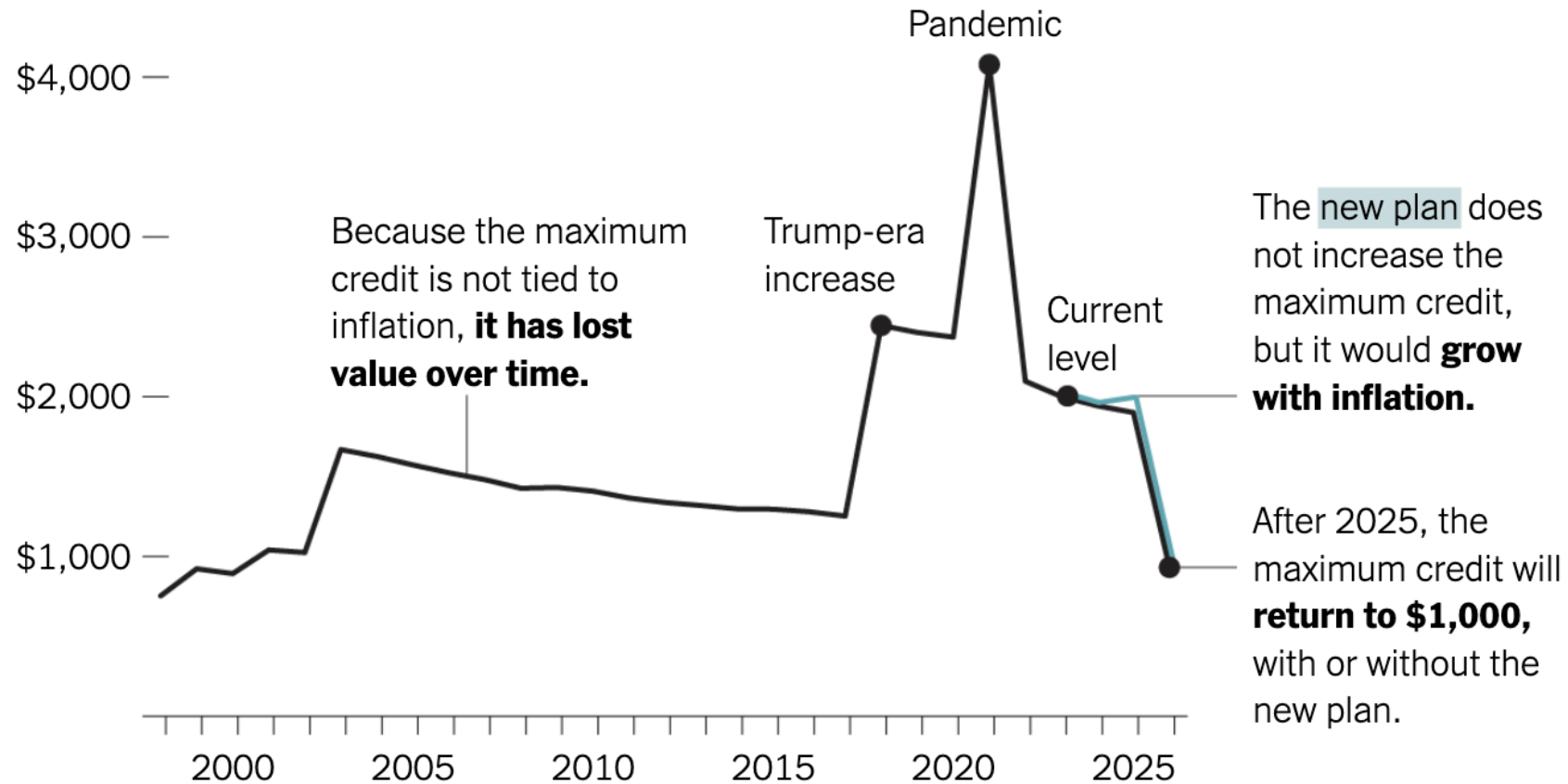
Finishing times for the individual, 500-piece competition  
during the 2023 World Jigsaw Puzzle Championship



Explain why the data looks that way



## Maximum Child Tax Credit, in 2023 Dollars

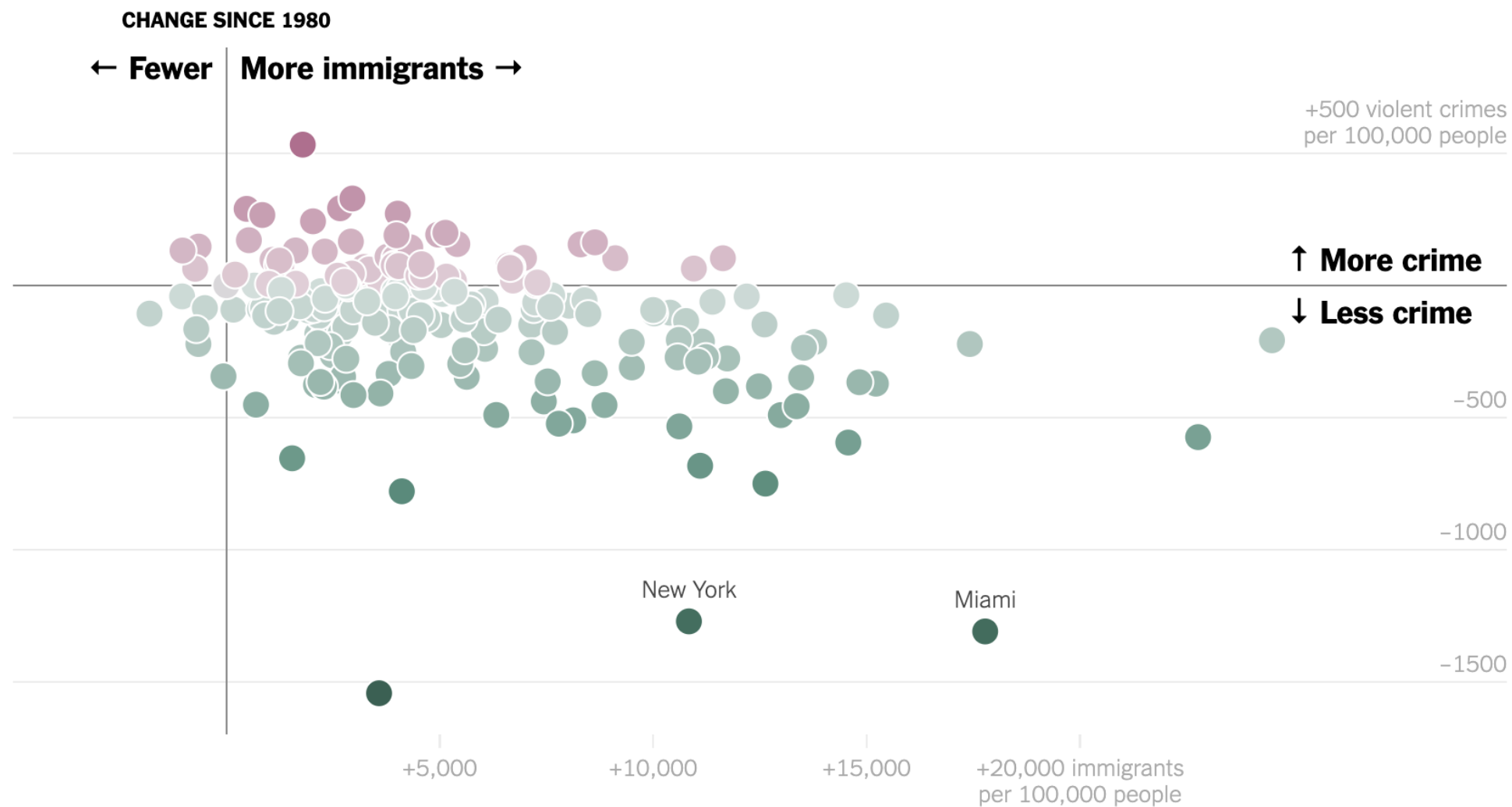


Note: The increase shown around the pandemic was for children under six; older children received a slightly lower amount. • Sources: Congressional Research Service; Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis



