

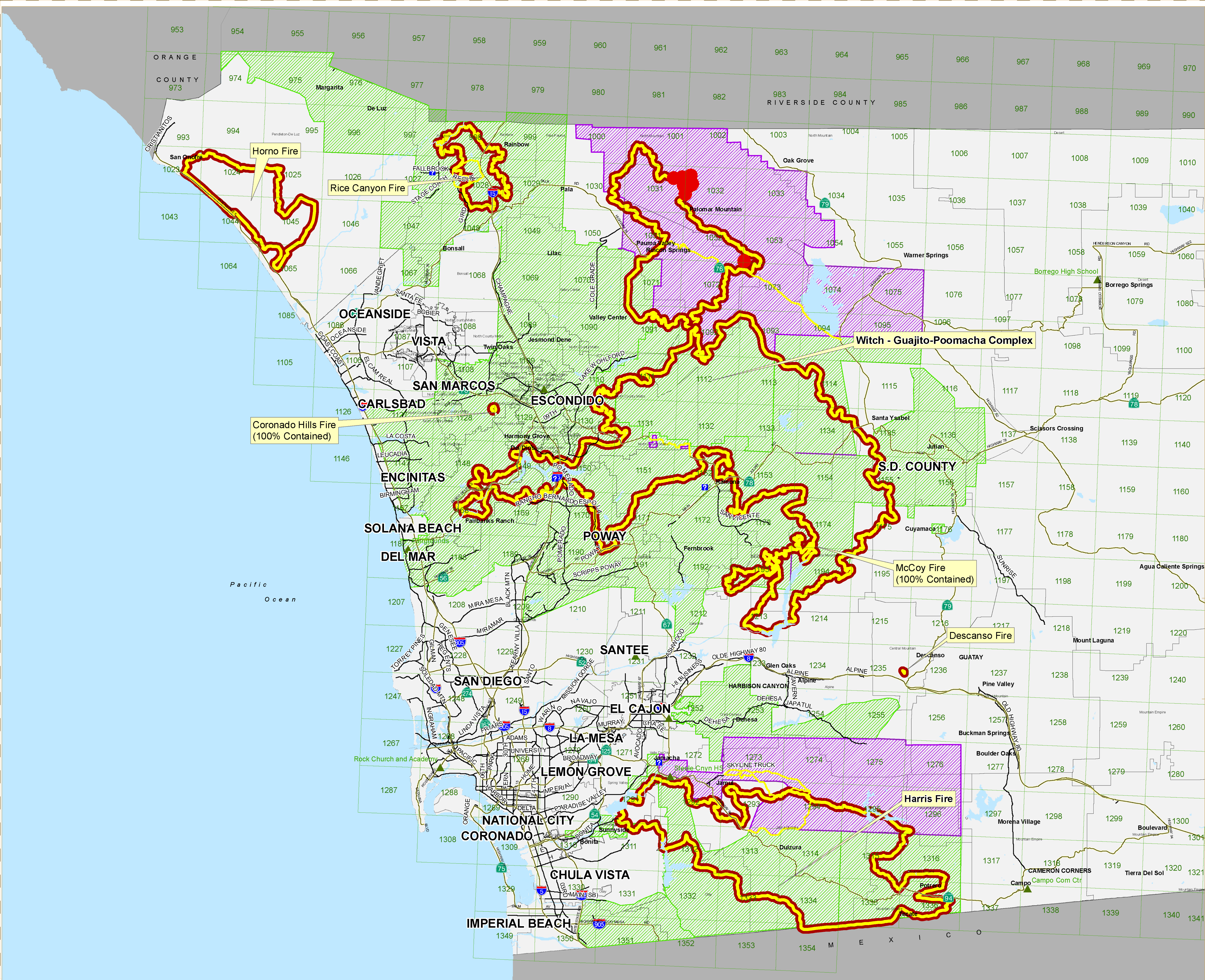
# Visualizing Data for the Masses: Information Graphics at The New York Times

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San Diego Active Fires  
Last 24 Hours  
1430 Hrs UPDATE  
October 27, 2007

Perimeters from:  
MODIS Satellite Data  
0600 10/27/2007,  
WebEOC information,  
City of San Diego Fire.

Local Assistance Centers

Shelters

Road Closures

Freeways

Major Roads

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Lakes

Approx. Active Burn areas

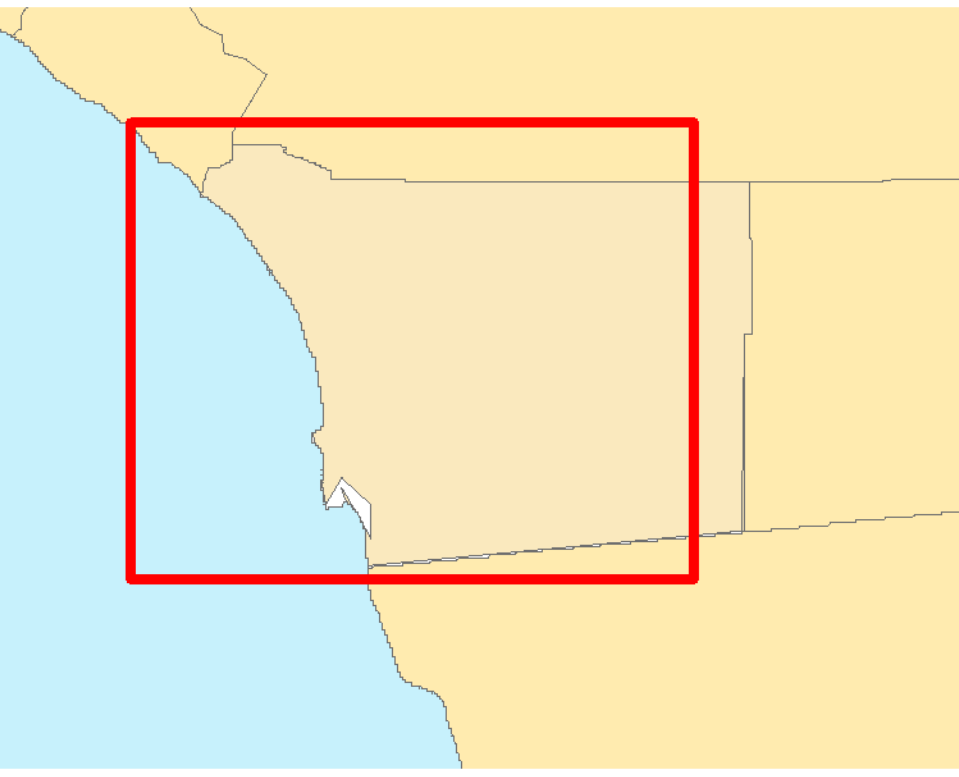
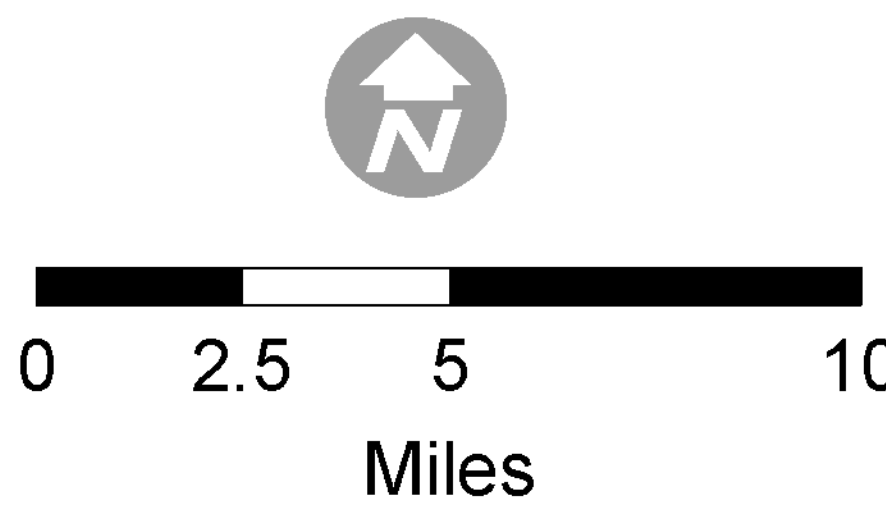
Approx. Fire Perimeters

Approx. Mandatory Evac. Areas

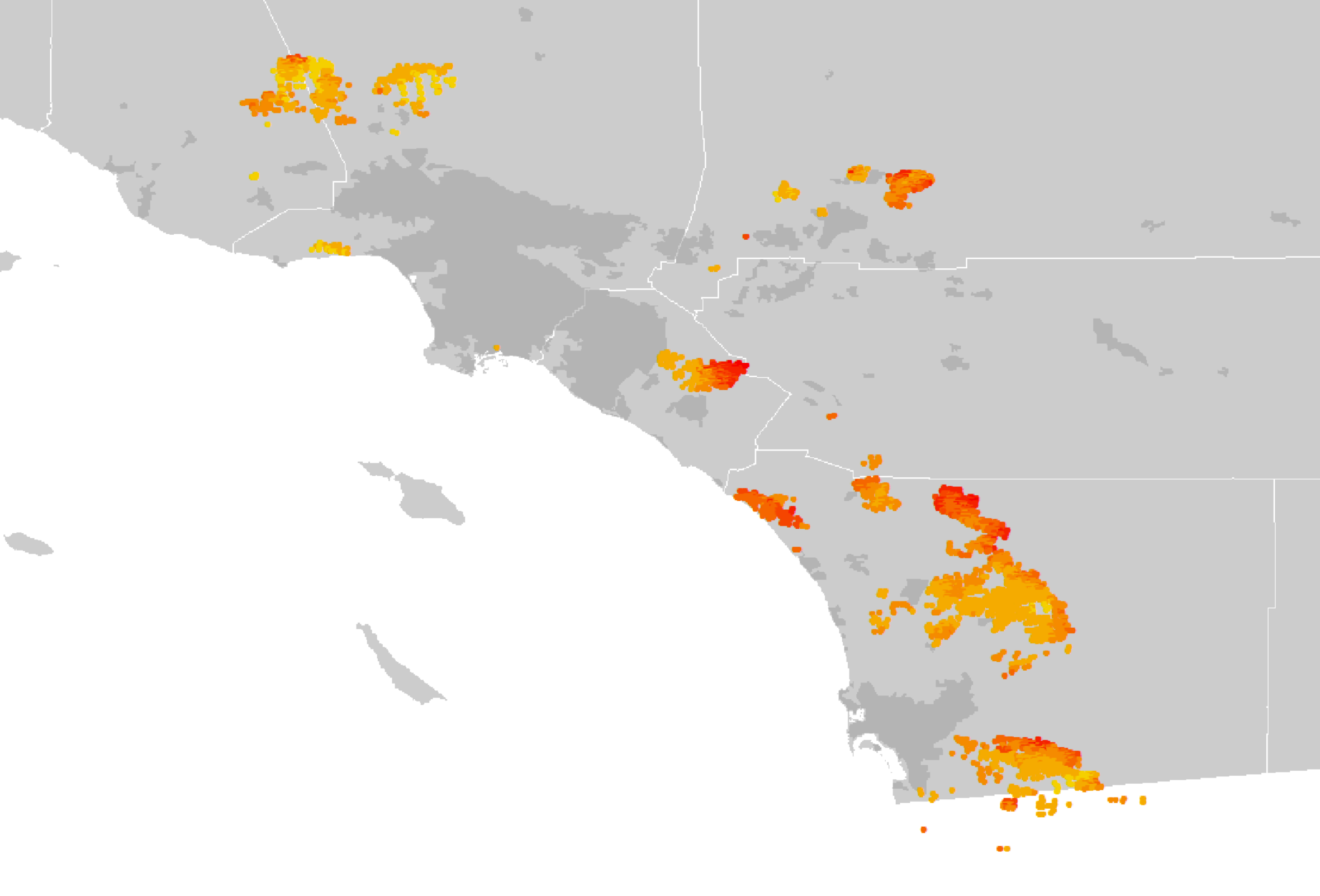
Approx. Re-Opened Areas

Data Source: SanGIS

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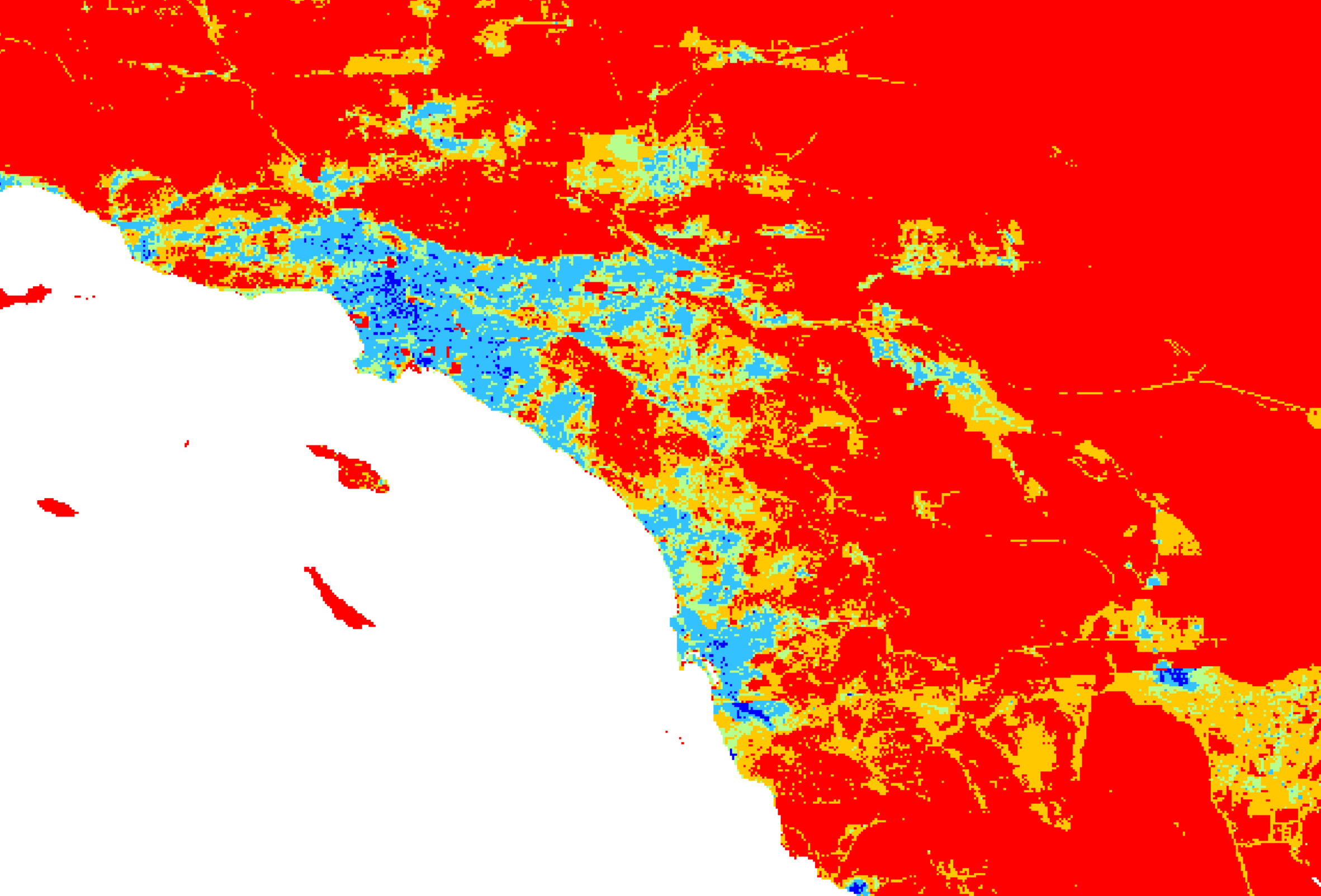






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**Unincorporated County of San Diego • October 2007 Wildfire Rebuild Information**  
**Confirmed Damaged or Destroyed Structures\* (Residential & Non-Residential)**

Field Assessments Performed October 23rd through the 26th 2007

**If your property was damaged by the wildfires but does not appear on this list, please call the DPLU Building Division Wildfire Hotline at (858) 694-3876 before clearing your property. Please also contact FEMA and your insurance company before clearing.**

Date	Incident Name	Street Number	Street Name		Unit No.	City/Community	Zip	Extent of Damage**	Assessor Parcel Number
10-26-2007	WITCH	24901	AGRARIAN	RD		RAMONA		DES	2860204000
10-25-2007	WITCH	25027	AGRARIAN	RD		RAMONA		DES	2860204400
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San Diego County Fires - KPBS Online

Fire perimeters are based on County Emergency Operations Center data and will be updated twice daily by a team of volunteers from the SDSU Geography department. Time stamps are now provided on information. Older data is included as a history of fire-related activities.

Live updates via Twitter:  
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http://maps.sdsu.edu  
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Evacuation Center Full

Campo Community Center is at capacity --

Harris Fire

The Harris Fire is 84,000 acres and 20%

Evacuation Center: Encinitas Community Center

Last Updated by KPBS Online yesterday

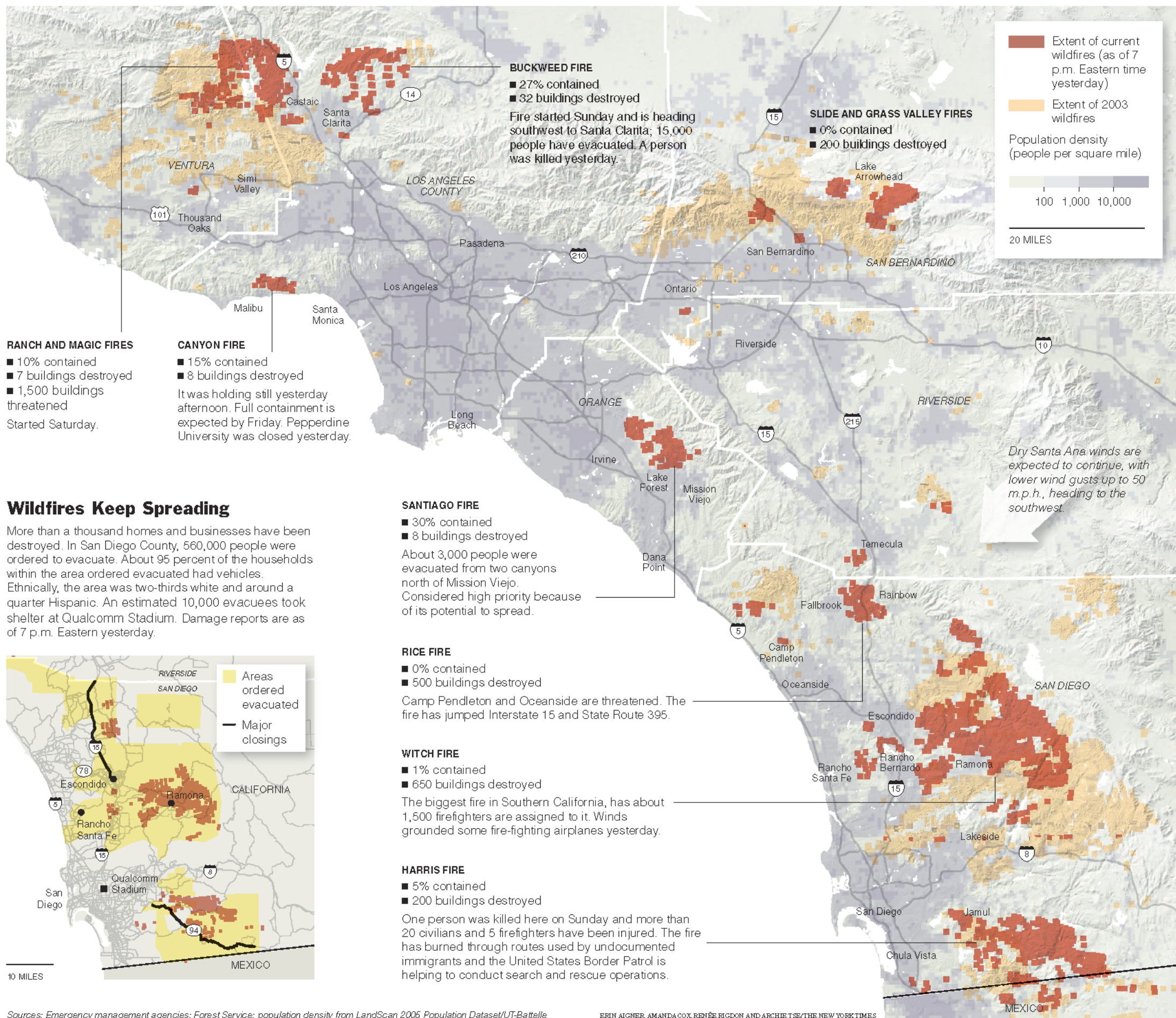
Encinitas Senior and Community Center is closed. [ 1140 Oak Crest Park Drive ] -- 11:00 a.m. Oct 25

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Land parcels on which homes were:

- Destroyed
- Damaged

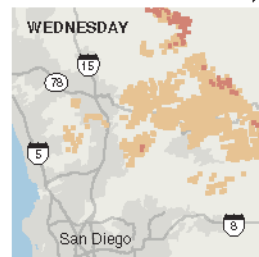
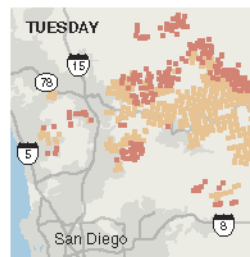
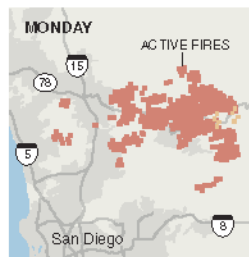
1/2 mile



## Destruction in One Hard-Hit Community

About 300 of the 1,500 homes destroyed so far in the fires in Southern California were in Rancho Bernardo, a section of San Diego with about 65,000 people and a median household income around \$75,000. City Councilman Brian Maienschein and his staff conducted a survey of homes in the community.

HOW THE WITCH FIRE SPREAD ▼

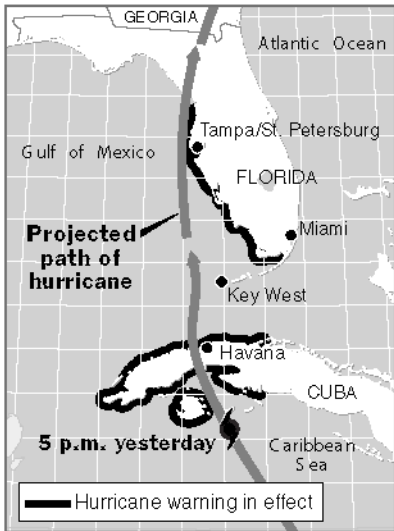


Sources: United States Forest Service (fire spread); SanGIS (parcel data)

AMANDA COX, RENÉE RIGDON AND ARCHIE TSE/THE NEW YORK TIMES; IMAGE FROM EUROPA TECHNOLOGIES, VIA GOOGLE EARTH

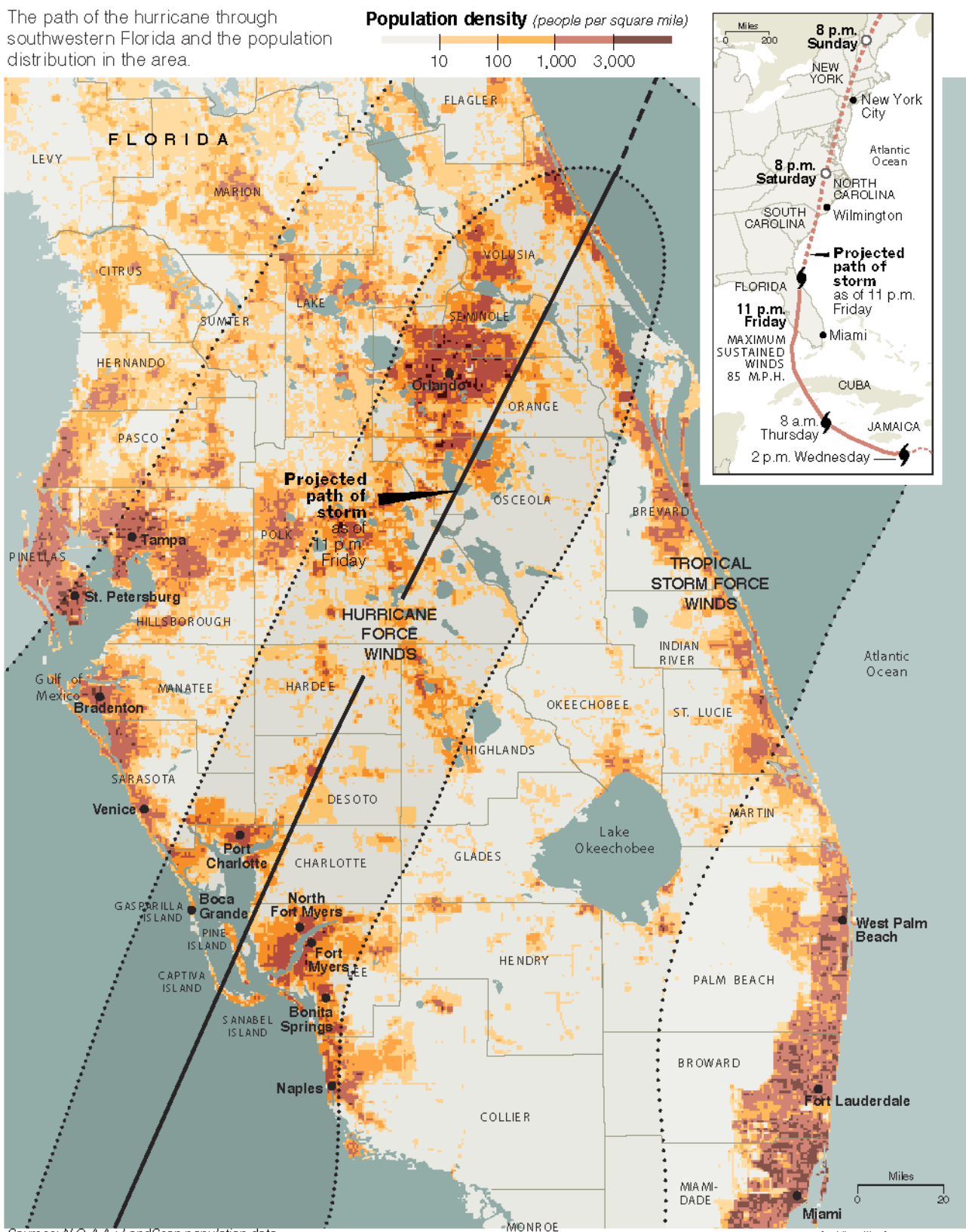


What  
We Do





The path of the hurricane through southwestern Florida and the population distribution in the area.



## Same Book, Lower Price

The same college textbooks used in the United States can often be purchased for much less from Britain, even after factoring in the cost of shipping.



Some examples:

	<b>Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry</b>	<b>Physics, Volume 1</b>	<b>Macroeconomics</b>	<b>Linear System Theory and Design</b>
AMAZON.COM	\$146.15	\$93.75	\$114.00	\$110.00
AMAZON.CO.UK	\$71.53	\$63.37	\$71.78	\$49.81
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>\$74.62</b>	<b>\$30.38</b>	<b>\$42.22</b>	<b>\$60.19</b>

Domestic shipping is free for orders over \$25 on Amazon.com, though there are some exceptions. British prices have been converted to dollars and include shipping to the United States.





Sources: Amazon.com; Amazon.co.uk



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## Comparing Caviars

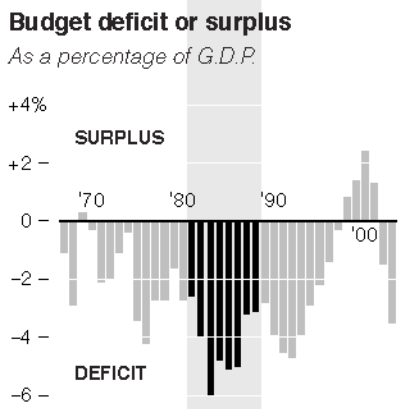
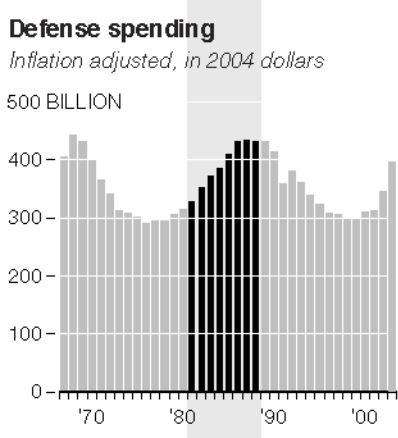
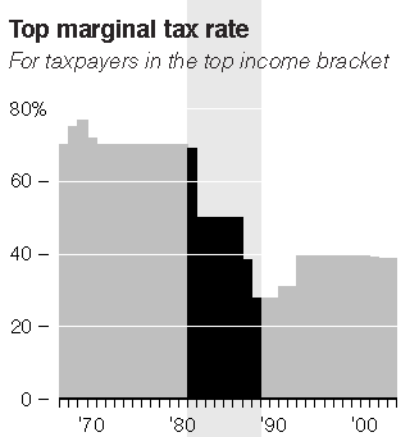
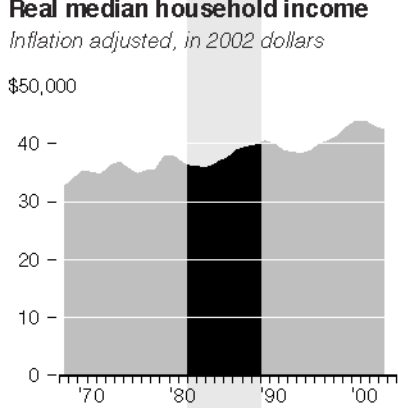
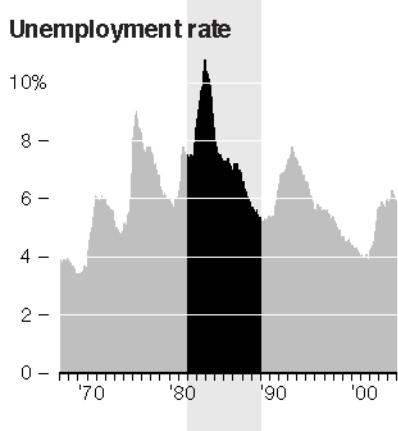
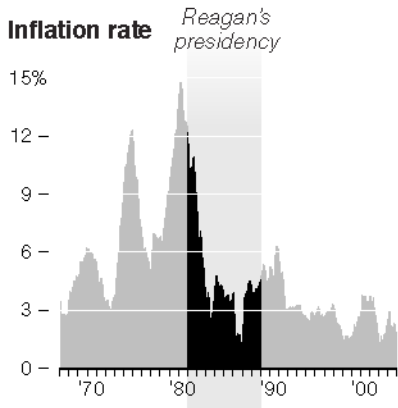
How American paddlefish roe compares with traditional caviar, which comes from sturgeon in Russia or Iran.

TYPE OF CAVIAR	SIZE OF FISH		SIZE OF EGG	COLOR OF EGG	COST PER OUNCE
Beluga	8-20 feet		● 2.5-4.0 mm	Gray	\$35-70
Osetra	5-8 feet		● 2.0-3.0 mm	Golden to brown	25-55
Sevruga	3-5 feet		● 1.5-2.5 mm	Gray or brown	15-30
Paddlefish	5 feet		● 2.2-2.4 mm	Dark gray	5-15

Sources: American Seafood; Great Atlantic Trading

# Assessing Reaganomics

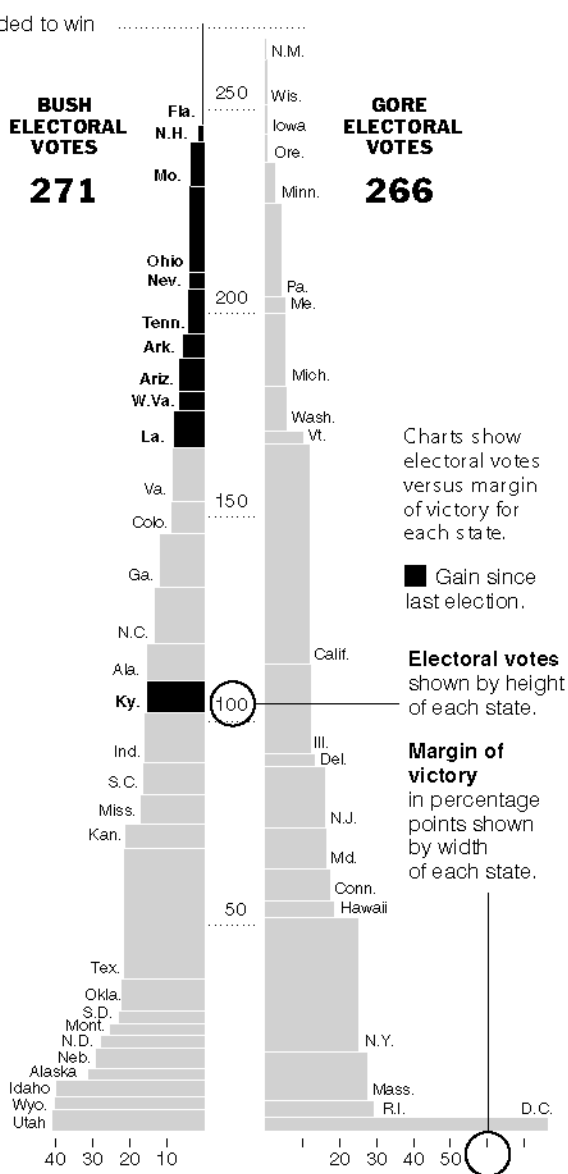
Ronald Reagan cut taxes and increased military spending as the economy entered one of the longest expansions in history after a recession in 1981-82. But the federal budget deficit also more than doubled during his term.





John Kerry was only able to take one state — New Hampshire — that George Bush had won in 2000, while Mr. Bush was leading in New Mexico and Iowa, both states that Al Gore won.

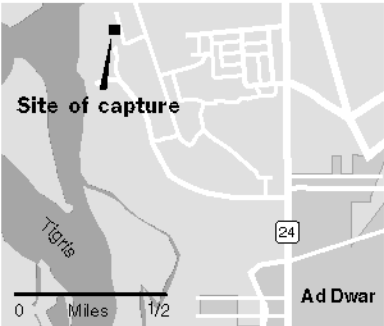
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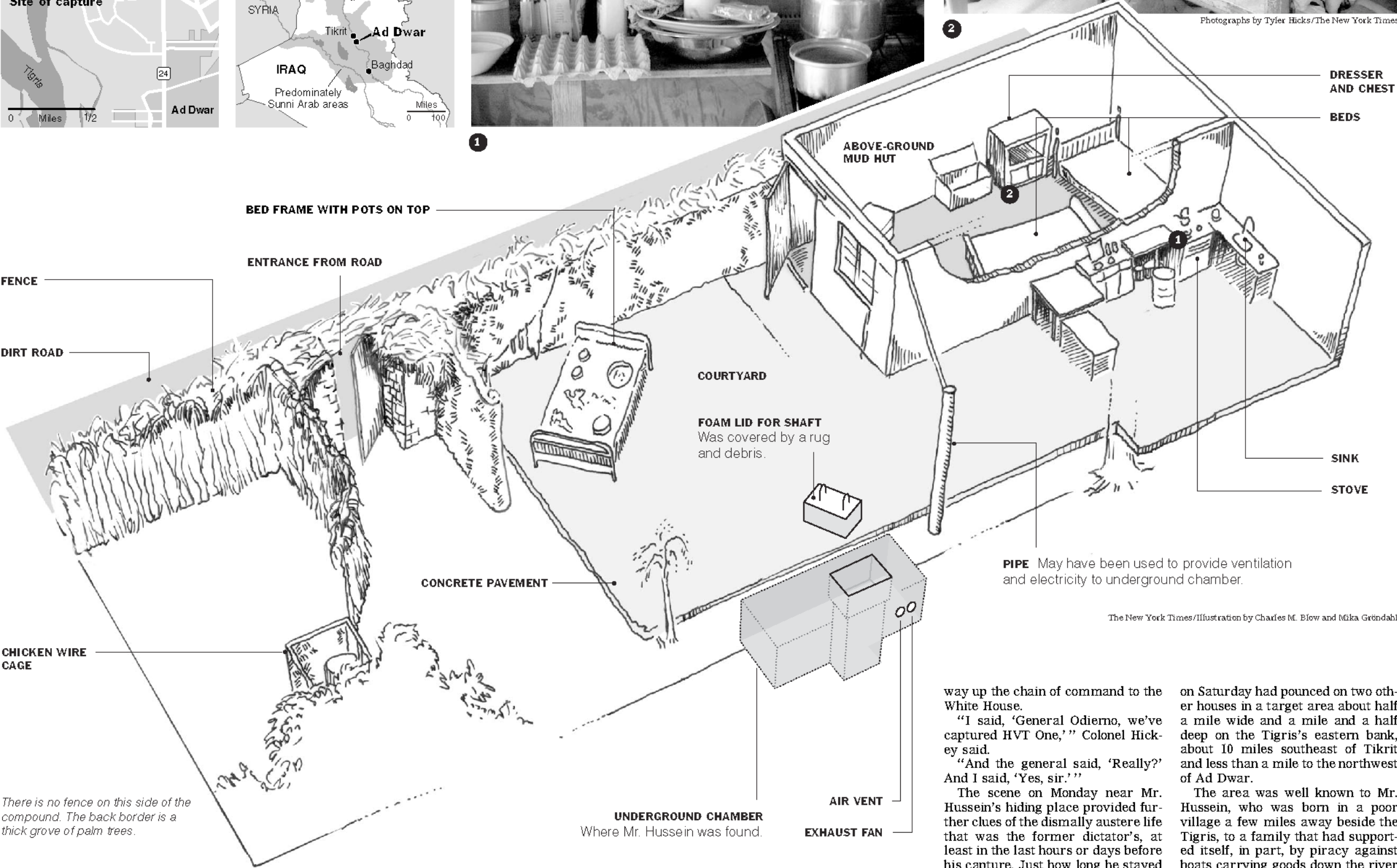
Hussein’s Final Hiding Place:  
A Small Roadside Compound

AD DWAR, Iraq — Yesterday, allied forces gave a tour of the site where Saddam Hussein was captured, providing a detailed view of the sparse conditions in which he spent his final time as a fugitive. Mr. Hussein was discovered Saturday night hiding in a hole in the ground near a mud hut here. Objects are shown as they were positioned at the time of the tour.

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Photographs by Tyler Hicks/The New York Times



The New York Times/Illustration by Charles M. Blow and Mika Gröndahl

THE SURRENDER

U.S. Officers Display the ‘Rathole’ Where Hussein Hid

By JOHN F. BURNS

AD DWAR, Iraq, Dec. 15 — After the gilded palaces and the tyrant’s life of luxury, it came down to this for Saddam Hussein: a final hiding place beneath a messy peasant farmer’s courtyard that was as small and dark and dank as a coffin,

named — had installed a small, 6-inch high ventilation fan above where Mr. Hussein appeared to have placed his feet, a jutting steel pipe for further ventilation and a small light that appeared not to work.

The only traces of its former inhabitant that remained after an American military sweep were sev-

bers of Task Force 121, a new unit.

The Americans, Colonel Hickey said, were ready with an ironic riposte of their own that may still have Mr. Hussein puzzling in the unnamed “high security detention facility,” probably near Baghdad, to which he was moved by helicopter some time

seine’s identity, the colonel replied, “The fact that he announced himself as Saddam Hussein helped.”

A similarly understated, even laconic, quality characterized the radio exchanges between the American soldiers who raided the house and commanders who held back with the

way up the chain of command to the White House.

“I said, ‘General Odierno, we’ve captured HVT One,’” Colonel Hickey said.

“And the general said, ‘Really?’ And I said, ‘Yes, sir.’”

The scene on Monday near Mr. Hussein’s hiding place provided further clues of the dismally austere life that was the former dictator’s, at least in the last hours or days before his capture. Just how long he stayed here was not clear.

Inside a concrete hut, belongings that could have been his — two pairs of cheap, unworn Iraqi-made black shoes, three pairs of large men’s white boxer shorts and two T-shirts still in their plastic wrappings, several well-thumbed books of Arabic poetry, and, in a food shelf and a small refrigerator, a jar of honey, some tinned pears and a packet of coconut chocolate Bounty bars — were strewn about a single, unmade bed.

The unworn clothing and shoes suggested provisions for somebody

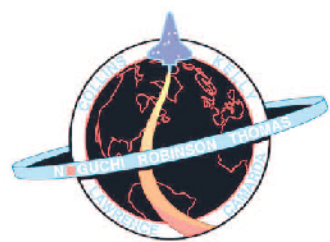
on Saturday had pounced on two other houses in a target area about half a mile wide and a mile and a half deep on the Tigris’s eastern bank, about 10 miles southeast of Tikrit and less than a mile to the northwest of Ad Dwar.

The area was well known to Mr. Hussein, who was born in a poor village a few miles away beside the Tigris, to a family that had supported itself, in part, by piracy against boats carrying goods down the river to Baghdad.

Nor was it the first time that he had found refuge in the area. As a 22-year-old wanted for his part in a failed assassination attempt on Iraq’s then ruler, Gen. Abdul Karim Kassem, in 1959, he passed through the area on his way to sanctuary in Egypt. Then, according to the legend he fostered later, he dressed as a woman and hid for days in a village well.

Ad Dwar, a dour cluster of concrete-walled homes and shops about a mile from the house where Mr. Hussein hid, is closely associated





# The Return to Space

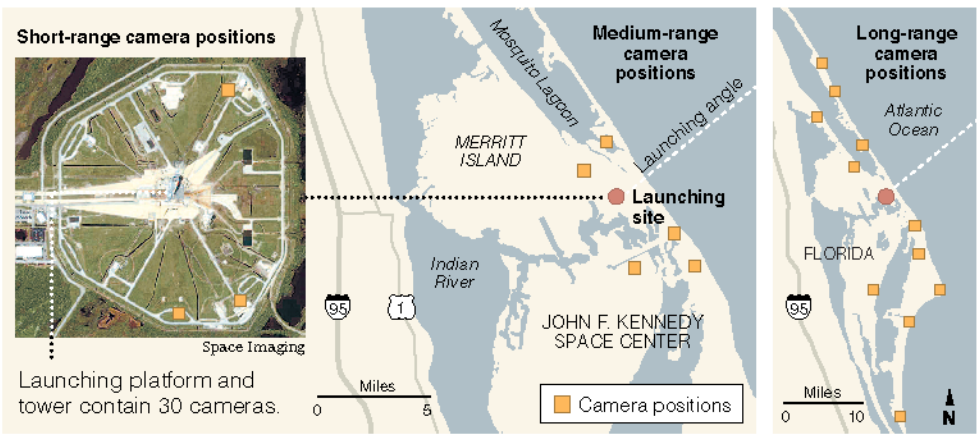
Since the disintegration of the Columbia space shuttle in February 2003, NASA has undertaken an ambitious program to reduce the risk of future space shuttle flights. This week NASA's work will be tested when a reconfigured Discovery is launched. Below, some of the most critical changes.

## Observing Takeoff

When the Discovery launches, 107 ground- and aircraft-based cameras will document its climb to orbit. These additional views and cameras will allow engineers to assess whether any debris came off the external tank.

### Ground Cameras

NASA doubled the number of camera sites on the ground. Some of the cameras can track up to two minutes of the shuttle's ascent.



### Aircraft-based imaging

Cameras are mounted on the nose of two WB-57 planes flying at 60,000 feet.

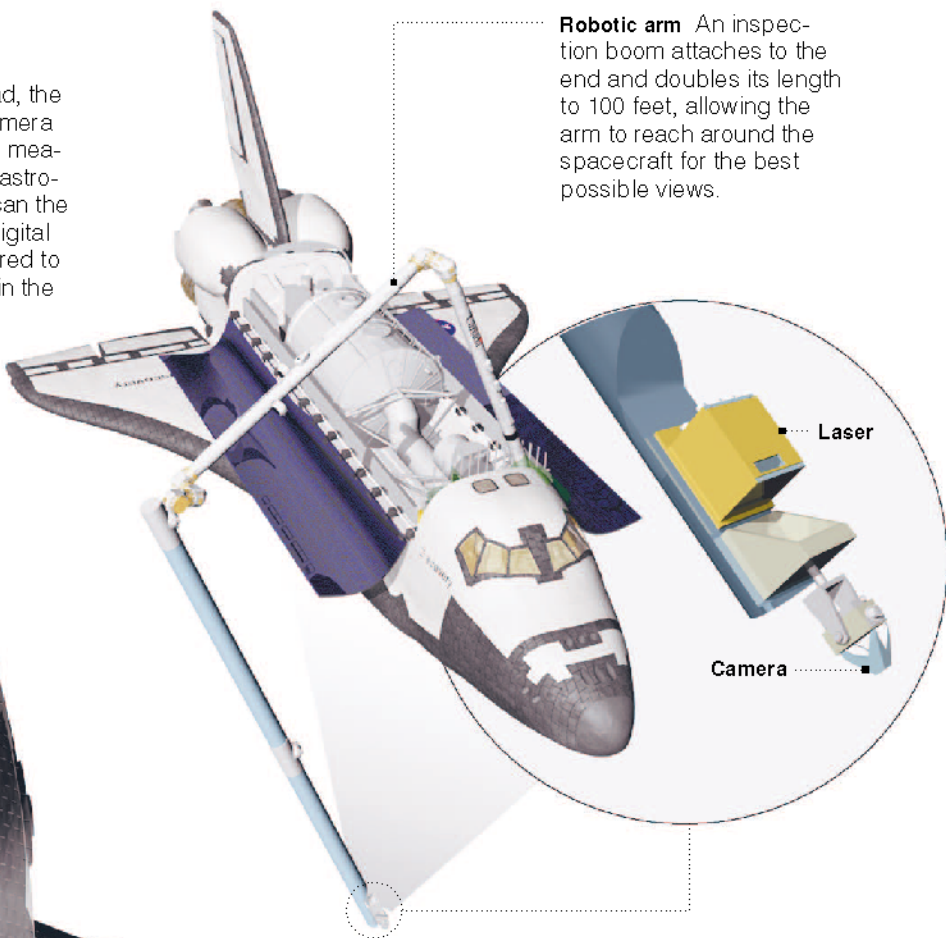


## Detecting a Problem

The damage to the left wing of Columbia occurred shortly after liftoff, but went undetected for the entire mission. NASA added on-vehicle cameras and sensors to detect and assess damage.

### Inspection Boom

Stored inside the Discovery's payload, the boom houses a camera and laser-powered measuring device that astronauts will use to scan the orbiter's exterior. Digital imagery is transferred to laptop computers in the crew cabin.



**Robotic arm** An inspection boom attaches to the end and doubles its length to 100 feet, allowing the arm to reach around the spacecraft for the best possible views.

