Introduction to Visualization

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This worksheet is about combining different tools to create an infographic. The main focus is on Step 4, where you use a visual tool to combine graphics and text into a finished product.

Note: Distribute the tasks among your group members. Steps 1 and 2 may be interchanged.

- 1. Choose an audience from one of the following.
 - children in elementary school
 - third-year students in university
 - new employees in a startup
 - the board of directors of a large corporation
 - ... or describe your own audience
- 2. Choose a dataset from the given sample data (or data you find online).
 - (a) You may modify the given data (or data you find), for example:
 - take a subset of of the given rows / columns
 - consider relative instead of absolute changes (if the data has a time component)
 - (b) Create a chart from the dataset using one of the tools we have seen so far, including:
 - Google Sheets / Microsoft Excel
 - Power BI
 - Python / matplotlib
- 3. Craft a message that delivers the main point of the data to your audience. Include:
 - a clear, short title (a few words)
 - an honest, not misleading description of the data (a few sentences)
 - a call to attention, or a call to action that speaks to your audience (a few sentences)
- 4. Choose a tool to combine your visual and your text.
 - Canva (suggestion: begin with the "Infographic" template)
 - Figma (suggestion: use the "Explore Community" button, search for "Infographic")
 - Infogram (suggestion: begin with one of the "Infographics" templates)
- 5. Adjust the details of your infographic. Read about:
 - choice of typeface and font: threadreaderapp.com/thread/1531766604626857989.html
 - using color effectively: threadreaderapp.com/thread/1531651972776054785.html
 - fonts, color, audience, layouts: in the books provided
- 6. Submit your infographic in the submission spot for today on ORTUS.