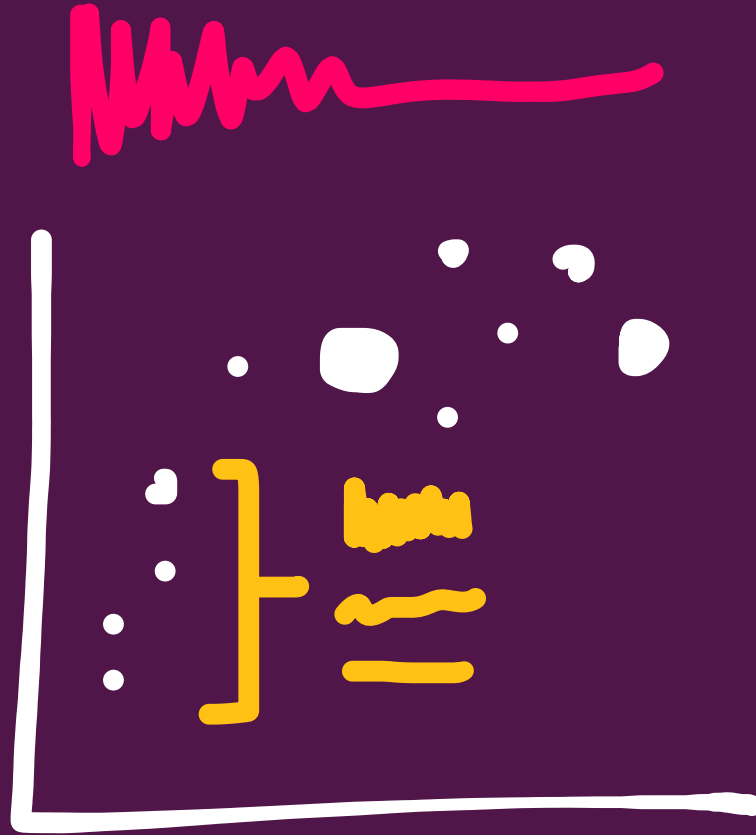
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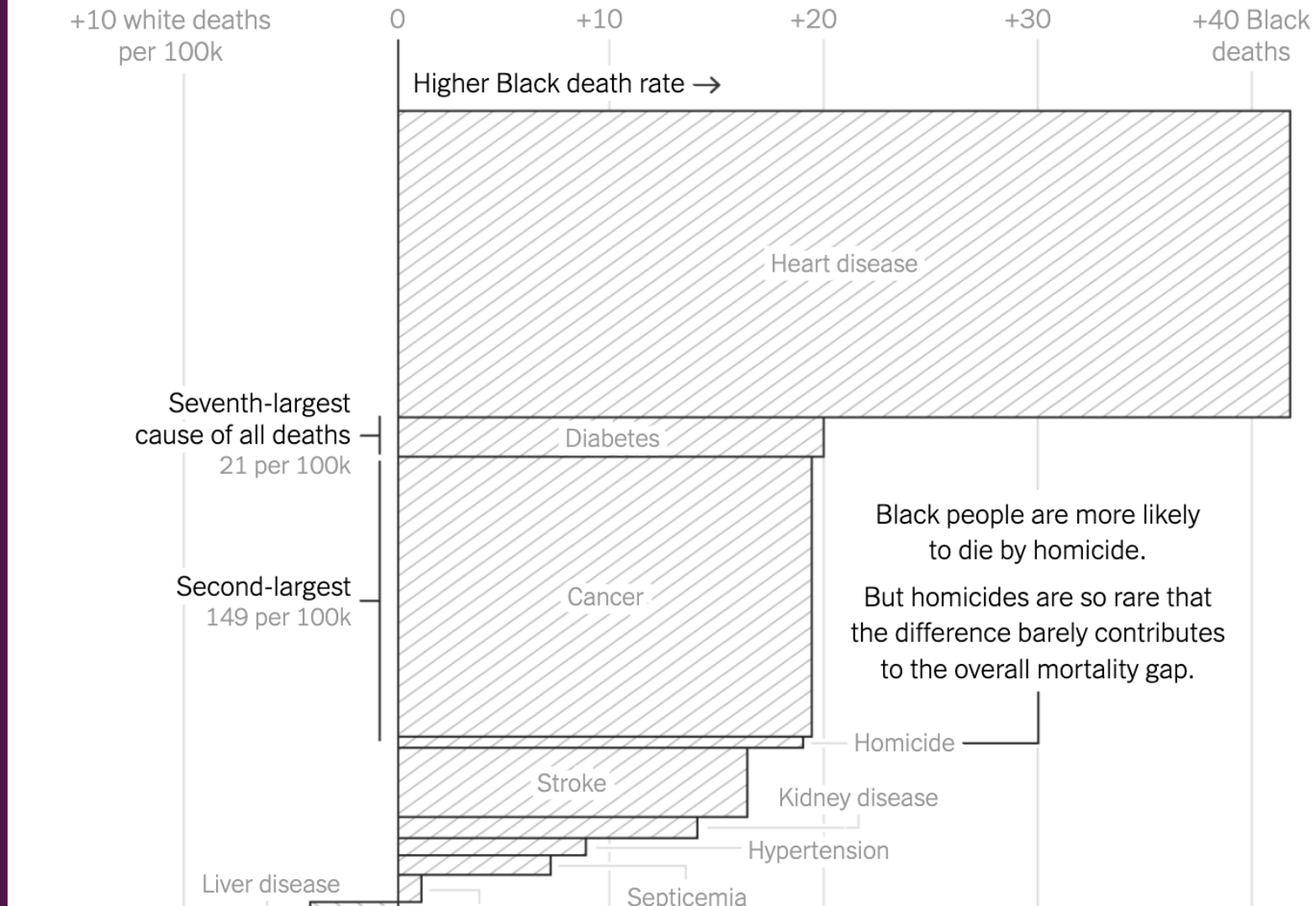


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## Gaps between Black and white mortality rates for the top 15 causes of death



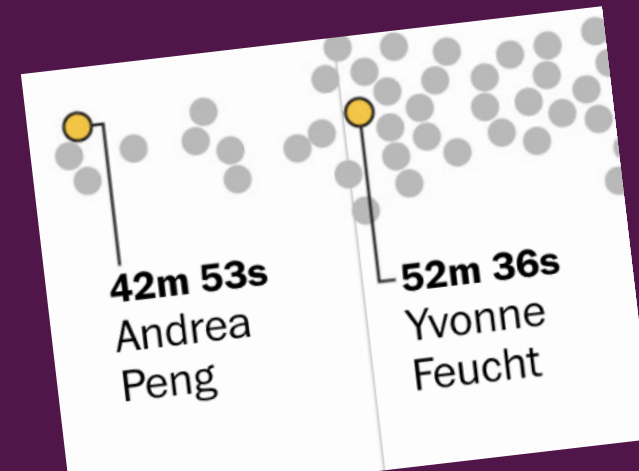
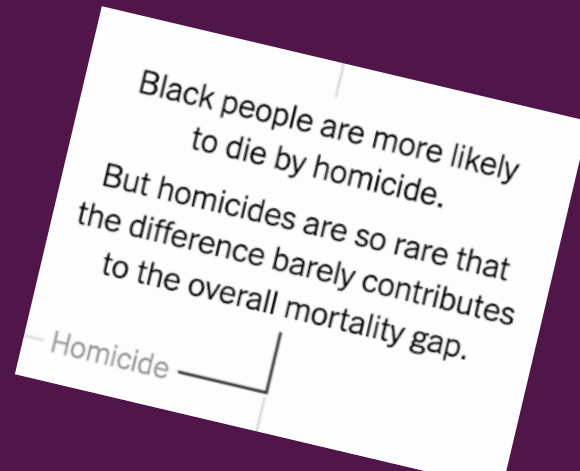
# “what that is” vs “why that is”

Here’s *what* this data point is: **Texas**

Here’s *why* this data point is here: **Texas has a lot of cattle farms**

A little bit of both: **Texas, 4lb**

You’re deciding between **narrative** or **data-driven** (either is fine!)