Laser

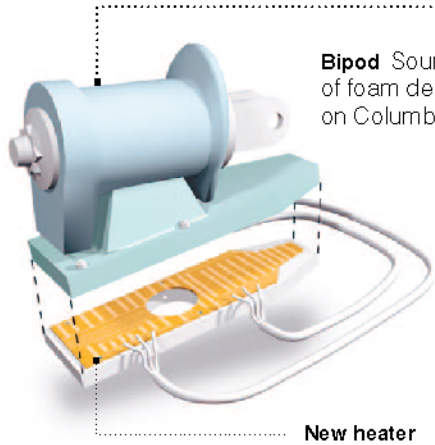
Camera

## Preventing Debris

Engineers working on getting the Discovery ready to fly spent much of their time finding ways to reduce the amount of debris, like foam or ice, that falls from the external tank.

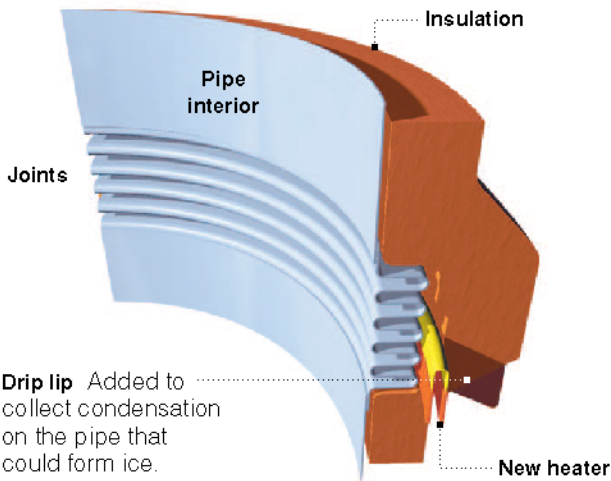
### Bipod Fitting

Up until the Columbia accident, the bipod, which attaches the shuttle to the tank, was protected from ice buildup by thick sheets of foam. The new design eliminates the use of foam and melts any ice with electric heaters.



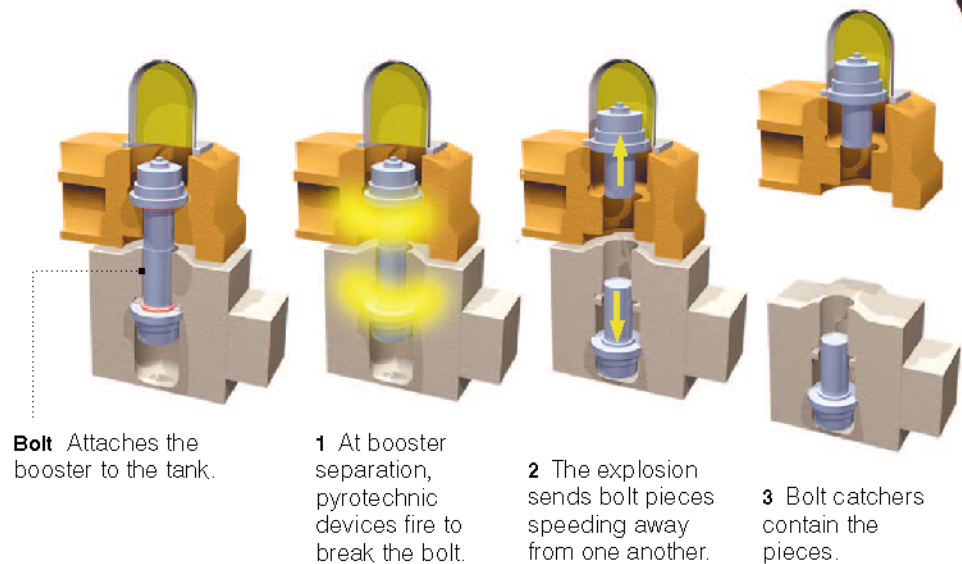
### Liquid Oxygen Feed Line

After Columbia, engineers redesigned joints on the pipe to create an area where condensation could run off. But concerns that ice could still build up forced NASA to delay liftoff from May to July while a new heater was installed.



### Bolt Catchers

Bolt catchers protect the shuttle from explosive bolts that are detonated to disconnect the solid-rocket boosters from the external fuel tank. NASA redesigned the bolt catcher to improve safety.

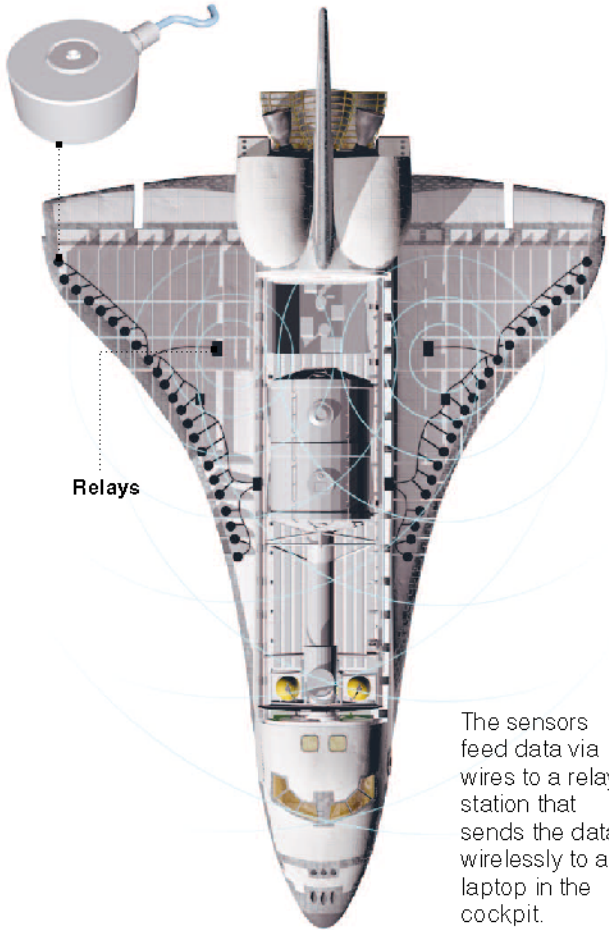


### Camera positions

### Wingtip Sensors

Each of the Discovery's wing edges are newly outfitted with 22 temperature sensors to measure how heat is distributed across their spans and 66 accelerometers to detect debris strikes and gauge their strength and location. The sensors take 20,000 readings per second.

### Sensor



## Fixing Damage

NASA has no routine method of repairing the shuttle's protective tiles while in space. But Discovery's crew will test three methods.



### Emittance Wash

For small, shallow areas of damage, a dauber-like applicator can be used to apply fine-grit silicon carbide granules that should restore enough heat rejection for safe re-entry.

### Crack Repair

Hand tools similar to putty knives would be used to work a pre-ceramic polymer into small cracks and onto areas of coating loss on the reinforced carbon panels. This method cannot be used to repair holes.

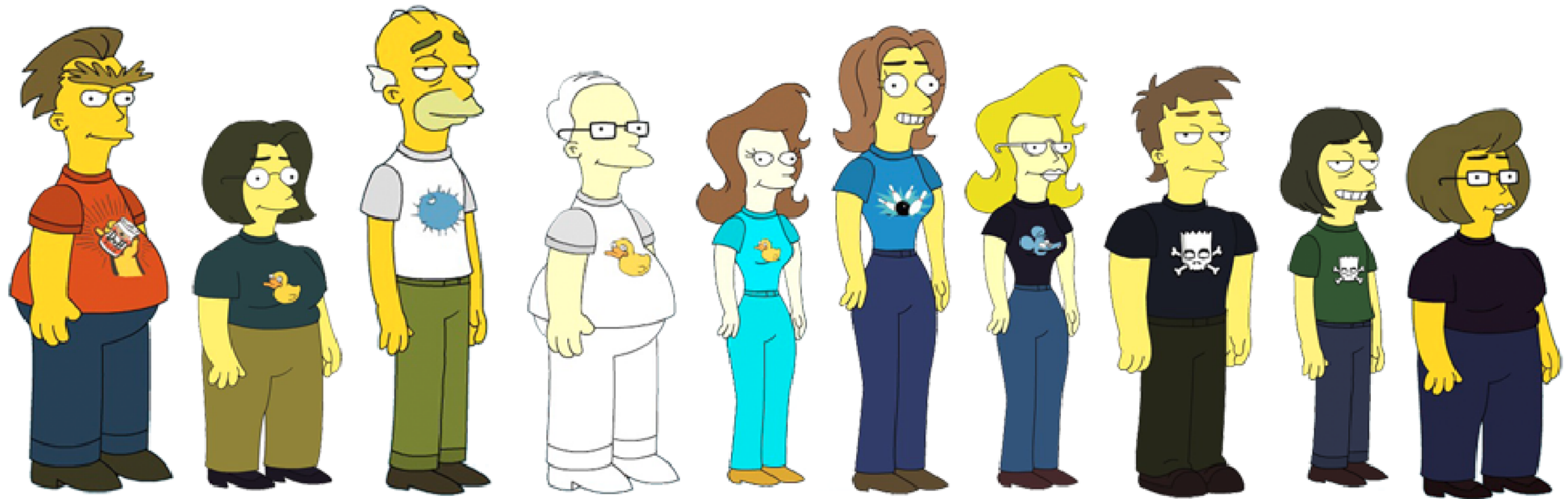
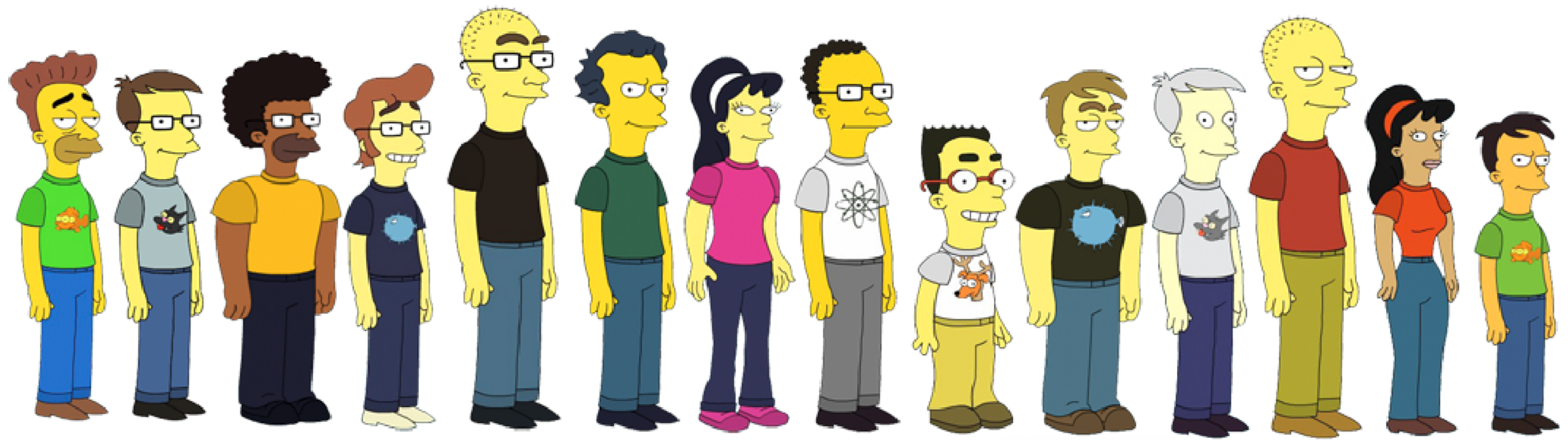
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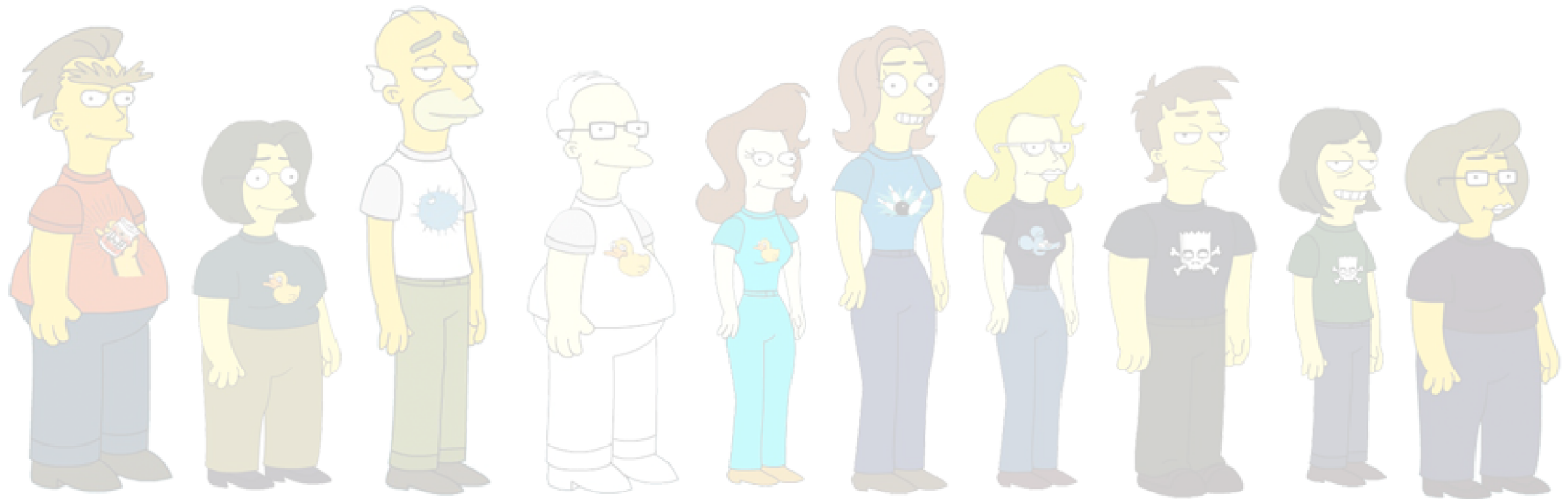
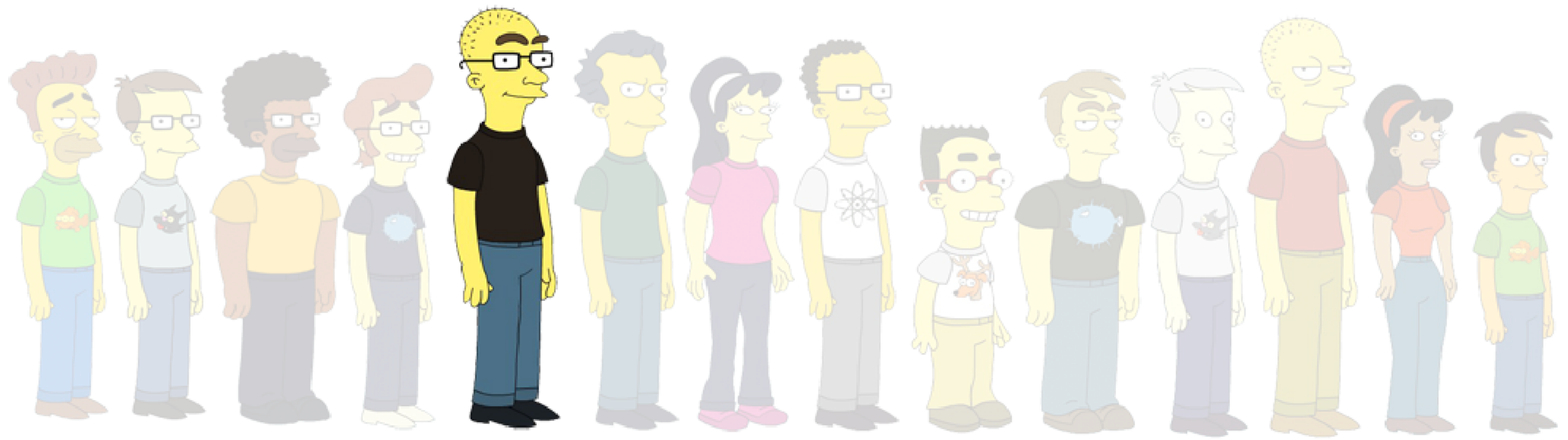
Round, thin plates can be used to cover holes up to six inches in diameter. A bolt is used to attach the plates, which can conform to the shape of the carbon panels. A sealant is used around the edge of the cover plate.



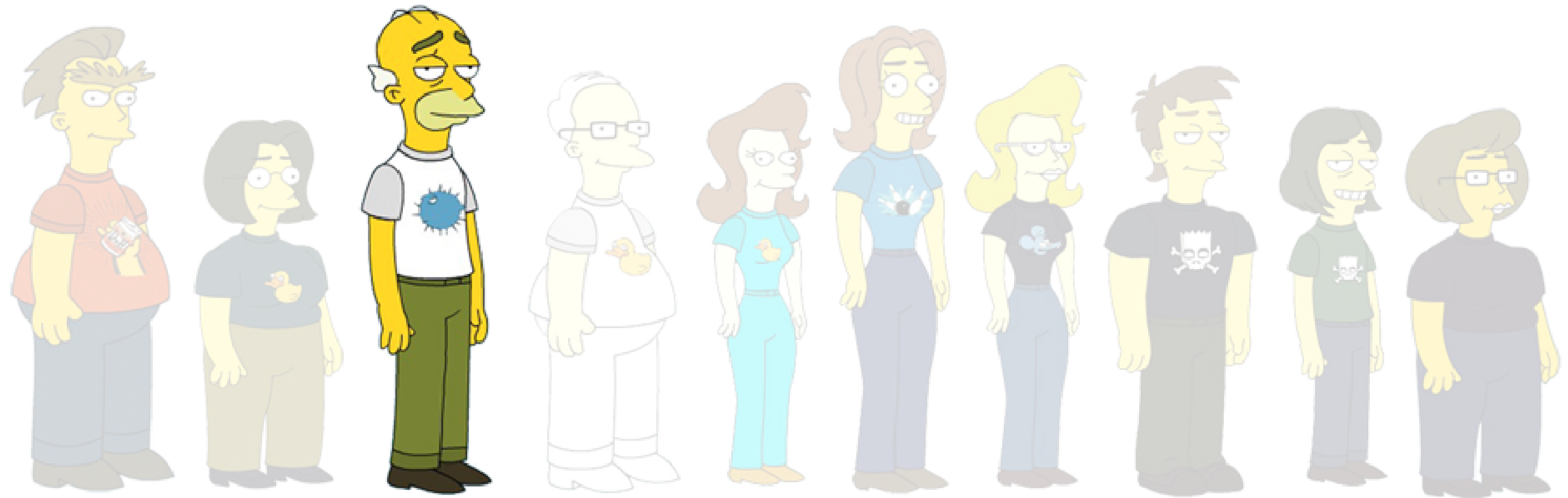
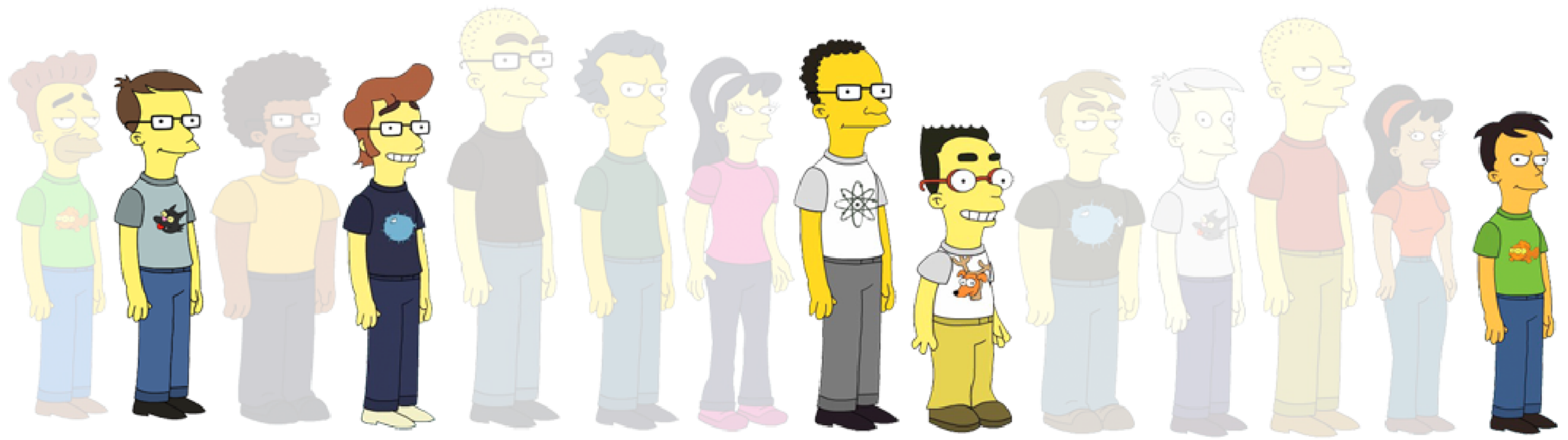
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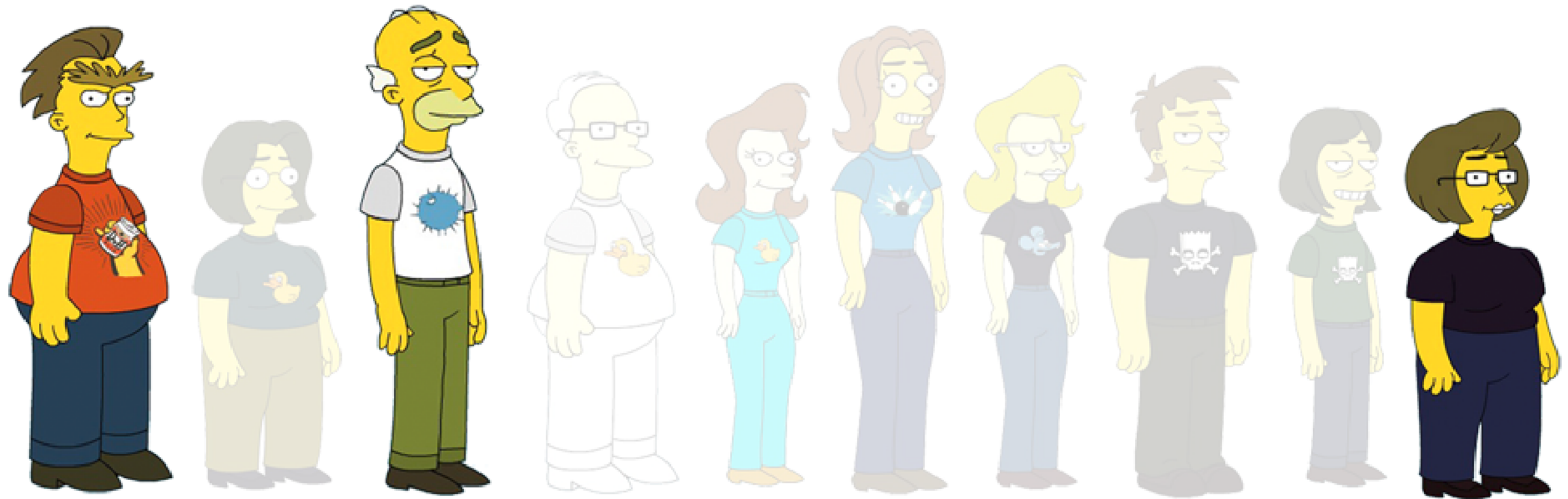
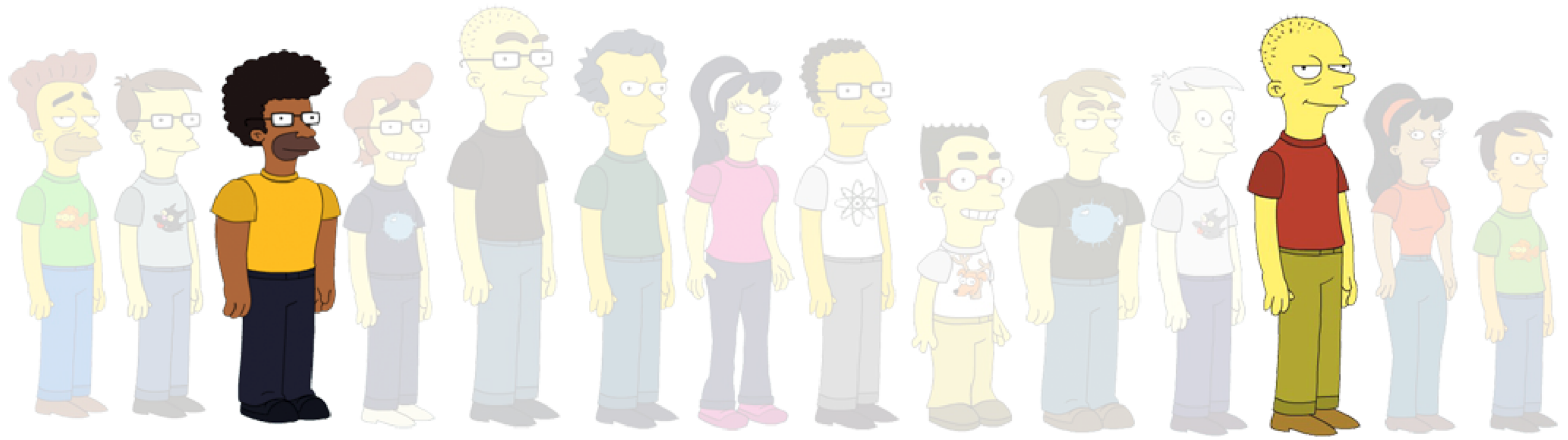




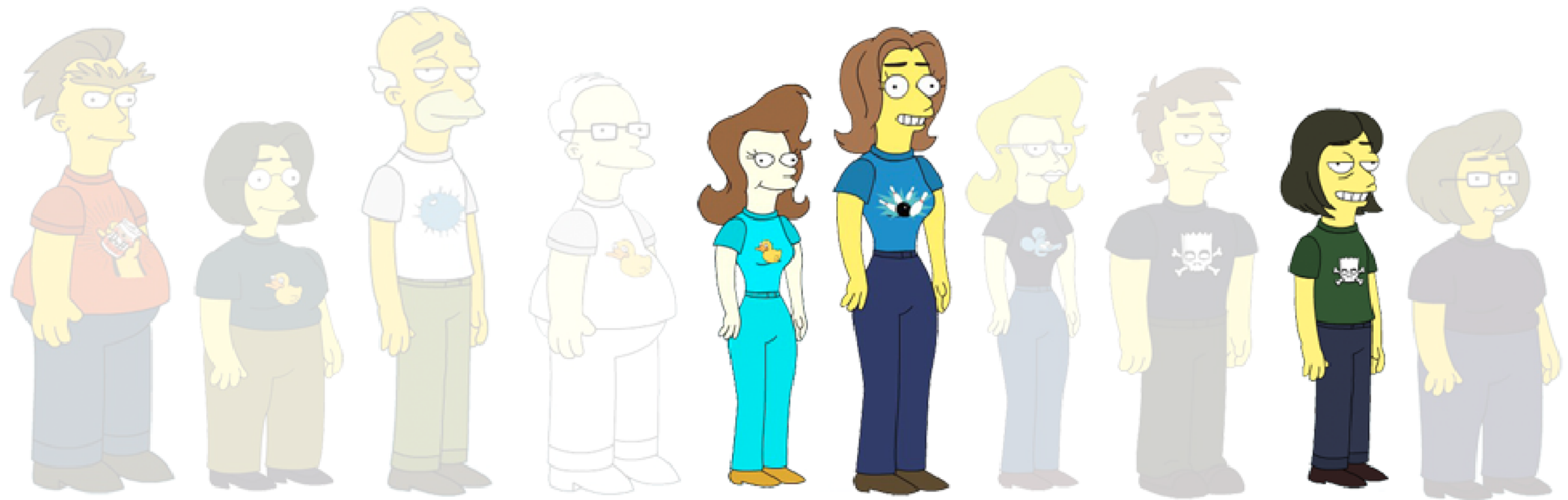
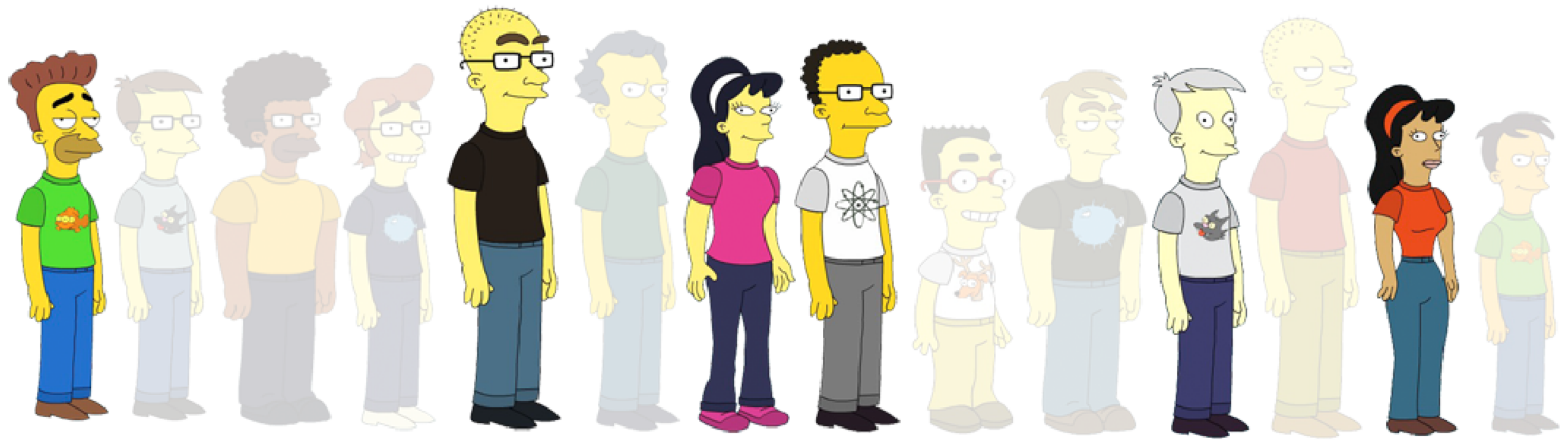


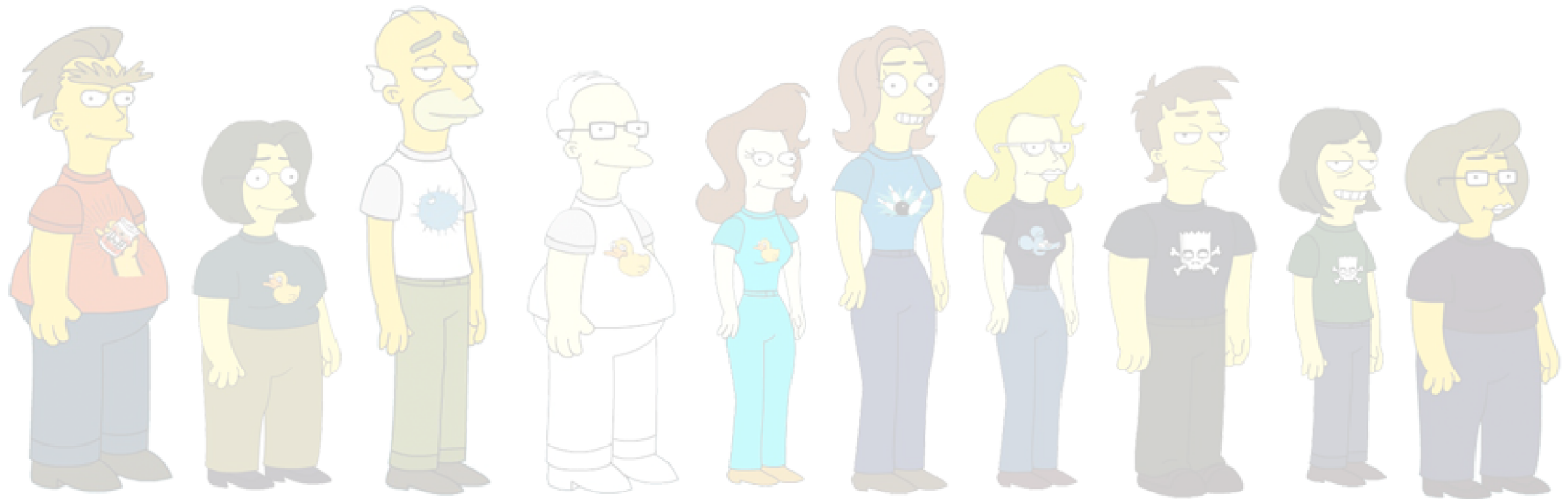
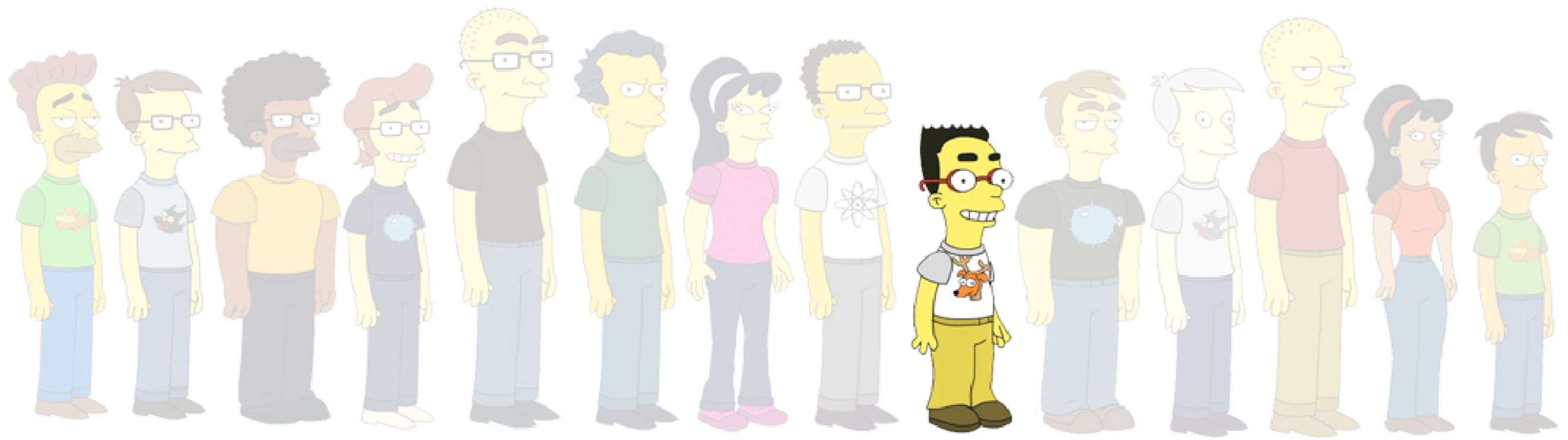




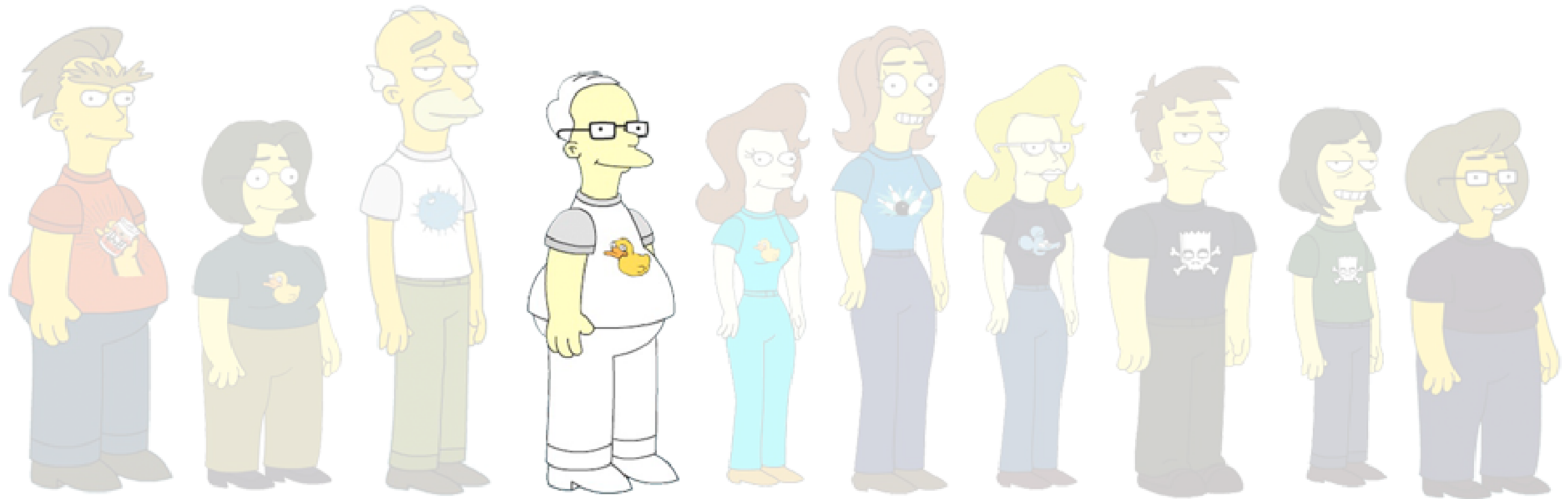
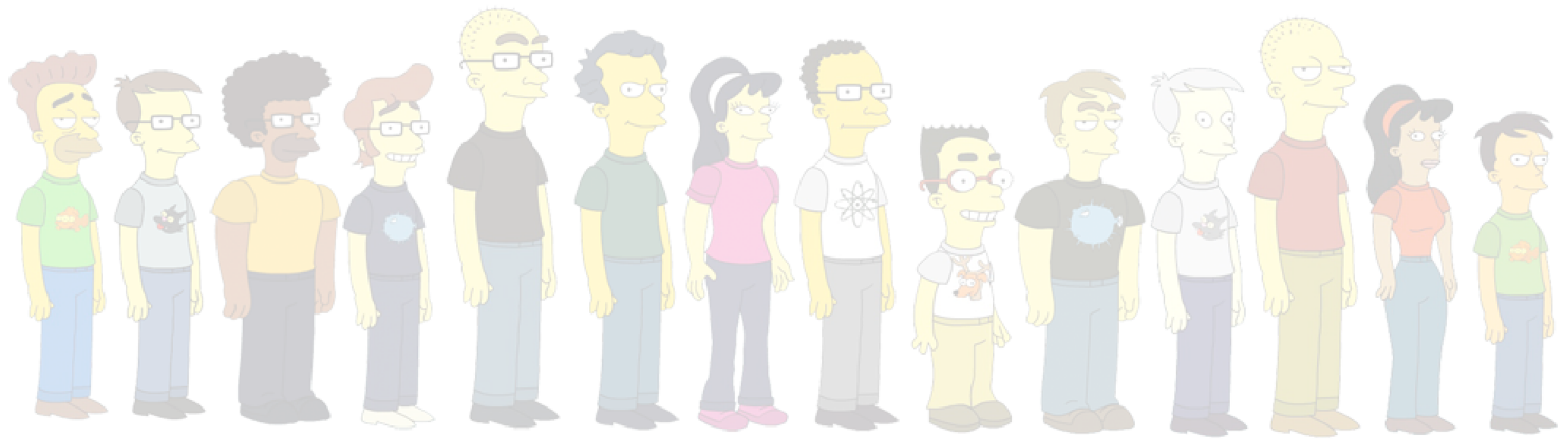


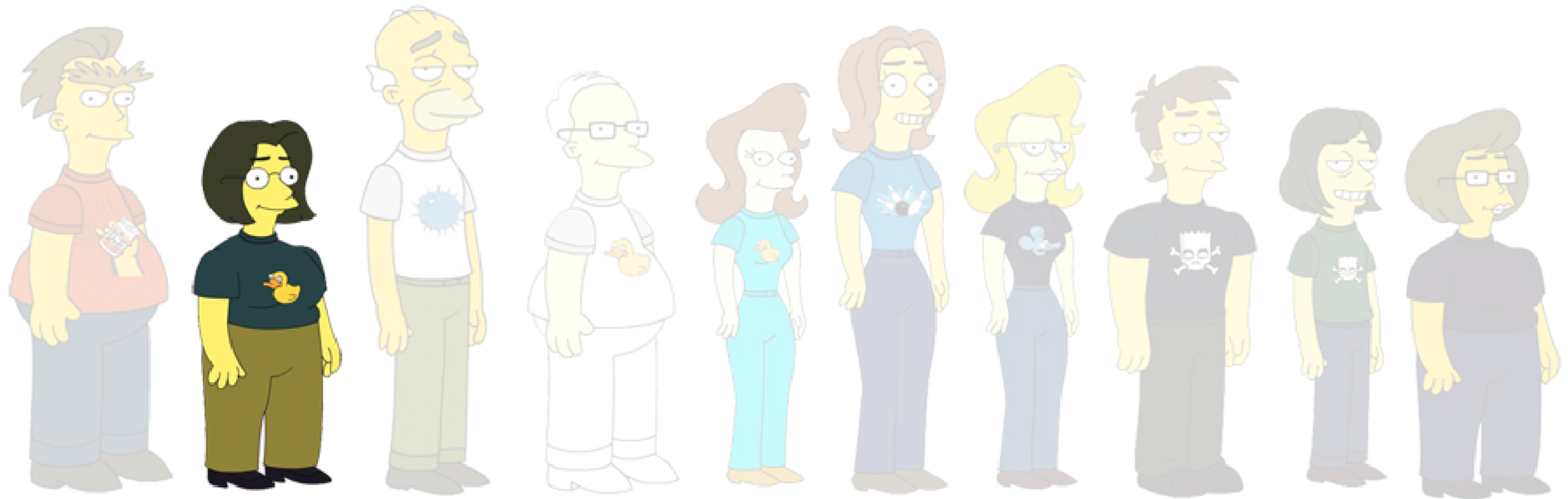
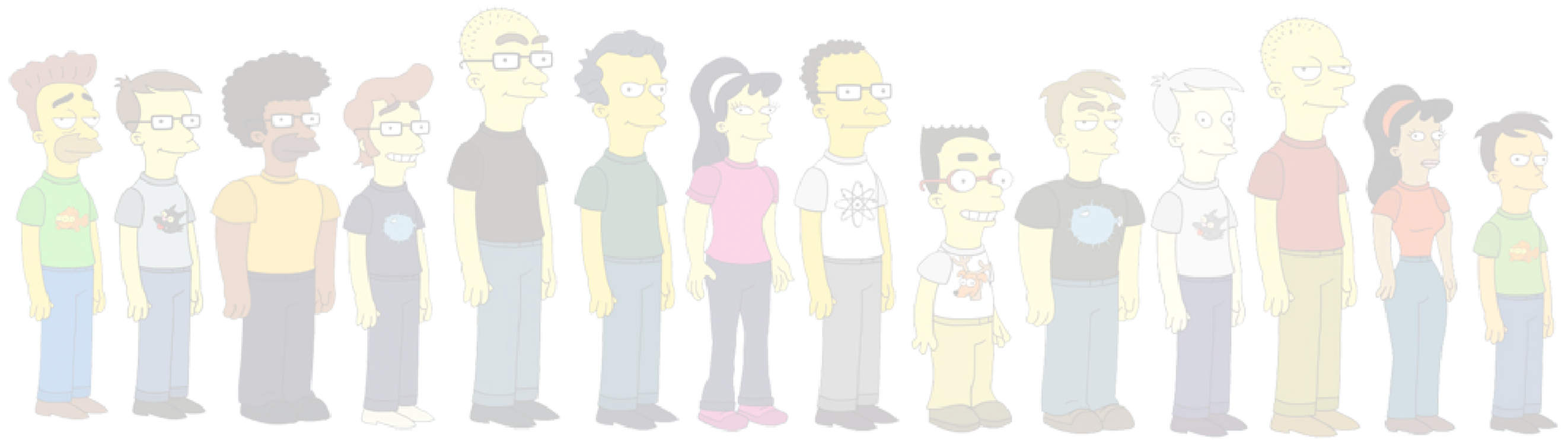




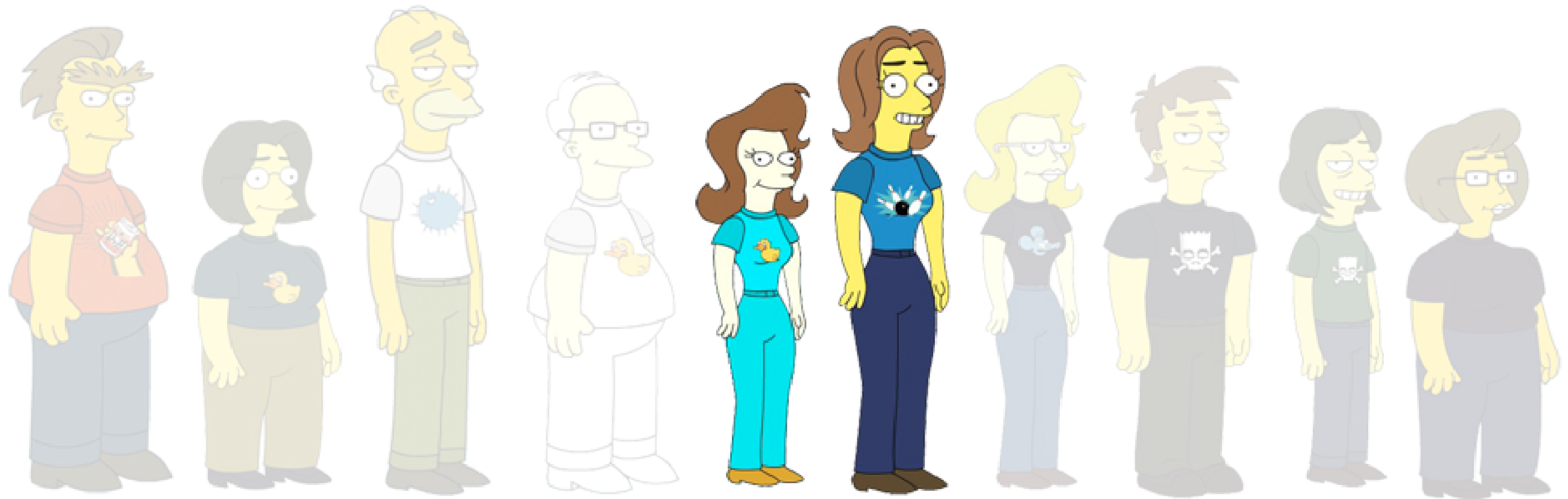
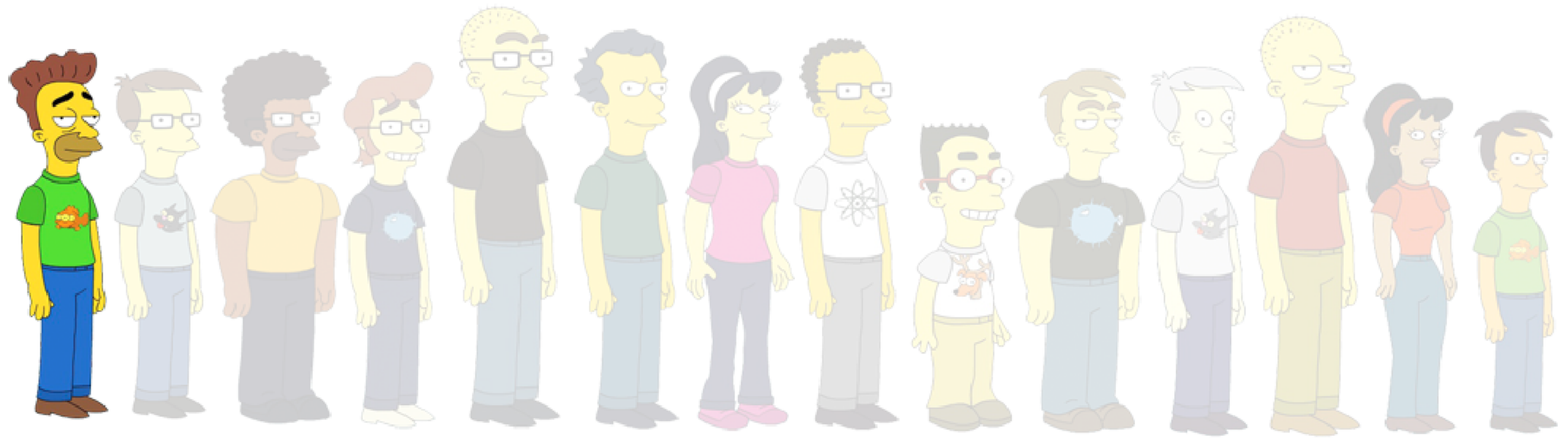