# When to annotate

## Complicated graphics?

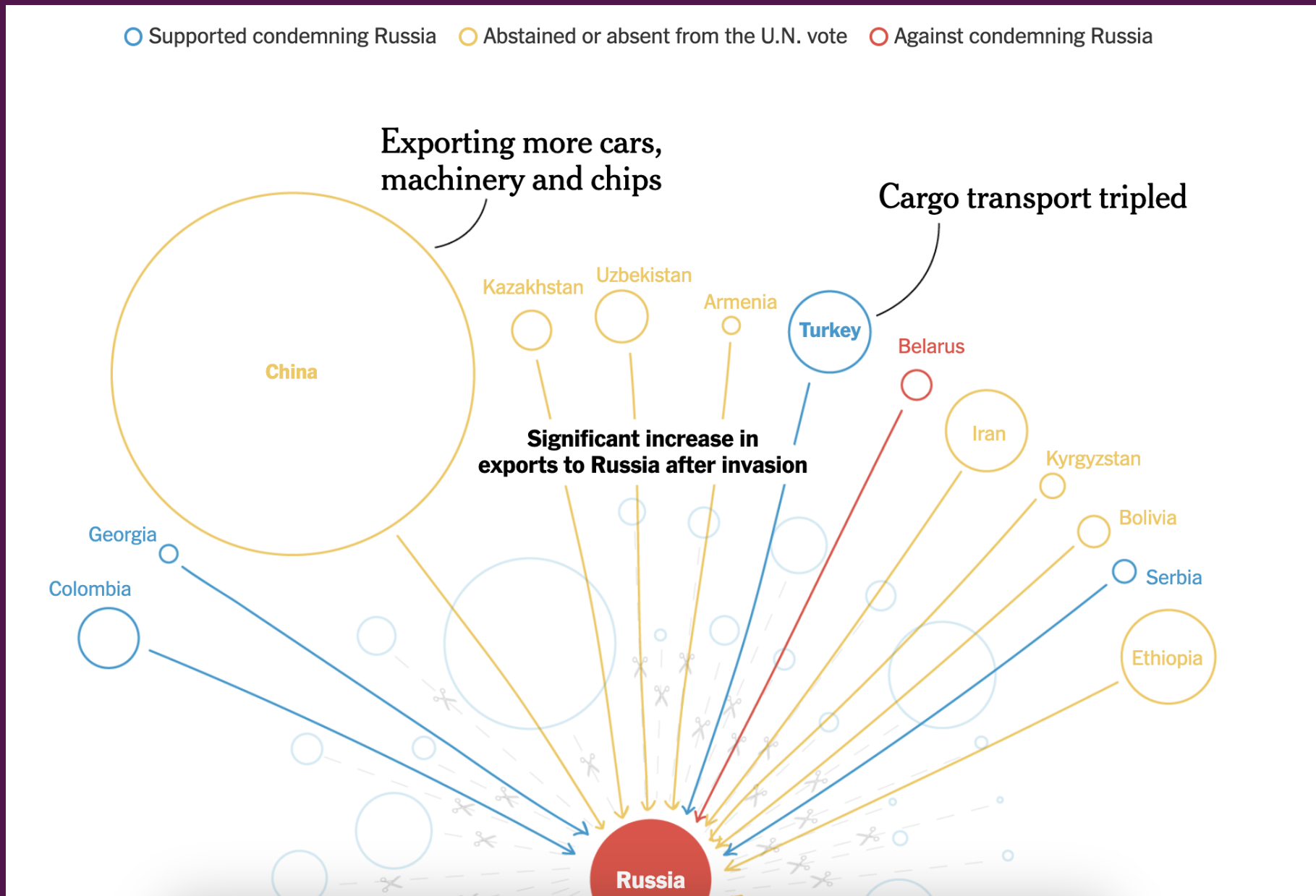
- No, you should probably just split them up
- Annotations are *not* an excuse for lack of curation
- I bet every one of your visuals could be 2-3 smaller graphics
- But sure, okay, annotate it, it'll help



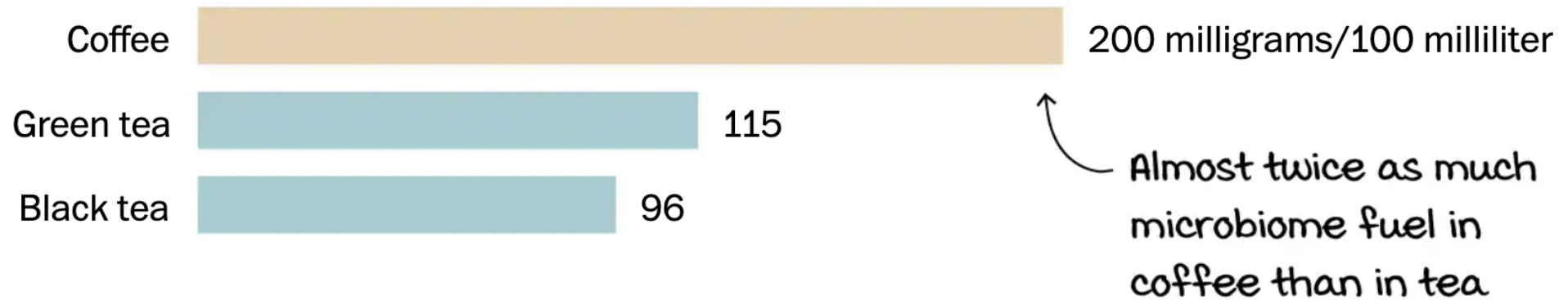
## Simple graphics?

- Honestly, you can annotate anything
- Provides a “thought about” or “lived in” a feel





## Polyphenol concentration





# How to annotate

**Flourish:** Use the pencil icon - [details here](#)

**Datawrapper:** Annotations tab – [details here](#)

- **Bonus:** you can also use them to add measurement types for axes

**Altair:** `mark_text` (potentially with `transform_filter`)

A few links at <https://jonathansoma.com/everything/visuals/annotations/>

# Bonus wisdom

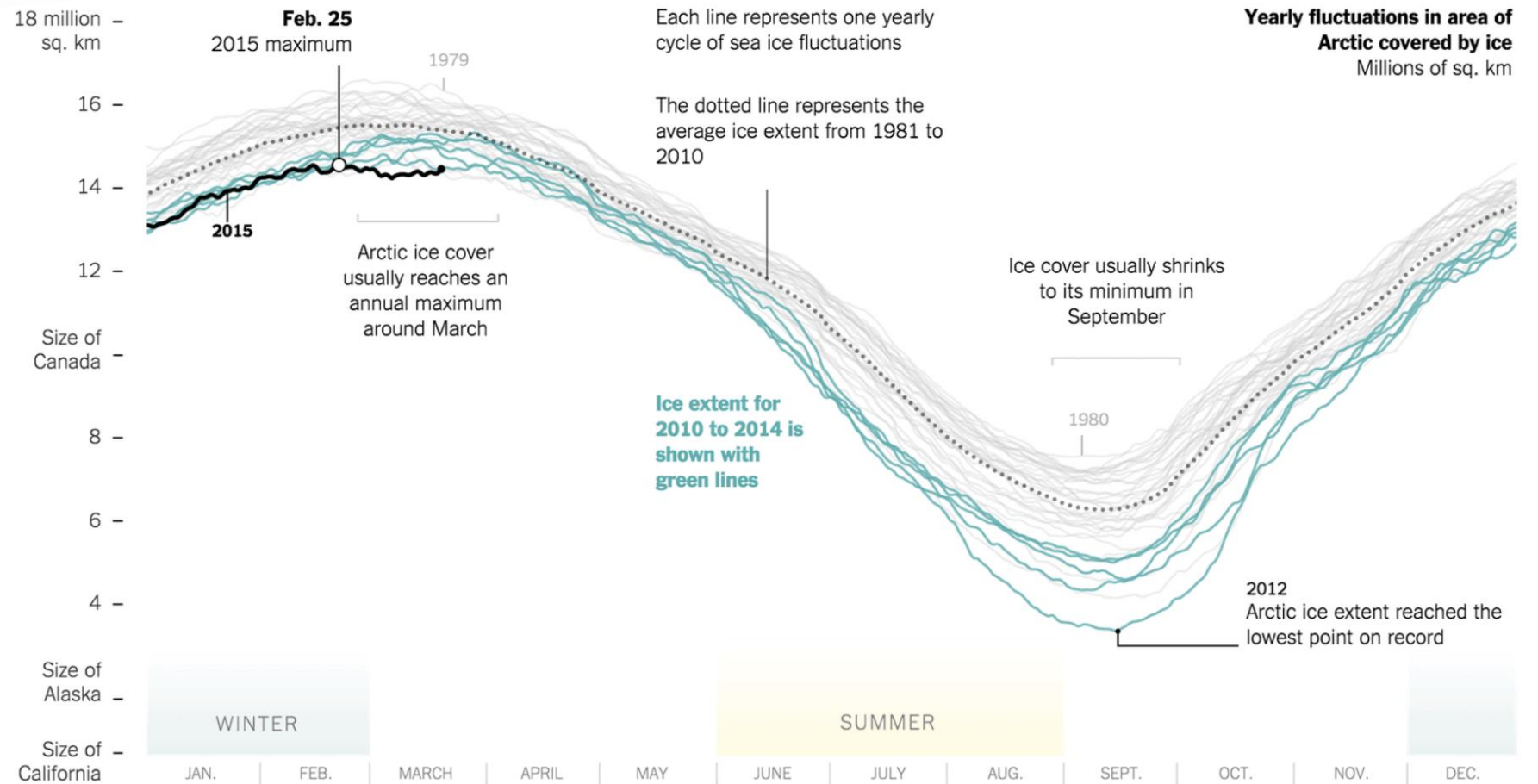
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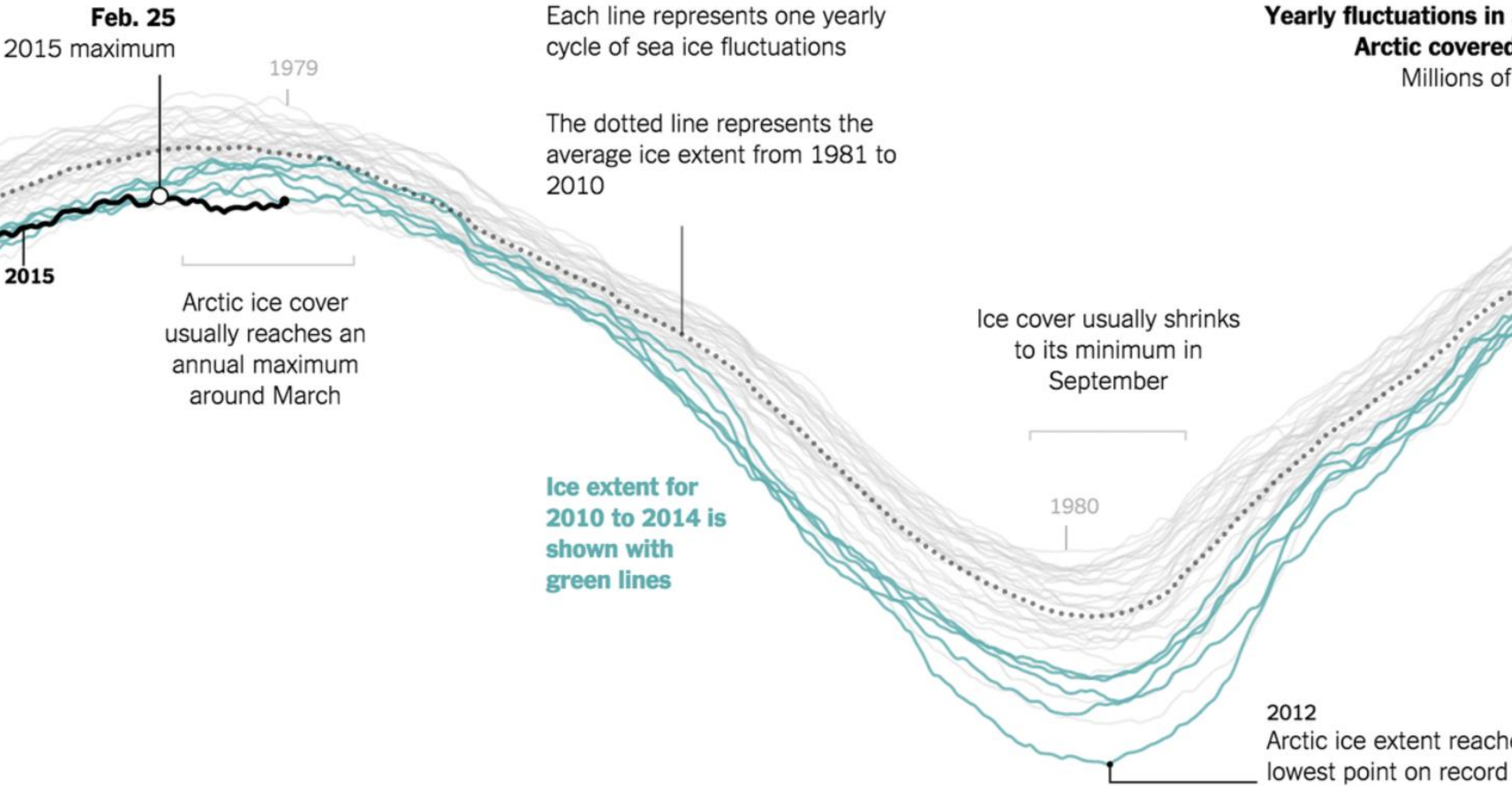