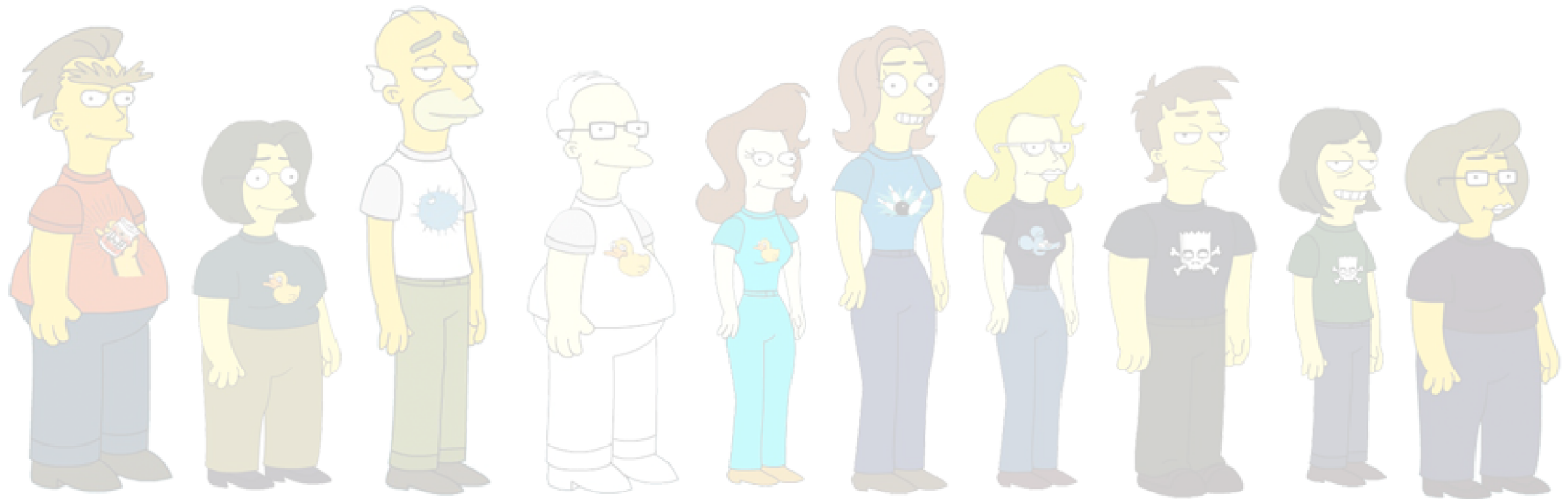
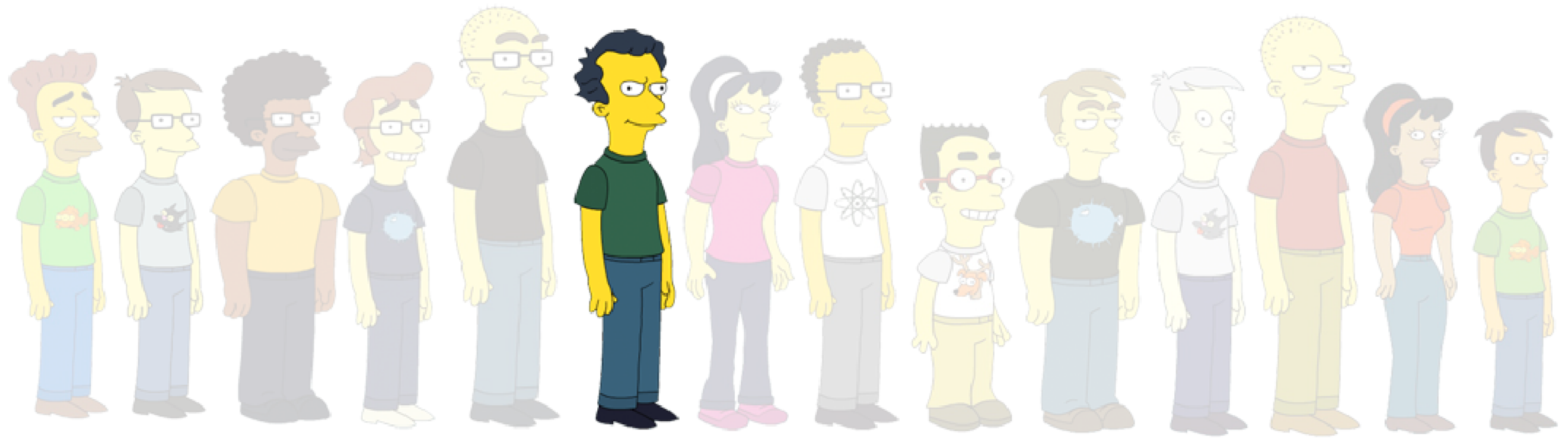




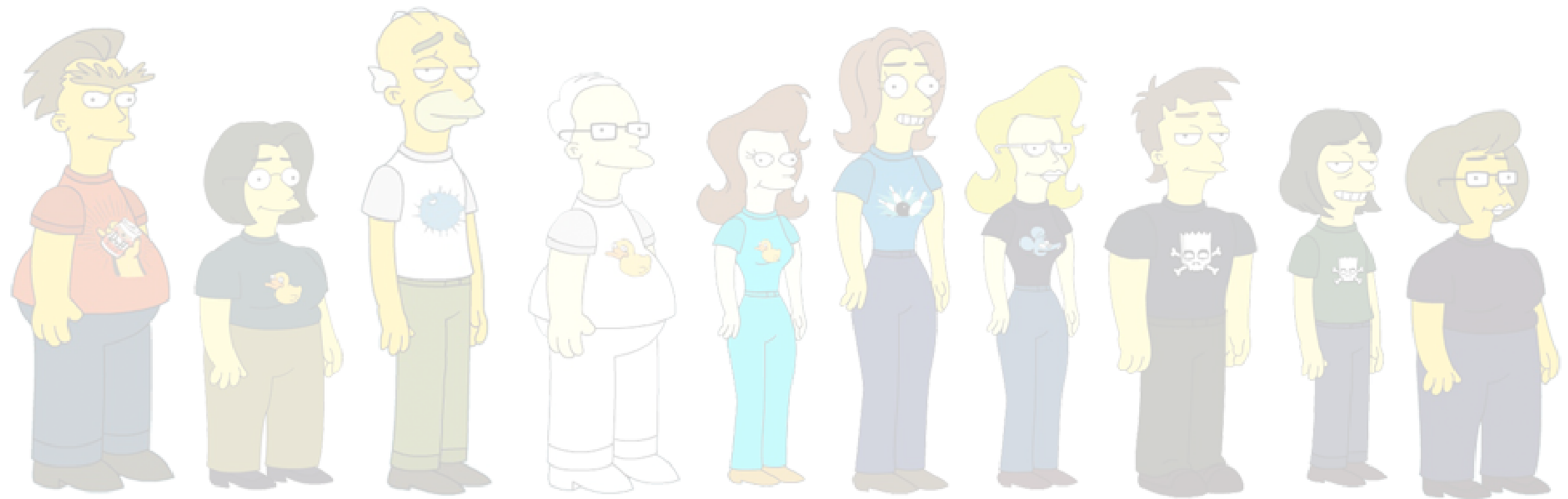
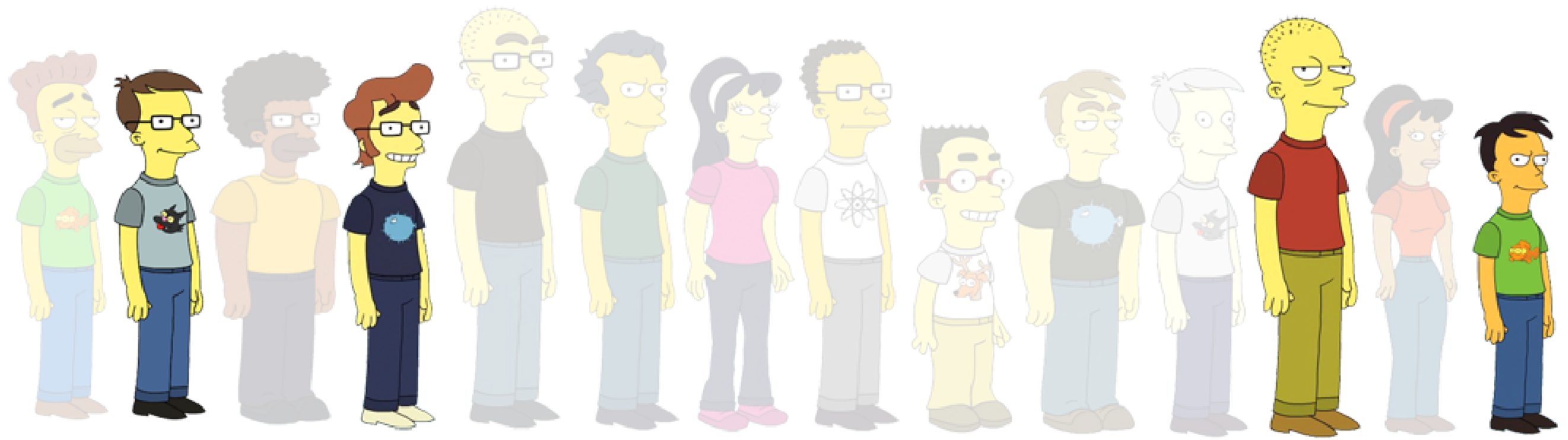


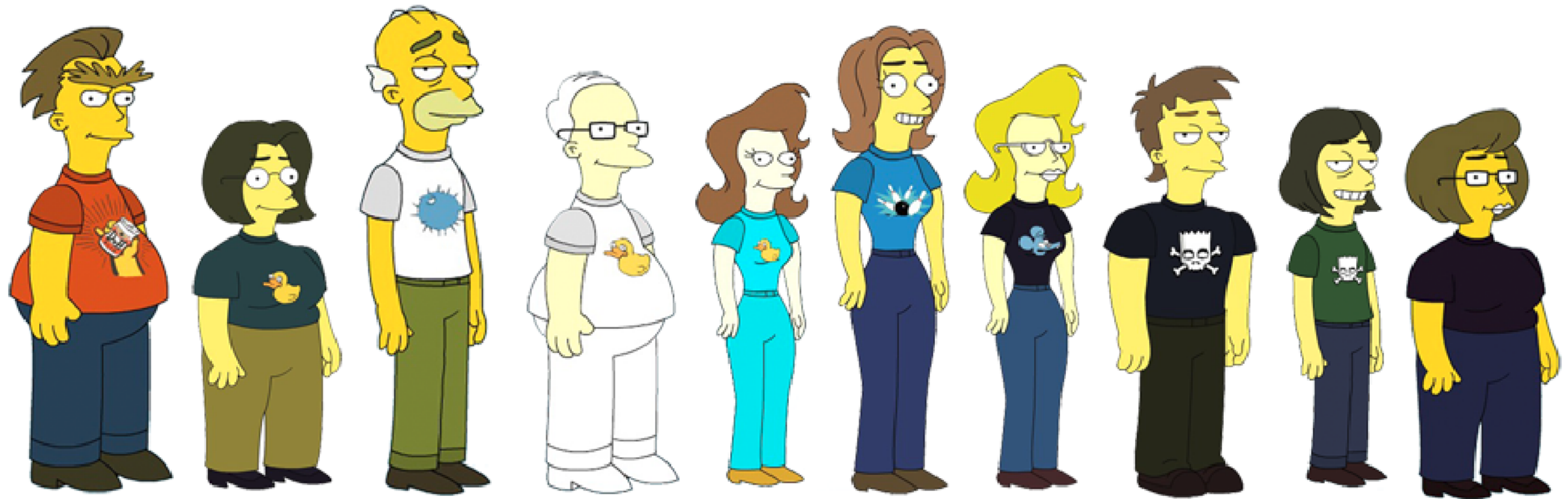
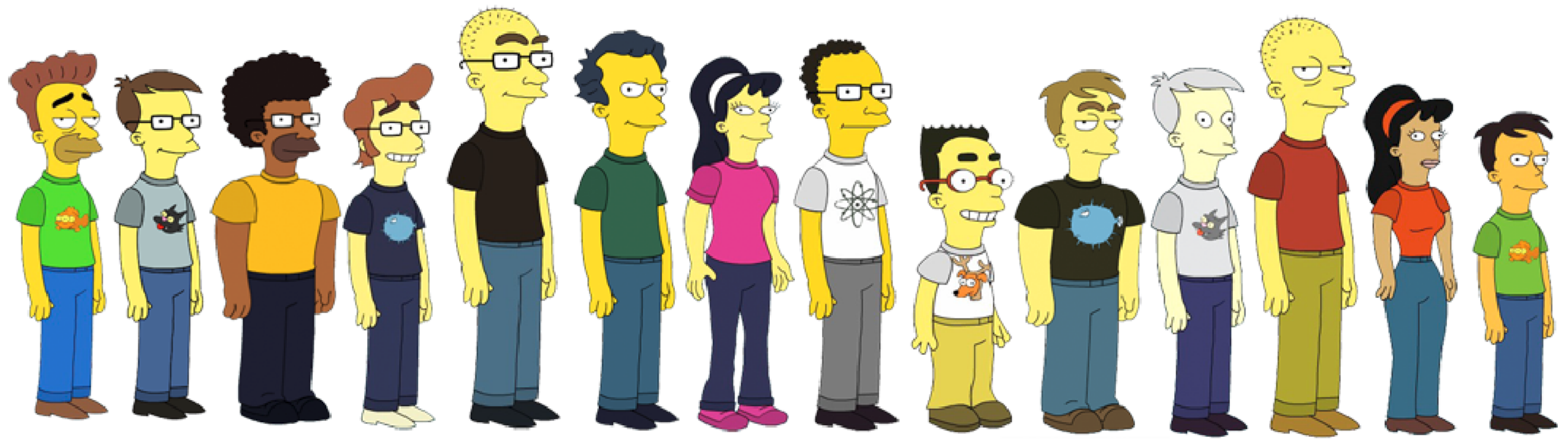














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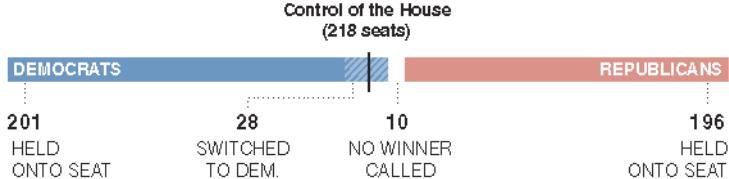
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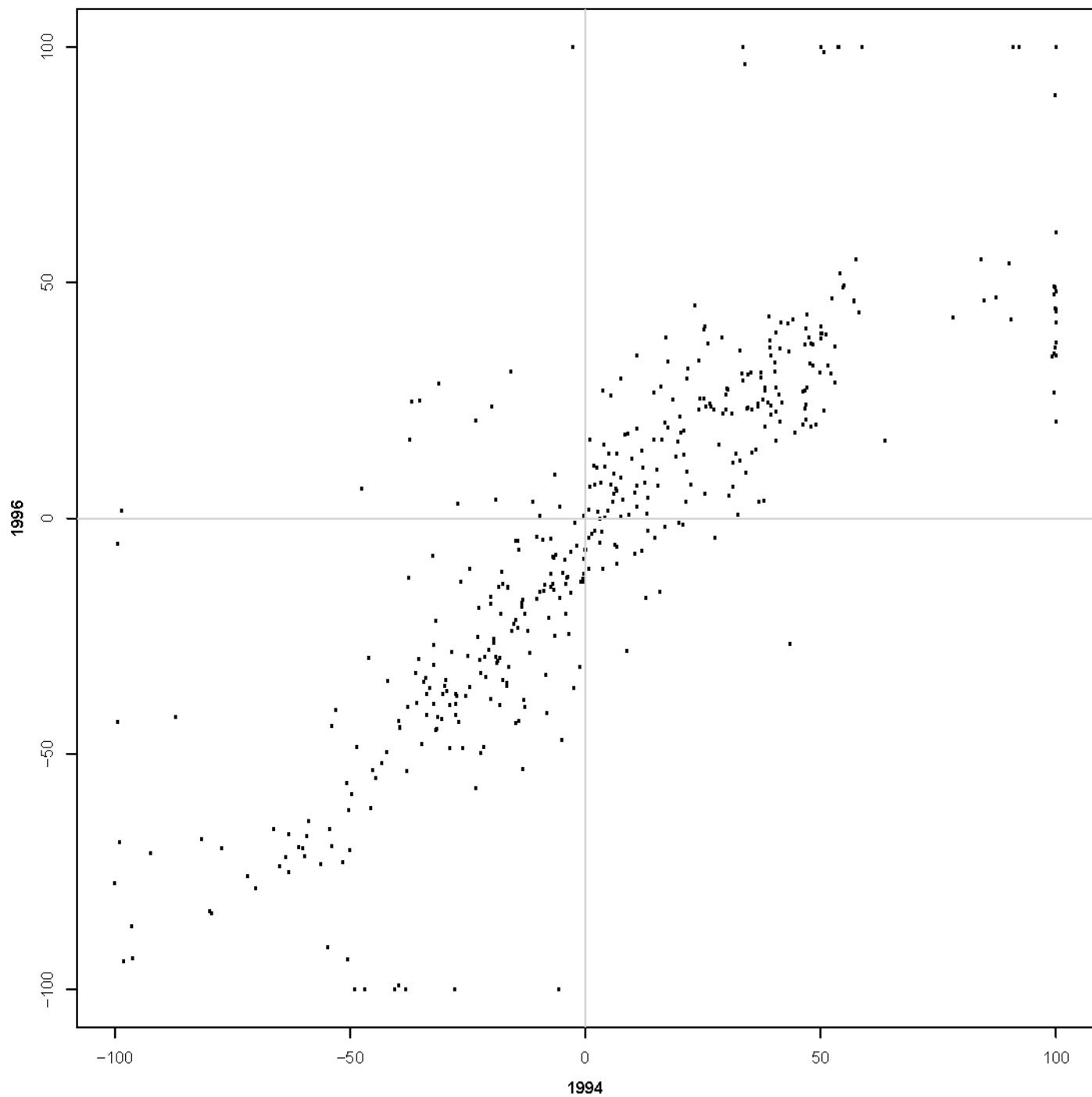
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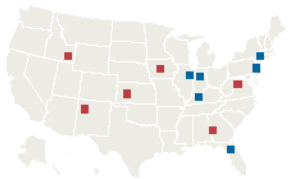
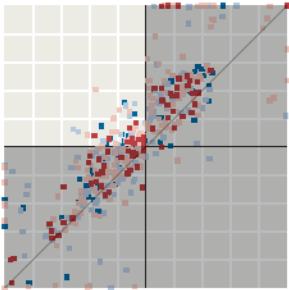
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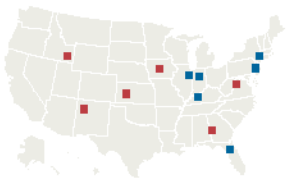
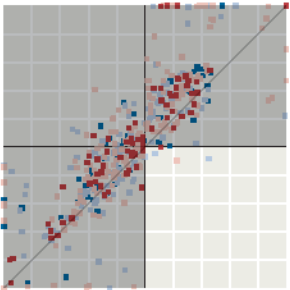
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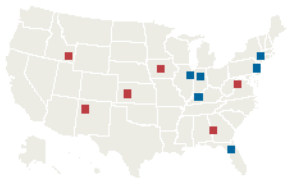
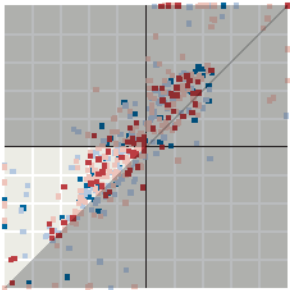
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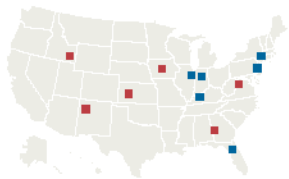
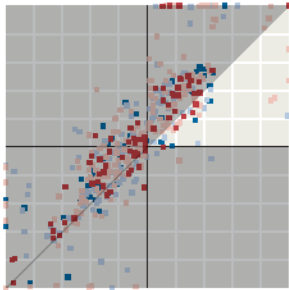
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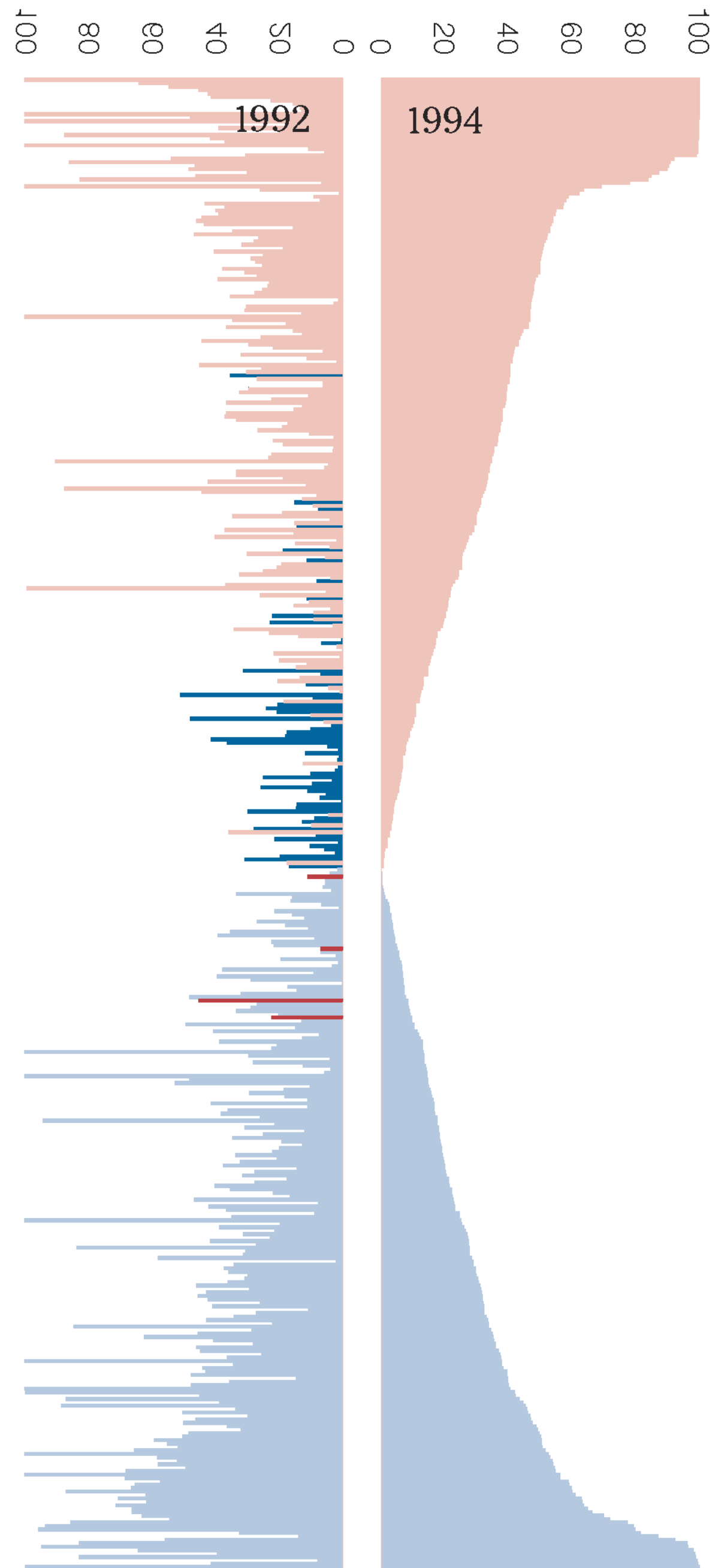
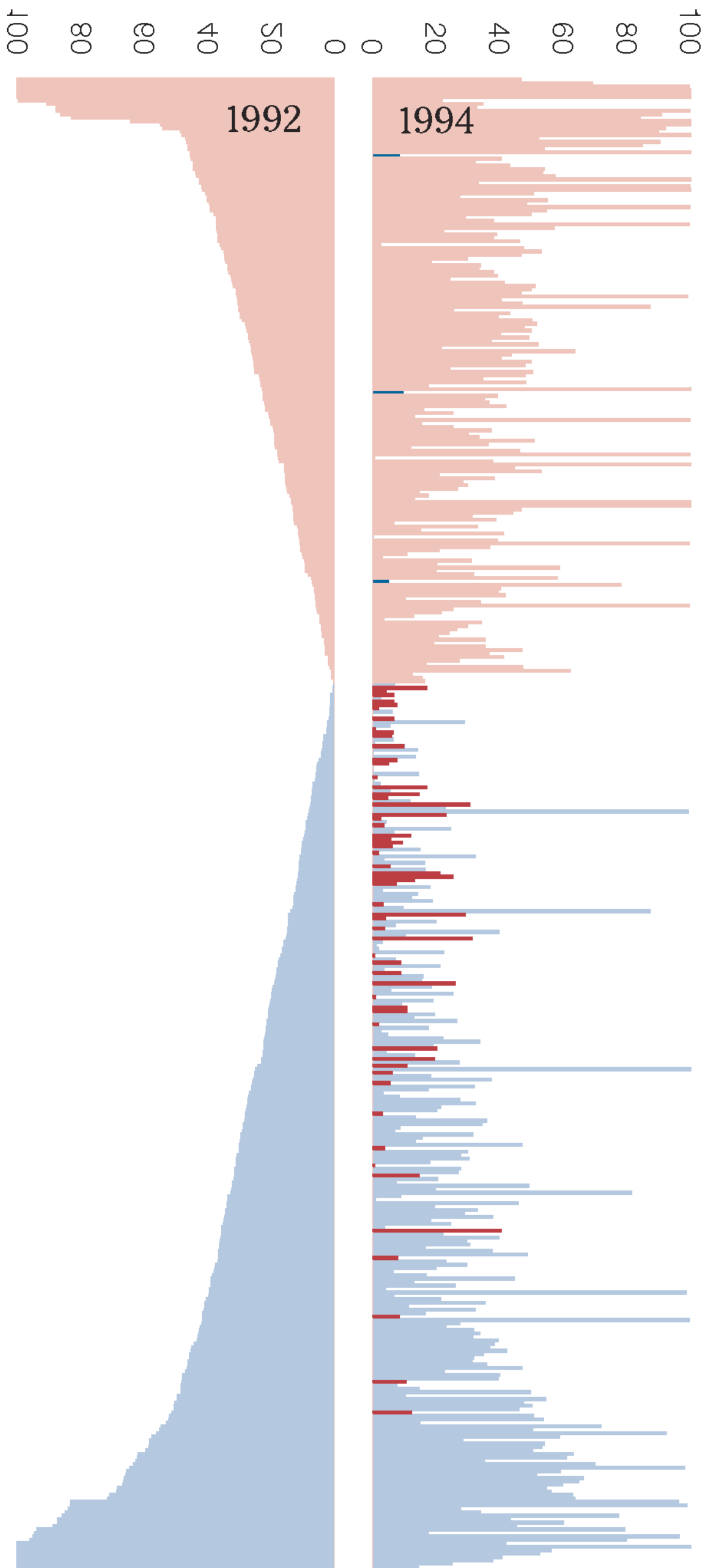
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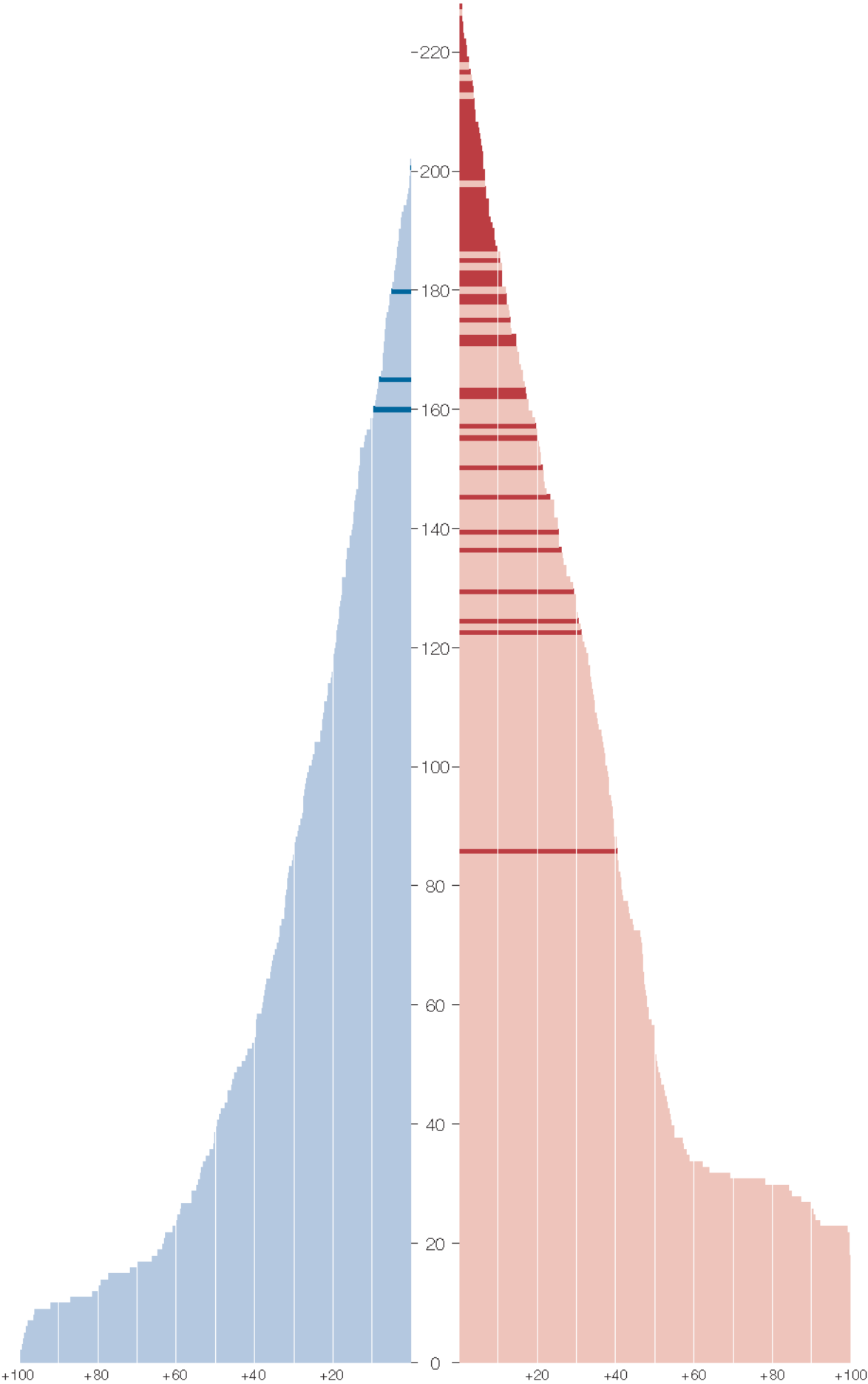
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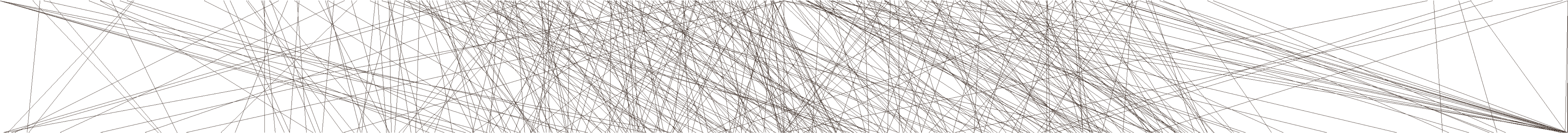
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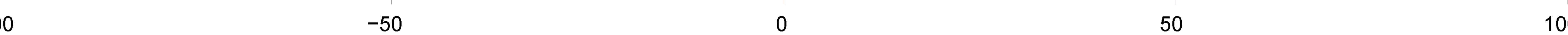




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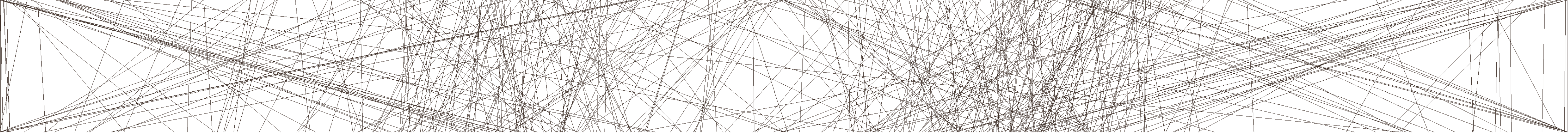
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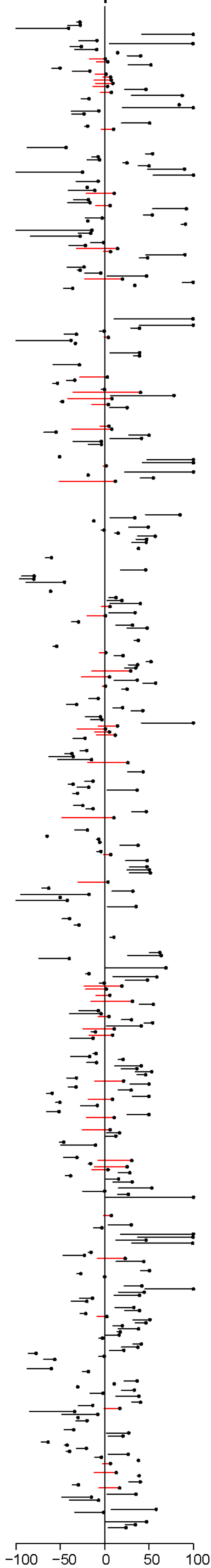
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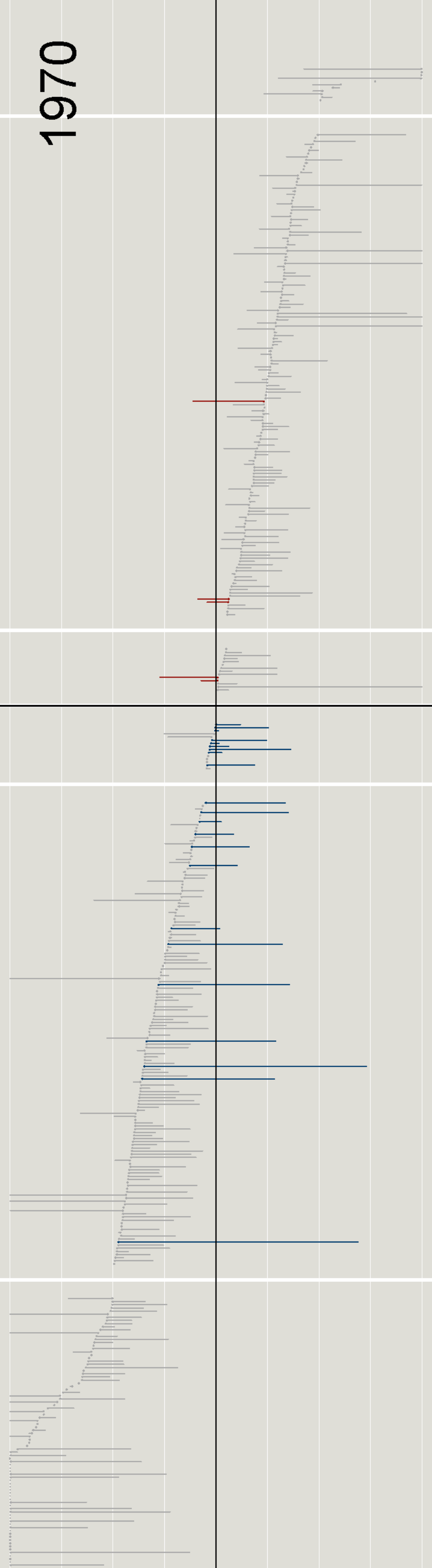
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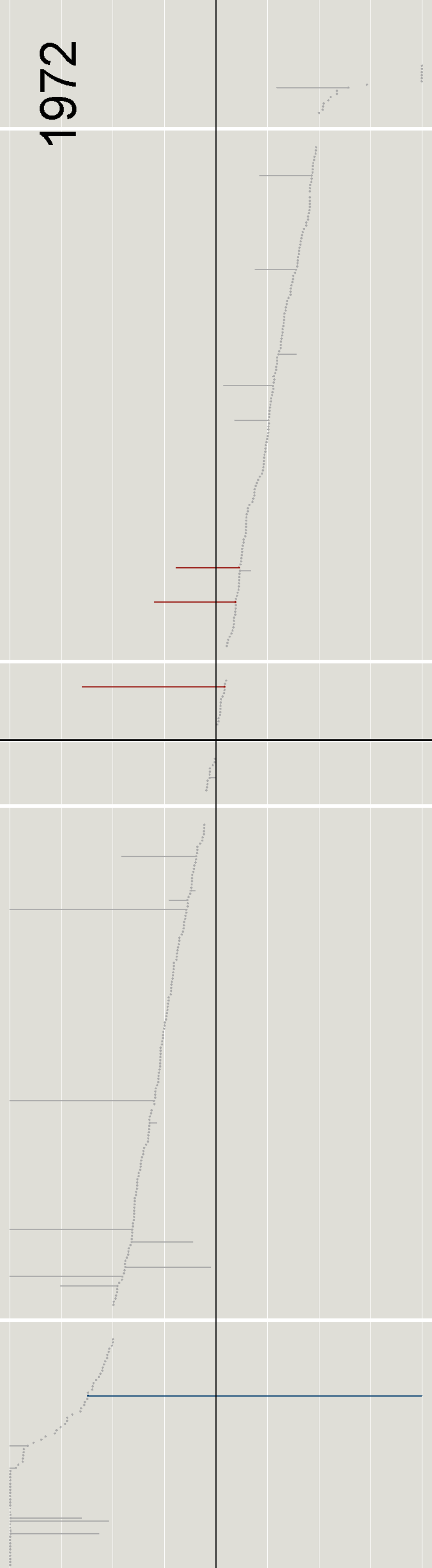


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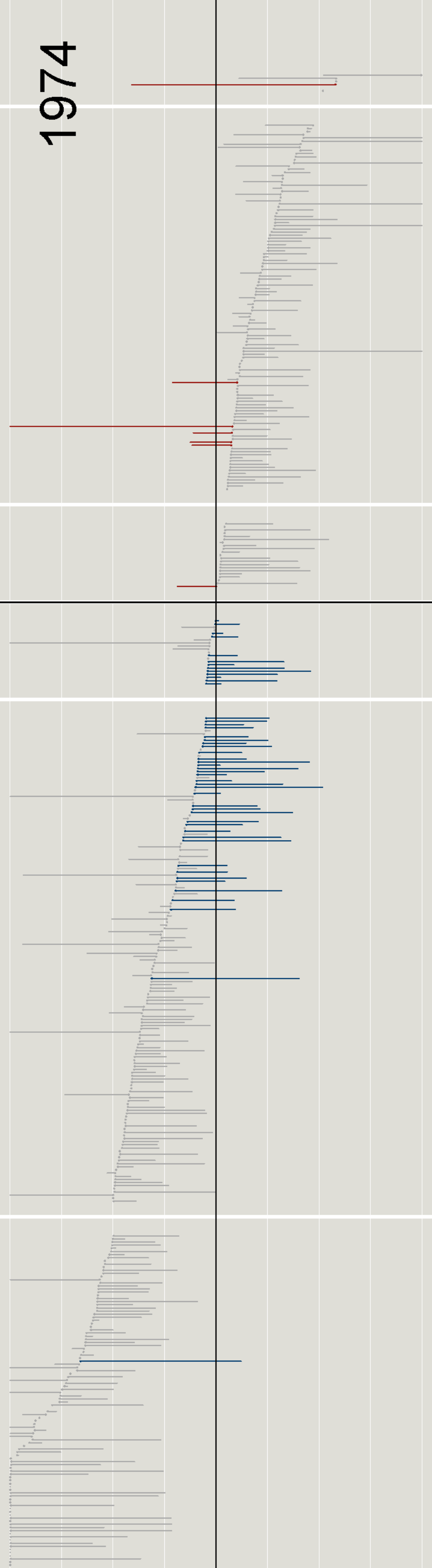




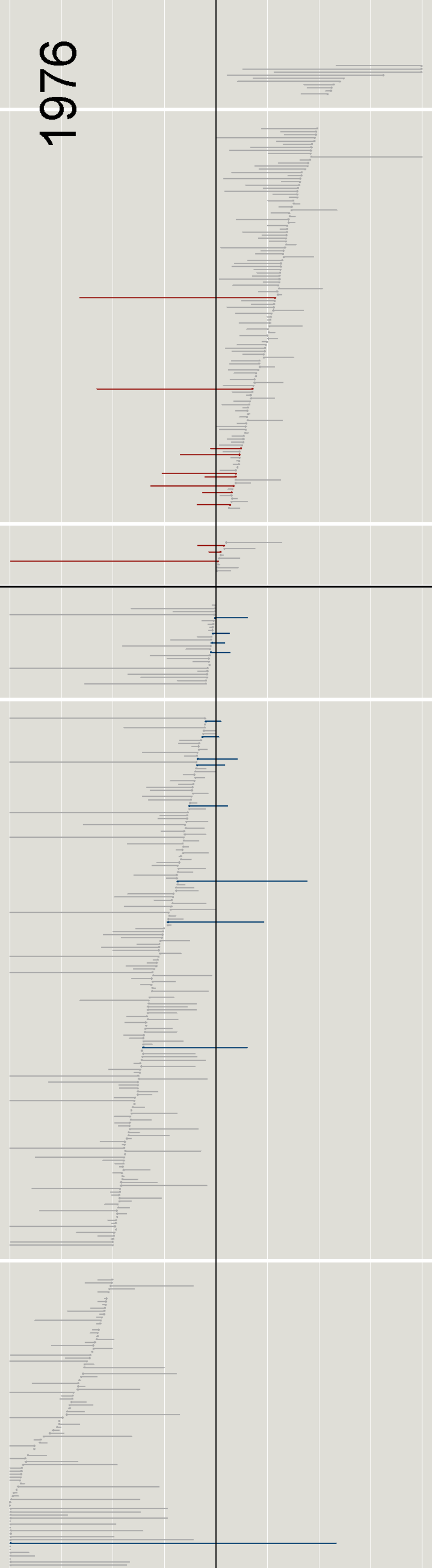
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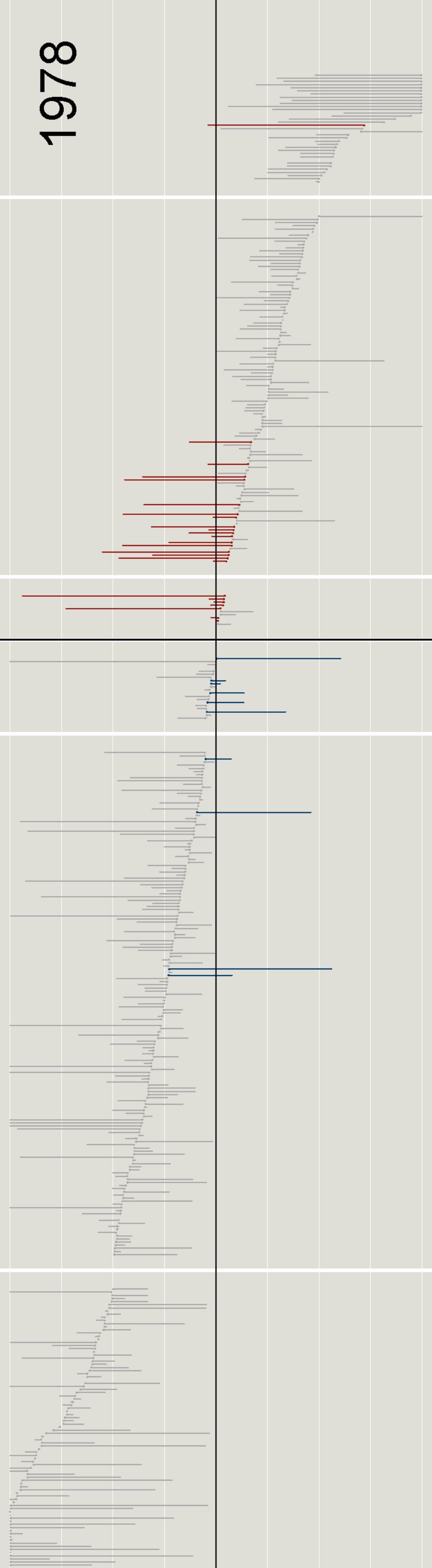


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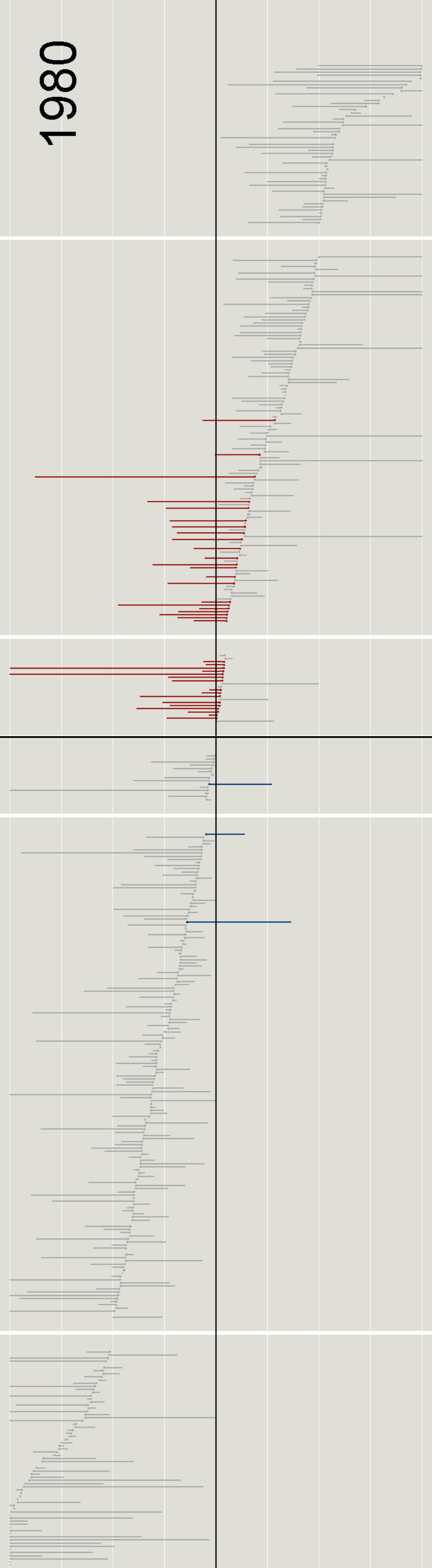




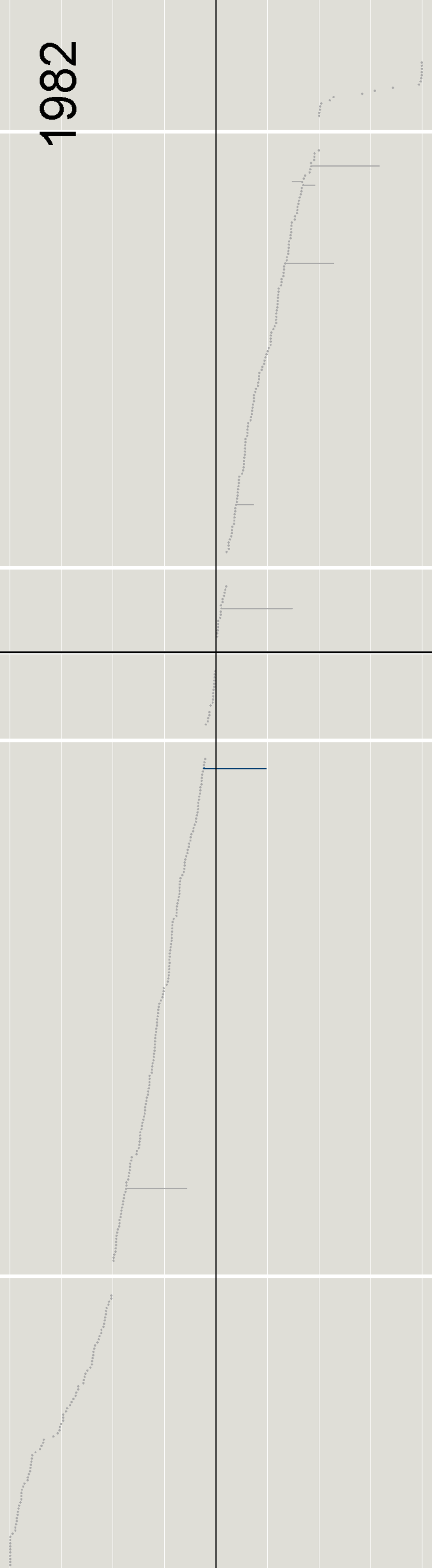
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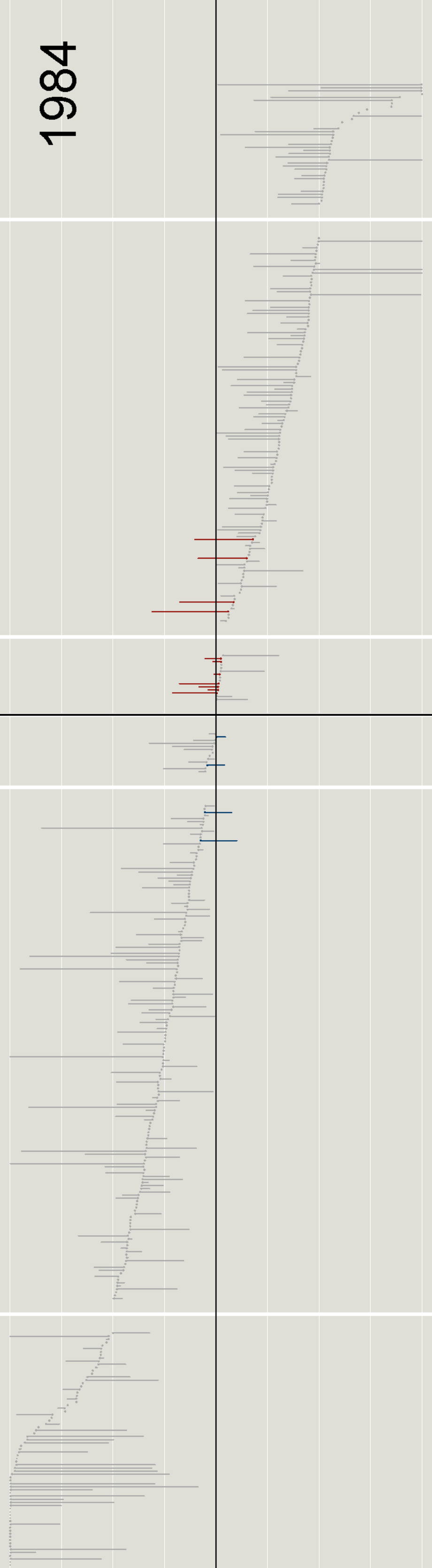


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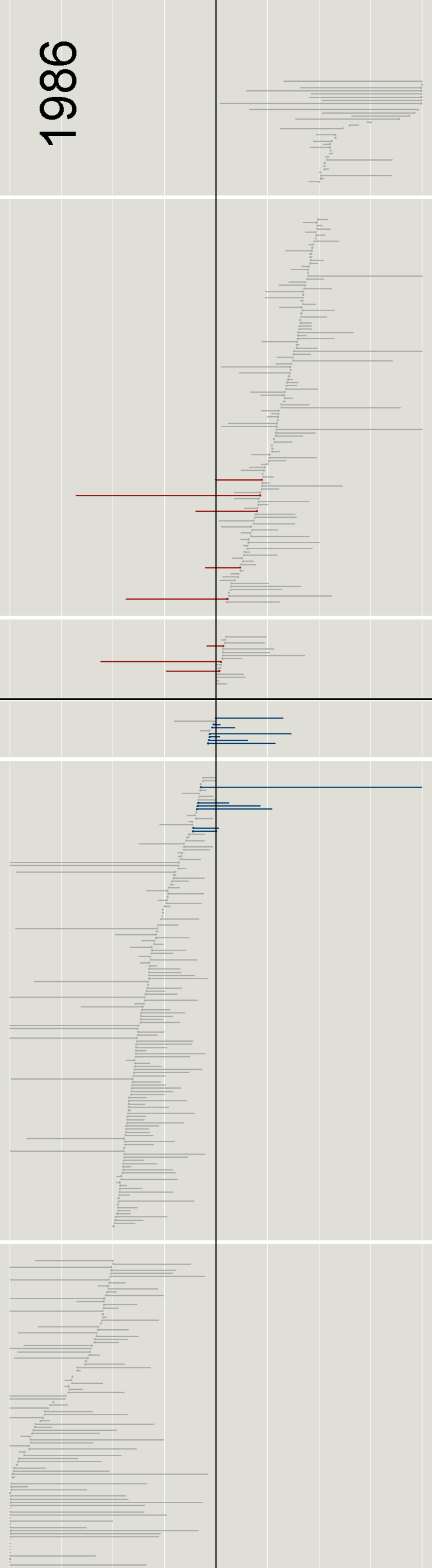




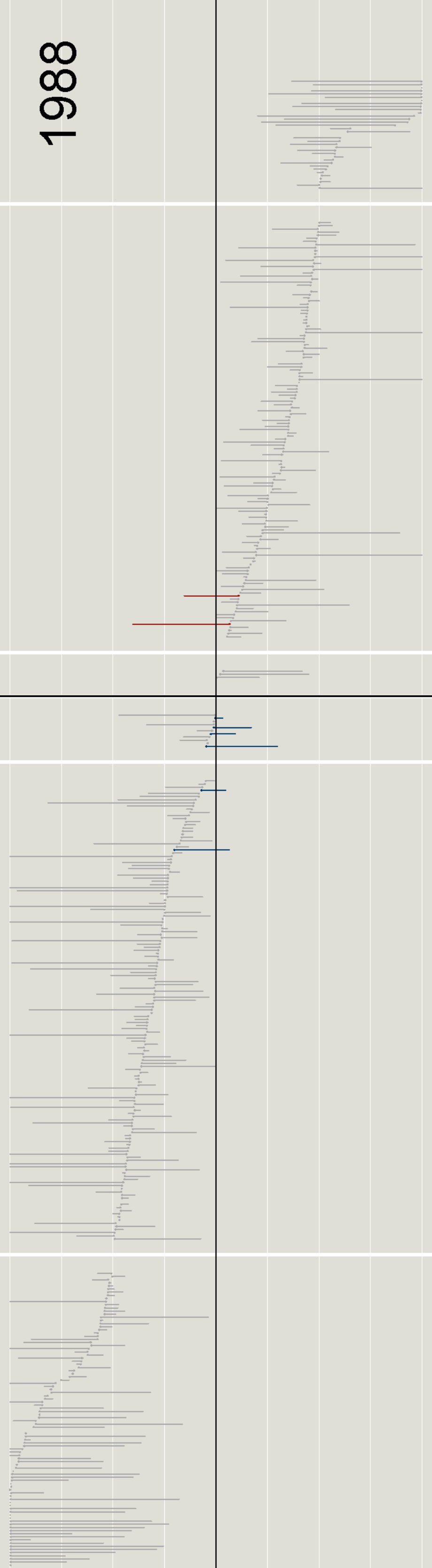
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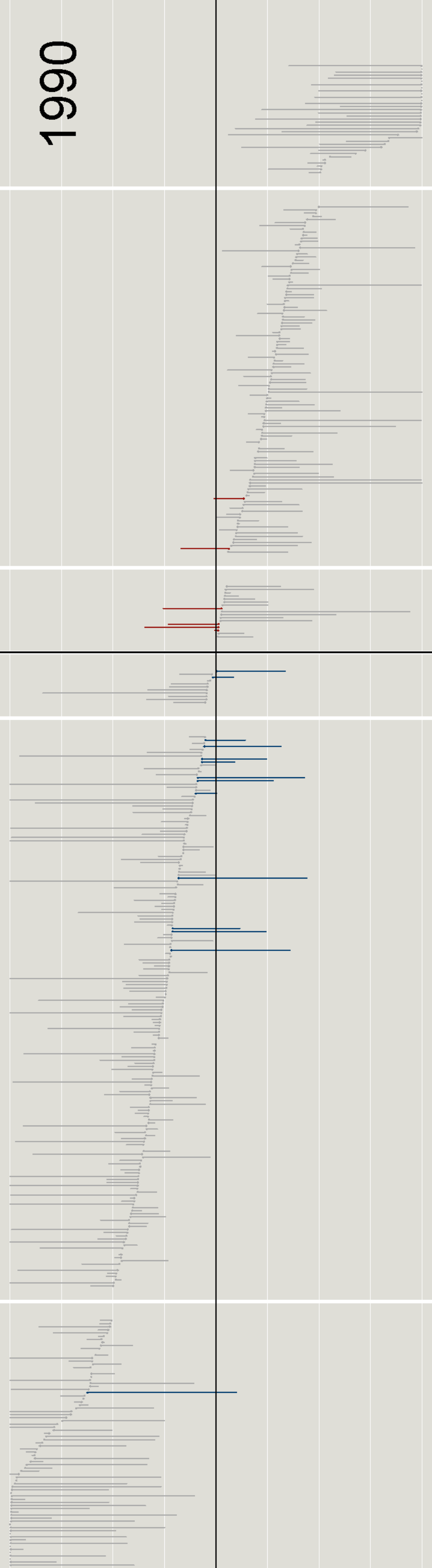


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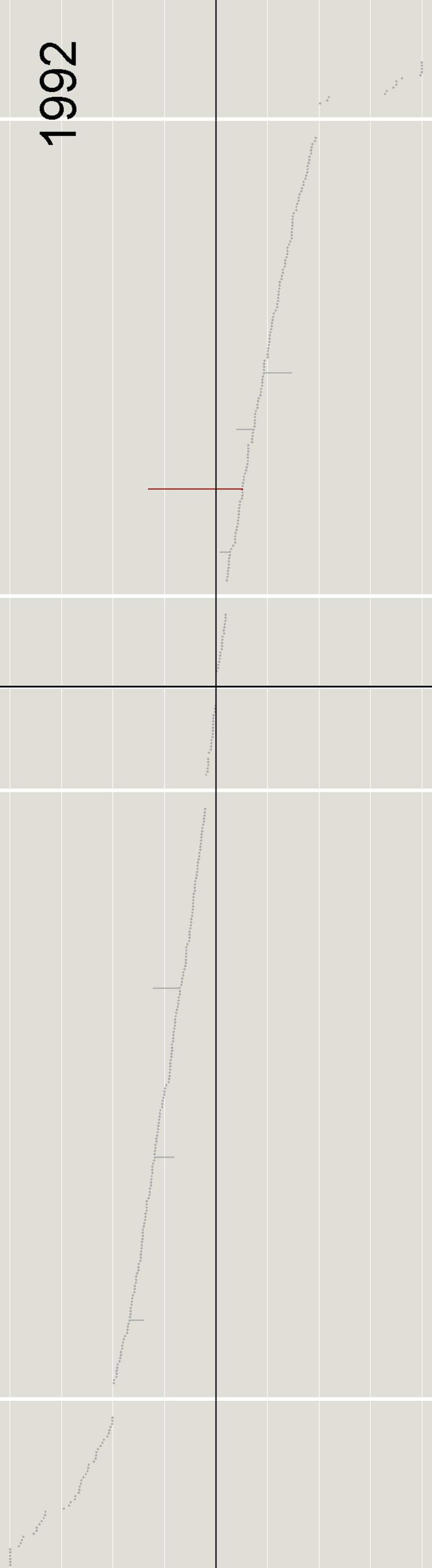




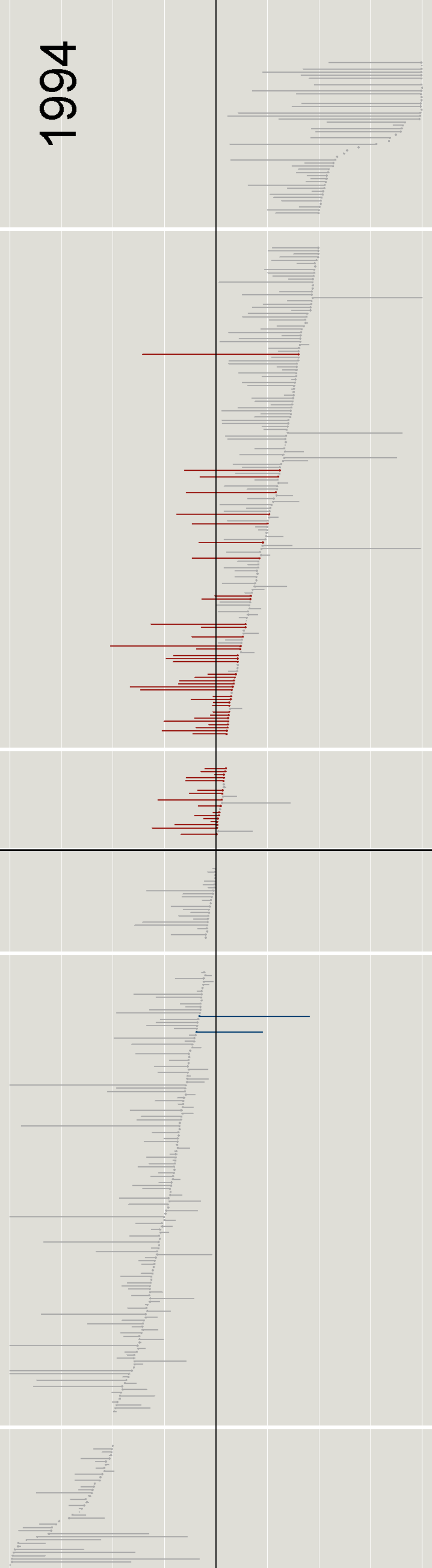
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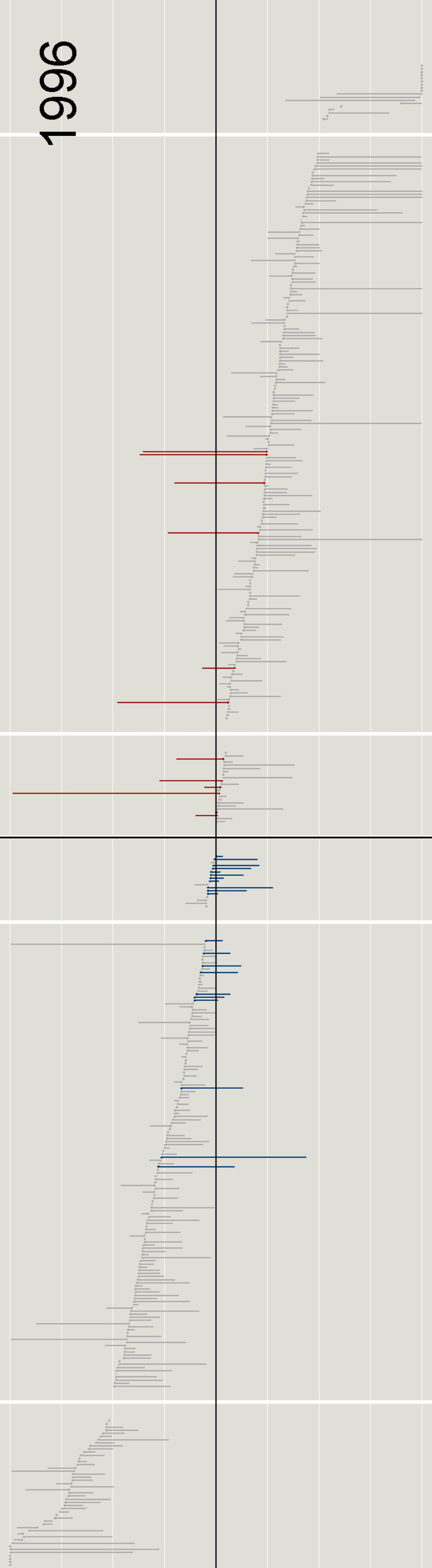
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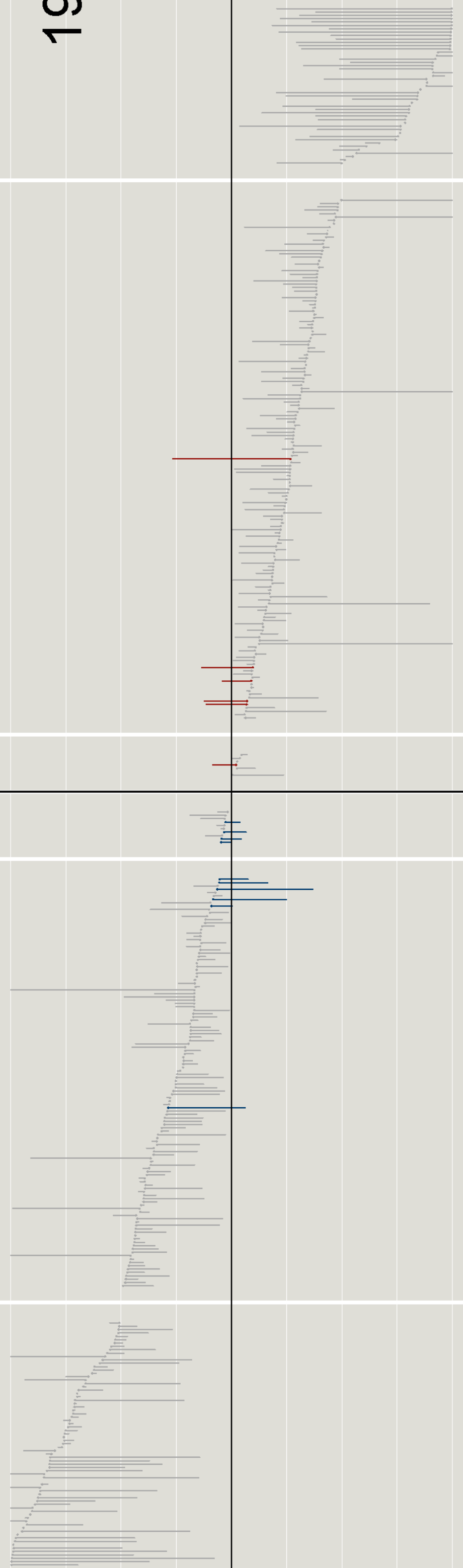


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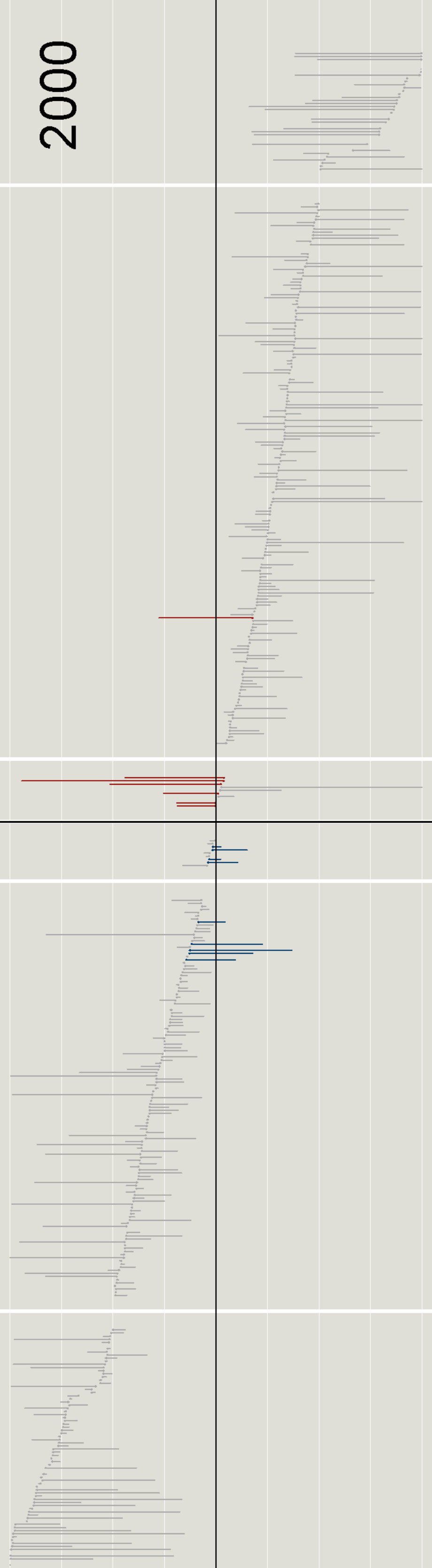




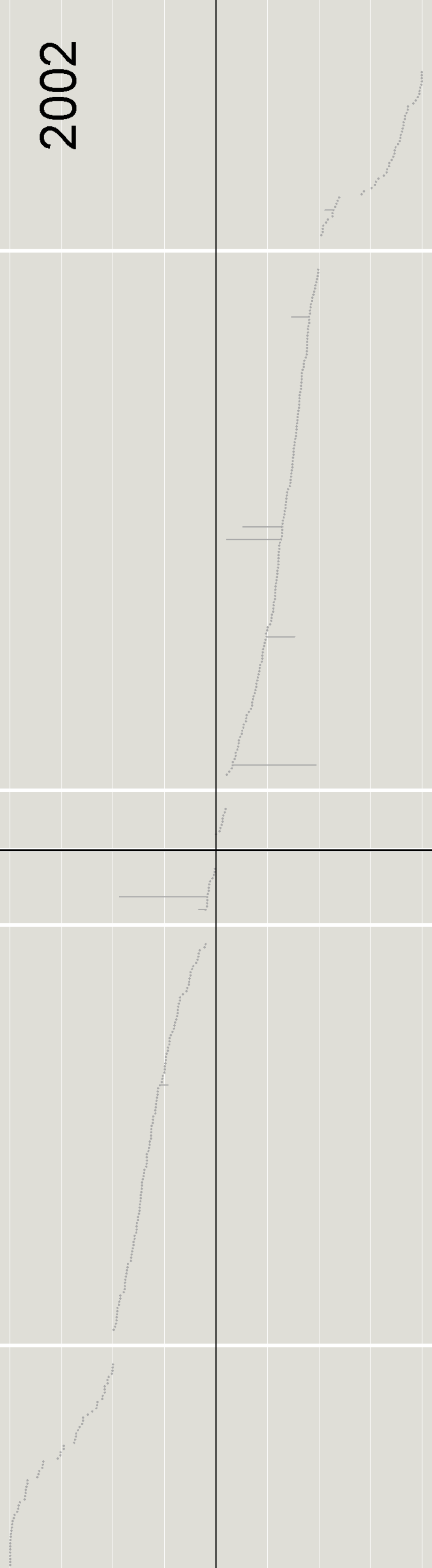
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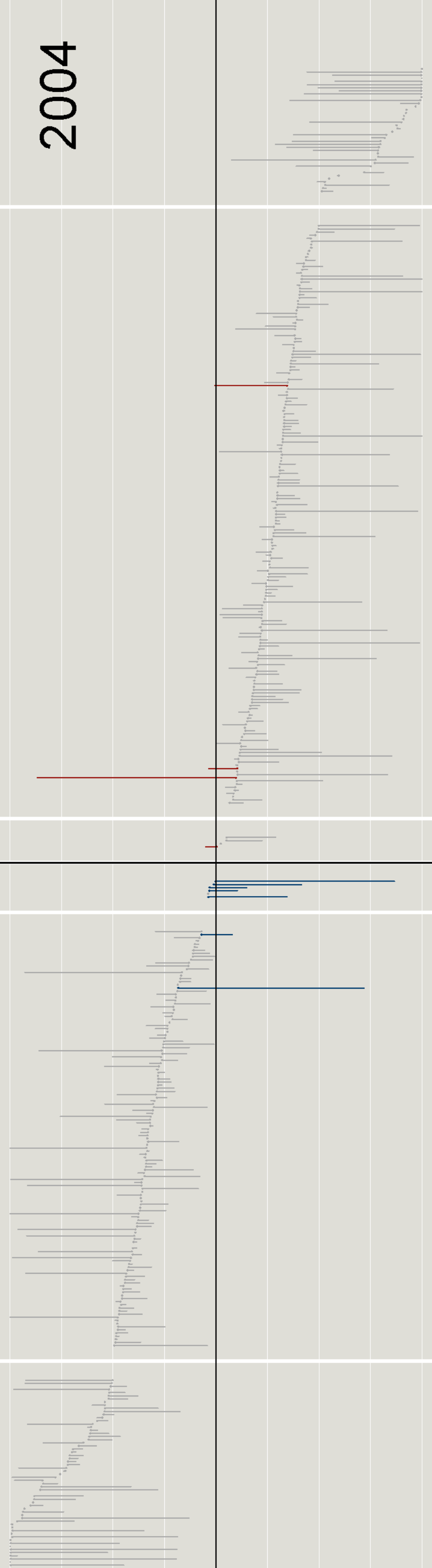
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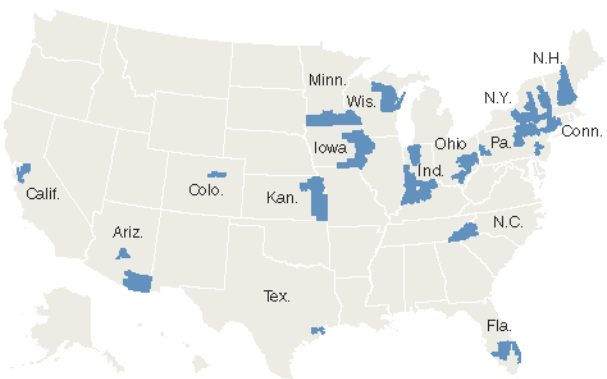
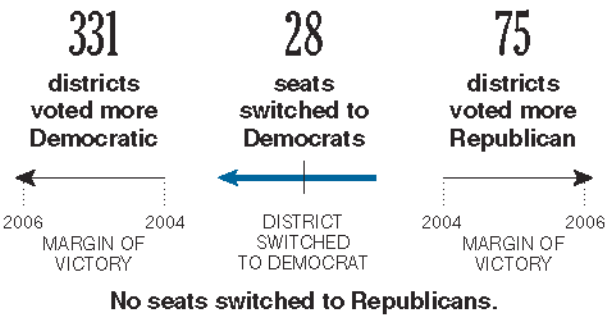




# Voters Shift the House to the Democrats

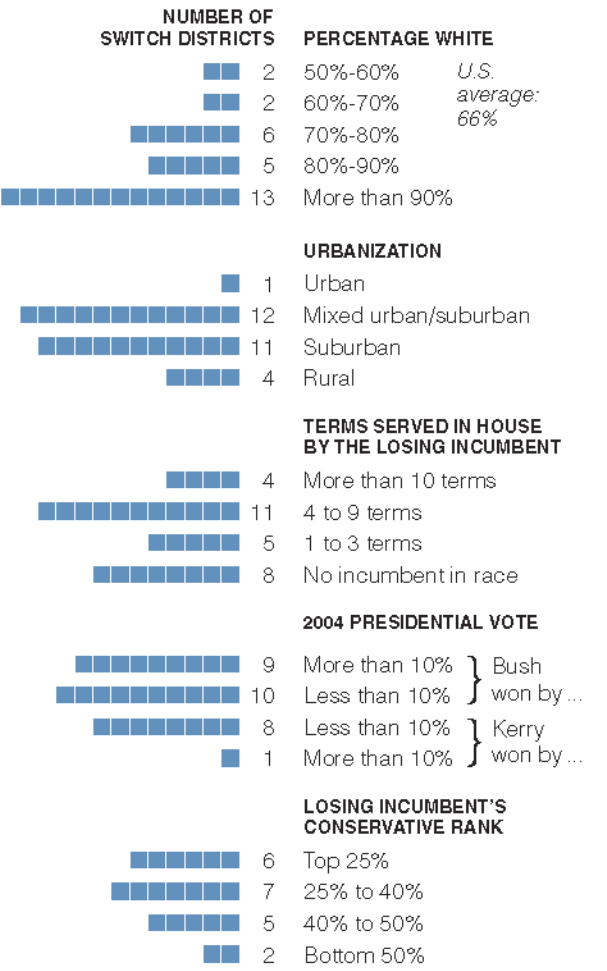
## How to Read This Chart

In the chart, every district in the House is represented by an arrow. The arrowhead is the margin of victory in 2006; the tail is the margin in 2004. If the arrow points to the right, the district voted more Republican than in 2004; if it points to the left, the district voted more Democratic. The longer the arrow, the larger the shift.



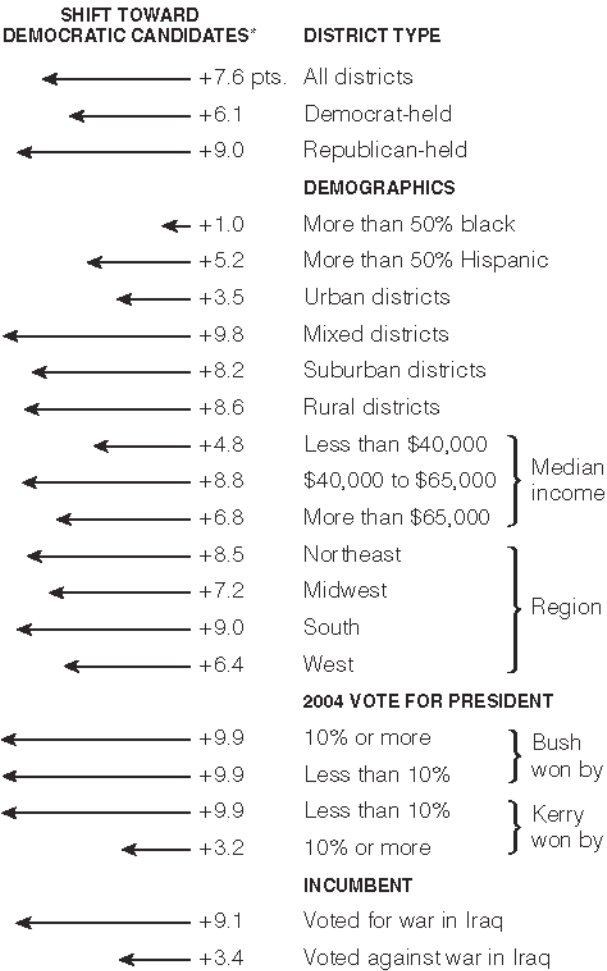
## Districts That Switched to the Democrats

This is the first election since at least 1970 in which the Republicans failed to pick up a single Democratic seat, excluding years when districts were redrawn. Democrats benefited from the "six-year itch" that has historically afflicted the party holding the White House midway through a president's second term, particularly when that party has controlled Congress as well. Democrats defeated 20 Republican incumbents, and 19 of the 28 districts that switched to Democrats elected President Bush in 2004. As a group, the districts that switched were mostly white, suburban and middle class.



## What Happened Across the House

Democrats won by larger margins in more than 80 percent of all the House districts when compared with 2004. Here is how much larger the margins were for Democratic candidates in different categories of districts:

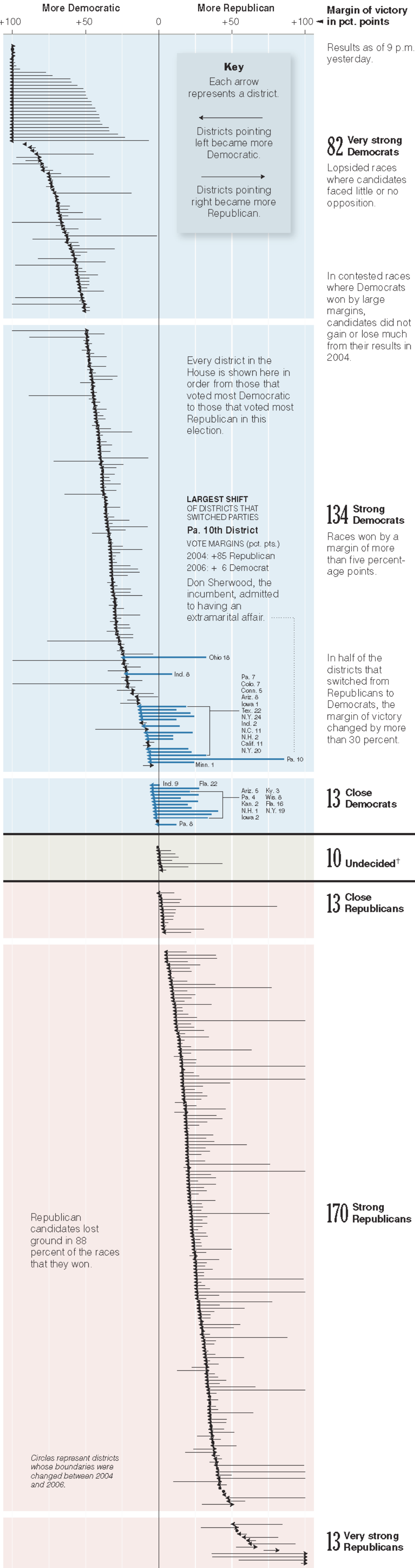


\*The median of the differences between the winning margin in 2006 and the margin in 2004.

†Includes two districts that will be decided in runoffs.

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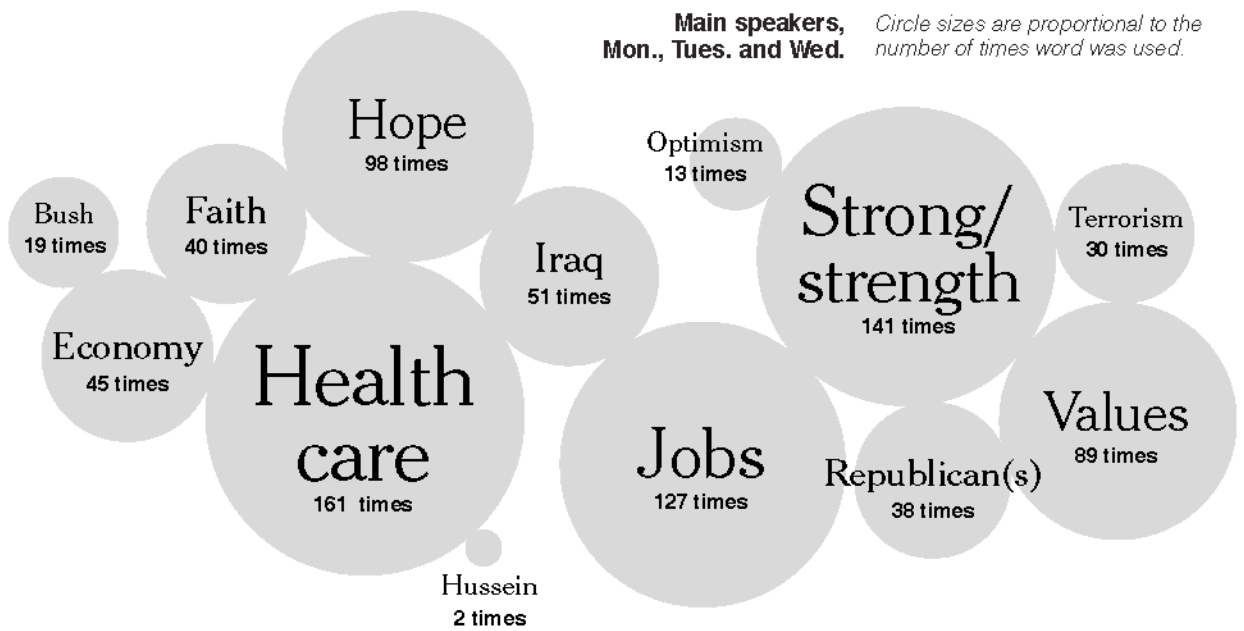
Amanda Cox, Matthew Ericson and Archie Tse/The New York Times






Uncover  
patterns.

# The Words They've Used

Different speakers, including Senator Edward M. Kennedy, shown above preparing for the speech he delivered Tuesday, have emphasized different themes, sometimes indicated by their repeated use of specific words. A look at how often some words have been used.



	SOME OF MONDAY'S MAJOR SPEAKERS			TUESDAY			WEDNESDAY	
								
NUMBER OF USES BY:	Al Gore	Bill Clinton	Edward M. Kennedy	Barack Obama	Teresa Heinz Kerry		Al Sharpton	John Edwards
Health care		5	2	1	1		2	9
Strong/strength	2	5	3		1		1	5
Jobs	3	6	1	5	1			6
Values		3	2	2			4	8
Hope	2		7	13	5		1	8
Faith		1	3	6	2			1
Economy	2	3	1	1	1			1
Republican(s)	2	8		2			1	
Iraq	3	2	1	3			3	10
Terrorism	1		3				1	2
Optimism	1		2	1	1			1
Bush	1		1				2	
Hussein								

# The Words Speakers Use

Looking at the number of times words have been used by speakers at each party's convention suggests the different themes the parties have highlighted.

The Republican speakers have used more terms related to terrorism and the war in Iraq, while the Democratic speakers were more likely to mention health care or jobs.

In addition, Republicans were more likely to mention the opposing candidate by name, something the Democrats rarely did.

## Republican Convention

Speakers on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday



## Democratic Convention

Speakers on all days



SOME OF THE REPUBLICAN SPEAKERS



SOME OF THE DEMOCRATIC SPEAKERS



NUMBER OF TIMES SPEAKERS USED EACH WORD OR PHRASE

	John McCain	Rudolph W. Giuliani	Arnold Schwarzenegger	Laura Bush	Zell Miller	Dick Cheney	Bill Clinton	Barack Obama	John Edwards	John Kerry
Opponent's name		12			15	13				2
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Terrorism	2	21	2						2	
Religion	1	1	1							1
Afghanistan	1	2		3	2	2	1		1	
Courage	5	1			1	1	1		1	
Homeownership				3		1	1			
Freedom	7	9	4	6	12	7	2	2	2	5
Compassion(ate)			2			1	1			
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War	18	13		7	8	10	6	6	10	14
Iraq	2	4	3	4	2	3	2	3	9	4
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Strong/strength	2	3	1	4		2	5		5	8
Troops		1	2		2	2		1	1	4
Economy			4			2	3	1	1	3
Hope	1	4	1	4		1		13	8	4
Health care		2		1		1	5	1	9	12
Jobs				1		1	6	5	6	12

Source: Federal News Service transcripts of speeches; Republican National Convention

Matthew Ericson/The New York Times



# The Words That Were Used

Number of times President Bush used the following words or phrases in State of the Union addresses.