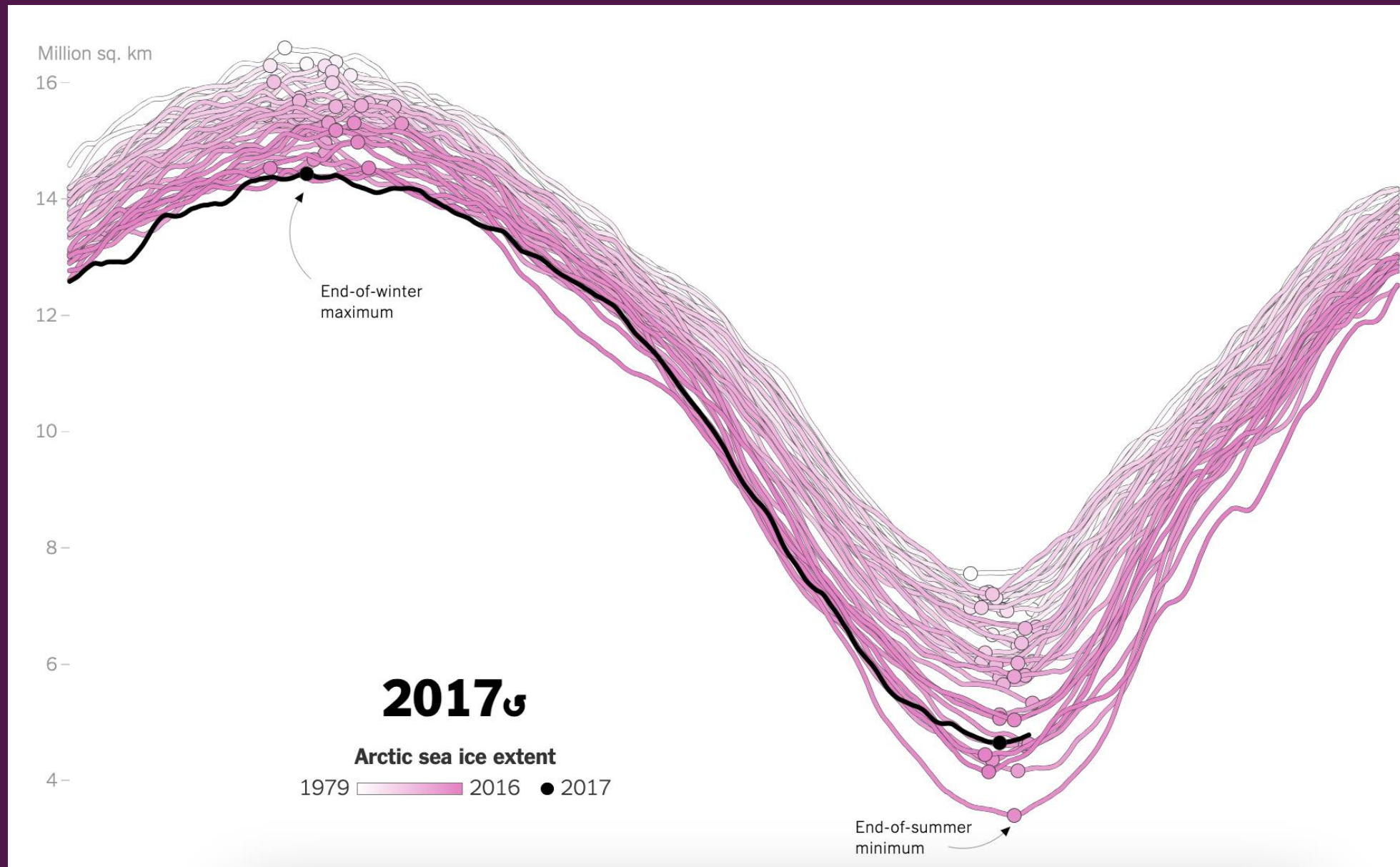
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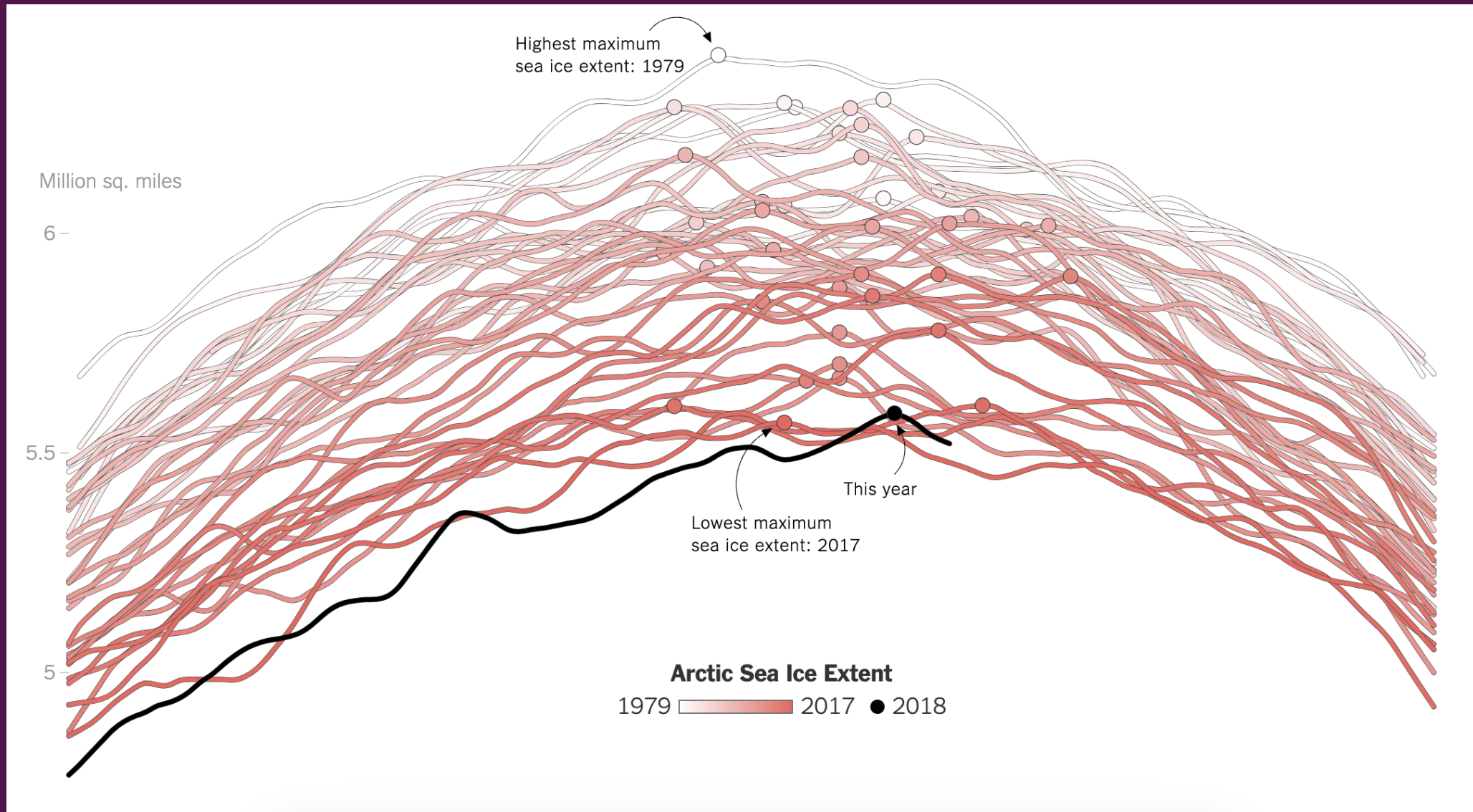