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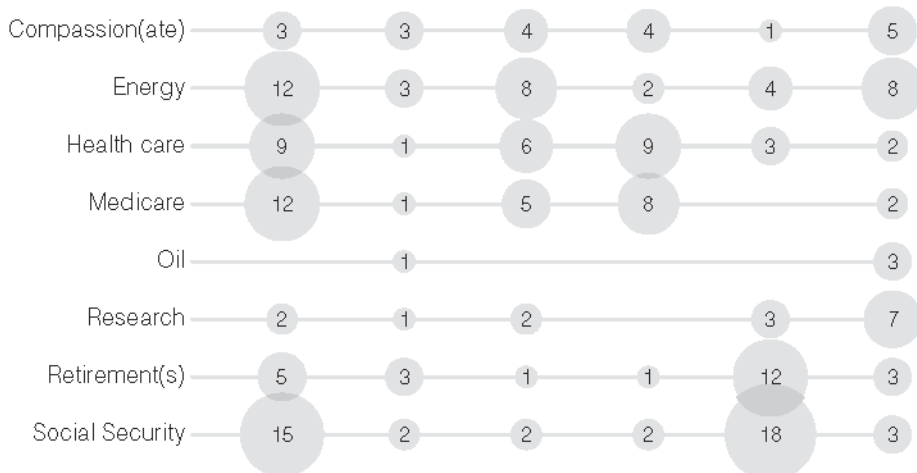
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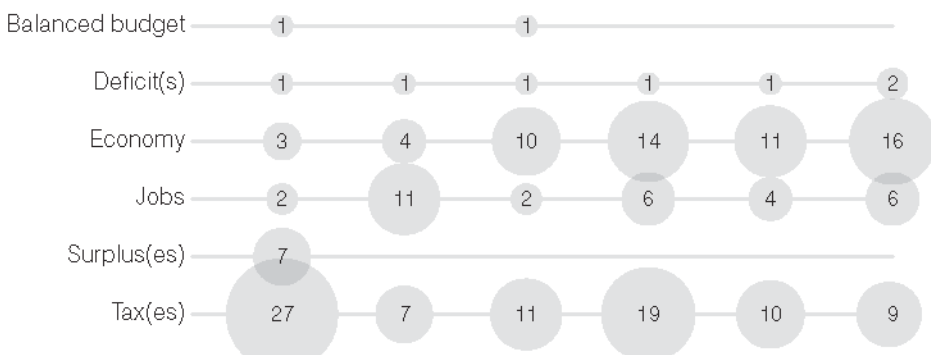
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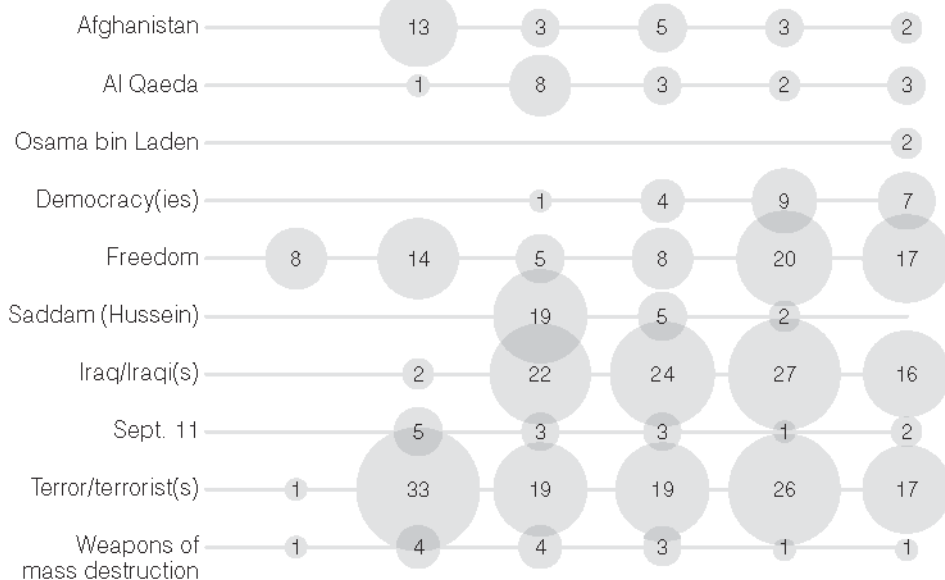
## DOMESTIC AFFAIRS



## TAXES AND THE ECONOMY



## TERRORISM AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS



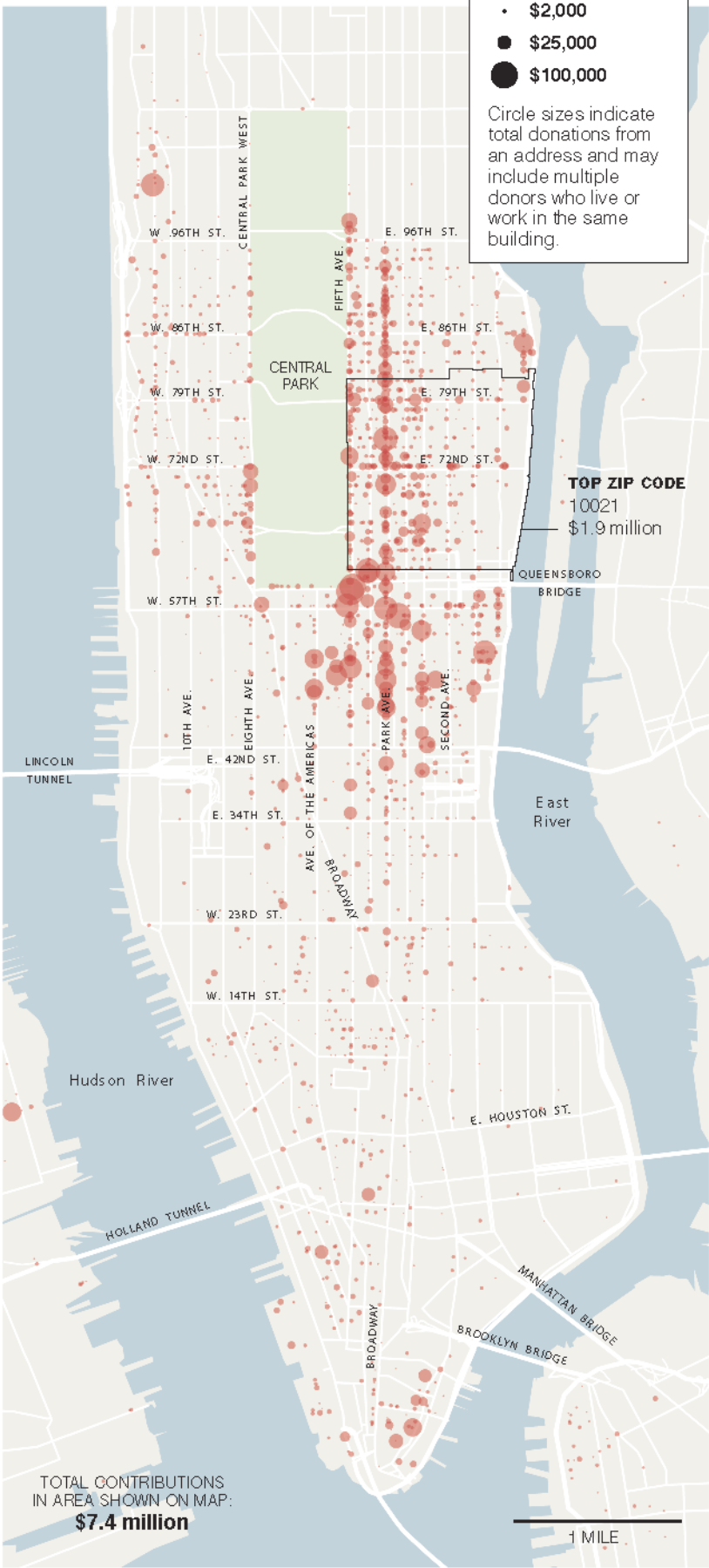
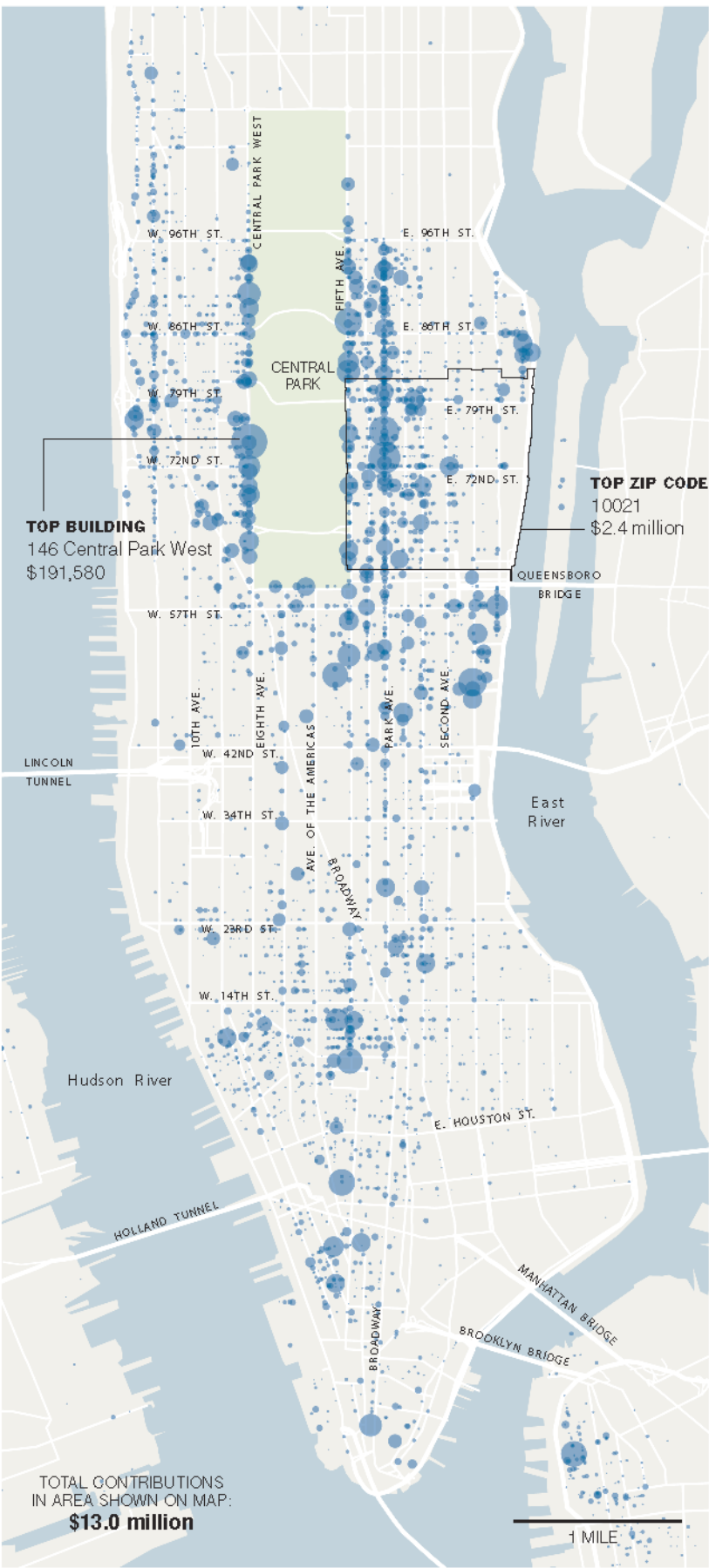
In Presidential Politics, Where the Donors Are

By plotting the addresses of donors to presidential campaigns and the national party committees on a map, patterns of giving emerge. Data from the Federal Election Commission shows apartment buildings, offices and other addresses where the occupants have given tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars to support the candidates. MATTHEW ERICSON

JOHN KERRY and the Democratic National Committee      Contributions to each candidate and his party's national committee      GEORGE W. BUSH and the Republican National Committee

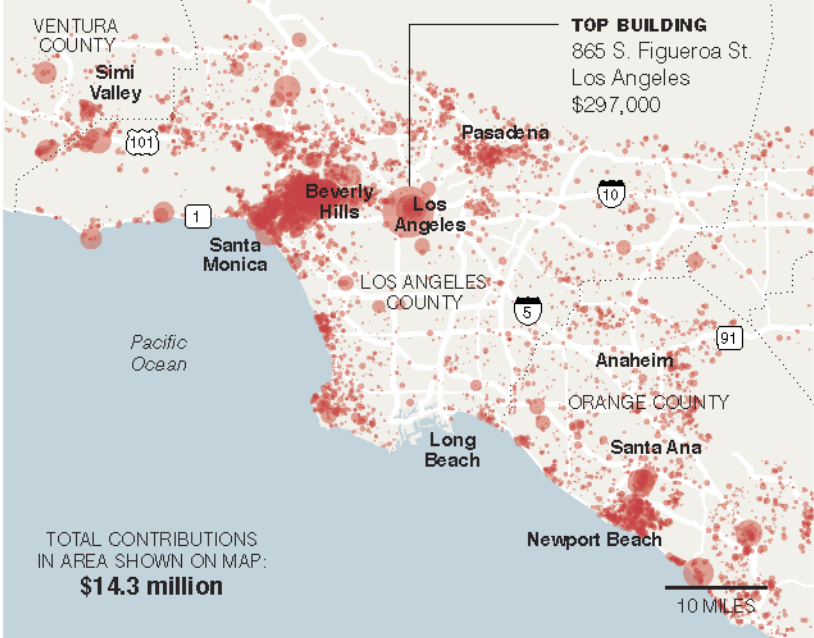
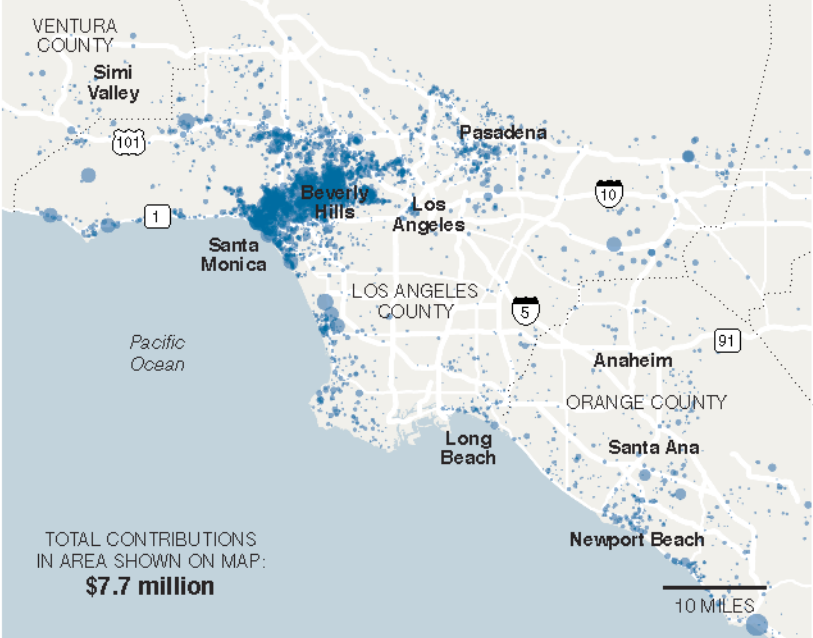
Manhattan

For both sides, the top ZIP code in the nation for contributions was 10021 on the Upper East Side. Mr. Kerry's appeal, however, was greater throughout much of the rest of Manhattan, bringing in more money than Mr. Bush and the R.N.C. in areas like the Upper West Side, Greenwich Village and SoHo.



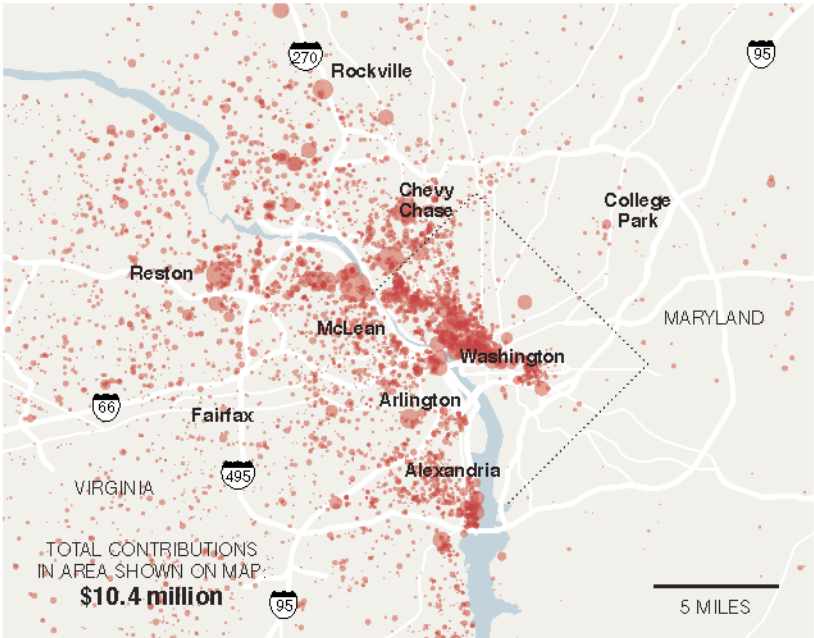
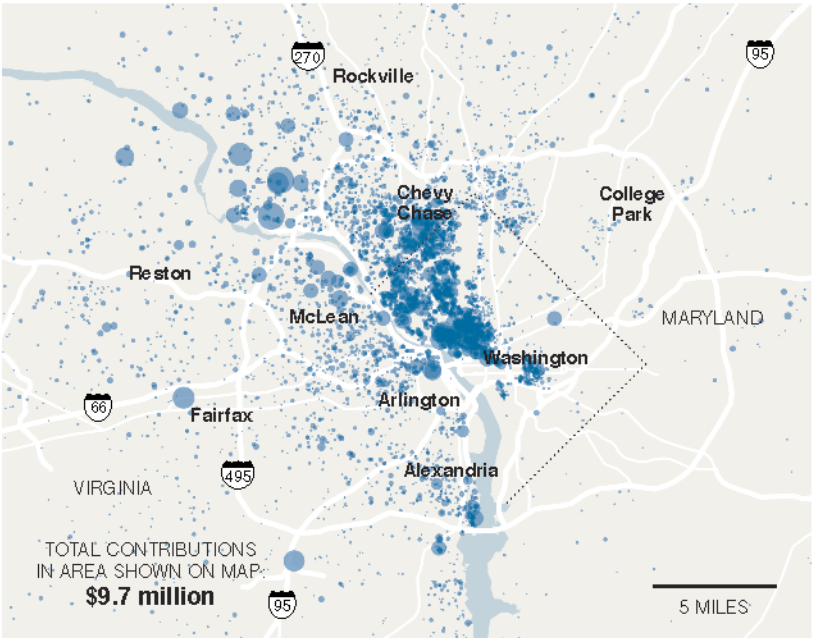
Los Angeles Area

Mr. Bush and the R.N.C. led not only in traditionally Republican areas, like Orange County, but also in Los Angeles itself.



Washington, D.C. Area

While Mr. Kerry and the D.N.C. raised more money in Washington, suburbs such as McLean, Arlington and Alexandria were more Republican in giving.



**ABOUT THE DATA** The maps are based on the addresses of donors as reported by the campaigns to the Federal Election Commission. The F.E.C. requires that an address be listed for each donor; it does not specify whether the address be a home address or work address, so the types of addresses shown on the map vary. The maps do not include 15 percent of contributions which were missing addresses, had addresses that could not be found or listed post office boxes rather than street addresses. Data include itemized contributions of \$200 or more by individuals from Jan. 1, 2003 through April 30, 2004 to the presidential campaigns and national party committees.

Sources: Federal Election Commission; Queens College Department of Sociology

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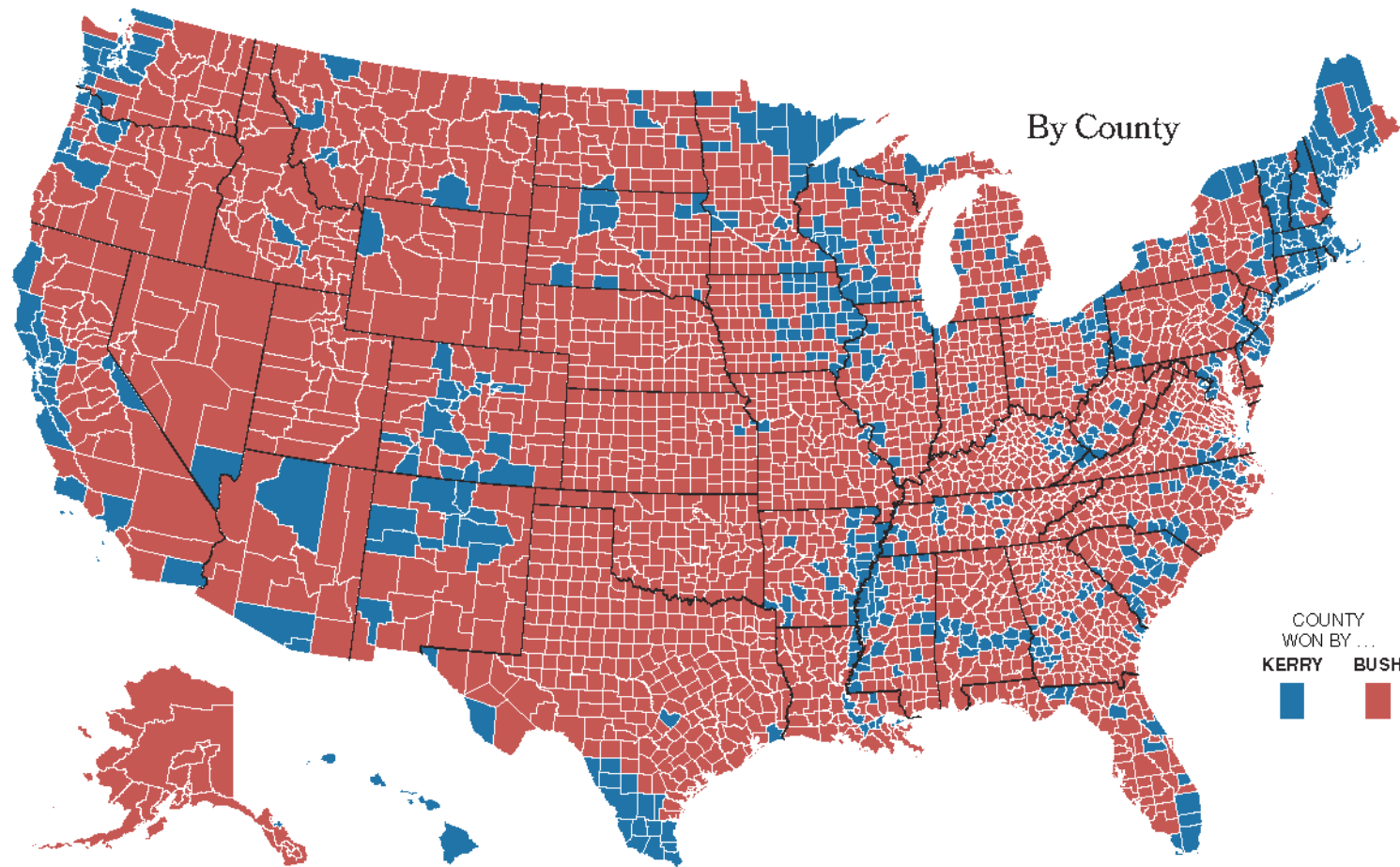
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Honest  
portrayal.



By County

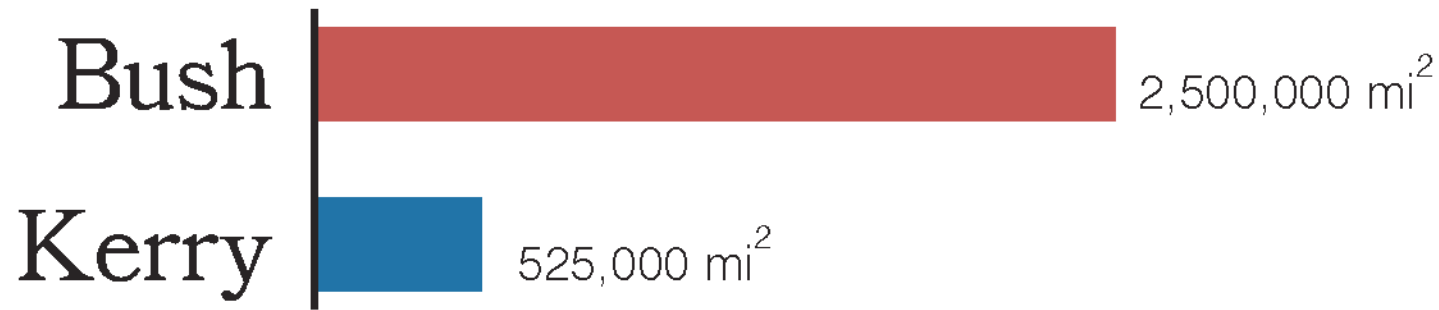
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KERRY BUSH

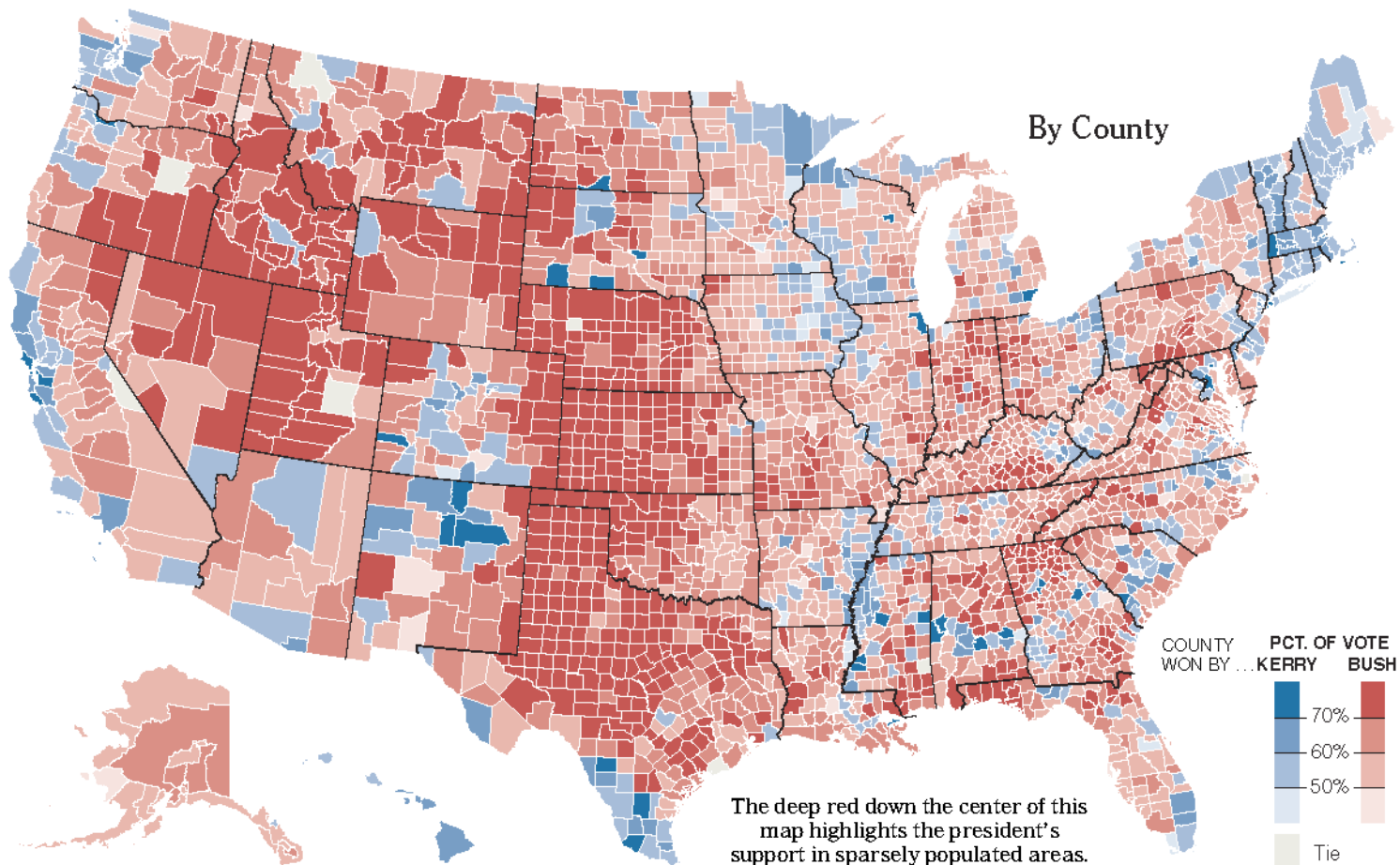


## 2004 Popular Vote



## Amount of red and blue shown on map





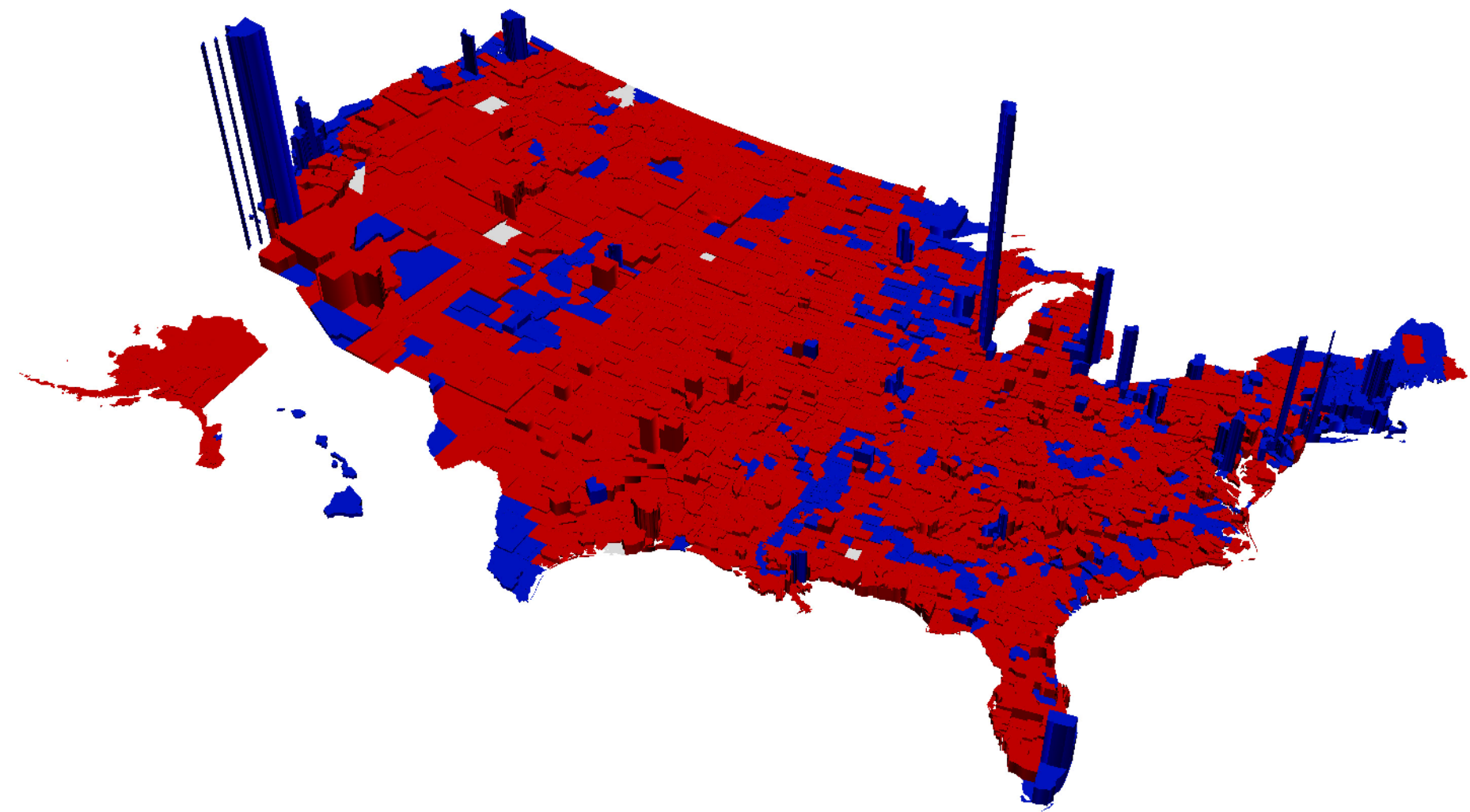
The deep red down the center of this map highlights the president's support in sparsely populated areas.

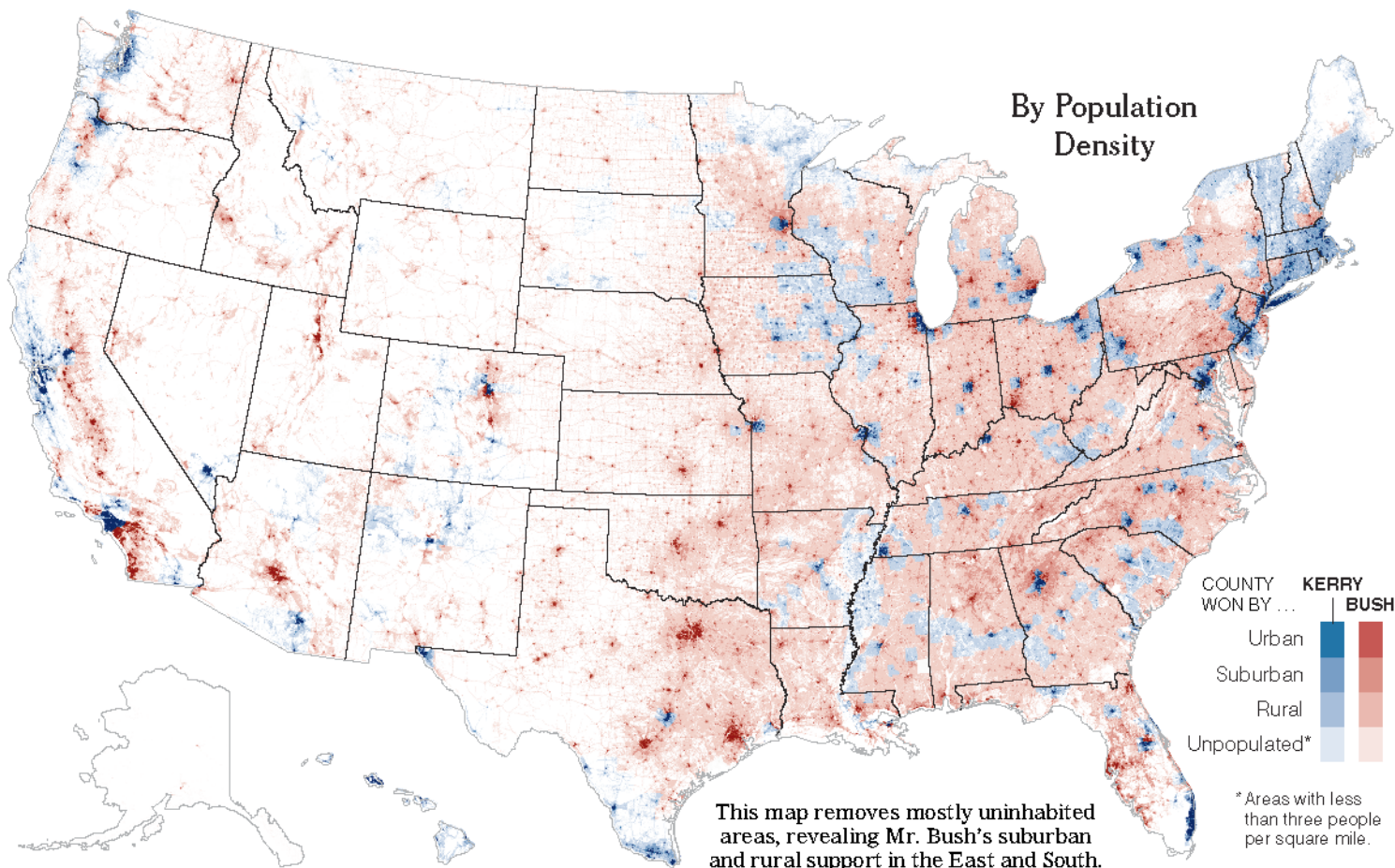




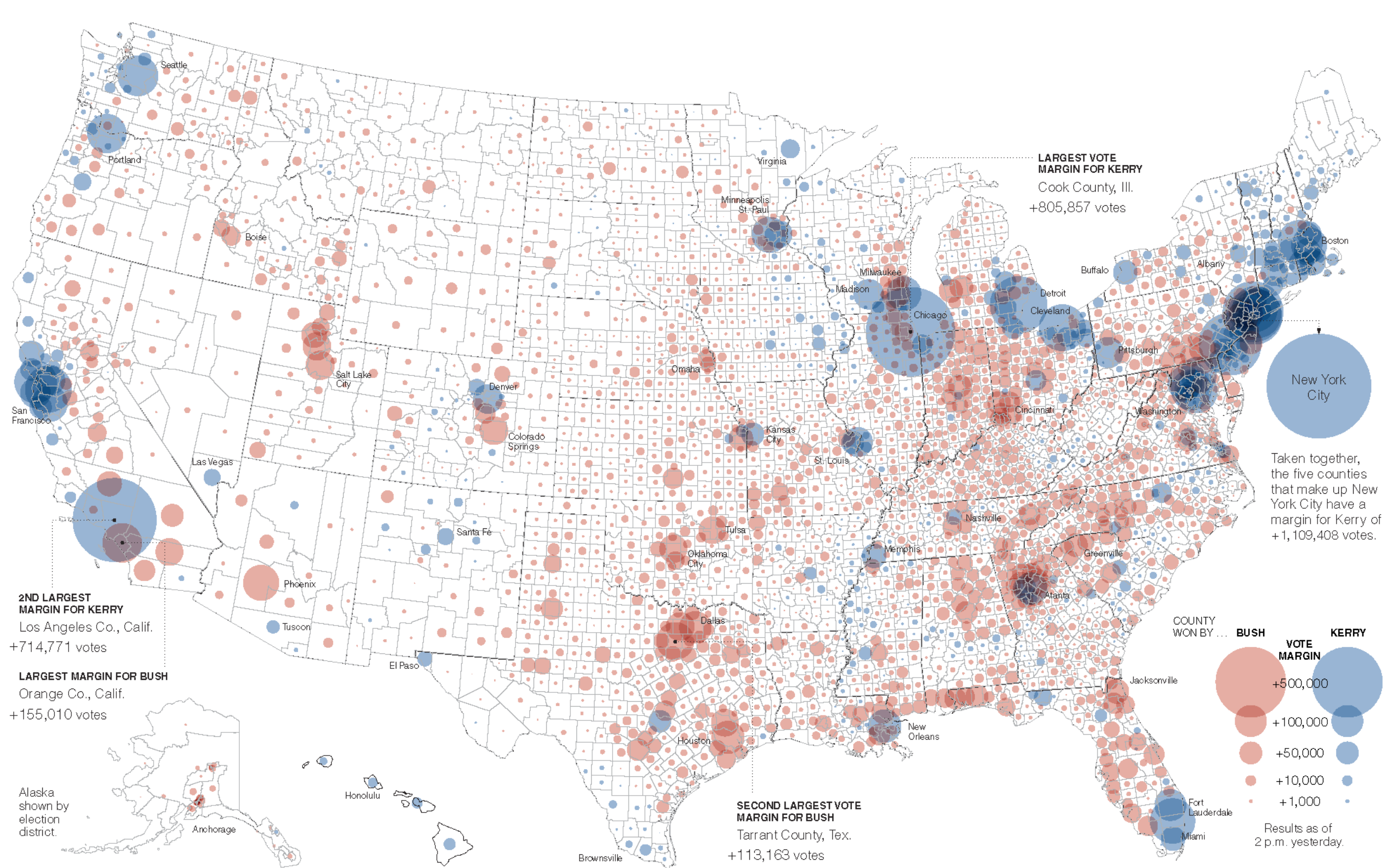
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Mark Newman

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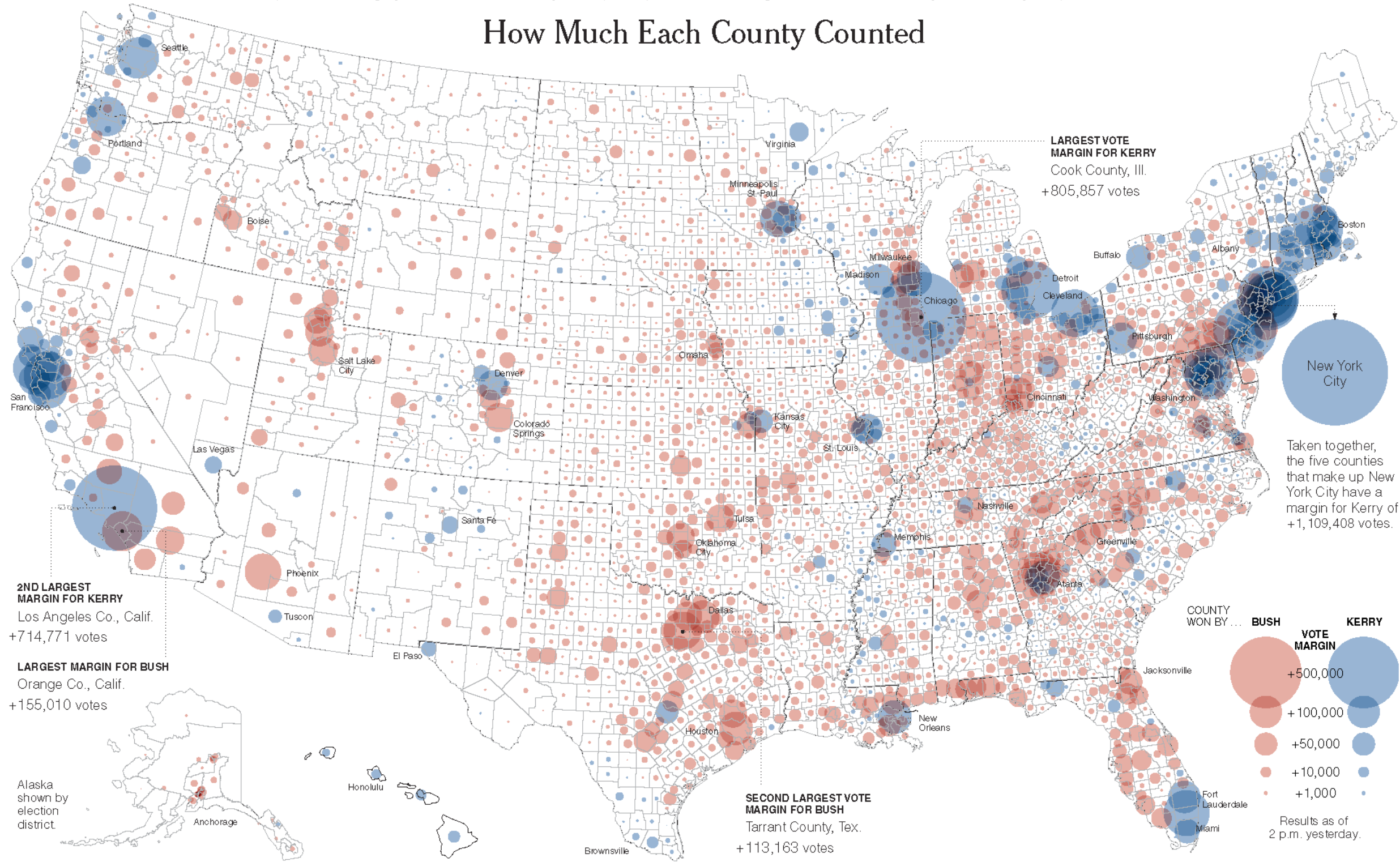


# Red and Blue, the Divided Electorate, in All Its Shades

The simple formula for winning an election is to get more votes than your opponent in as many counties as possible. It worked for President Bush. The map below, which uses the size of circles to indicate a candidate's winning margin, shows how it played out. Senator John Kerry had huge margins in

many counties with large cities, and those margins were enough for him to win some of those states. However, Mr. Bush's relatively smaller but consistent margins in suburban and rural counties, in much of the South and West, helped him overcome Mr. Kerry's urban-county margins.

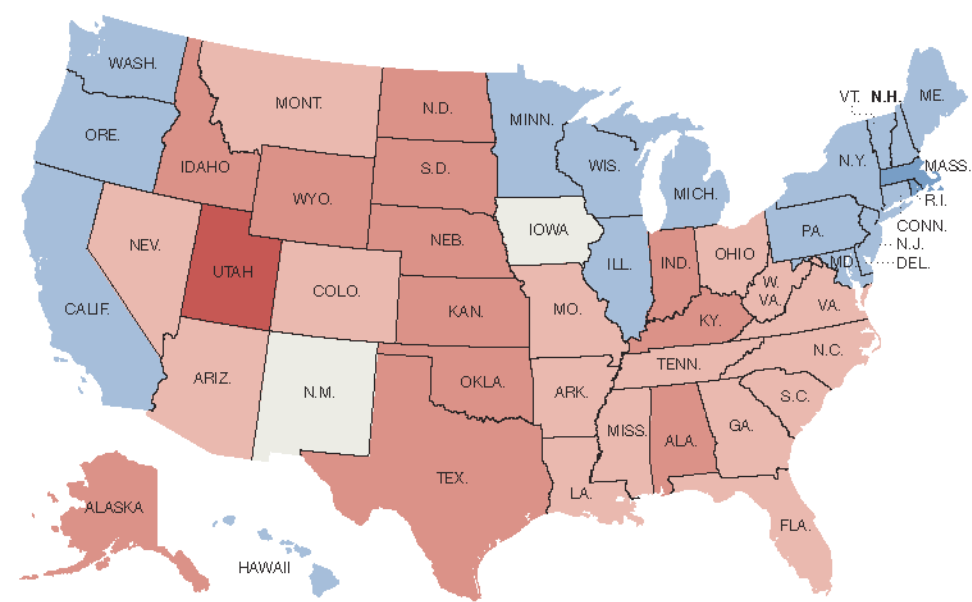
## How Much Each County Counted



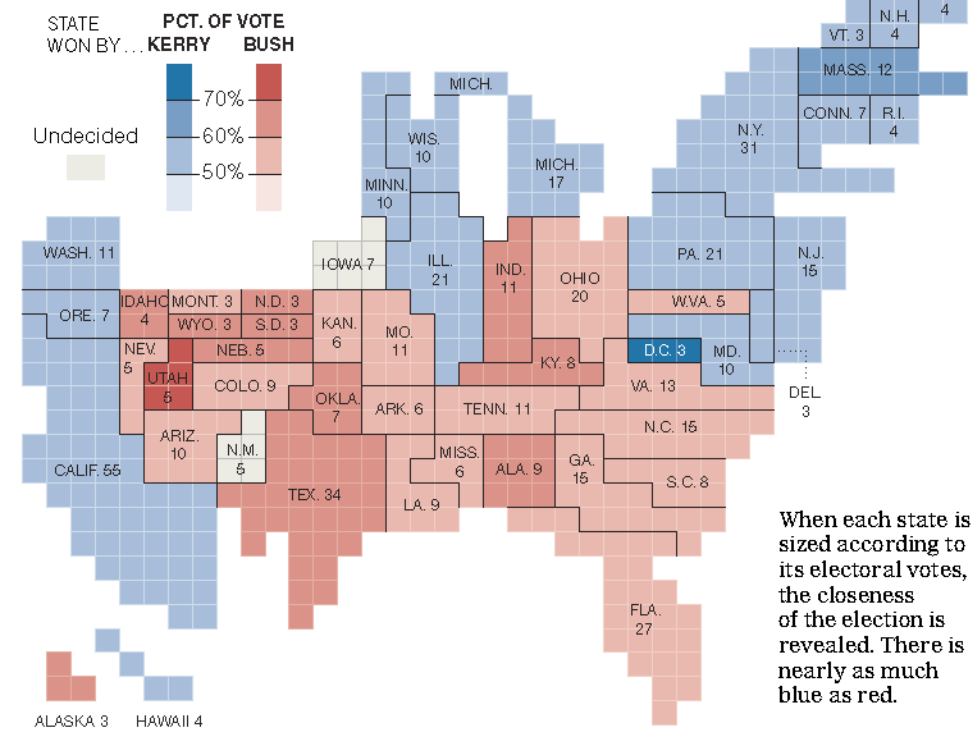
## Two Views of the Electoral Vote

### By Geography

Using the typical map of the United States, vast swaths are painted red.



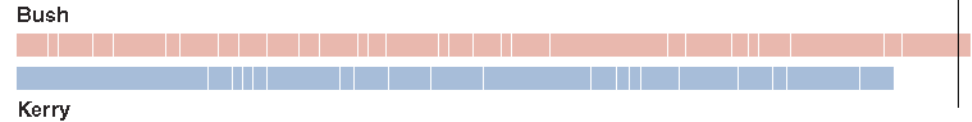
### By Electoral Weight



When each state is sized according to its electoral votes, the closeness of the election is revealed. There is nearly as much blue as red.

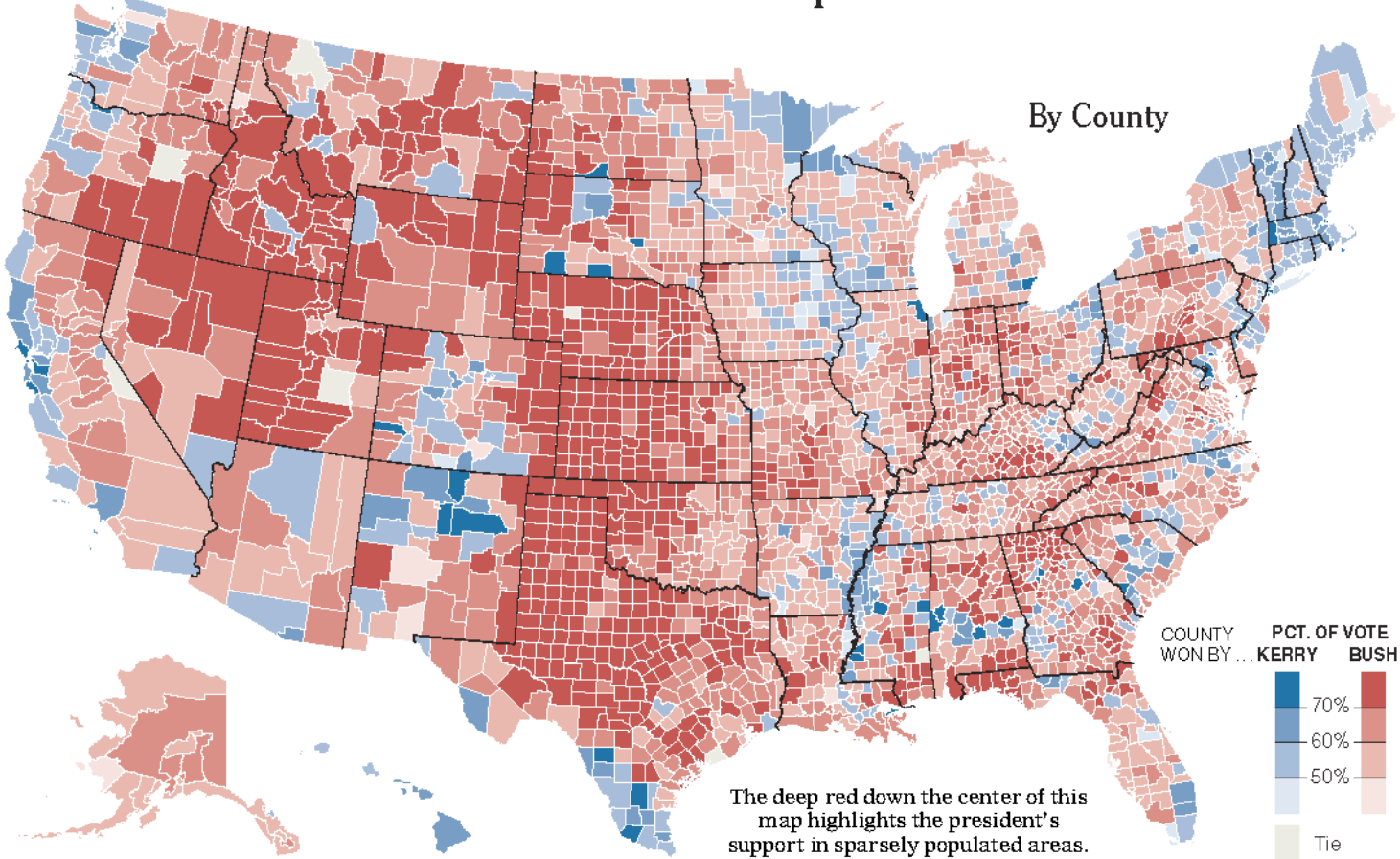
### The Electoral Results

With two states undecided, New Mexico and Iowa.