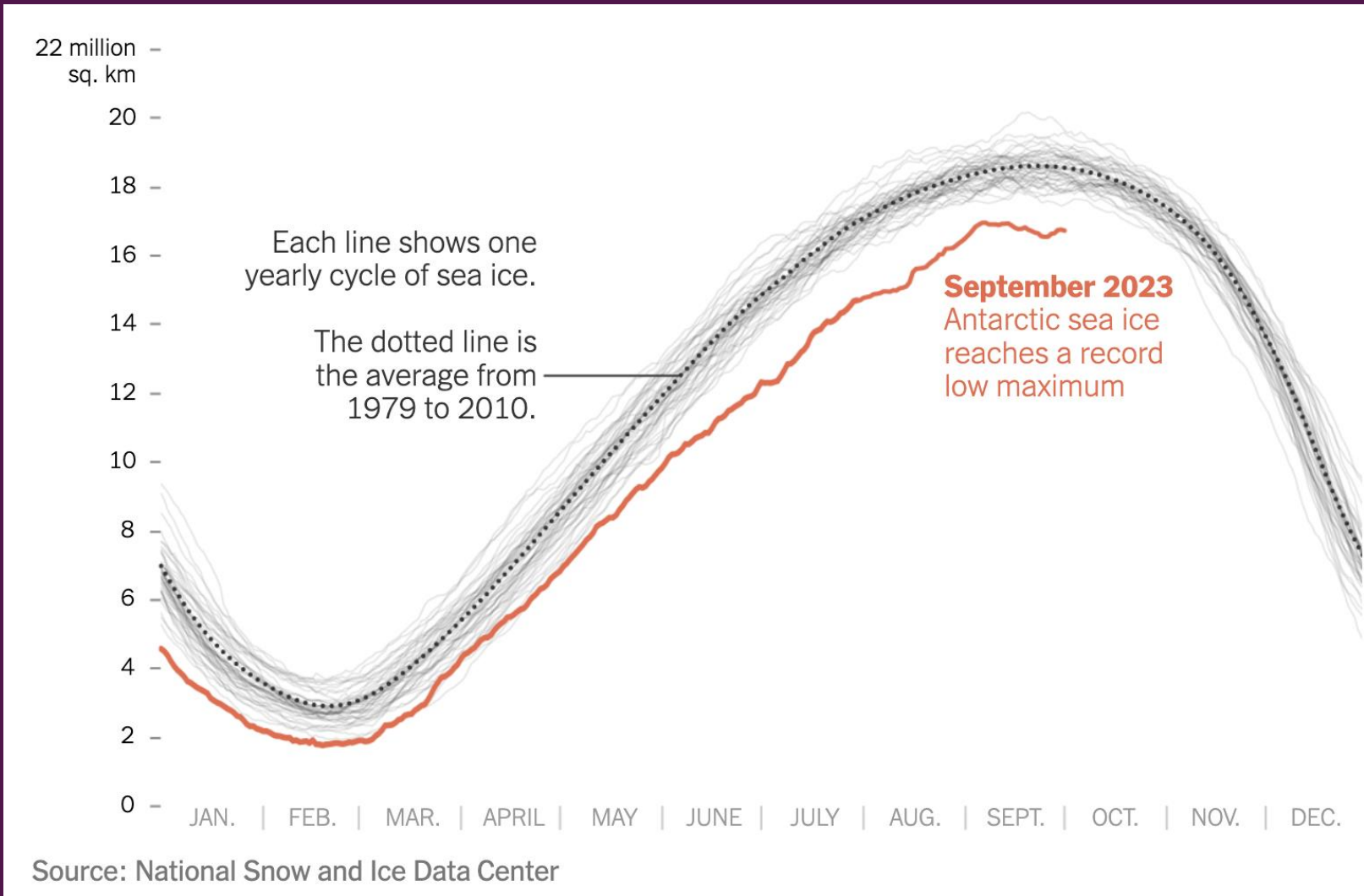




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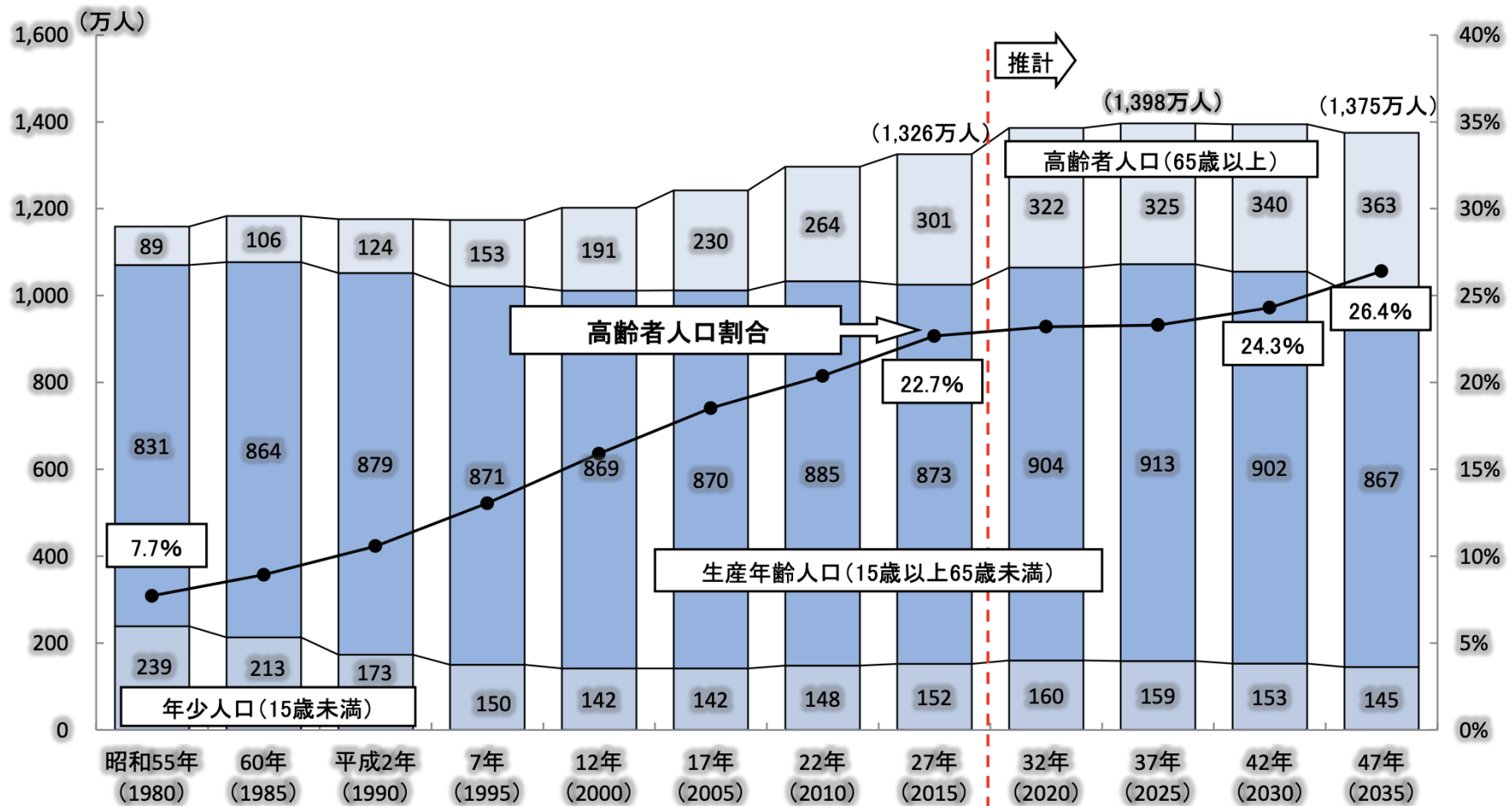


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What would *you* do?



## Deviation

Emphasize variations (+/-) from a fixed reference point. Typically the reference point is zero but it can also be a target or a long-term average. Can also be used to show sentiment (positive/negative).

**Example FT uses**  
Trade surplus/deficit, climate change

### Diverging bar

A simple standard bar chart that can handle both negative and positive magnitude values.

### Diverging stacked bar

Perfect for presenting survey results which involve sentiment (eg disagree/neutral/agree).

### Spine

Splits a single value into two contrasting components (eg male/female).

### Surplus/deficit filled line

The shaded area of these charts allows a balance to be shown - either against a baseline or between two series.

## Correlation

Show the relationship between two or more variables. Be mindful that, unless you tell them otherwise, many readers will assume the relationships you show them to be causal (i.e. one causes the other).

**Example FT uses**  
Inflation and unemployment, income and life expectancy

### Scatterplot

The standard way to show the relationship between two continuous variables, each of which has its own axis.

### Column + line timeline

A good way of showing the relationship between an amount (columns) and a rate (line).

### Connected scatterplot

Usually used to show how the relationship between 2 variables has changed over time.

### Bubble

Like a scatterplot, but adds additional detail by sizing the circles according to a third variable.

### XY heatmap

A good way of showing the patterns between 2 categories of data, less effective at showing fine differences in amounts.

## Ranking

Use where an item's position in an ordered list is more important than its absolute or relative value. Don't be afraid to highlight the points of interest.

**Example FT uses**  
Wealth, deprivation, league tables, constituency election results

### Ordered bar

Standard bar charts display the ranks of values much more easily when sorted into order.

### Ordered column

See above.

### Ordered proportional symbol

Use when there are big variations between values and/or seeing fine differences between data is not so important.

### Dot strip plot

Dots placed in order on a strip are a space-efficient method of laying out ranks across multiple categories.

### Slope

Perfect for showing how ranks have changed over time or vary between categories.

### Lollipop

Lollipops draw more attention to the data value than standard bar/columns and can also show rank and value effectively.

### Bump

Effective for showing changing rankings across multiple dates. For large datasets, consider grouping lines using colour.

## Distribution

Show values in a dataset and how often they occur. The shape (or 'view') of a distribution can be a memorable way of highlighting the lack of uniformity or equality in the data.

**Example FT uses**  
Income distribution, population (age/sex) distribution, revealing inequality

### Histogram

The standard way to show a statistical distribution - keep the gaps between columns small to highlight the 'shape' of the data.

### Dot plot

A simple way of showing the relationship over time - but usually best with only one series of data at a time.

### Dot strip plot

Good for showing individual values in a distribution, can be a problem when an amount (columns) and a rate (line).

### Barcode plot

Like dot strip plots, good for displaying all the data in a table, they work best when highlighting individual values.

### Boxplot

Summarise multiple distributions by showing the median (centre) and range of the data.

### Violin plot

Similar to a box plot but more effective with complex distributions (data that cannot be summarised with simple averages).

### Population pyramid

A standard way for showing the age and sex breakdown of a population distribution, effectively, back to basic histograms.

### Cumulative curve

A good way of showing how unequal a distribution is - y axis is always cumulative frequency, x axis is always a measure.

### Frequency polygons

For displaying multiple distributions of data. Like a regular line chart, best limited to a maximum of 3 or 4 datasets.

### Beeswarm

Use to emphasise individual points in a distribution. Points can be sized to an additional variable. Best with medium-sized datasets.

## Change over Time

Give emphasis to changing trends. These can be short (intra-day) movements or extended series (travelling decades or centuries). Choosing the correct time period is important to provide useful context for the reader.

**Example FT uses**  
Share price movements, economic time series, sectoral changes in a market

### Line

The standard way to show a changing time series. If data are irregular, consider markers to represent data points.

### Column

Columns work well for showing change over time - but usually best with only one series of data at a time.

### Column + line timeline

A good way of showing the relationship over time between an amount (columns) and a rate (line).

### Slope

Good for showing changing data as long as the data can be simplified into 2 or 3 points without missing a key part of story.

### Area chart

Use with care - these are good at showing changes to total, but seeing change in components can be very difficult.

### Candlestick

Usually focused on day-to-day activity, these charts show opening/closing and high/low points of each day.

### Fan chart (projection)

Use to show the uncertainty in future projections - usually this grows the further forward to projection.

### Connected scatterplot

A good way of showing changing data for two variables whenever there is a relatively clear pattern of progression.

### Calendar heatmap

A great way of showing temporal patterns (daily, weekly, monthly) - at the expense of showing precision in quantity.

### Priestley timeline

Great when date and duration are key elements of the story in the data.

### Circle timeline

Good for showing

## Magnitude

Show size comparisons. These can be relative (just being able to see larger/smaller) or absolute (need to use few differences). Usually these show a 'counted' number (for example, barrels, dollars or people) rather than a calculated rate or per cent.

**Example FT uses**  
Commodity production, market capitalisation, volumes in general

### Column

The standard way of showing the size of things. Must always start at 0 on the axis.

### Bar

See above. Good when the data are not time series and labels have long category names.

### Paired column

As per standard column but allows for multiple series. Can become tricky to read with more than 2 series.

### Paired bar

See above.

### Marimekko

A good way of showing the size and proportion of data at the same time - as long as the data are not too complicated.

### Proportional symbol

Use when there are big variations between values and/or seeing fine differences between data is not so important.

### Isotype (pictogram)

Excellent solution in some instances - use only with whole numbers (do not size of an arm to represent a decimal).

### Lollipop

Lollipop charts draw more attention to the data value than standard bar/columns - but not as good as zero (but preferable).

### Radar

A space-efficient way of showing multiple variables - but make sure they are organised in a way that makes sense to reader.

### Parallel coordinates

An alternative to radar charts - again, the arrangement of the variables is important. Usually benefits from highlighting values.

### Butter

Good for showing a

## Part-to-whole

Show how a single entity can be broken down into its component elements. If the reader's interest is solely in the size of the components, consider a magnitude-type chart instead.

**Example FT uses**  
Fiscal budgets, company structures, national election results

### Stacked column/bar

A simple way of showing part-to-whole relationships but can be difficult to read with more than a few components.

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### Pie

A common way of showing part-to-whole data - but be aware that it's difficult to accurately compare the size of the segments.

### Donut

Similar to a pie chart - but the centre can be a good way of making space to include more information about the data (eg total).

### Tree map

Use for hierarchical part-to-whole relationships, can be difficult to read when there are many small segments.

### Voronoi

A way of turning points into areas - any point within each area is closer to the central point than any other centroid.

### Arc

A hemicycle, often used for visualising parliamentary composition by number of seats.

### Gridplot

Good for showing % data value when used on whole numbers and work well in small multiple layout form.

### Venn

Generally only used for schematic representation.

### Waterfall

Can be useful for showing part-to-whole relationships where some of the components are negative.

## Spatial

Avoid from locator maps only used when precise locations or geographical patterns in data are more important to the reader than anything else.

**Example FT uses**  
Population density, natural resource locations, natural disaster risk/impact, catchment areas, variation in election results

### Basic choropleth (rate/ratio)

The standard approach for putting data on a map - should always be rates rather than totals and use a sensible base geography.

### Proportional symbol (count/magnitude)

Use for totals rather than rates - be wary that small differences in data will be hard to see.

### Flow map

For showing unambiguous movement across a map.

### Contour map

For showing areas of equal value on a map. Can use deviation colour schemes for showing +/- values.

### Equalised cartogram

Converting each unit on a map to a regular and equally-sized shape - good for representing voting regions with equal value.

### Scaled cartogram (value)

Stretching and shrinking a map so that each area is sized according to a particular value.

### Dot density

Used to show the location of individual events/locations - make sure to annotate any patterns the reader should see.

### Heat map

Grid based data values mapped with an intensity colour scale. As choropleth map - but not mapped to an administrative unit.

## Flow

Show the reader volumes or intensity of movement between two or more states or conditions. These might be logical sequences or geographical locations.

**Example FT uses**  
Movement of funds, trade, migrants, lawsuits, information; relationship graphs.

### Sankey

Shows changes in flows from one condition to at least one other; good for tracing the eventual outcome of a complex process.