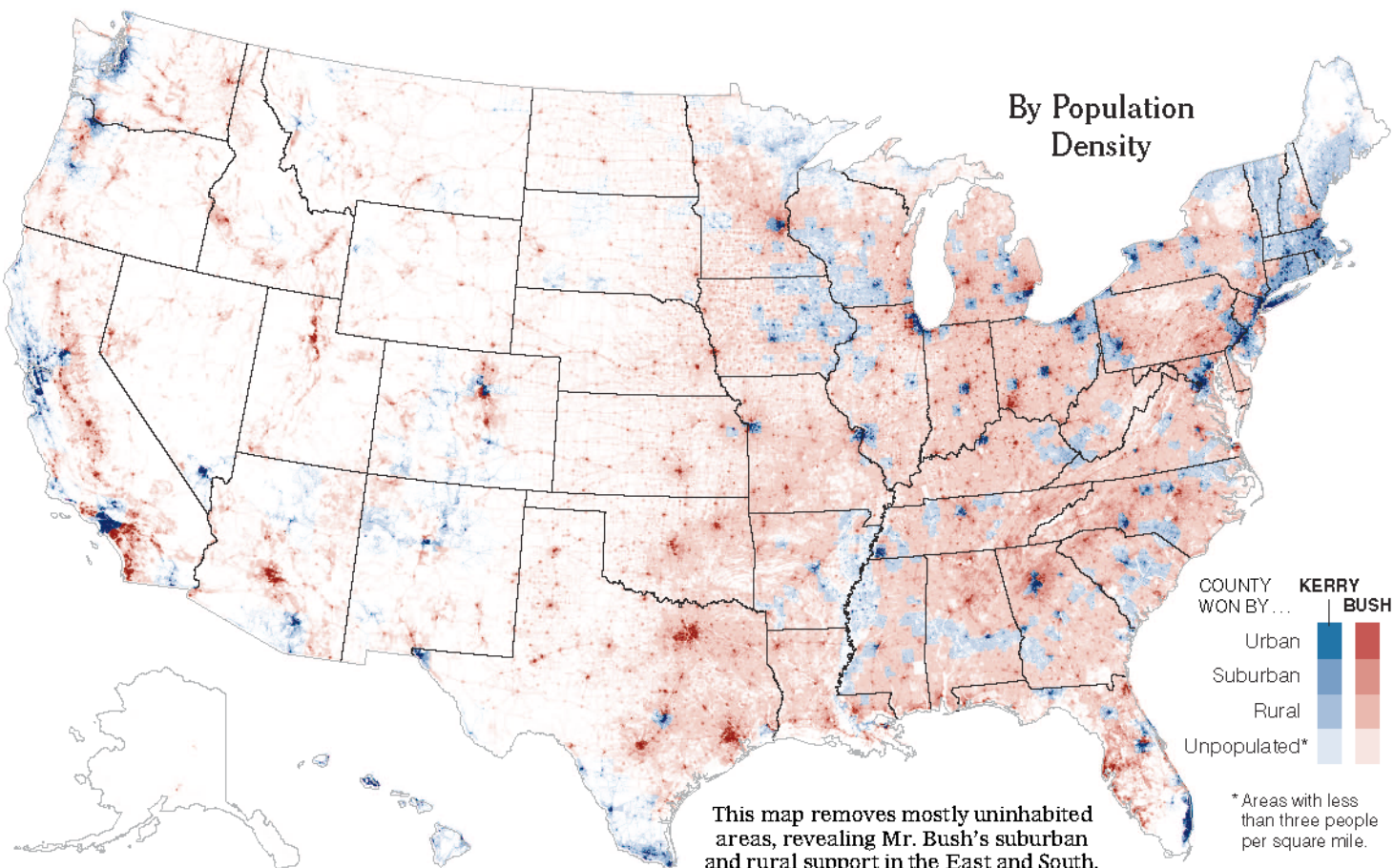


## Two Views of the Popular Vote

### By County



### By Population Density





Organize  
& Explain

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# Steroids or Not, the Pursuit Is On

Barry Bonds is taking aim at the career home run record. He needs only six more to tie Babe Ruth and 47 to equal Hank Aaron.

Lines are cumulative home runs.

**Hank Aaron**  
755 homers  
23 seasons



**Babe Ruth**  
714 homers  
22 seasons



**Barry Bonds**  
708 homers  
20 seasons

**Bonds takes lead**  
Home runs  
after 16 seasons  
Bonds 567  
Aaron 554  
Ruth 516

755  
714  
23 seasons  
22 seasons  
20 seasons  
*Bonds was injured last season. He played 14 games and hit 5 homers.*

## Homer Pace After Age 34

If the accusations are correct, Bonds was 34 in his first season on steroids. Here are projected home run paces for each player after age 34.

----- PROJECTED PACE BASED ON AVERAGE OF PREVIOUS FIVE SEASONS

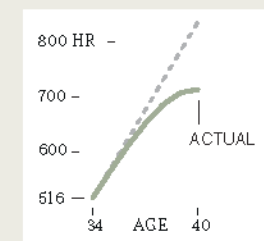
### Aaron

Actual homers slightly outpace projected homers for five seasons.



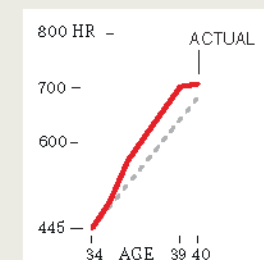
### Ruth

Averaged 46.4 homers a season from age 30 to 34. Averaged 42.5 for next four seasons.



### Bonds

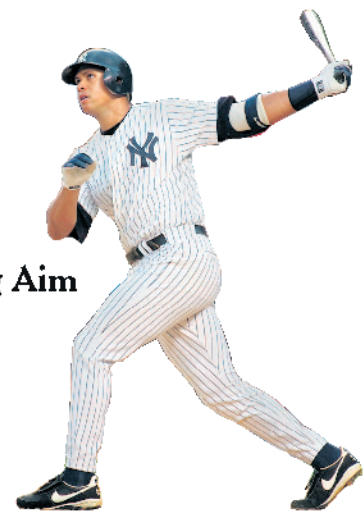
From age 35 to 39, he averaged 14 more homers a season than projected.



Note: Ages as of July 1 of each season.

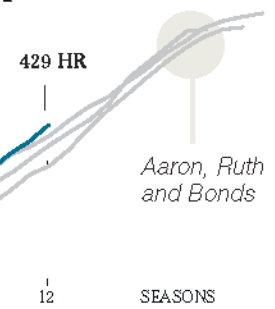
According to allegations in a book about Bonds, he began taking steroids before the 1999 season, his 14th in the league. Two seasons later, he hit 73 home runs, surpassing Aaron's career pace.

## Others Taking Aim



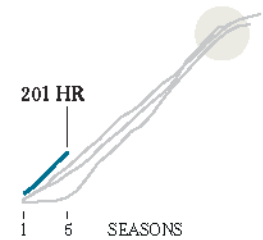
### Alex Rodriguez

Is ahead of the pace set by all three home run leaders.



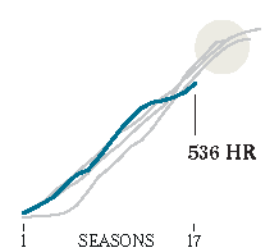
### Albert Pujols

Averaging 40 homers a season, he has started stronger than the three leaders did.



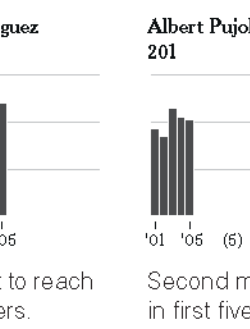
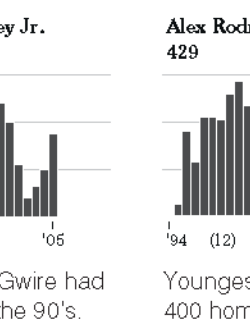
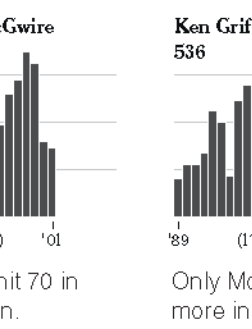
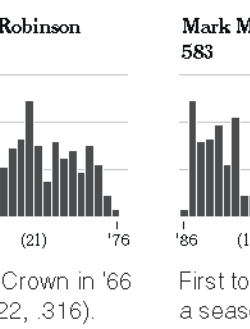
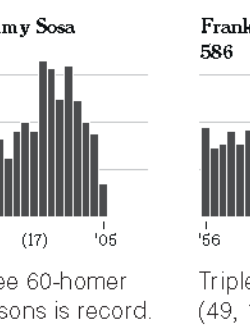
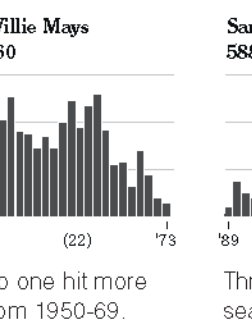
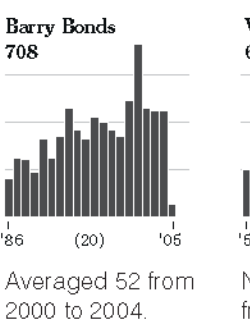
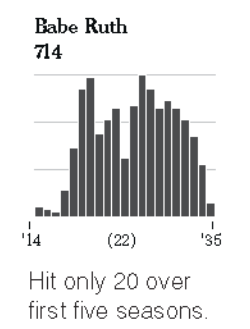
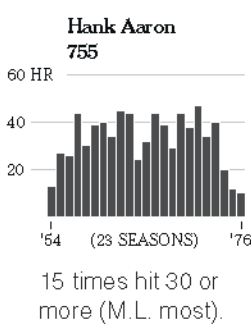
### Ken Griffey Jr.

Many thought he would be the first to catch Ruth and Aaron until injuries limited his output.



## Differing Paths to the Top of the Charts

The top seven players on the career home run list, along with a look at Griffey (12th), Rodriguez (37th) and Pujols (tied 257th).

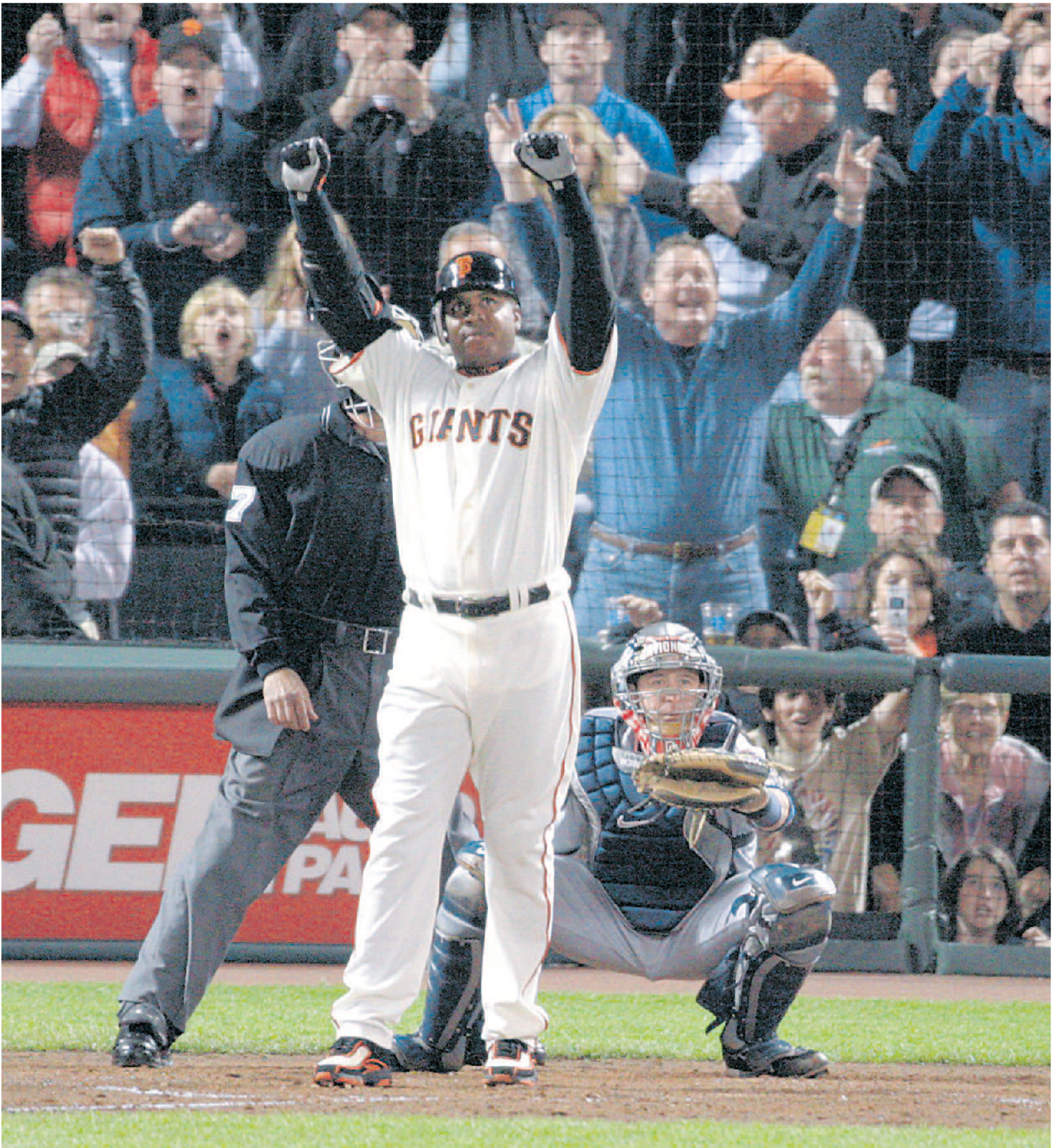
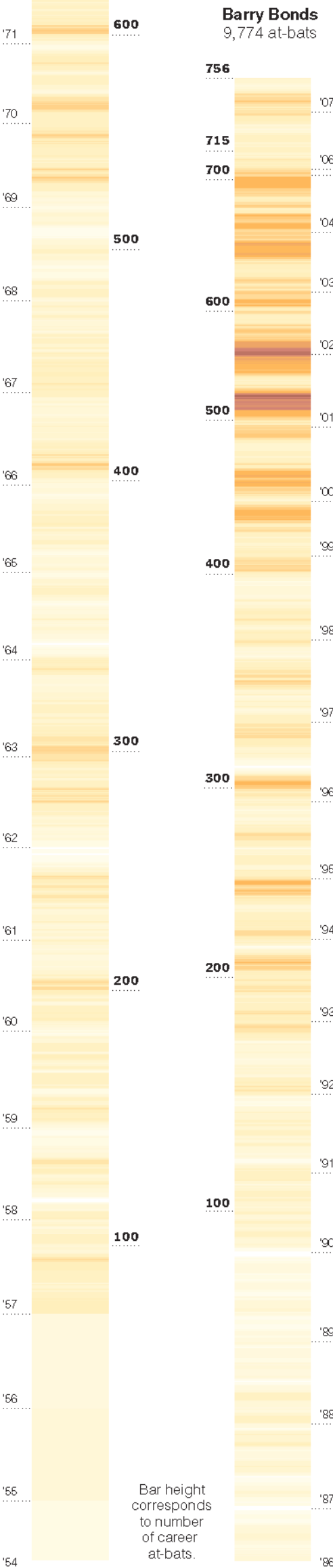
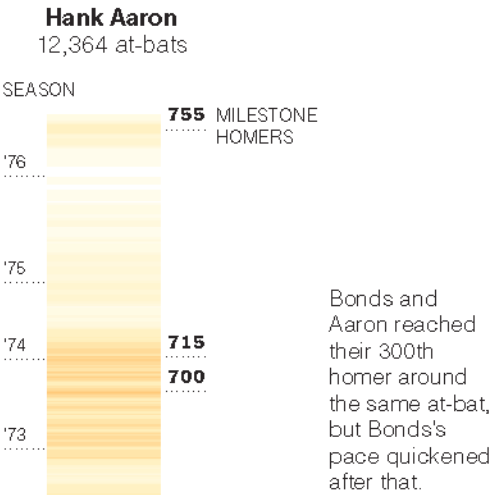
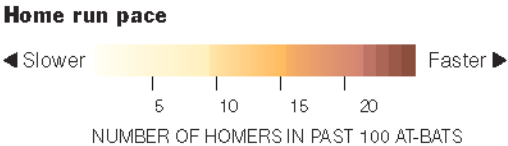




Tracking the Long Ball

The pace at which Hank Aaron and Barry Bonds hit their home runs.

The bars below are made up of a series of colored lines (—), with one line for every regular-season at-bat. The color of each line indicates the player's home run pace over his previous 100 at-bats.



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Barry Bonds after he hit his 756th homer against the Nationals' Mike Bacsik in the fifth to break Hank Aaron's career record.

SLUGGER BREAKS AARON'S RECORD,  
DODGING CONTROVERSY ALONG THE WAY

By JACK CURRY

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7 — Barry Bonds swung, then immediately raised his arms in the air, realizing that he had become the most prolific home run hitter in major league history. Everyone in the ball park instantly realized the importance of what they had witnessed as well, watching Bonds's latest and most important white streak soar into the night.

Bonds's 756th homer pushed him past Hank Aaron and pushed baseball's history into an awkward spot. He is alone now atop the career home run list. Let the debate about the authenticity of Bonds's record begin. It will be here for a while.

With his compact swing, Bonds blasted a fastball from Mike Bacsik of the Washington Nationals over the fence in right-center field in the fifth inning. The anxious San Francisco Giants fans, who were already standing at AT&T Park, cheered, hugged and high-fived. Bonds trotted around the bases and officially put himself in a place where no other player has been.

When Bonds reached home, Nikolai, his 17-year-old son and a Giants bat boy, was there to greet him. Nikolai held up one finger to his father, a sign that Bonds was No. 1. Bonds stopped at the plate and raised his arms high again, then pointed to the sky.

The Giants assembled near the plate to congrat-

ulate Bonds, a sea of men in white uniforms engulfing him. Bonds removed his helmet and waved it to the fans. Bacsik stood behind the mound with his hand on his hip. In a quirky coincidence, Bascik's father, Mike Sr., once pitched to Aaron when Aaron had 755 homers.

Aaron, who had distanced himself from Bonds's pursuit, made an appearance in a videotaped message that was played on the scoreboard. The message received a huge ovation, too. Aaron congratulated Bonds and noted that getting the record requires "skill, longevity and determination" and said that he was privileged to hold the record for 33 years.

"I move over and offer my best wishes to Barry and his family on this historical achievement," Aaron said. "My hope today, as it was on that April evening in 1974, is that the achievement of this record will inspire others to chase their own dreams."

After Aaron's message, Bonds took a microphone and spoke briefly. Bonds thanked his teammates, his family, the Nationals and the fans. As Bonds spoke about his father, Bobby, a former major leaguer who died in 2003, he started to weep. Bacsik is the 446th pitcher whom Bonds has victimized for a homer.

Two congratulatory banners were unfurled from

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The Ex-King  
On the New King

Hank Aaron on Barry Bonds and the home run record:

"I am making a comment by not making a comment."

Aug. 2, 2007

On why he wasn't in attendance as Bonds closed in on the record:

"I traveled for 23 years, and I just get tired of traveling. I'm not going to fly to go see somebody hit a home run, no matter whether it is Barry or Babe Ruth or Lou Gehrig or whoever it may be. I'm not going any place. I wish him all the luck in the world."

May 23, 2007

On Bonds's suspected use of steroids:

"Let me say this. Any way you look at it, it's wrong."

Dec. 5, 2004

"I think you need to have proven evidence — whoever it is, Barry Bonds, whomever it may be. I think it's wrong to just accuse somebody."

April 8, 2007

And Now, the Chase Is On for Bonds's Record

Although Alex Rodriguez ranks fourth among active players in career home runs, he seems to have the best chance at eventually surpassing Bonds's record.



SAMMY SOSA  
604 HR Age: 38



KEN GRIFFEY JR.  
589 HR Age: 37



ALEX RODRIGUEZ  
500 HR Age: 32



JIM THOME  
490 HR Age: 36



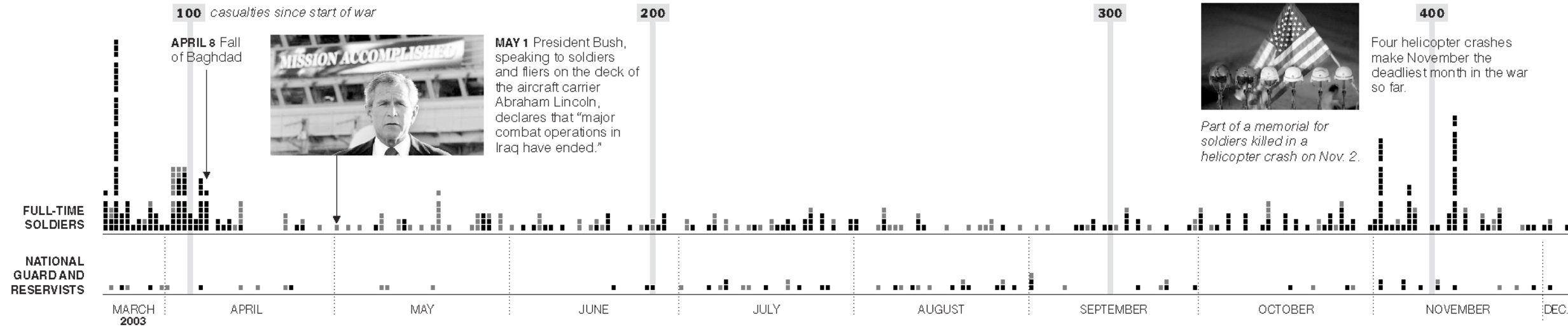
MANNY RAMÍREZ  
489 HR Age: 35

Note: Season averages are shown for Aaron's first three seasons (1954 to 1956). Lines start at the 100th at-bat of each player's career.



# The War's Toll

Number of deaths each day since the start of the war. ■ *Hostile death* ■ *Nonhostile death*



Source: Department of Defense



**DEC. 13**  
Saddam  
Hussein is  
captured.

FULL-TIME  
SOLDIERS

NATIONAL GUARD  
AND RESERVISTS

DECEMBER

JANUARY  
2004

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPT.

500

600

700

800

900

1,000\*



*A militant in Falluja, April 2004*

Uprisings by insurgents in  
Falluja and other cities  
make April 2004 the  
deadliest month of the war,  
with 134 troops killed.

May 2004 was the  
deadliest month for  
reservists and  
national guard  
members, with 22  
deaths.



**JUNE 28** American  
authorities turn over  
formal sovereignty to  
Iraq's new leaders in a  
surprise ceremony called  
two days ahead of  
schedule.

**SEPT. 6** A car bomb  
kills 7 marines near  
Falluja, the deadliest  
attack since April.

\* Precise dates not available for a handful of soldiers killed in the past several days.

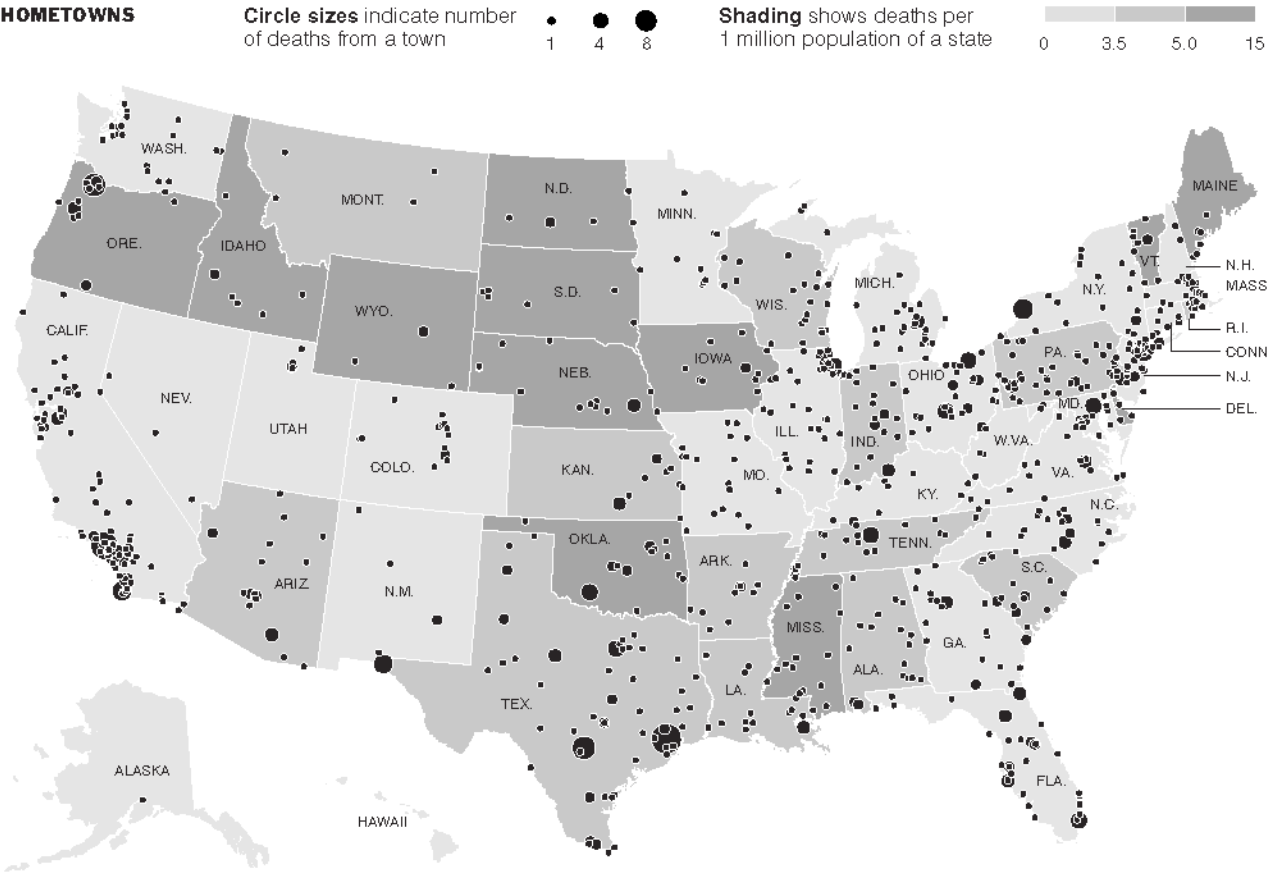
Matthew Ericson/The New York Times



# A Look at Those Who Died

Tracking the troops who have died in the war in Iraq, based on the 994 dead for whom detailed information was available.

## Where they were from ...



Note: Not shown on the map and chart at right are nine deaths from Puerto Rico, two from the Virgin Islands, two from American Samoa and one from the Marianas protectorate.

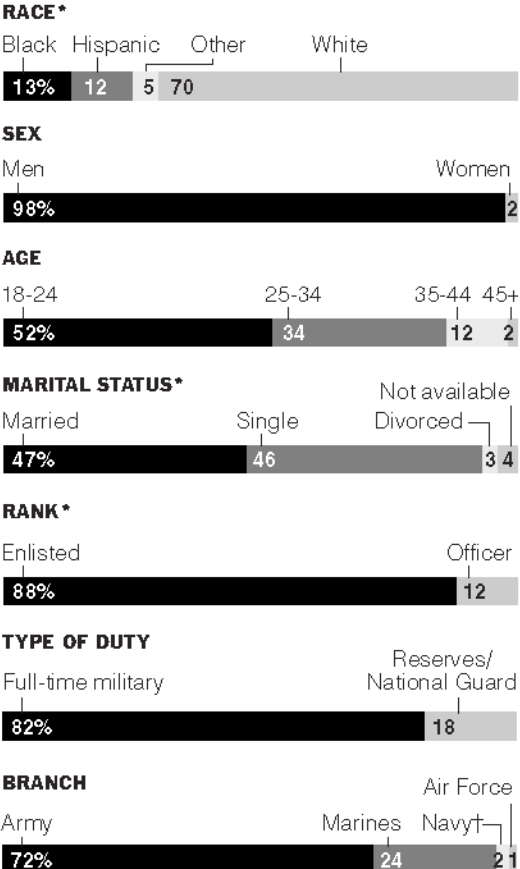
SIZE OF HOMETOWNS	AREA	PERCENT OF DEATHS IN IRAQ	PERCENT OF U.S. POPULATION	DEATHS PER MILLION PEOPLE
The percentage of the dead who came from small towns and smaller metropolitan areas was greater than the share of the population that lives in those areas.	Metropolitan area of 1,000,000 or more people	42%	53%	2.7
	Metropolitan area of 250,000 to 1,000,000 people	19	20	3.4
	Metropolitan area of less than 250,000 people	14	10	5.0
	Outside metro area: small towns and rural areas	24	17	4.8

\*Based on 979 deaths through Sept. 4. †Navy total includes one Coast Guard death.

Source: Defense Department

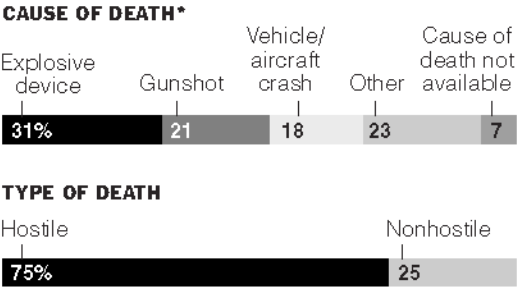
BY STATE	TOTAL DEATHS	PER MILLION RESIDENTS
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2. North Dakota	6	9.5
3. Nebraska	14	8.0
4. Wyoming	4	8.0
5. South Dakota	6	7.9
6. Delaware	5	6.1
7. Oregon	21	5.9
8. Mississippi	16	5.6
9. Maine	7	5.4
10. Oklahoma	18	5.1
11. Idaho	7	5.1
12. Iowa	15	5.1
13. Alabama	20	4.4
14. Arkansas	12	4.4
15. Montana	4	4.4
16. Pennsylvania	51	4.1
17. Arizona	23	4.1
18. South Carolina	17	4.1
19. Kansas	11	4.0
20. Tennessee	23	3.9
21. Texas	87	3.9
22. Rhode Island	4	3.7
23. Wisconsin	20	3.7
24. Louisiana	16	3.6
25. Indiana	22	3.6
26. D.C.	2	3.5
27. California	121	3.4
28. Virginia	25	3.4
29. West Virginia	6	3.3
30. Massachusetts	21	3.3
31. Washington	20	3.3
32. Kentucky	13	3.2
33. Missouri	18	3.2
34. Illinois	39	3.1
35. Colorado	14	3.1
36. Ohio	34	3.0
37. Michigan	29	2.9
38. Georgia	24	2.8
39. New Mexico	5	2.7
40. New Jersey	23	2.7
41. North Carolina	22	2.6
42. Florida	43	2.5
43. New Hampshire	3	2.3
44. Connecticut	8	2.3
45. Maryland	12	2.2
46. Utah	5	2.1
47. New York	40	2.1
48. Minnesota	10	2.0
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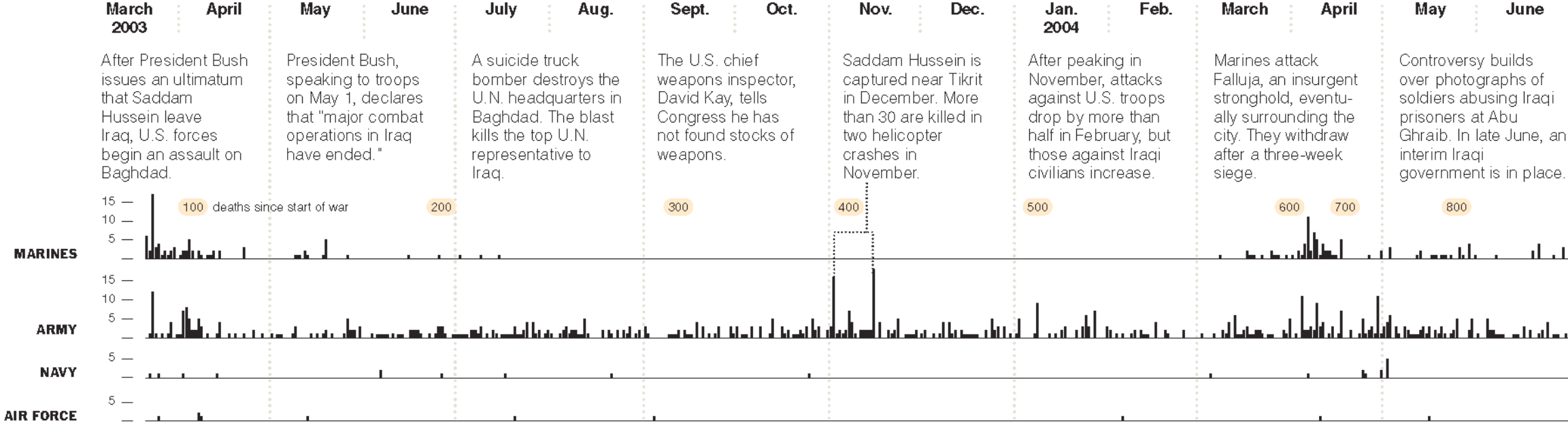
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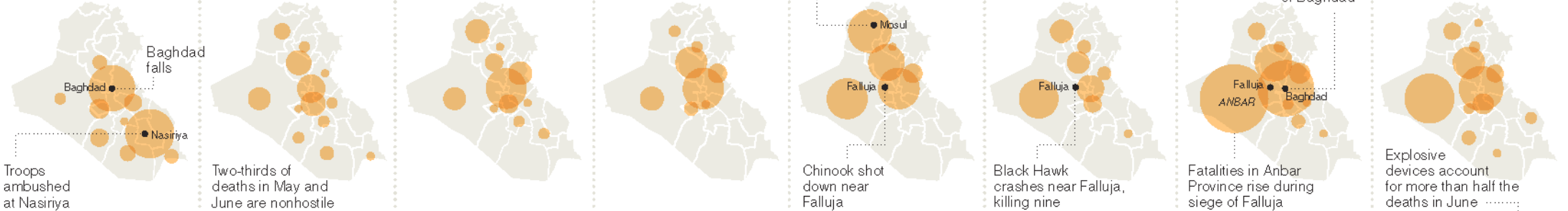
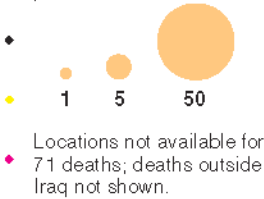
The Toll Of War: Deaths In Iraq

Number of deaths each day



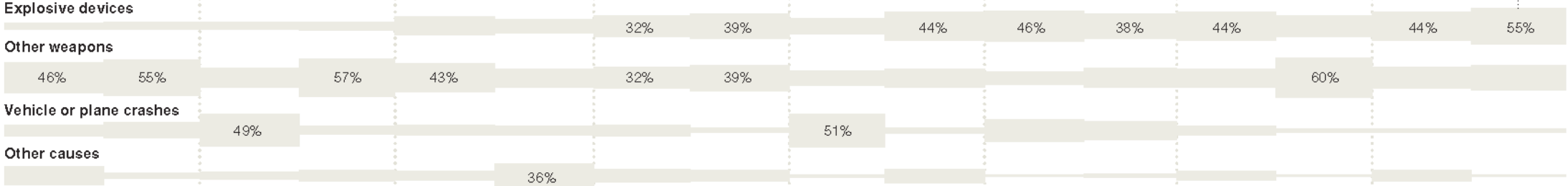
Location of death

Number of deaths in each province, over two-month periods.



Cause of death

Percentage of deaths each month due to each cause.



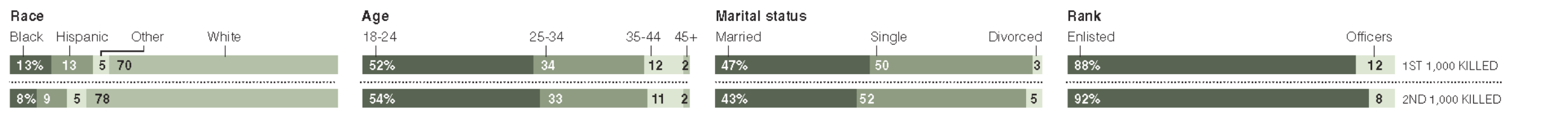
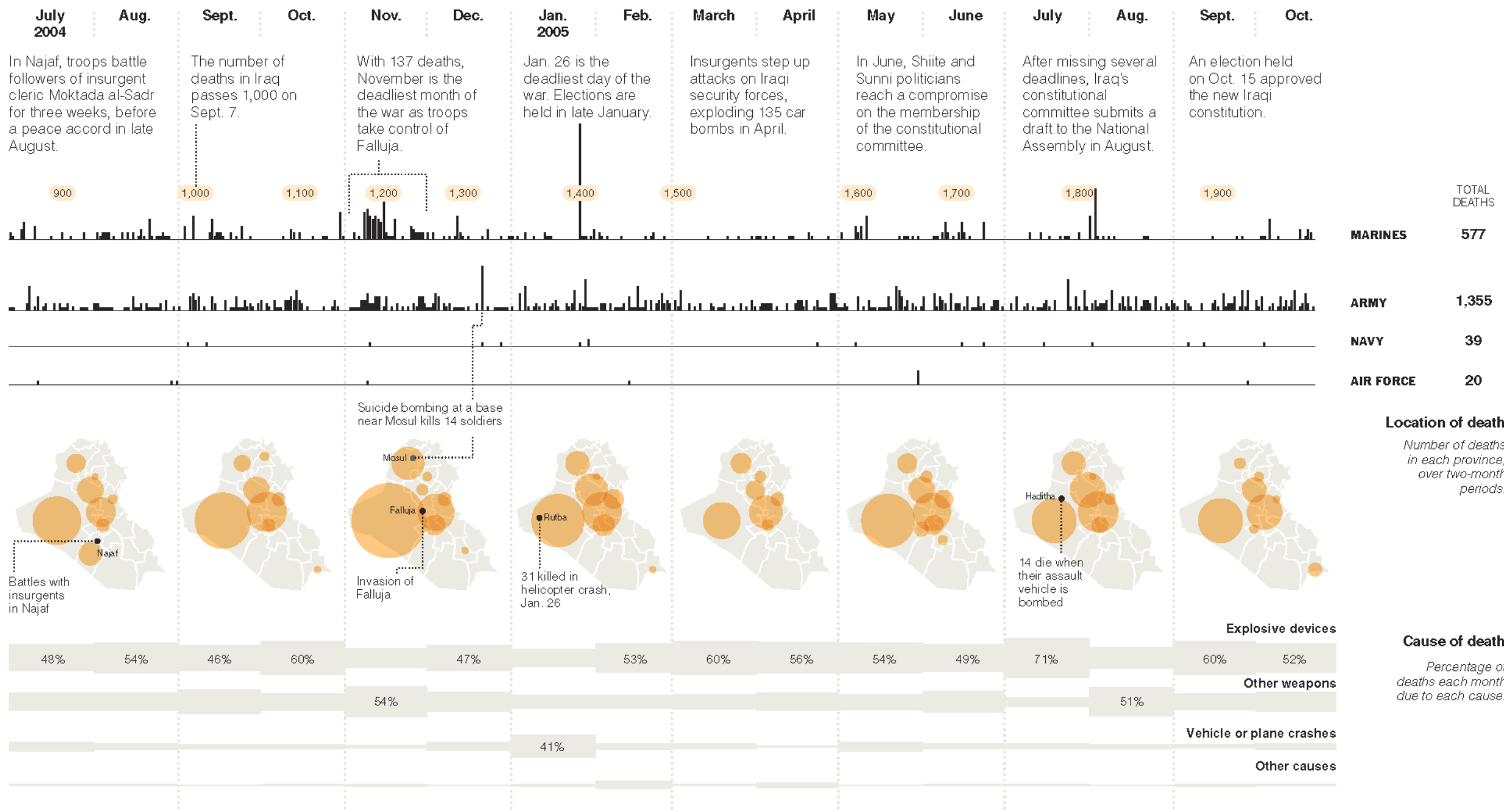
Changing demographics of those killed

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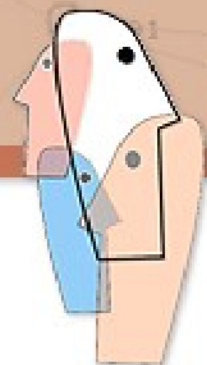
Source: Defense Department

Notes: Data are for the 1,991 people whose names have been announced by the Defense Department. Cause of death and demographics only include those for whom data were available. Navy figures include one Coast Guard death.



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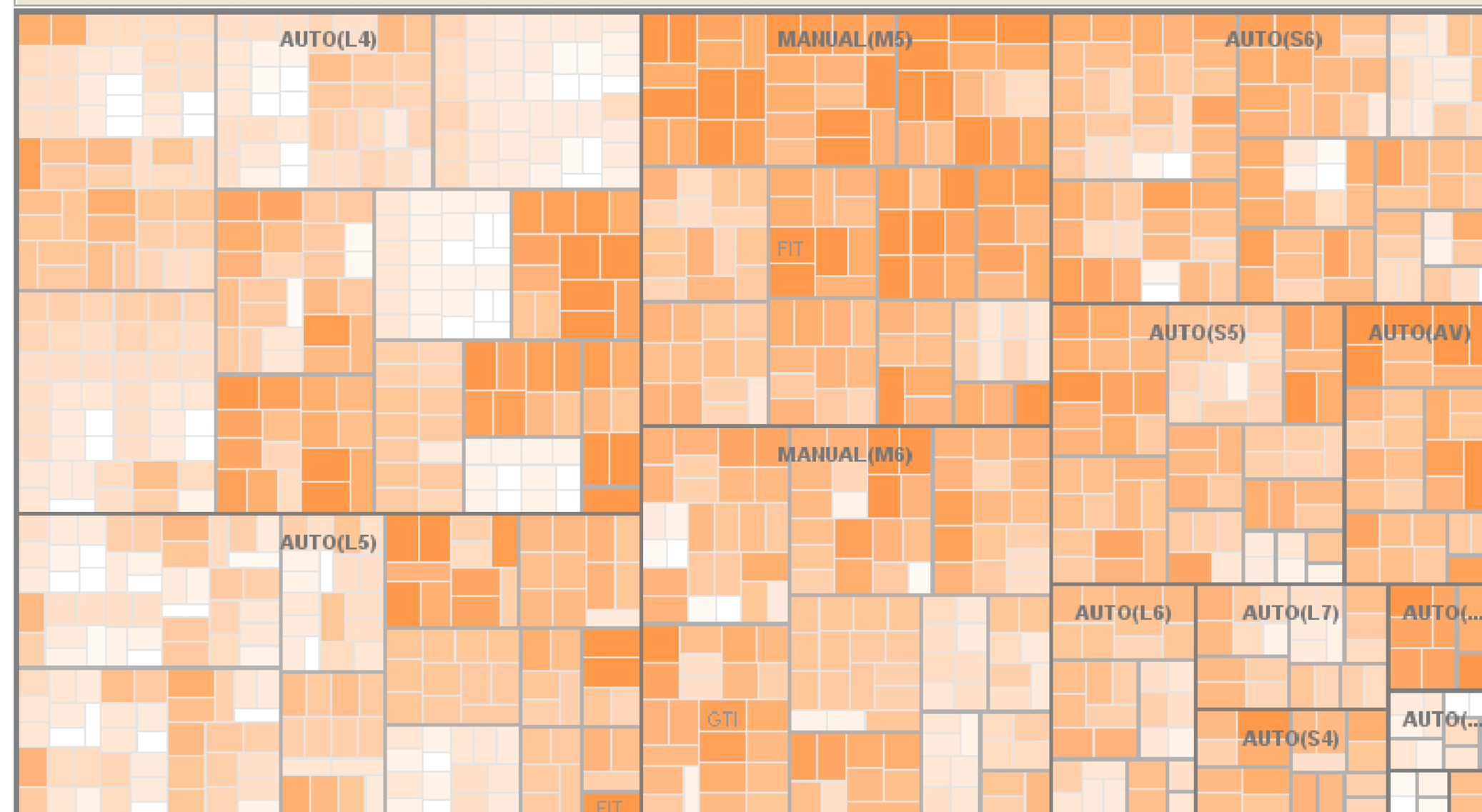
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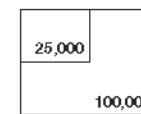


# Truck Sales Slip, Tripping Up Chrysler

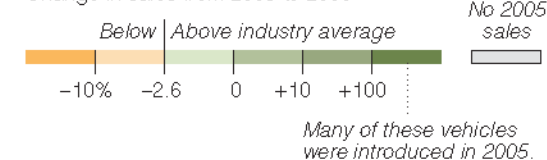
Over the past few years, Chrysler executives said they were following the lead of Toyota and Honda, focusing on vehicles that met the needs of their customers. But as American consumers turned away from large trucks and S.U.V.'s in 2006, Chrysler continued to churn out big vehicles, which are now sitting unsold at dealerships across the country.

## READING THE CHART

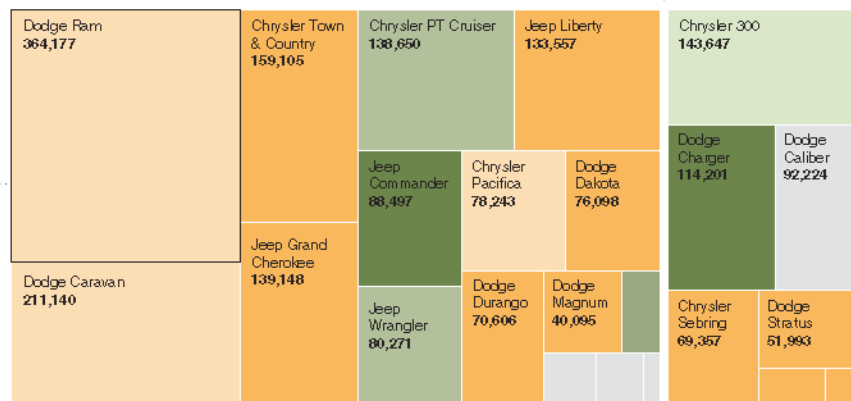
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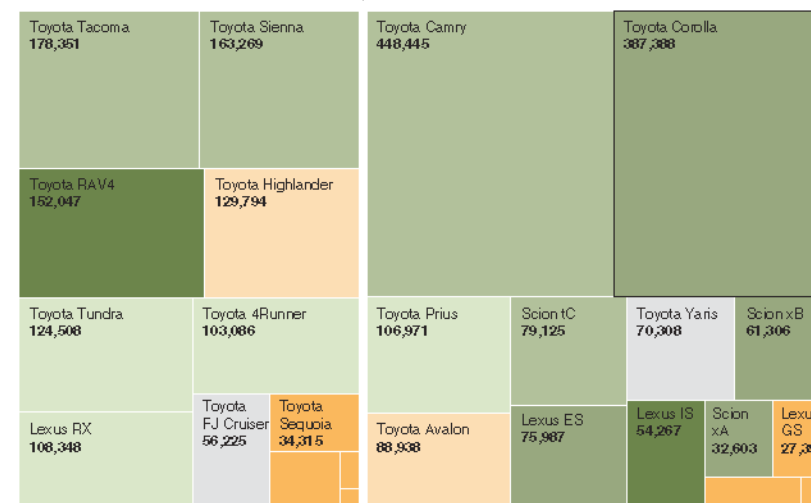
Change in sales from 2005 to 2006



### ◀ TRUCKS, VANS, S.U.V.'S | CARS ▶



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## Toyota +12.5%

Trucks/vans/S.U.V.'s 1.1 million  
Cars 1.5 million

Toyota rolled out a new version of the Camry, and once again it was the country's best-selling car.



Corolla sales also jumped, along with gas prices. Toyota could not escape the decline in sales of supersized S.U.V.'s like its Sequoia.

## Honda +3.2%

Trucks/vans/S.U.V.'s 0.7 million  
Cars 0.8 million

Like the Corolla, the small Honda Civic did well. But the Accord stalled. Buyers, it seems, are waiting for the new version to be released this year.



## Nissan -5.3%

Trucks/vans/S.U.V.'s 0.5 million  
Cars 0.6 million

## BMW +2.1%

Trucks/vans/S.U.V.'s 0.1 million  
Cars 0.3 million

## Mercedes-Benz +10.3%

Trucks/vans/S.U.V.'s 0.1 million  
Cars 0.2 million

Mercedes-Benz, owned by DaimlerChrysler, had a comeback in 2006, thanks to a new version of its flagship S-Class. BMW sales were helped by a new version of its 3 Series sport sedan.

Sources: Ward's AutoInfoBank; Edmunds

Amanda Cox and Hannah Fairfield/  
The New York Times

## Chrysler Group -7.0%

Trucks/vans/S.U.V.'s 1.6 million  
Cars 0.5 million

Pickups, minivans and S.U.V.'s made up 76 percent of Chrysler's sales, which left it vulnerable when consumers shifted to cars.



## General Motors -8.7%

Trucks/vans/S.U.V.'s 2.5 million  
Cars 1.6 million

G.M. introduced new versions of its large S.U.V.'s in late 2005, hoping they would bolster sales. Instead, sales of big vehicles were hurt when gas prices climbed. One of the few standouts was the Chevrolet HHR, new in 2005.

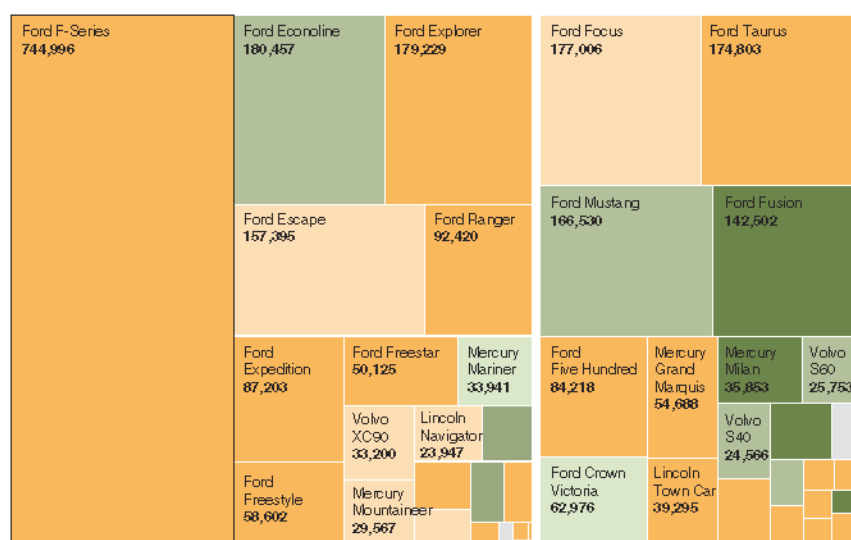
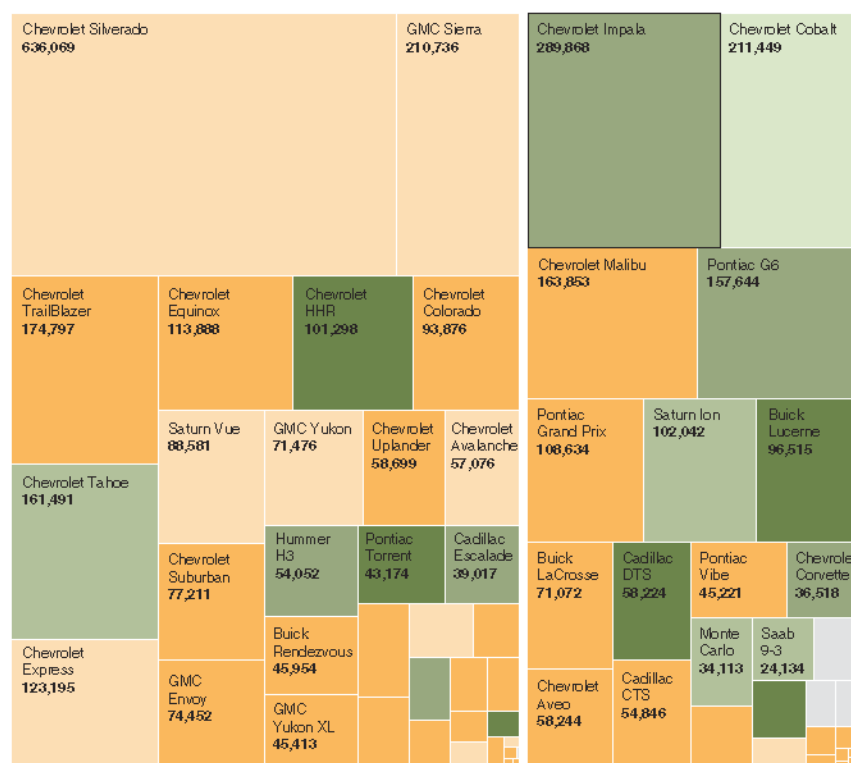


The Chevrolet Impala, with or without flashing lights, did well in 2006, when a redesign came out.

## Ford -8.3%

Trucks/vans/S.U.V.'s 1.8 million  
Cars 1.1 million

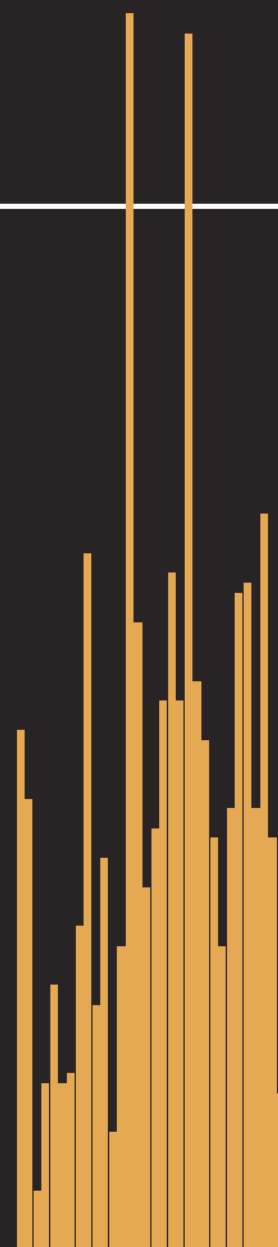
Even the country's best-selling vehicles, the F-Series, slumped in 2006, with sales dropping 13 percent. One of Ford's bright spots was the new Fusion sedan, which made its debut in late 2005 and sold well in its first full year.



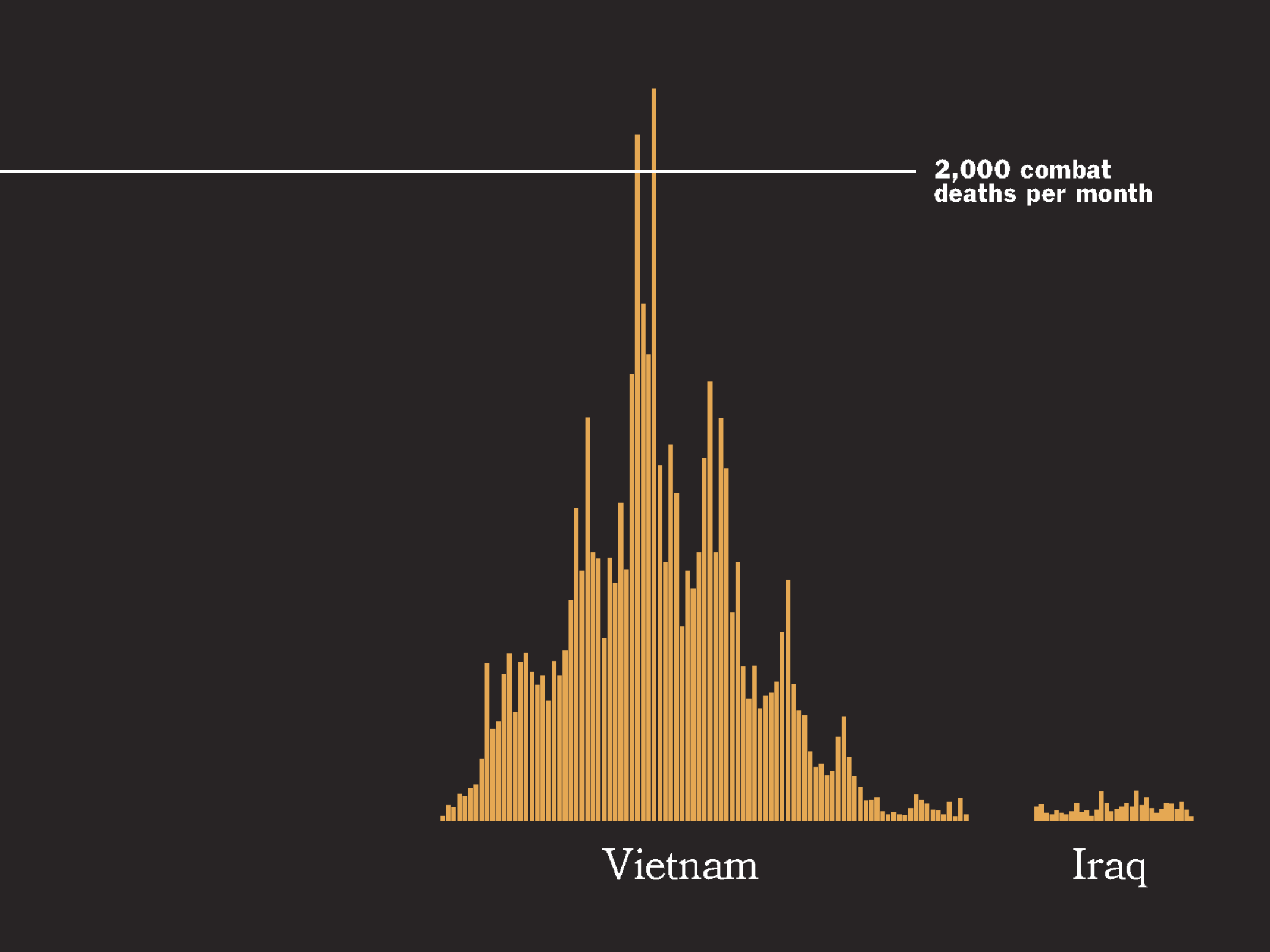
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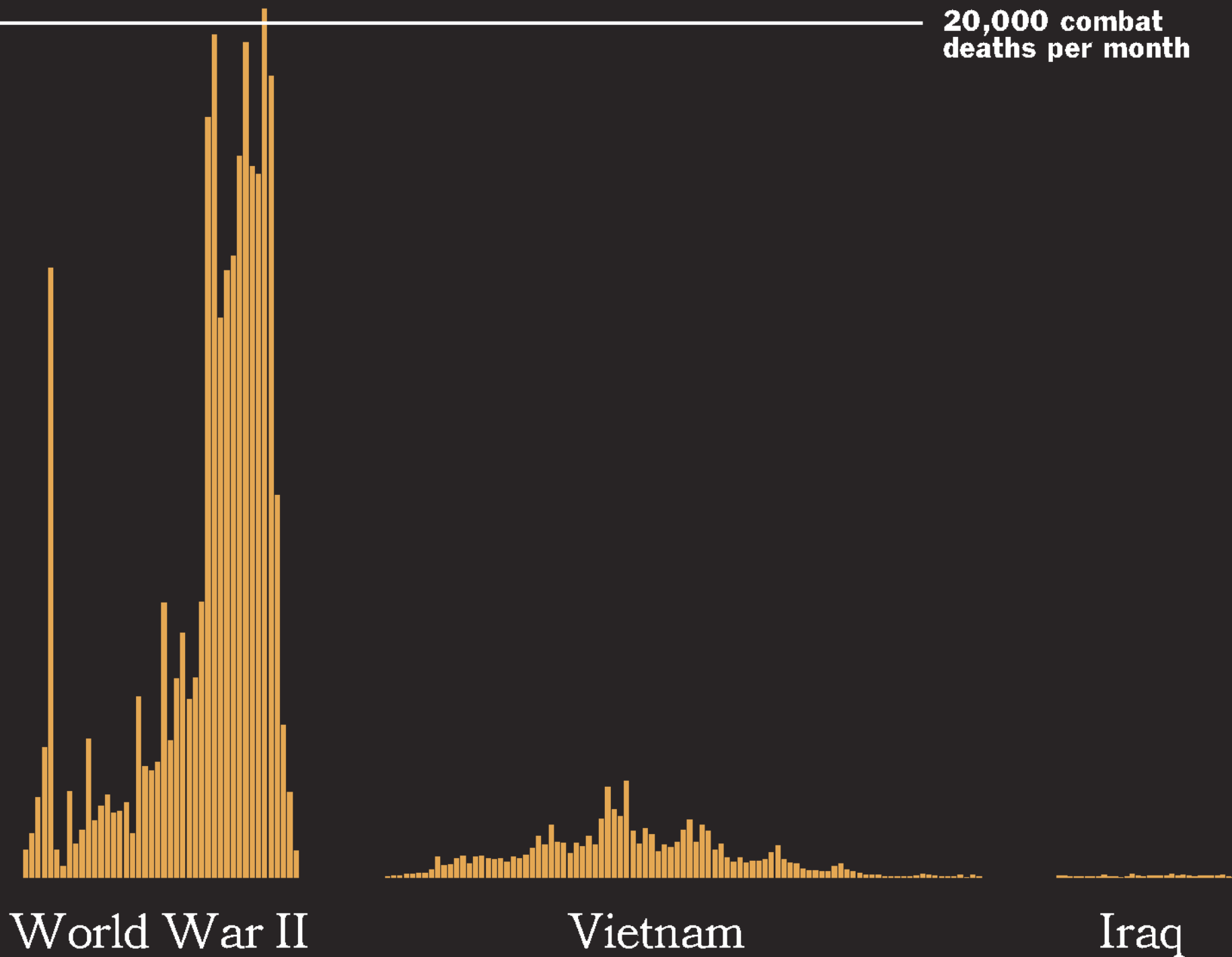


**2,000 combat  
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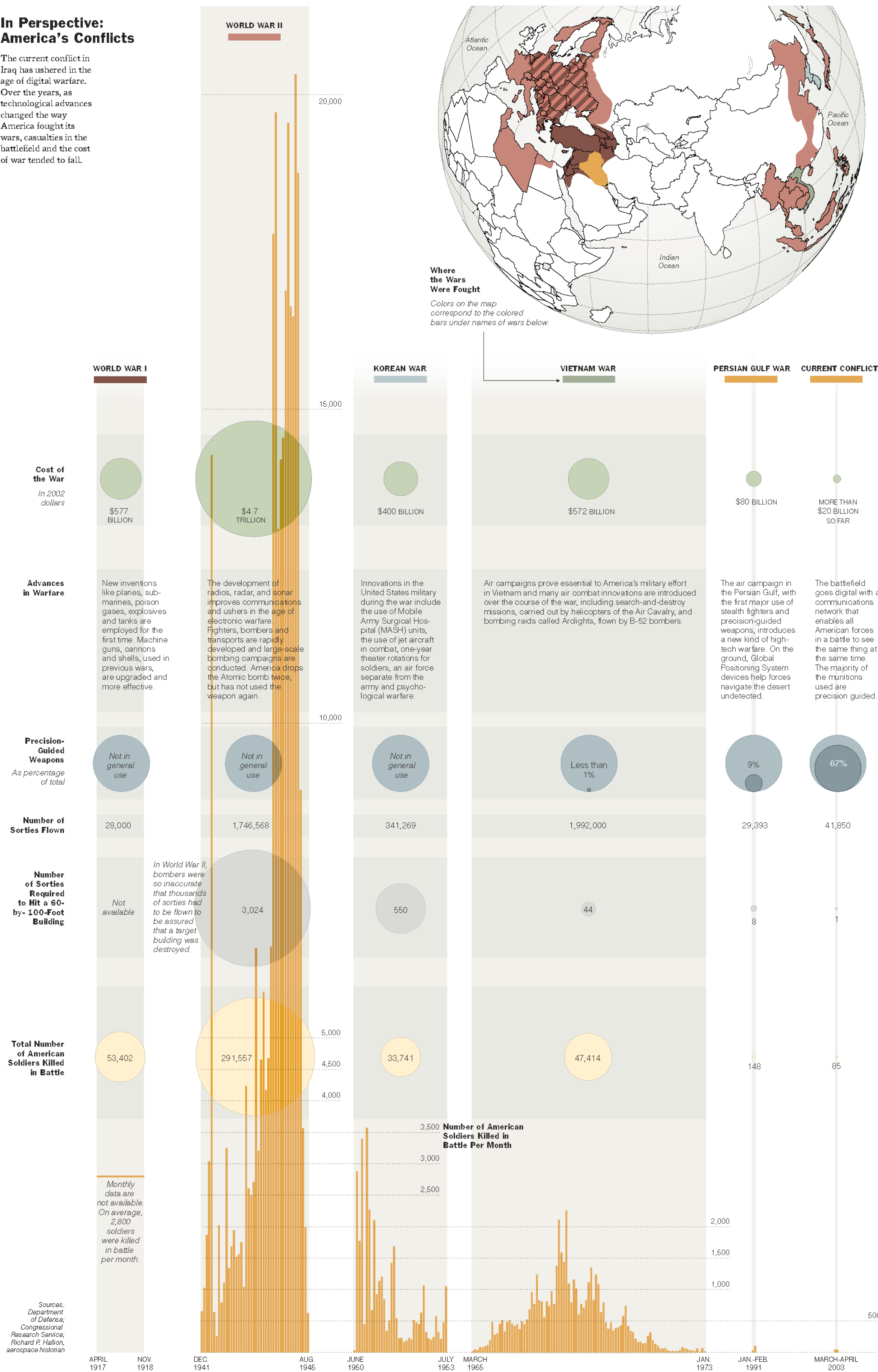
Iraq

**20,000 combat  
deaths per month**



In Perspective:  
America’s Conflicts

The current conflict in Iraq has ushered in the age of digital warfare. Over the years, as technological advances changed the way America fought its wars, casualties in the battlefield and the cost of war tended to fall.









The Supreme Court On Detainee Cases

The Supreme Court’s decision in Hamdan v. Rumsfeld limiting the president’s power in setting up military tribunals was its fourth decision since Sept. 11, 2001, on the rights of detainees, many of whom are held at a detention facility in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

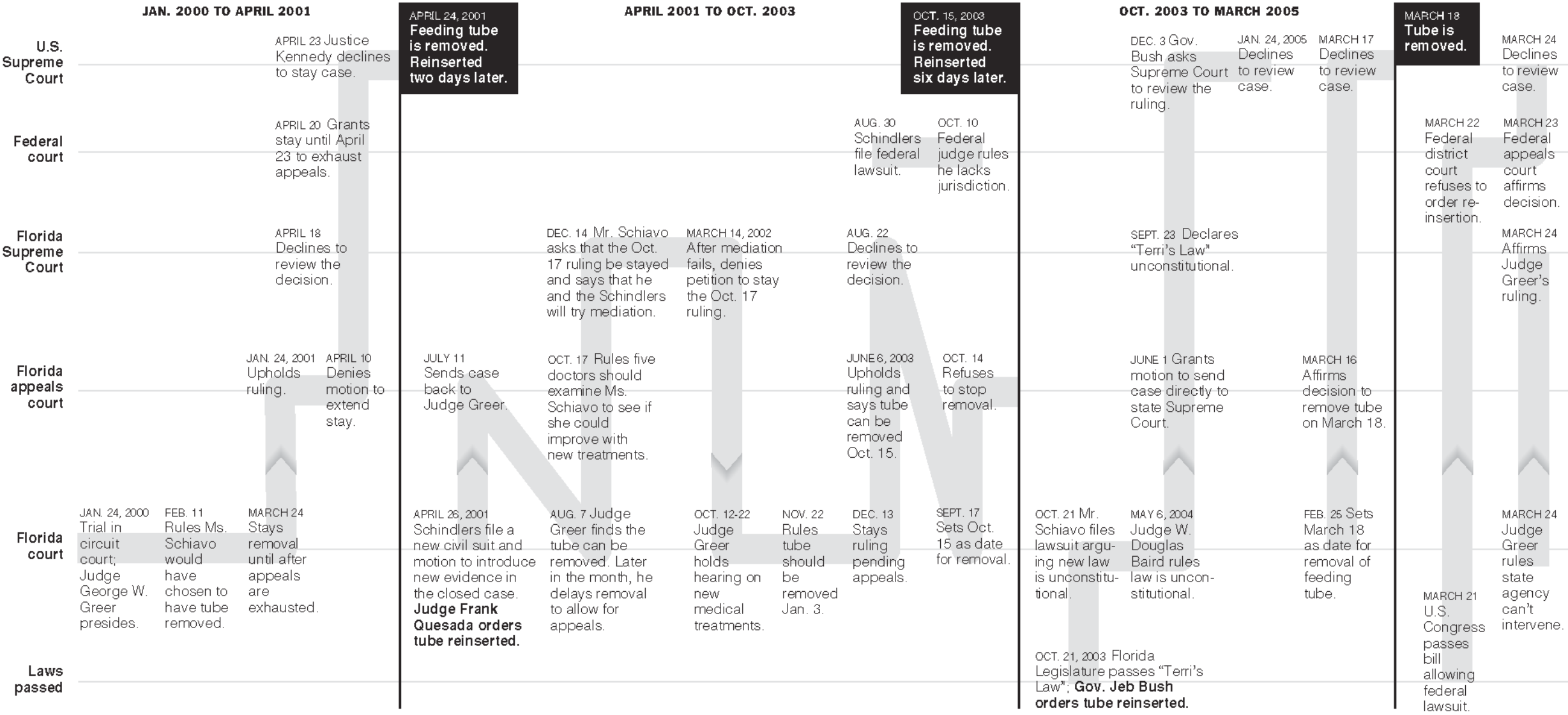
A look at the four cases that reached the court.

Actions by the Supreme Court are highlighted in **black**

	<div>Hamdi v. Rumsfeld</div> <div>DECIDED IN 2004</div> <div></div> <div>Yasser Esam Hamdi, a U.S. citizen captured in hostilities in Afghanistan</div>	<div>Rumsfeld v. Padilla</div> <div>DECIDED IN 2004</div> <div></div> <div>Jose Padilla, a U.S. citizen arrested in Chicago and accused of plotting to explode a dirty bomb</div>	<div>Rasul v. Bush</div> <div>DECIDED IN 2004</div> <div></div> <div>Shafiq Rasul, a British citizen captured in Afghanistan, and other detainees at the Guantánamo facility</div>	<div>Hamdan v. Rumsfeld</div> <div>DECIDED YESTERDAY</div> <div></div> <div>Salim Ahmed Hamdan, a former driver for Osama bin Laden, captured in Afghanistan</div>
	<div>AT ISSUE</div> <div>Can American citizens captured overseas during military operations be denied access to American courts?</div>	<div>Can an American citizen captured in the U.S. be denied access to American courts?</div>	<div>Can noncitizens held as unlawful enemy combatants be denied access to American courts?</div>	<div>Are the military tribunals legal? And does a December 2005 law strip the courts of jurisdiction in the case?</div>
2001	<div>Nov.</div> <div>President Bush signs an order allowing special military tribunals to try foreigners charged with terrorism.</div>	<div>Nov. 2001</div> <div>Captured in Afghanistan by American and Afghan forces.</div>	<div>Fall 2001</div> <div>Captured in Afghanistan.</div>	<div>Fall 2001</div> <div>Captured in Afghanistan by Afghan forces allied with the United States.</div>
2002	<div>Jan.</div> <div>The first prisoners arrive at Guantánamo from overseas.</div> <div>Feb.</div> <div>President Bush declares captives "unlawful combatants" and not prisoners of war.</div> <div>June</div> <div>The administration says the president's war powers give him the authority to detain people indefinitely and deny them access to lawyers and the courts.</div>	<div>Early 2002</div> <div>Arrives at the Guantánamo Bay facility.</div> <div>April</div> <div>Moves to a brig in Virginia after his citizenship is determined.</div> <div>June</div> <div>A federal court rules he is entitled to a lawyer.</div> <div>July</div> <div>An appellate panel overturns that decision.</div>	<div>May</div> <div>Arrested in Chicago.</div> <div>June</div> <div>Declared an enemy combatant, he is held in South Carolina with no criminal charges and is denied access to a lawyer.</div> <div>Dec.</div> <div>A federal judge rules that while the president can detain enemy combatants, Mr. Padilla must be allowed to meet with a lawyer.</div> <div>Jan.</div> <div>Mr. Rasul arrives at the Guantánamo Bay facility.</div> <div>Feb.</div> <div>Lawyers file a case on behalf of several Guantánamo detainees, including Mr. Rasul.</div> <div>July</div> <div>A federal judge says the detainees cannot contest their detention because they are not citizens and the Guantánamo Bay facility is outside the United States.</div>	<div>During 2002</div> <div>Mr. Hamdan arrives at the Guantánamo facility.</div>
2003	<div>July</div> <div>President Bush designates six detainees eligible for military tribunals.</div> <div>Dec.</div> <div>The government modifies its policy of denying detainees lawyers, which legal experts say will increase the chances that the Supreme Court will find the treatment of detainees reasonable.</div>	<div>Jan.</div> <div>An appellate panel again says Mr. Hamdi can be held as an enemy combatant without access to a lawyer.</div> <div>July</div> <div>Another appellate panel upholds the January decision.</div> <div>Dec.</div> <div>The government allows Mr. Hamdi to see a lawyer.</div>	<div>March</div> <div>A federal appeals panel says federal courts do not have jurisdiction over the base in Cuba.</div> <div>Nov.</div> <div>The Supreme Court agrees to hear the case.</div>	<div>July</div> <div>One of six prisoners designated eligible for trial by military tribunal.</div> <div>Dec.</div> <div>A military lawyer is appointed to represent Mr. Hamdan in his tribunal.</div>
2004	<div>July</div> <div>In response to the Supreme Court ruling, the Pentagon lets detainees challenge their status as enemy combatants before a panel of officers.</div> <div>Aug.</div> <div>The first military tribunal begins with the case of Salim Hamdan.</div>	<div>Jan.</div> <div>The Supreme Court agrees to hear the case.</div> <div>June</div> <div>The Supreme Court rules 8 to 1 that Mr. Hamdi was deprived of due process and had the right to challenge his detention.</div> <div>Oct.</div> <div>Mr. Hamdi is flown to Saudi Arabia and released.</div>	<div>Feb.</div> <div>The Supreme Court agrees to hear the case.</div> <div>April</div> <div>The Supreme Court hears arguments in the three cases.</div> <div>June</div> <div>The Supreme Court rules 5 to 4 that Mr. Padilla filed his case in the wrong jurisdiction and must refile.</div> <div>June</div> <div>The Supreme Court rules 6 to 3 that the courts do have jurisdiction over Guantánamo and that detainees must be allowed to challenge their detention.</div>	
2005	<div>Feb.</div> <div>A Pentagon plan calls for transferring more than half the prisoners at the Guantánamo Bay facility to prisons in other countries.</div> <div>Dec.</div> <div>Congress passes the Detainee Treatment Act, which may prevent some detainees from challenging their detentions in U.S. courts.</div>	<div>March</div> <div>A federal judge says the president overstepped his authority by holding Mr. Padilla for three years without filing criminal charges.</div> <div>Sept.</div> <div>An appellate panel overturns the ruling, saying the president can detain him.</div> <div>Nov.</div> <div>The administration drops his enemy combatant status and brings criminal charges just days before a deadline to file arguments with the Supreme Court.</div>	<div>Jan.</div> <div>In trying to apply the Supreme Court ruling, two federal judges reach opposite conclusions on whether Guantánamo detainees have a right to have federal courts examine their detentions.</div> <div>Sept.</div> <div>An appellate panel hears arguments in an appeal of the two January cases.</div>	<div>Nov.</div> <div>A federal judge halts the tribunal, ruling that it violates military law and obligations under the Geneva Conventions, which require that detainees be treated as prisoners of war unless a special tribunal determines they are not.</div> <div>July</div> <div>An appellate panel that includes Judge John G. Roberts Jr., who is later named to the Supreme Court, overturns the ruling, allowing the tribunals.</div> <div>Nov.</div> <div>The Supreme Court agrees to hear the case.</div>
2006	<div>June</div> <div>President Bush says he would like to close the Guantánamo Bay facility but he is waiting for the Supreme Court decision on military tribunals.</div> <div>June</div> <div>In response to the Supreme Court ruling, President Bush says he will work with Congress to "have a tribunal to hold people to account" while meeting the court's directive.</div>	<div>April</div> <div>The Supreme Court denies a request by Mr. Padilla to hear his case and he remains in civilian custody. Three justices who voted not to hear the case write that the court stands ready to intervene should Mr. Padilla's status change.</div>	<div>March</div> <div>The Bush administration argues before an appellate panel that more than 200 Guantánamo detainee lawsuits should be dismissed in the wake of the Detainee Treatment Act.</div>	<div>March</div> <div>The Supreme Court hears the case, with Chief Justice Roberts recusing himself.</div> <div>July</div> <div>The Supreme Court rules 5 to 3 that the tribunals violate military law and the Geneva Conventions. The court says the Detainee Treatment Act does not apply to pending cases.</div>

# A Winding Legal Road

Major events in the court battle between Terri Schiavo's husband, Michael, and her parents, Robert and Mary Schindler.



Sources: Kathy L. Ceminara, Shepard Broad Law Center, Nova Southeastern University; Kenneth W. Goodman, University of Miami Ethics Programs

Matthew Ericson/The New York Times

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# Supreme Court Refuses to Hear Schiavo Case; Governor Bush Is Rebuffed, Too

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alive," he said.

Judge Whittemore did not rule from the bench but said he would remain in the courthouse until he

early afternoon, along with a request from the Schindlers to order their daughter's feeding resumed. The governor and the Schindlers had submitted a neurologist's affidavit suggesting that her brain damage might not be as severe as previously

In a 2000 trial, Judge Greer accepted Mr. Schiavo's testimony that his wife had told him several times she would not want life-prolonging measures. She suffered extensive brain damage after her heart stopped one night in 1990 because of an undiag-

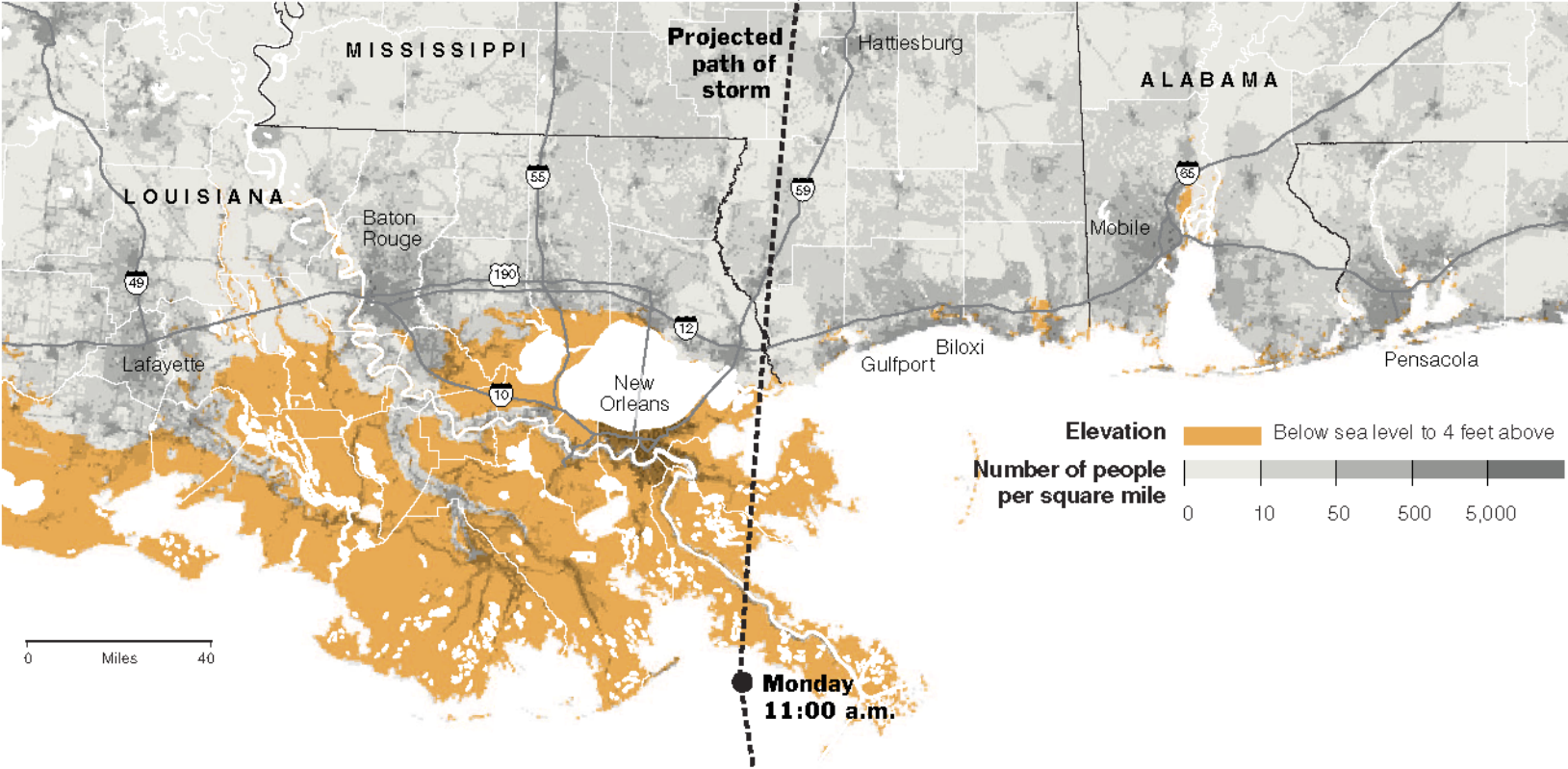
Wednesday, when Governor Bush suddenly suggested he might send state agents to force the reinsertion of the feeding tube. Judge Greer issued an emergency order barring the state from "taking possession of Theresa Marie Schiavo," which the

But Judge Greer moved quickly to lift the automatic stay, ensuring that state officials could not whisk Ms. Schiavo away before the Second District Court of Appeal in Lakeland acted. In a terse order, he wrote that "the executive branch is not superior

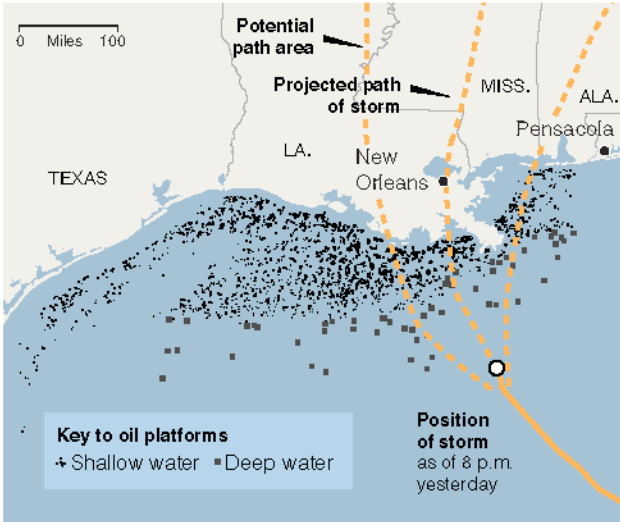
He comes and goes through a back entrance, away from the protestors and media throng, while the parents approach from the front, often thanking supporters along the sidewalk. Many of those supporters are making parallels between Ms. Schiavo

# Spatial Clarity

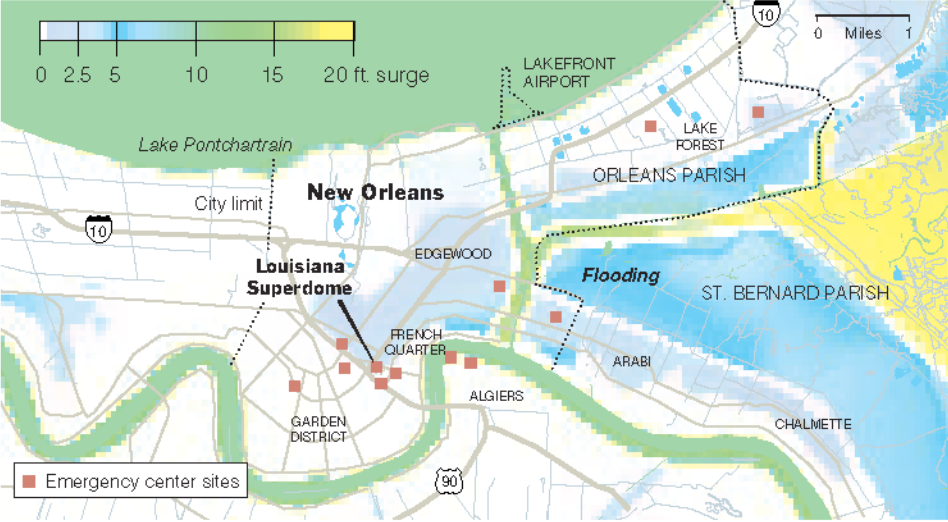
Where the gulf region may be affected



Where oil rigs and refineries may be affected



And where New Orleans may be affected Storm surge based on computer model.



Sources: National Hurricane Center; Louisiana State University Hurricane Center and LSU Center for Computation and Technology; City of New Orleans; LandScan population database



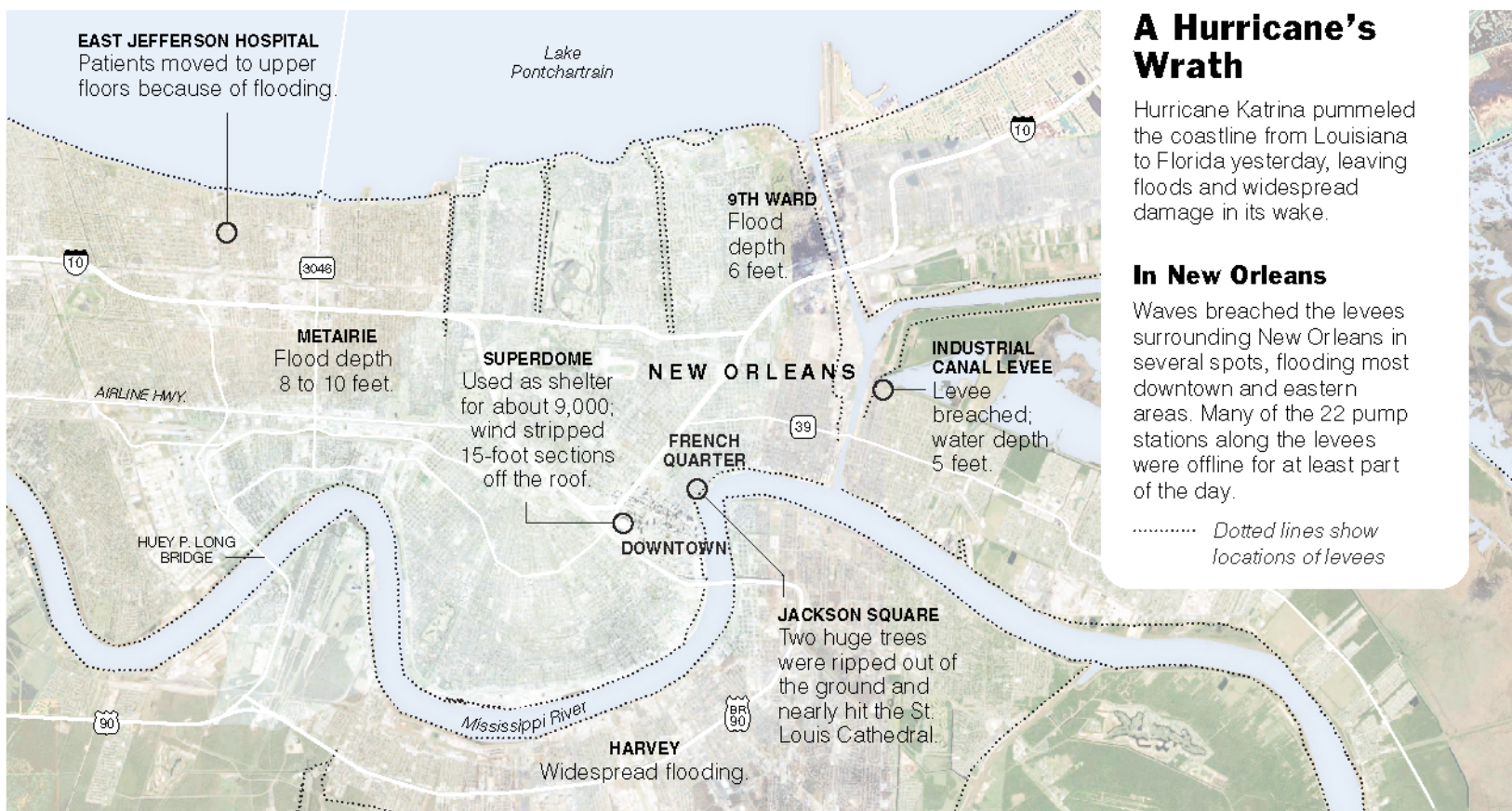
## A Hurricane's Wrath

Hurricane Katrina pummeled the coastline from Louisiana to Florida yesterday, leaving floods and widespread damage in its wake.

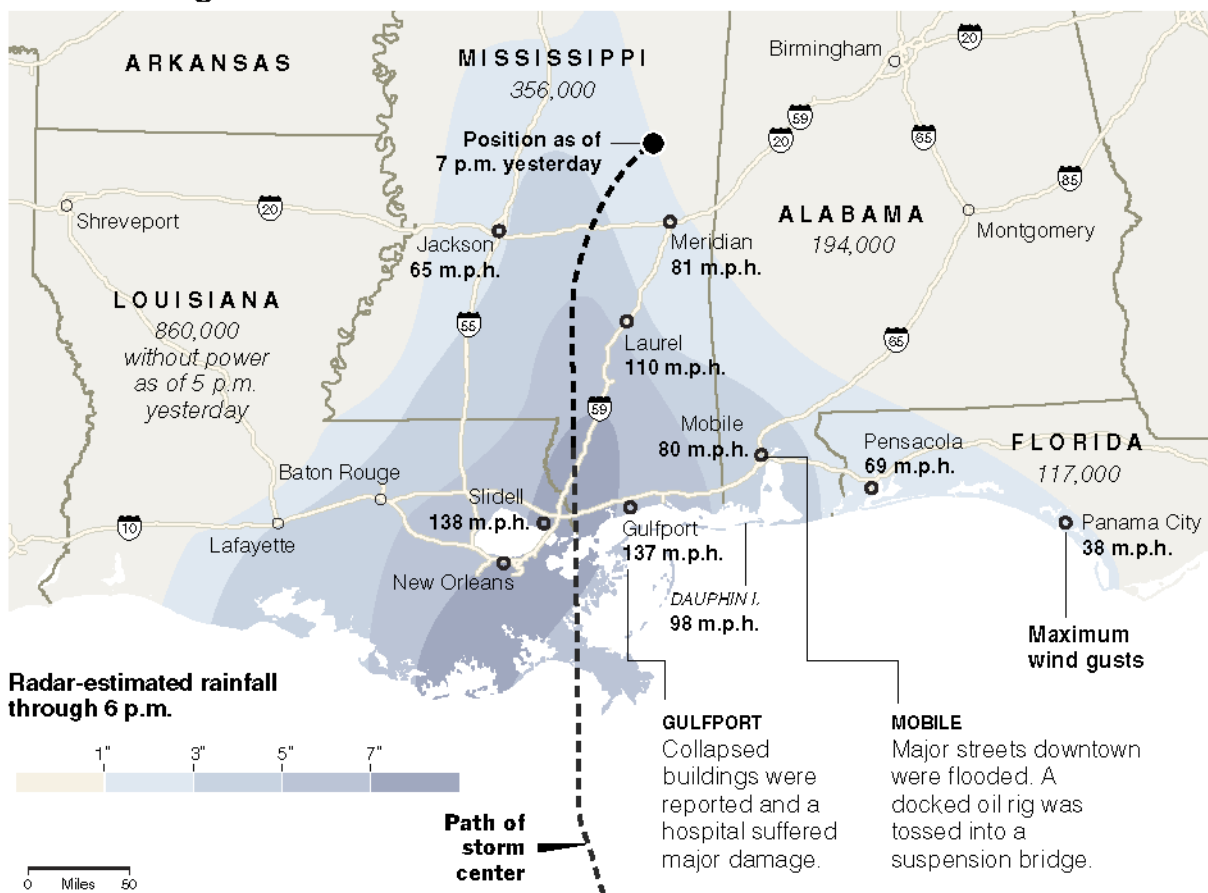
### In New Orleans

Waves breached the levees surrounding New Orleans in several spots, flooding most downtown and eastern areas. Many of the 22 pump stations along the levees were offline for at least part of the day.