### Waterfall

Designed to show the sequencing of data through a flow process, typically budgets. Can include +/- components.

### Chord

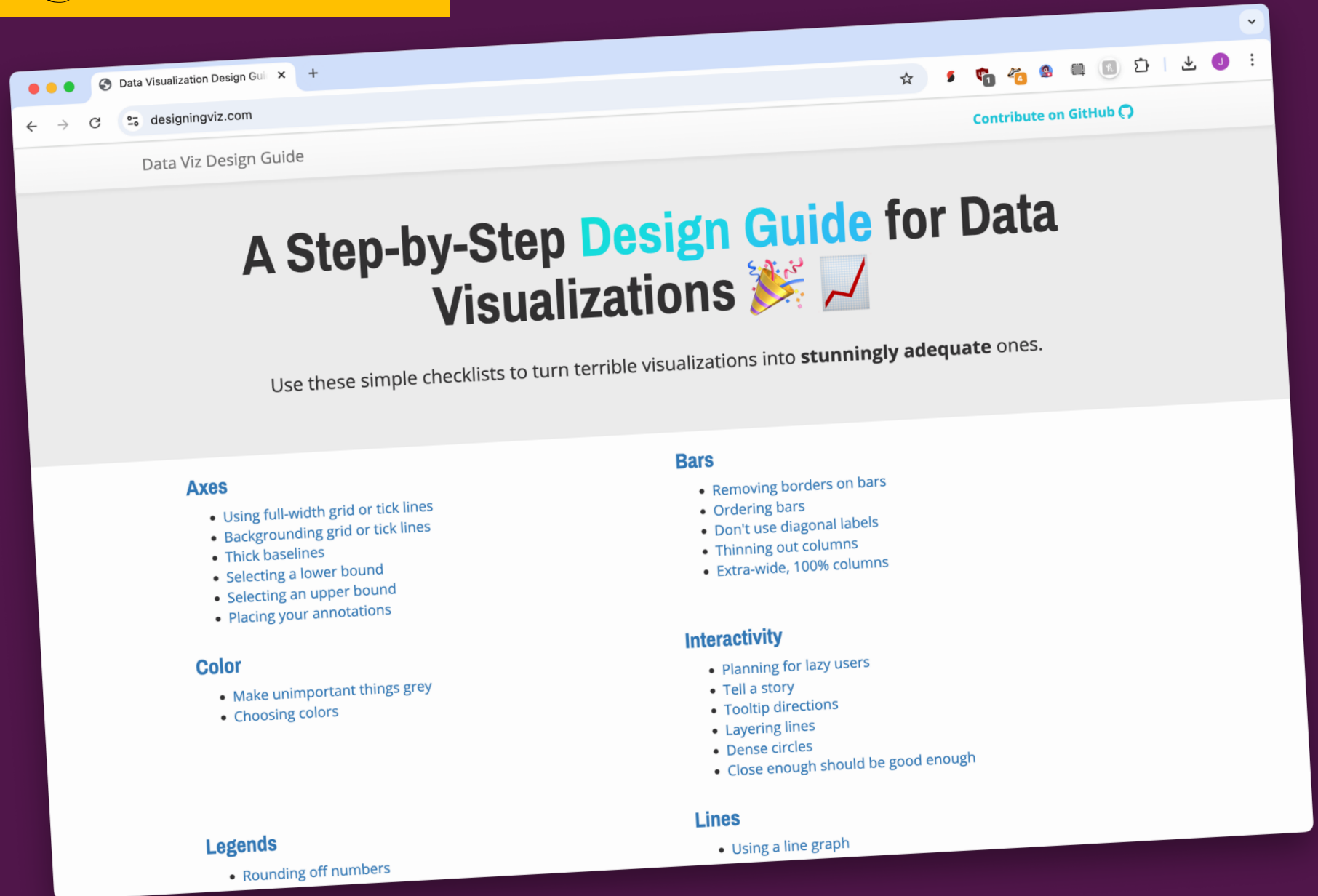
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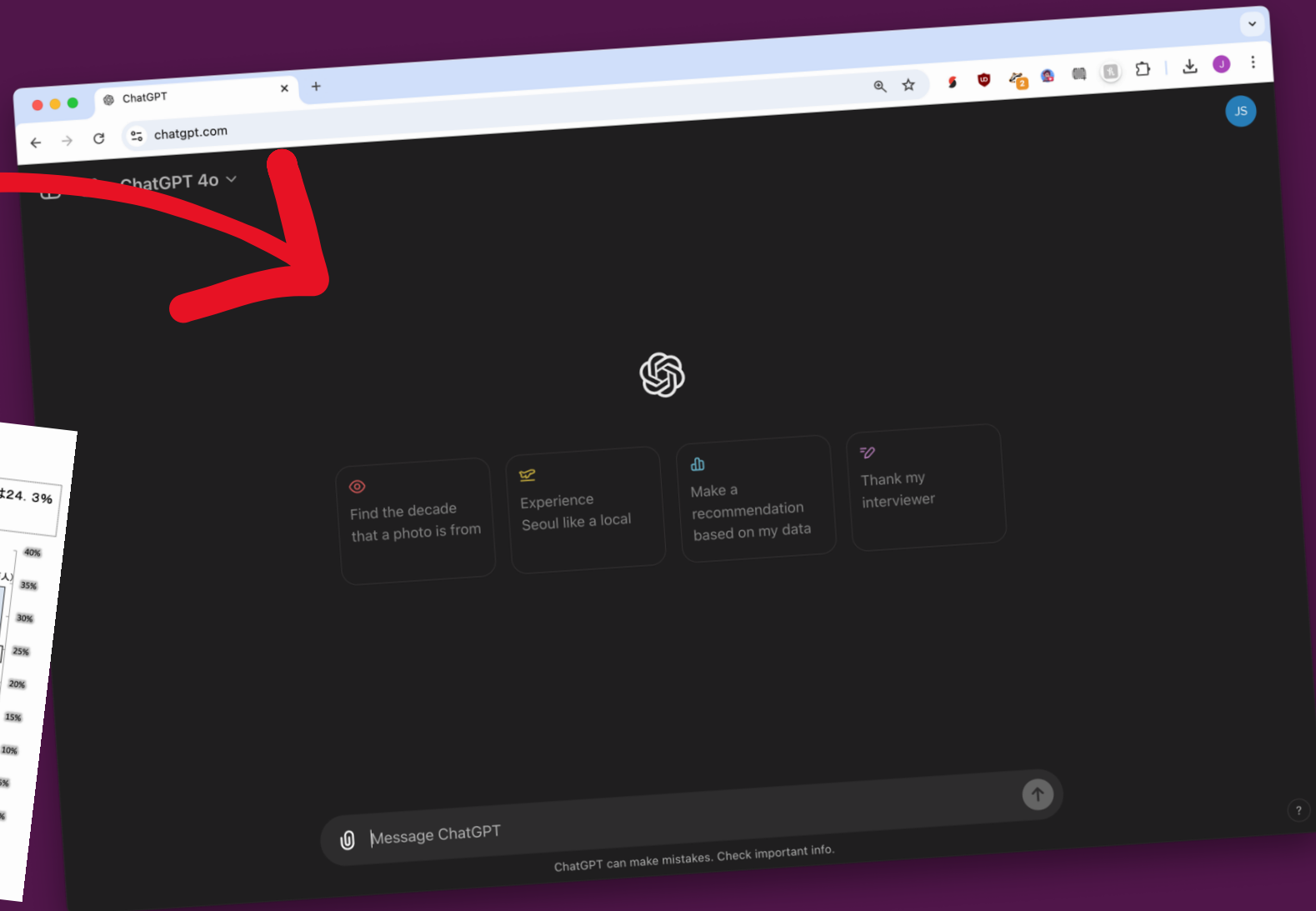
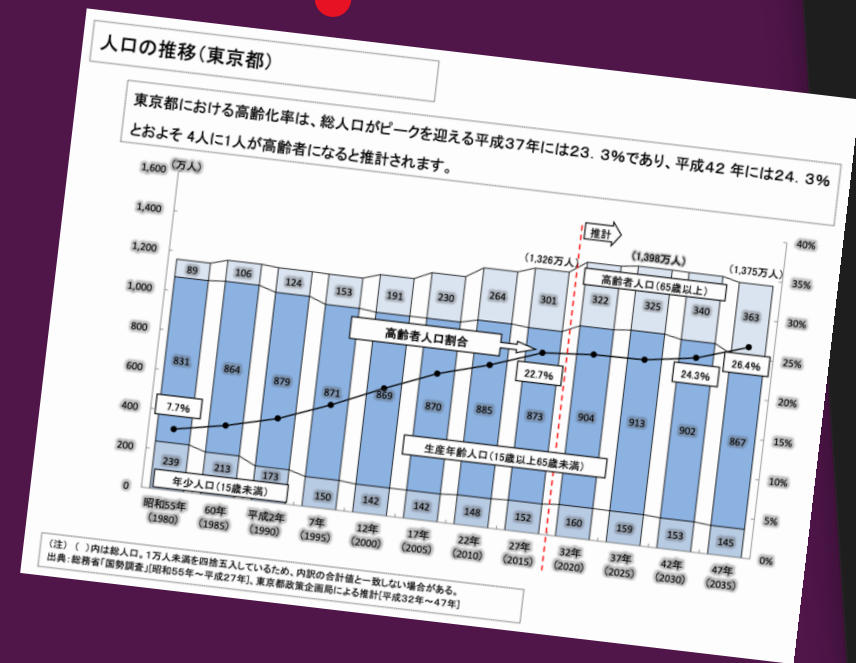
### Network

Used for showing the strength and inter-connectedness of relationships of varying types.