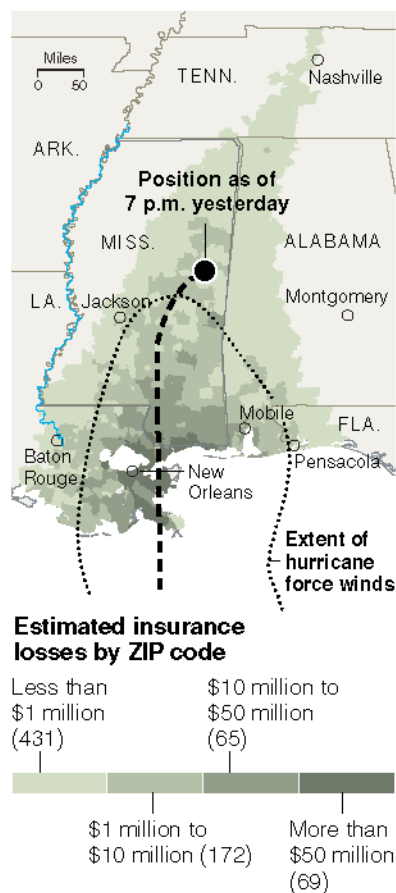
Dotted lines show locations of levees



### Across the region



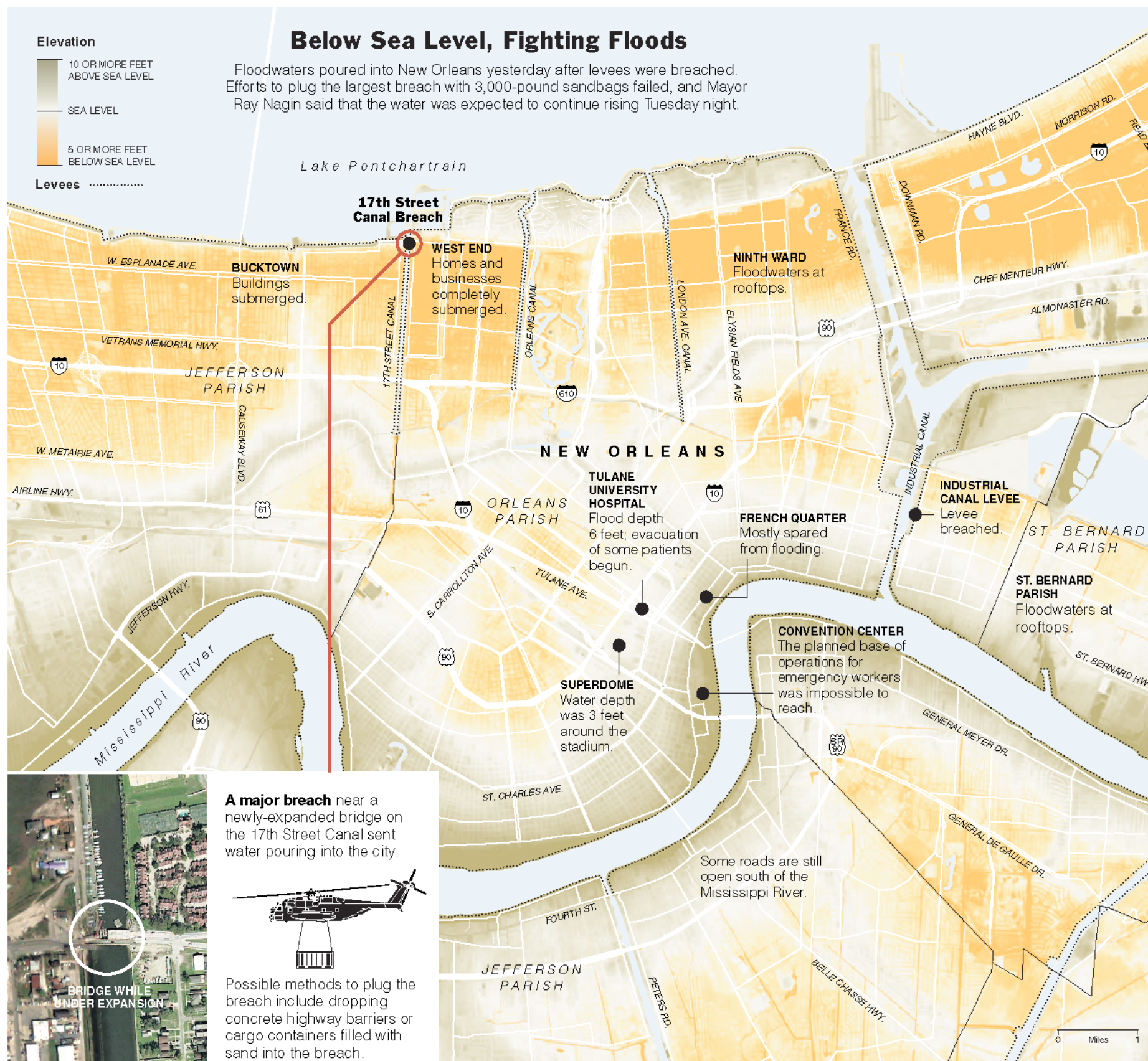
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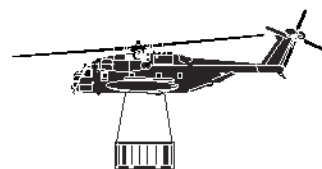


## Below Sea Level, Fighting Floods

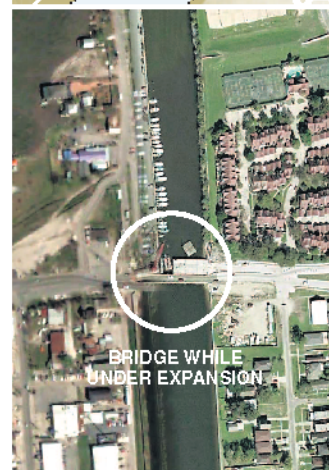
Floodwaters poured into New Orleans yesterday after levees were breached. Efforts to plug the largest breach with 3,000-pound sandbags failed, and Mayor Ray Nagin said that the water was expected to continue rising Tuesday night.



**A major breach** near a newly-expanded bridge on the 17th Street Canal sent water pouring into the city.

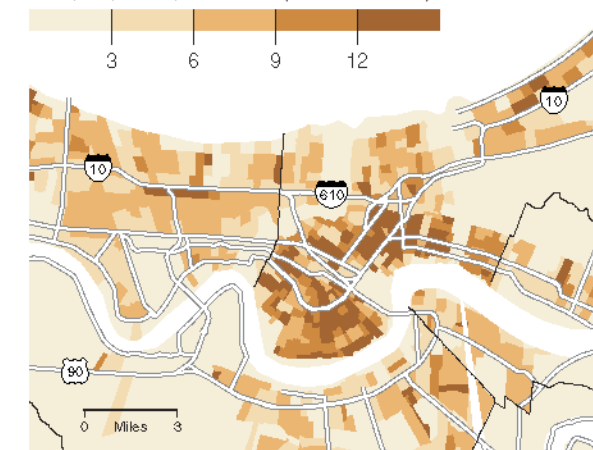


Possible methods to plug the breach include dropping concrete highway barriers or cargo containers filled with sand into the breach.

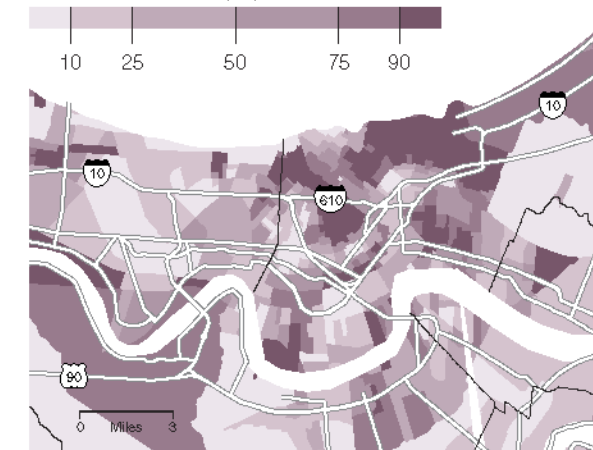


## Demographics of New Orleans

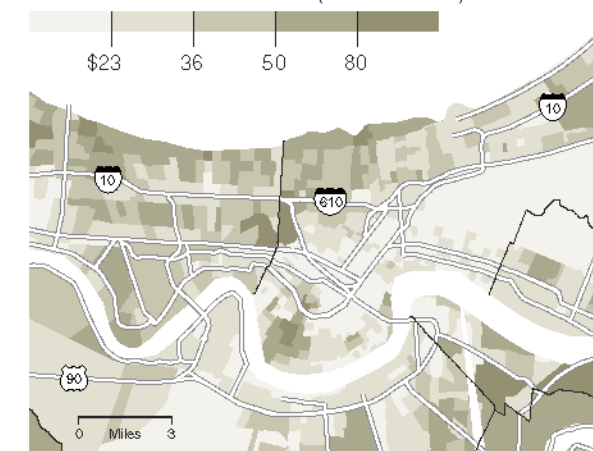
People per square mile (in thousands)



Percent non-white population



Median household income (in thousands)



Sources: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; U.S. Geological Survey; New Orleans Times-Picayune; Associated Press; Census Bureau; New Orleans Mayor's Office

The New York Times; satellite photograph from DigitalGlobe via Keyhole

## THE OVERVIEW

# New Orleans Is Inundated as 2 Levees Fail; Much of Gulf Coast Is Crippled; Toll Rises

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Nagin lamented that while the city had dodged the worst-case scenario on Monday, Tuesday was "the second-worst-case scenario."

Officials said, a police officer was shot and critically wounded.

"These are not individuals looting," Colonel Ebbert said. "These are large groups of armed individuals."

Officials at the Louisiana Office of Homeland Security confirmed that

## Adequate for Refugees, but Football?

With holes in its roof and thousands of people stranded inside, the Louisiana Superdome in New

Orleans was the only place where the preseason game against the Oakland Raiders on Thursday night.

The Saints open the regular

"We're racing the clock in terms of possible injury," said Michael Chertoff, the national homeland security secretary. "We're racing the clock in terms of illness, and we're racing the clock to get them food and water."

The hurricane, downgraded to a

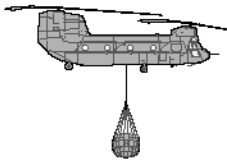
the night to take shelter in a 24-hour bar in the French Quarter. Another left her flooding house but could not persuade her elderly roommate to come with her. Her roommate insisted, "God will take care of me."

People waded through waist-high



Officials spent much of Wednesday trying to close the breach on the 17th Street canal.

**Steel wall** The Army Corps plans to construct a steel wall on the exterior of a bridge to cut the lake off from the canal.



**Helicopters** On Wednesday, they dropped sand bags and concrete blocks in the breach.



**Pump station** Once the breach is fixed, the city can reopen the canal and begin pumping floodwaters out through the canal.

**London Ave. Canal Breach** Officials are still evaluating new breach.

**Industrial Canal Breach** No efforts to repair are under way.

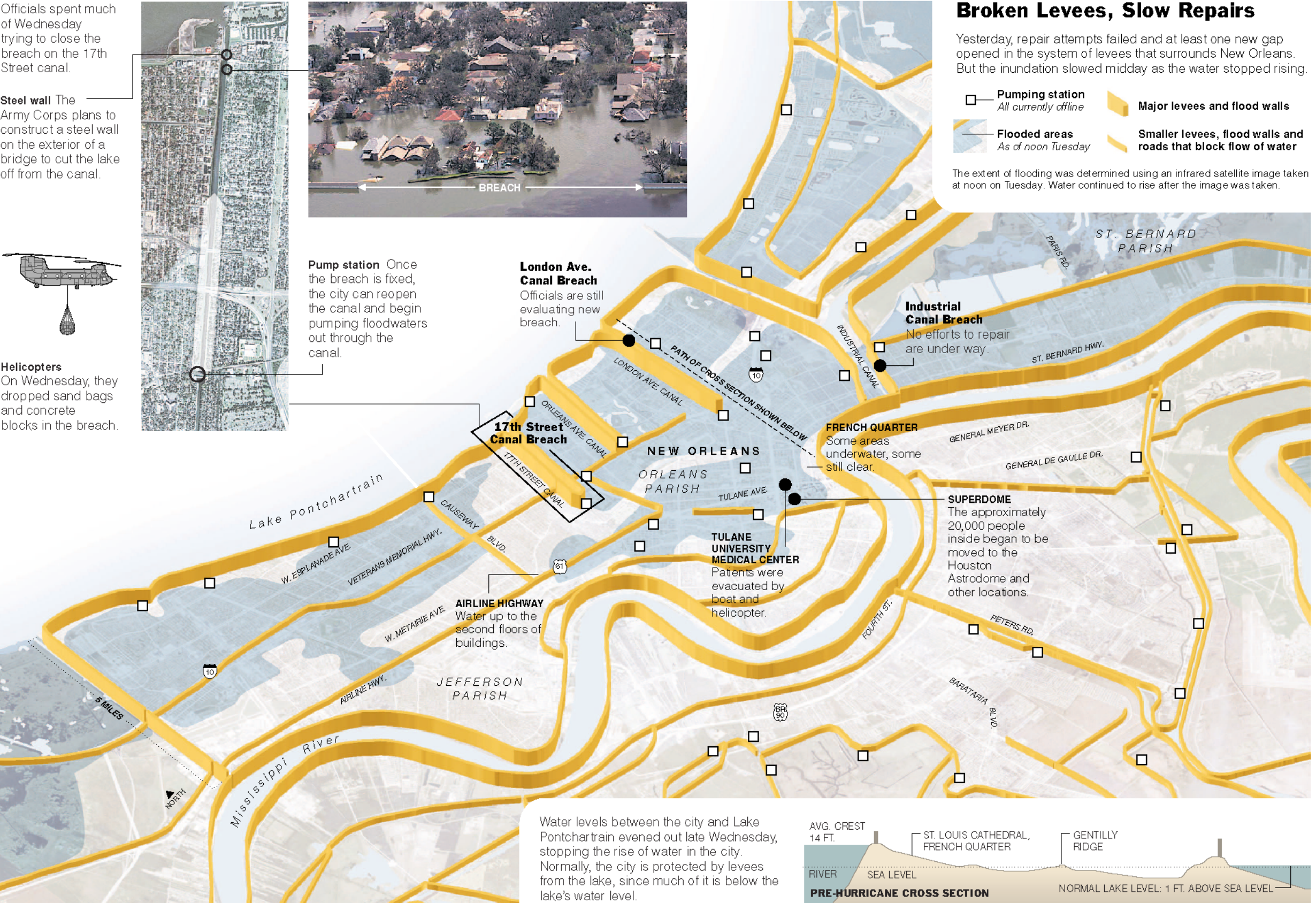
**17th Street Canal Breach**

**FRENCH QUARTER** Some areas underwater, some still clear.

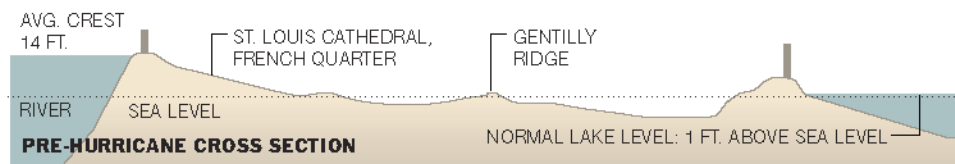
**TULANE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER** Patients were evacuated by boat and helicopter.

**SUPERDOME** The approximately 20,000 people inside began to be moved to the Houston Astrodome and other locations.

**AIRLINE HIGHWAY** Water up to the second floors of buildings.



Water levels between the city and Lake Pontchartrain evened out late Wednesday, stopping the rise of water in the city. Normally, the city is protected by levees from the lake, since much of it is below the lake's water level.



Sources: Center for Southeastern Tropical Advanced Remote Sensing, University of Miami; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; University of Notre Dame; New Orleans Times-Picayune; Associated Press

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## Bush Sees Recovery Taking Years; 30,000 Troops in Largest Recovery Effort

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the heavily populated areas — hotels, hospitals, — and we're going to stop it.

Ebbert, director of homeland security for New Orleans, offered a glimmer of hope. He said the city's flooding seemed to be stabilizing.

"The water isn't going to get high almost destroyed, and Biloxi was heavily damaged.

In Alabama, more than 400,000 homes and businesses were without power, flooding reached 11 feet in back in order. New communities will flourish. The great city of New Orleans will be back on its feet. And America will be a stronger place for it."

recovery effort.

Under the mobilization, the Pentagon was sending in eight ships carrying food, medicine, fuel and other supplies, as well as construction ma-



The Flooding in New Orleans

A satellite photograph taken at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday shows most of New Orleans inundated by floodwaters. Yesterday, helicopters continued to drop sandbags and concrete blocks in the main breach, on the 17th Street Canal, while crews planned to build a wall out of steel plates that would separate the canal from the lake.

IMAGE KEY



DRY AREAS FLOODED AREAS



GRID SQUARES ARE 1 MILE ON EACH SIDE

Evacuating the city

FRENCH QUARTER AND DOWNTOWN City officials were trying to decide how to evacuate hotels.

SUPERDOME Evacuations by bus were under way.

NEW ORLEANS CONVENTION CENTER Refugees, who numbered from 15,000 to 20,000, were given permission to walk across a bridge to the city's west bank.

XAVIER UNIVERSITY Students and staff members were being evacuated.

TULANE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL All patients evacuated.

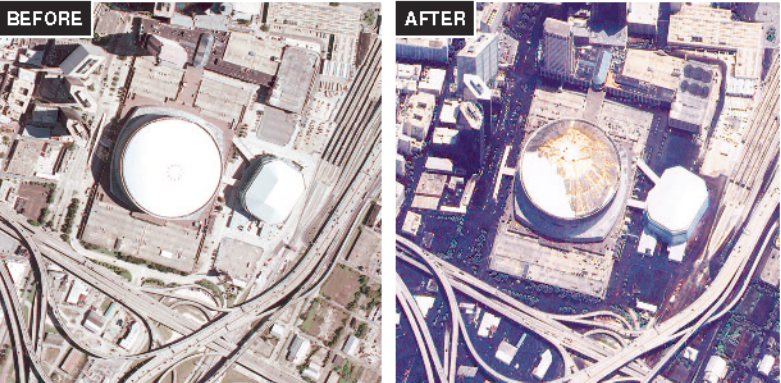
TOURO INFIRMARY Two busloads of patients and staff evacuated.

CHARITY HOSPITAL Evacuation efforts halted after the hospital came under sniper fire.

Breach on the east side of the 17th Street Canal



Superdome area



Breach on the west side of the London Avenue Canal



Sources: Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Army Corps of Engineers, The Times-Picayune, City of New Orleans

The New York Times; photographs from NOAA (close-ups of 2 breaches) and DigitalGlobe (others)

THE OVERVIEW

New Orleans Is Gripped by Despair and Lawlessness

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called on citizens to conserve fuel while two big pipelines that supply most of the state's gasoline were brought back on line.

concurred and he was particularly pungent in his criticism. Asserting that the whole recovery operation had been "carried on the backs of the little guys for four goddamn days," he said "the rest of the goddamn na-

priority was to evacuate New Orleans, Mr. Chertoff said. To that end, some 200 buses had left the Superdome for the Astrodome in Houston by midday, he said, adding that another 200 buses were expected to

tually destroyed," he said. "It was quiet. It was eerie. It was horrible to behold."

House leaders intended to hold a special session Friday to approve the measure.

THE EVACUATION

Four Days After Hurricane, A City Awaits Deliverance

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bors spent the last four days on his apartment building roof in central



# The Neighborhoods That Were Hit Hard And Those That Weren't

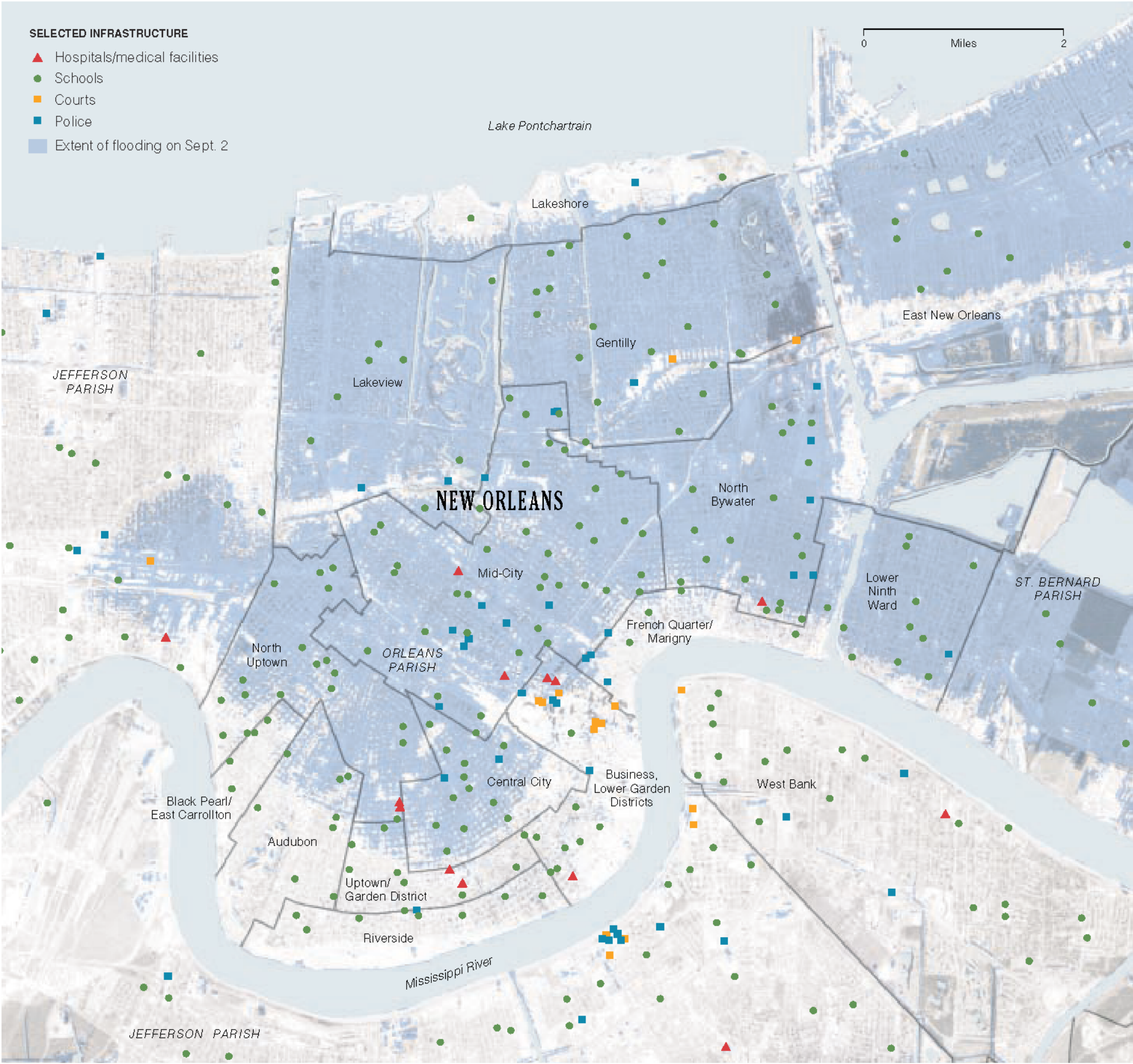
Rebuilding New Orleans will take years or decades and cost untold sums. While large swaths of the city may have to be bulldozed, a strip of unflooded land containing hospitals, government buildings, schools, historic homes and tourism sites suffered minimal damage.

The people who lived in the areas of New Orleans that were still flooded days after Hurricane Katrina struck were more likely to be black, have more children, earn less money and be less educated than those in the rest of the city. The flooded areas were home to about 346,000 people — 71 percent of the city's population — and contained more than two-thirds of the city's homes.

The map shows the extent of the flooding on Sept. 2, after the water level had stopped rising, but several days before crews were able to plug breaches in levees and start pumping water out.

DATA FROM 2000 U.S. CENSUS

Areas with significant flooding		Areas with little or no flooding	
Population			
346,000		138,000	
Race and ethnicity			
76%	BLACK	43%	
18	WHITE	49	
3	HISPANIC	4	
2	ASIAN	2	
1	OTHER	2	
Age			
PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS THAT WERE:			
28%	UNDER 18	22%	
11%	OLDER THAN 65	12%	
Single-parent families			
29%	PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES WITH SINGLE PARENTS	21%	
Education			
72%	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE	82%	
21%	BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER	38%	
Income			
\$25,759	MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (1999)	\$31,455	
\$4.9 BILLION	TOTAL AMOUNT EARNED BY ALL RESIDENTS	\$3.2 BILLION	
29%	POVERTY RATE	25%	
PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH INCOMES OF:			
56%	LESS THAN \$30,000	48%	
6%	MORE THAN \$100,000	13%	
Houses			
145,000	NUMBER OF HOUSING UNITS	70,000	
23%	HOUSES BUILT BEFORE 1940	44%	
52%	OCCUPIED BY RENTERS	56%	
Transportation			
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Satellite image by DigitalGlobe, via Google Earth

## Areas with significant flooding

AREA	North Uptown	Lakeview	Mid-City	Central City	Gentilly	North Bywater	Lower Ninth Ward	East New Orleans
POPULATION	38,700	22,300	76,900	26,600	42,000	32,900	19,500	96,400
AVG. INCOME	\$38,530	\$69,777	\$25,583	\$26,962	\$43,272	\$27,720	\$28,826	\$41,997
	Residential and commercial area home to middle and working class; houses range from mansions to small shotgun houses.	Moderately to very wealthy area with beautiful homes, large park, city art museum and lavish cemetery.	Mostly working-class and low-income housing; includes Xavier University, historic cemeteries and industrial area.	Home to low- and middle-class families, who mostly rent; many homes are shotgun houses built on brick piers.	Mostly middle-class area with high rate of home ownership; includes historic district and 200-acre park.	Mostly low-income and working-class housing with large industrial area; of historical significance to African-American history.	Mostly middle- to low-income families who rent; large number of small businesses, schools and churches.	Moderate-income area with subdivisions, large business and manufacturing areas and a wildlife refuge.

## Areas with little or no flooding

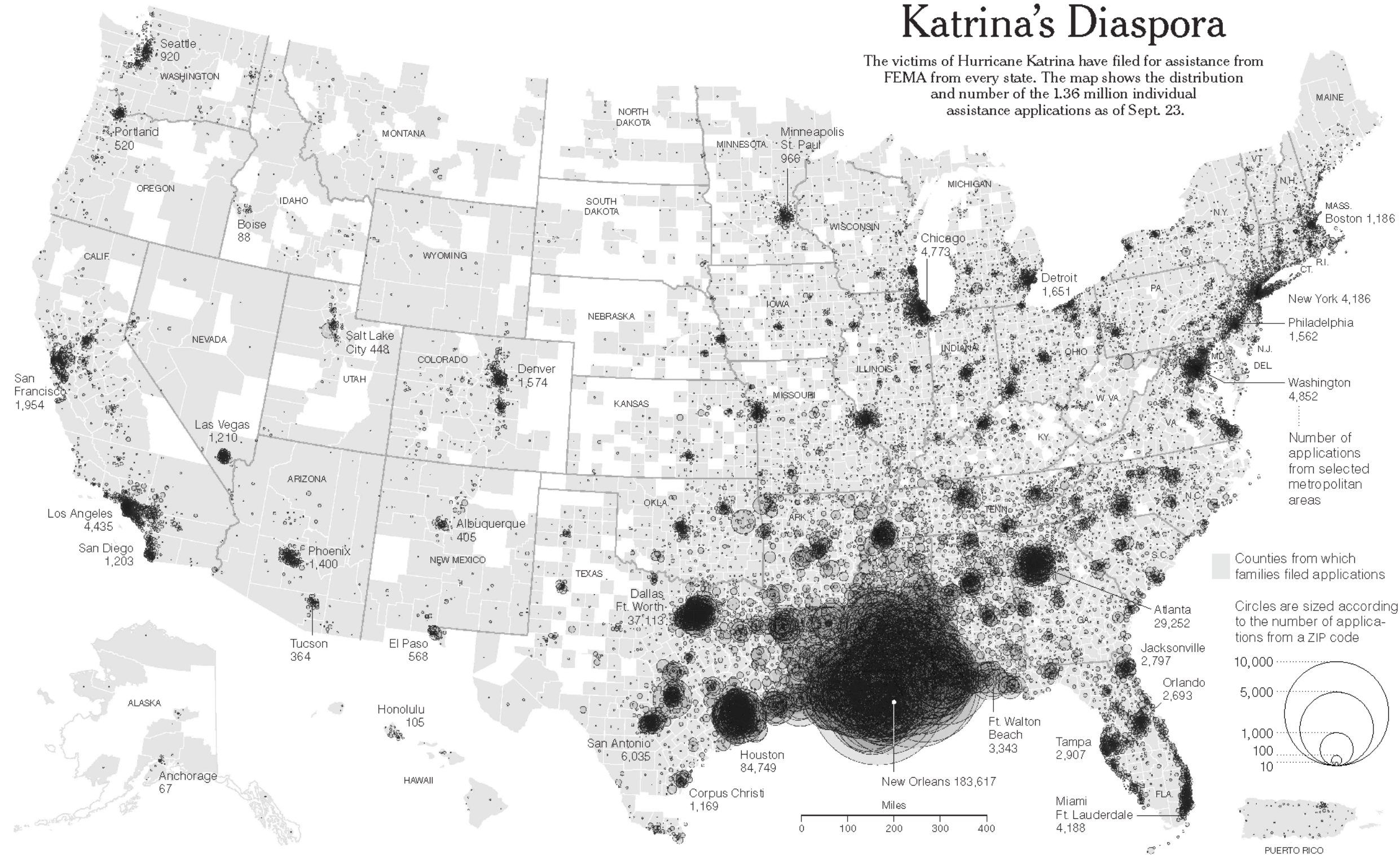
AREA	Black Pearl/ East Carrollton	Audubon	Riverside	Uptown/ Garden District	Business, Lower Garden Districts	French Quarter/ Marigny	West Bank	Lakeshore
POPULATION	6,200	14,900	12,700	11,900	10,900	4,200	58,800	5,800
AVG. INCOME	\$52,336	\$108,964	\$38,149	\$59,203	\$47,985	\$58,571	\$45,249	\$112,094
	Mostly middle-class homes and apartment buildings; contains oldest operating street railway line.	Includes a 127-acre park, Tulane and Loyola universities, historic mansions and the city zoo.	Residential area of moderate-income families of various ethnicities; contains a few historic parks.	Home to wealthy and middle-class families, with architecture ranging from mansions to single shotgun houses.	Contains main commercial, business, government and recreation facilities, along with art galleries and historic buildings.	Oldest part of New Orleans and main tourist destination; contains many hotels, bars, shops and historic homes.	Industrial and residential area, including a large military installation, small businesses and subdivisions.	Wealthiest residential area of the city; includes popular entertainment district and the University of New Orleans.

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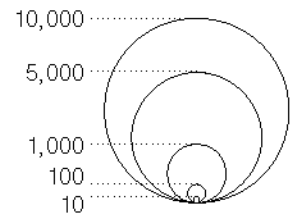
# Katrina's Diaspora

The victims of Hurricane Katrina have filed for assistance from FEMA from every state. The map shows the distribution and number of the 1.36 million individual assistance applications as of Sept. 23.



Counties from which families filed applications

Circles are sized according to the number of applications from a ZIP code



PUERTO RICO

They are scattered through all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico — 623 in Utah, 1,114 in Kansas, 101 way out in Alaska. They are clustered by the thousands in large Southern cities like Dallas, Atlanta and Memphis, and huddled in handfuls in unlikely hamlets like Shell Knob, Mo. (pop. 1,393) and Fountain Run, Ky. (pop. 236).

Evacuees fled Hurricane Katrina and the floods that followed in caravans of cars and fleets of buses, on helicopters and chartered planes, by boat and, a few, on foot. A month after the storm, a map

emerges of where they landed, based on ZIP codes from which applications for aid were submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency as of Sept. 23.

Of 1,356,704 applications, 86 percent came from Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and Alabama. But 35,539 families were more than 1,000 miles from the Gulf — among the farthest: one in Nome, Alaska, 3,931 miles from the French Quarter and another in Lihue, Hawaii, 4,279 miles away.

Residents of New Orleans, a city that was two-thirds black, seem to have flocked to the nation's African-American population

centers. On average, the applicants came from counties where blacks were 28 percent of the population, more than twice the national average.

Baton Rouge, La., appears to be temporary home to 10 percent of evacuees, Houston 6.25 percent. But after the top 18 hubs, applicants are spread like the wind that whipped through their old neighborhoods: none of the other 900-plus metropolitan areas has even 1 percent of the total.

Some 4,000 ZIP codes — among them Pochontas, Miss.; Promise City, Iowa; and Hope, Mich. — had just one applicant.

## Applications by state

Louisiana	523,149	38.6%
Mississippi	383,840	28.3%
Texas	156,895	11.6%
Alabama	109,469	8.1%
Georgia	35,342	2.6%
Florida	31,005	2.3%
Tennessee	15,529	1.1%
Arkansas	11,027	0.8%
California	10,953	0.8%
Illinois	6,430	0.5%
Others	73,065	5.4%

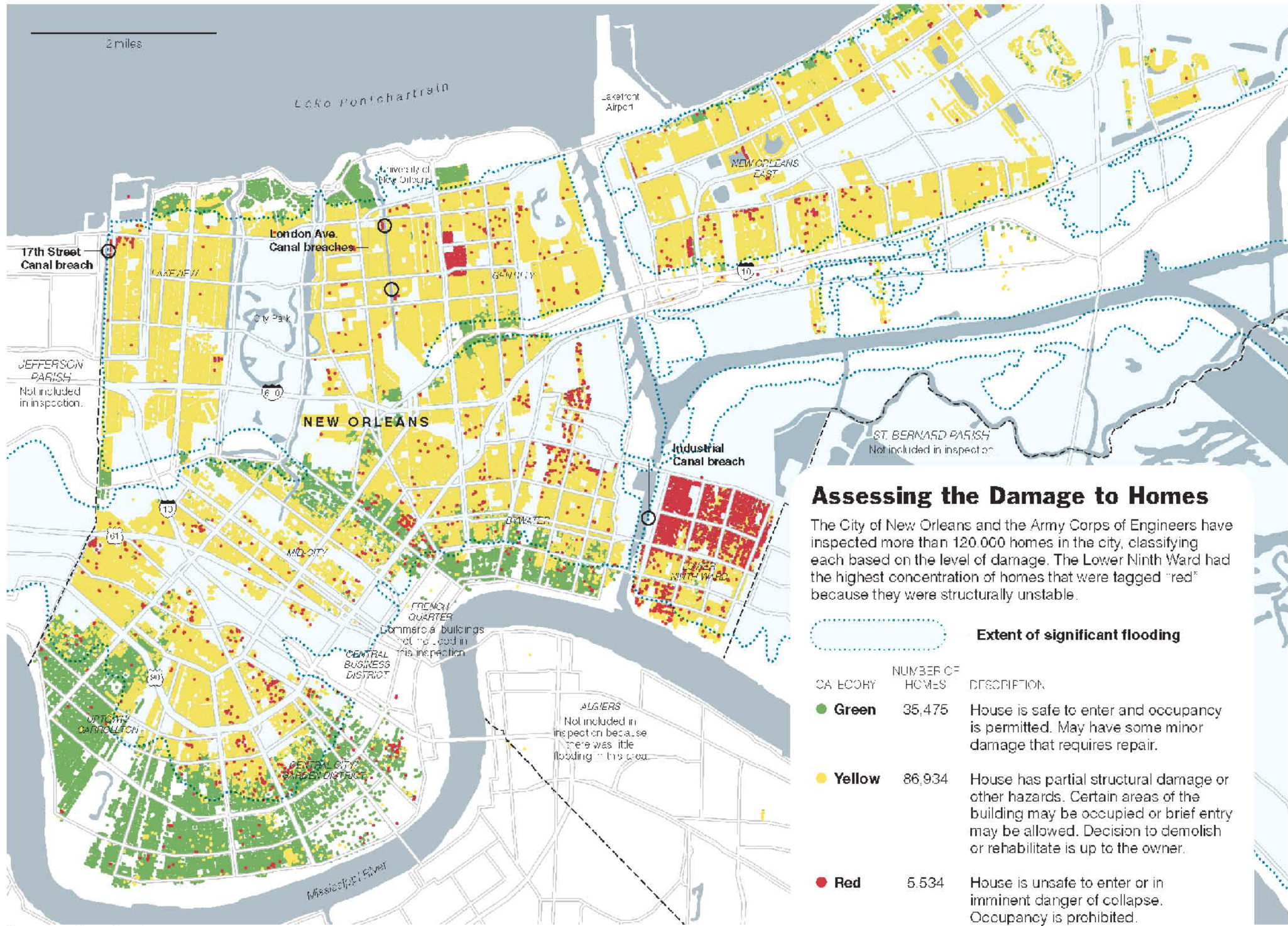
## Applications by distance from New Orleans

MILES	APPLICANTS	PCT.
0-100	626,232	46.2%
100-200	338,080	24.9%
200-400	184,169	13.6%
400-800	143,497	10.6%
800-1,600	45,371	3.3%
1,600-3,200	13,403	1.0%
3,200+	232	0.0%

Distances could not be calculated for 0.4 percent of applications.

Sources: FEMA; Census Bureau; Queens College Sociology Department  
Matthew Ericson, Archie Tse and Jodi Wilgoren/The New York Times







# For New Orleans Neighborhoods, a Slow and Uneven Return

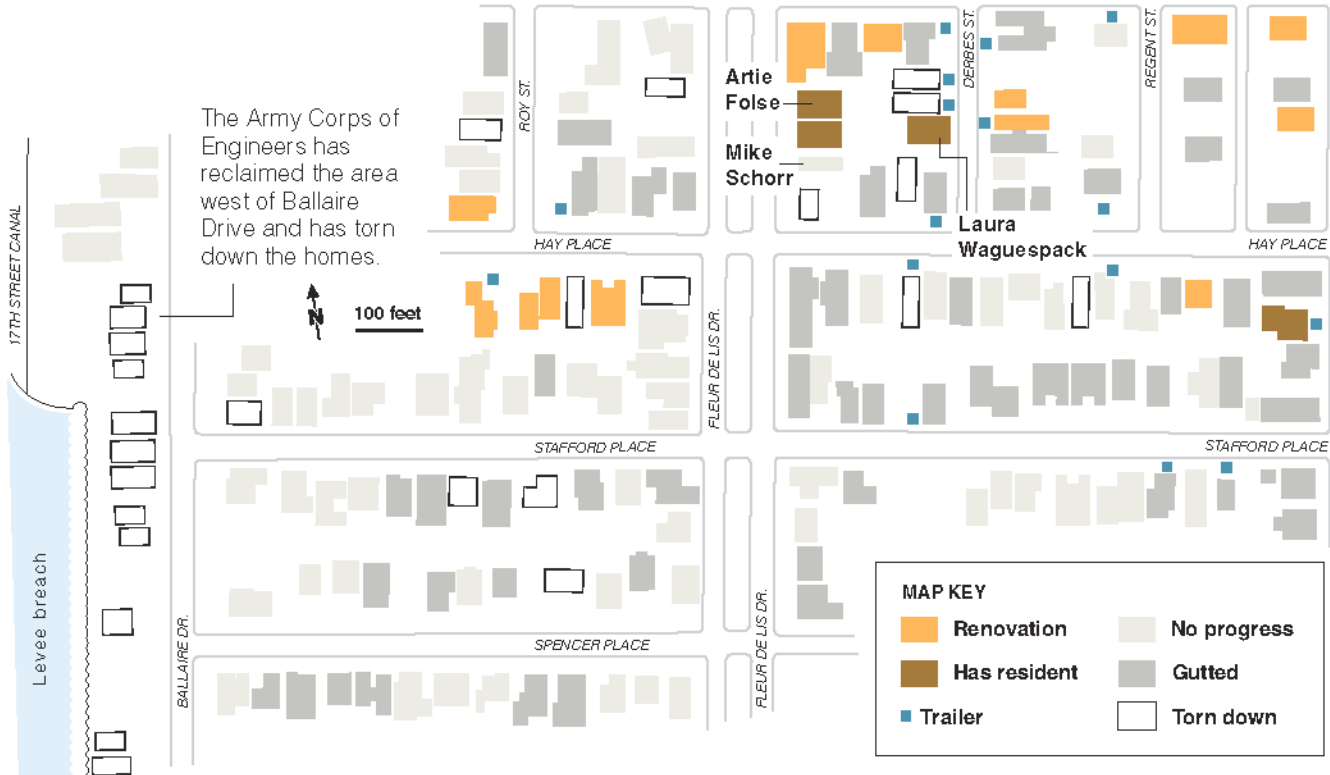
Many of the once-vibrant neighborhoods of New Orleans are still silent a year after Hurricane Katrina. Scores of residents who returned found mold to be as brutal as the rising waters, and for tens of thousands of homes,

rebirth is possible only after a thorough gutting or complete demolition. A tour through three neighborhoods reveals the slow and disparate nature of rebuilding these areas one house at a time.

JOE WARD

## Lakeview

When the 17th Street Canal levee was breached, nearly eight feet of water filled Lakeview's homes. Street after street is lined with vacant houses and the few residents who have returned wonder if their neighbors will follow them.



7011 FLEUR DE LIS DRIVE On the day that **Mike Schorr** readied his home for demolition, above, the house of his brother Dennis on Ballaire Drive was torn down. Mike hopes to rebuild someday, but Dennis's lot has been reclaimed by the Corps of Engineers.



Photographs by Angel Franco/The New York Times

7016 DERBES **Laura Waguespack** saw an opportunity. Instead of renovating her ruined home near the University of New Orleans, she used her insurance money to buy and renovate a home in Lakeview now that it had become affordable.

## Broadmoor

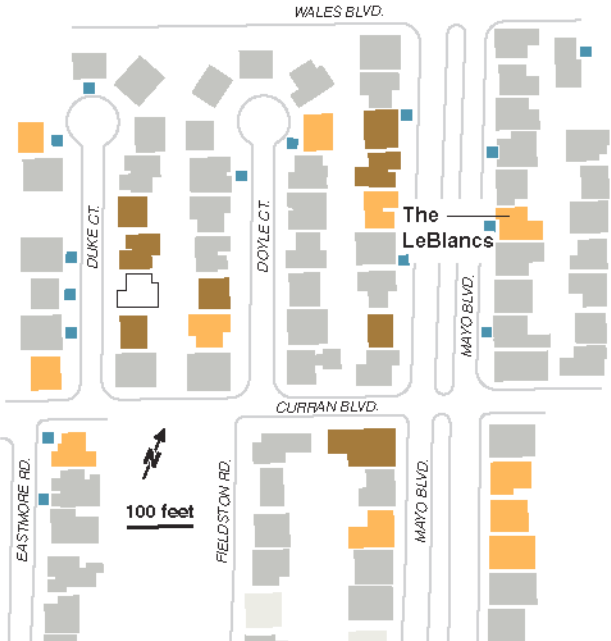
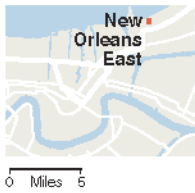
This area, full of Spanish and mission revival homes, was a 12-acre lake in the 1800's and has a history of flooding problems. After Katrina, homes were flooded with about seven feet of water. People are back in the area, but most inhabit the FEMA trailers that clutter the streets.



1835 S. DUPREE **Ted Sheppard**, a contractor, fled with his family to Savannah, Ga. They returned in early June and live on the first floor, which Mr. Sheppard renovated. He believes his neighborhood is doing better than most.

## New Orleans East

This area on the southern shore of Lake Pontchartrain is dense with sturdy brick homes. As is the case across the city, residents with flood insurance are the ones who have started to return.



7733 MAYO BLVD. **Grethel and Joseph LeBlanc** hope to be back in their home in a month or two if they can get their busy contractor to finish the renovation. They have lived in a trailer on the front lawn since March 11.

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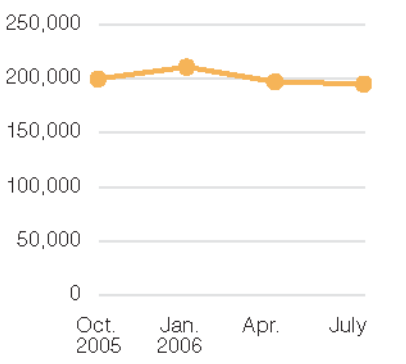
One of the best snapshots of how New Orleans area residents were scattered by Hurricane Katrina may come from the post office. Since the storm struck last year, more than 270,000 households have filed change of address forms, including about 200,000 that still listed an address outside New Orleans and its surrounding parishes as of July 1.

Current population estimates vary, but most put the city's population between 200,000 and 250,000, down from 480,000 before the hurricane. Estimates suggest that tens of thousands have also left nearby parishes.

Many evacuees stayed relatively close to home, moving to less hard-hit areas in Louisiana, but Southern cities like Houston, Dallas and Atlanta also saw a large influx of people.

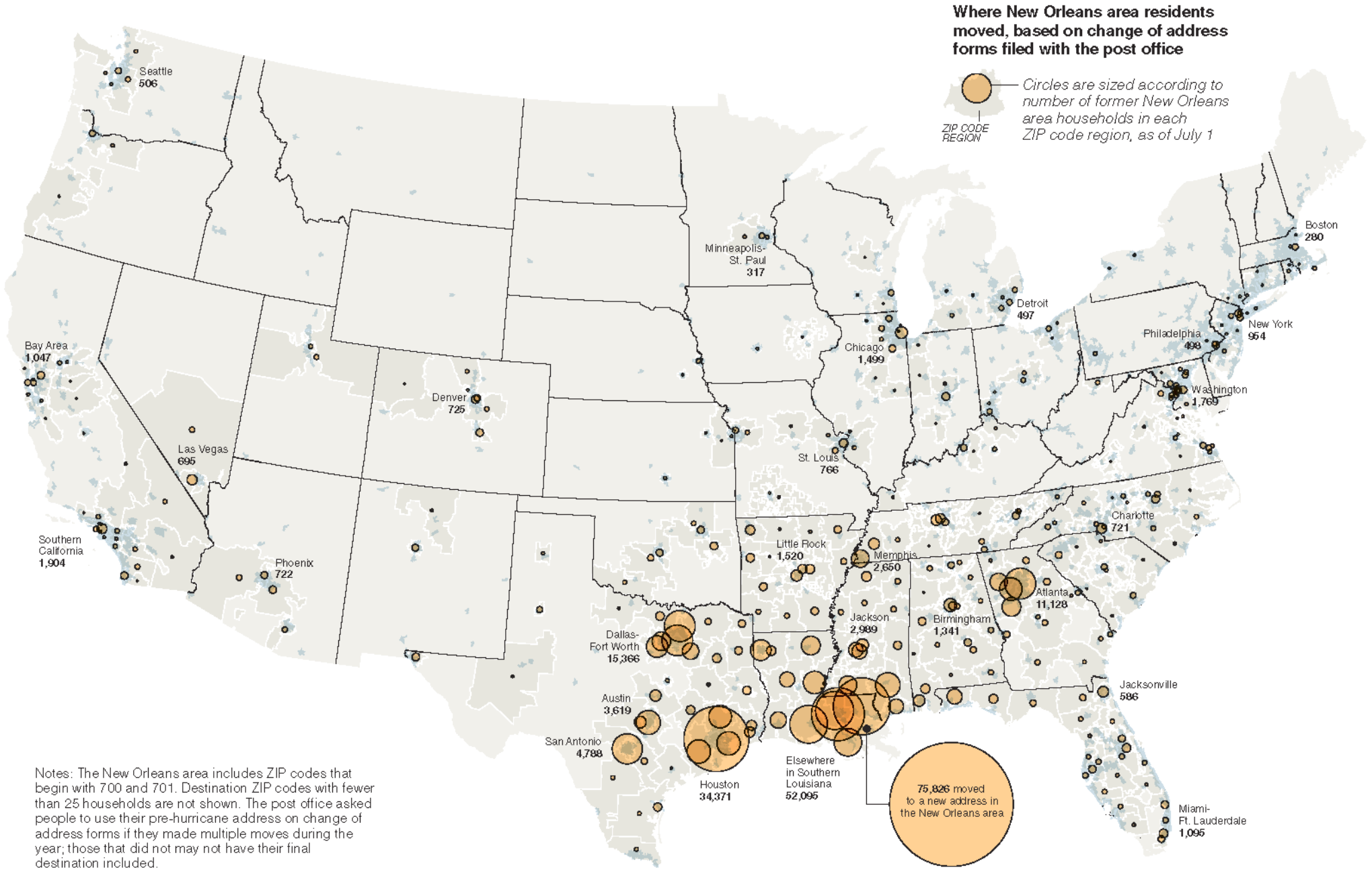
The number of households having mail forwarded outside the New Orleans area peaked at the start of the year, and has come down slightly as some displaced residents have begun to return.

Number of New Orleans area households that had mail forwarded outside the area



Source: United States Postal Service

Where New Orleans area residents moved, based on change of address forms filed with the post office



Matthew Ericson/The New York Times

# InfoVis for The Masses, In Short

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