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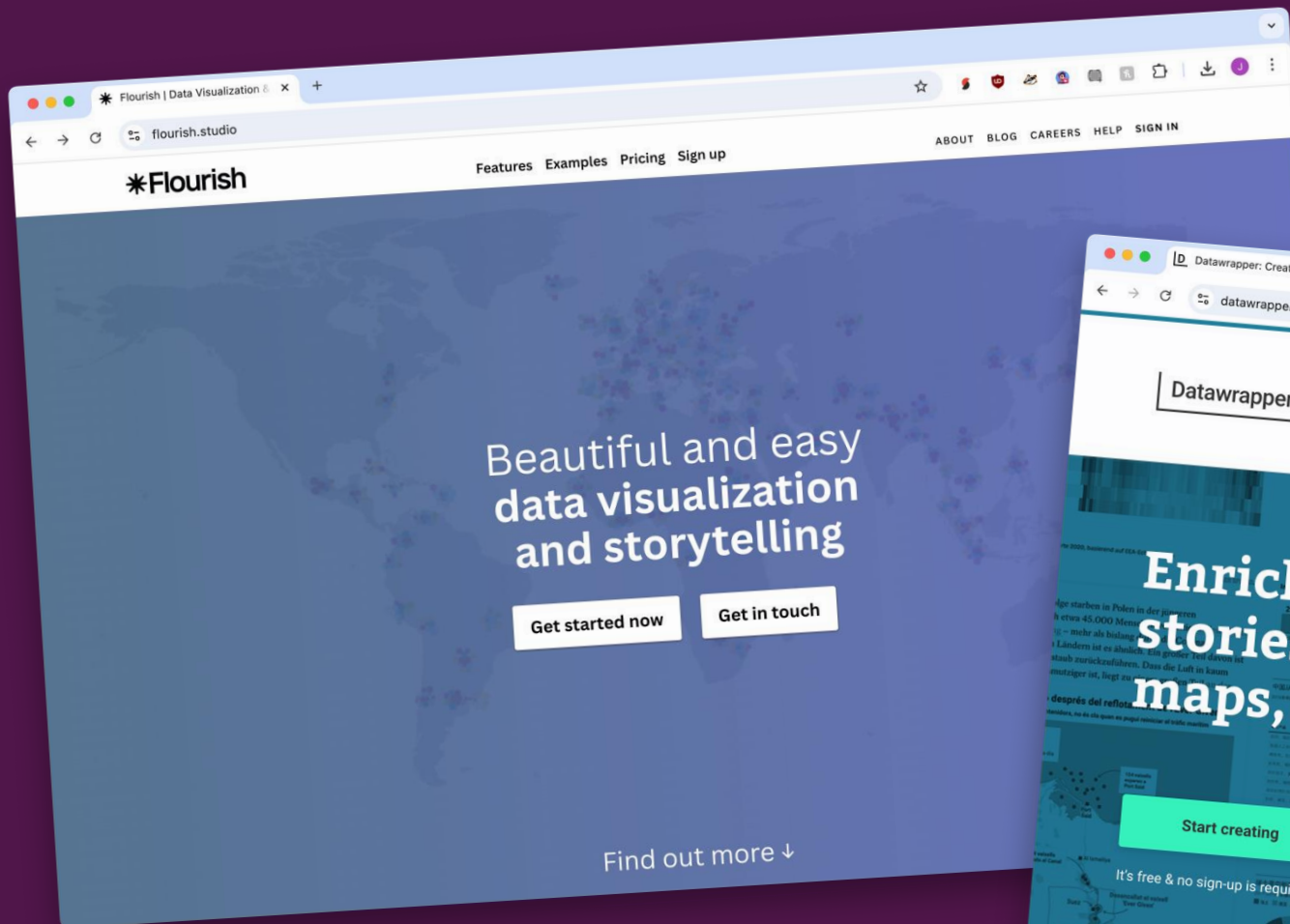




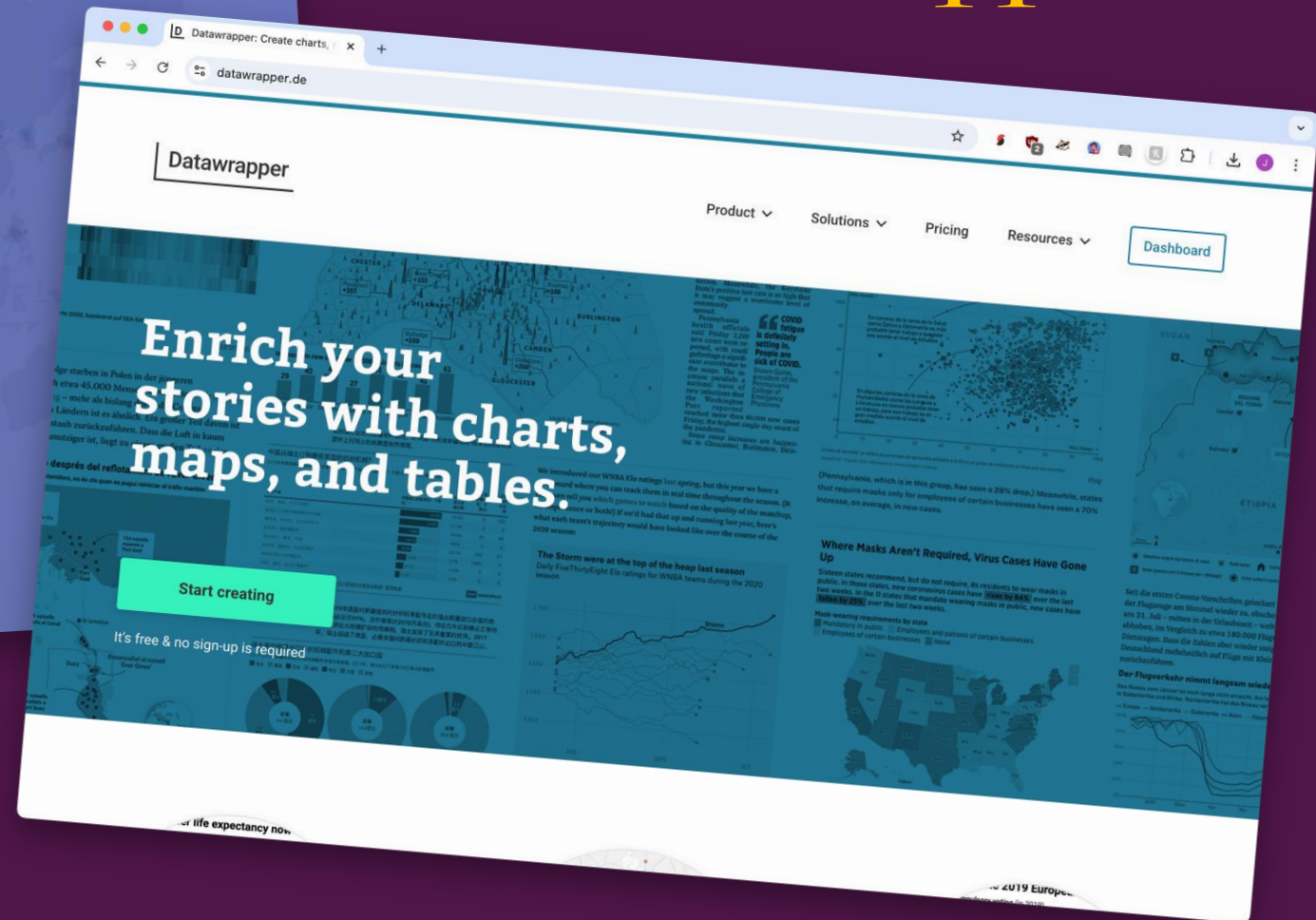
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2010	150	710	230	1090	21.1
2015	140	664	264	1068	24.7
2020	124	640	322	1086	29.7
2025	145	602	325	1072	30.3
2030	140	570	340	1050	32.4
2035	137	536	353	1026	34.4
2040	125	513	360	998	36.1
2045	114	495	363	972	37.4

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and **ask for a table of data**





# Flourish



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