

Accessibility and the Software Structures of Assistive Technologies

As told from my perspective in data visualization.

Big thanks to Patrick Carrington for some of these slides.



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Today

Intro Accessibility and Assistive Technology

Models of Disability (Perspectives)

A demonstration of assistive technology in action

Accessibility



CLASS QUESTION

What is Disability?

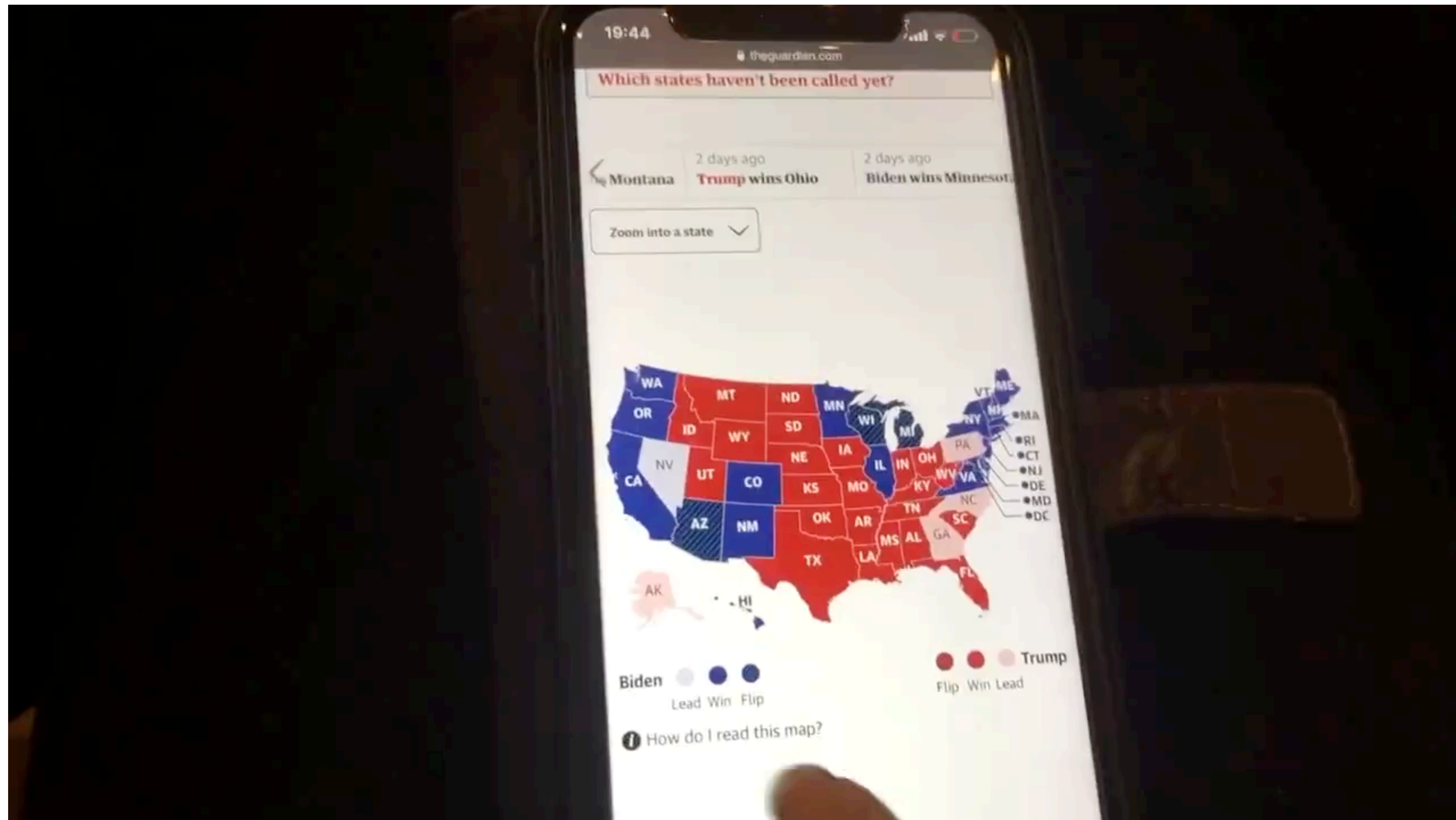


CLASS QUESTION

What is Accessibility?

What is an inaccessible experience like?

Credit: Sarah Fossheim [on twitter](#)





CLASS QUESTION

Why does
Accessibility matter?

Access is a human right

Accessibility for people with disabilities is an internationally recognized human right.

It is the morally and ethically correct thing to do.



UN CRPD Article 9: Accessibility, UN CRPD Article 10: Right to Life

Disability is Widespread

Worldwide **more than 1.3 billion people** (~16%) experience some form of disability [World Health Organization, 2023]

Disability affects 13% of the U.S. population [U.S. Census Bureau, 2021]

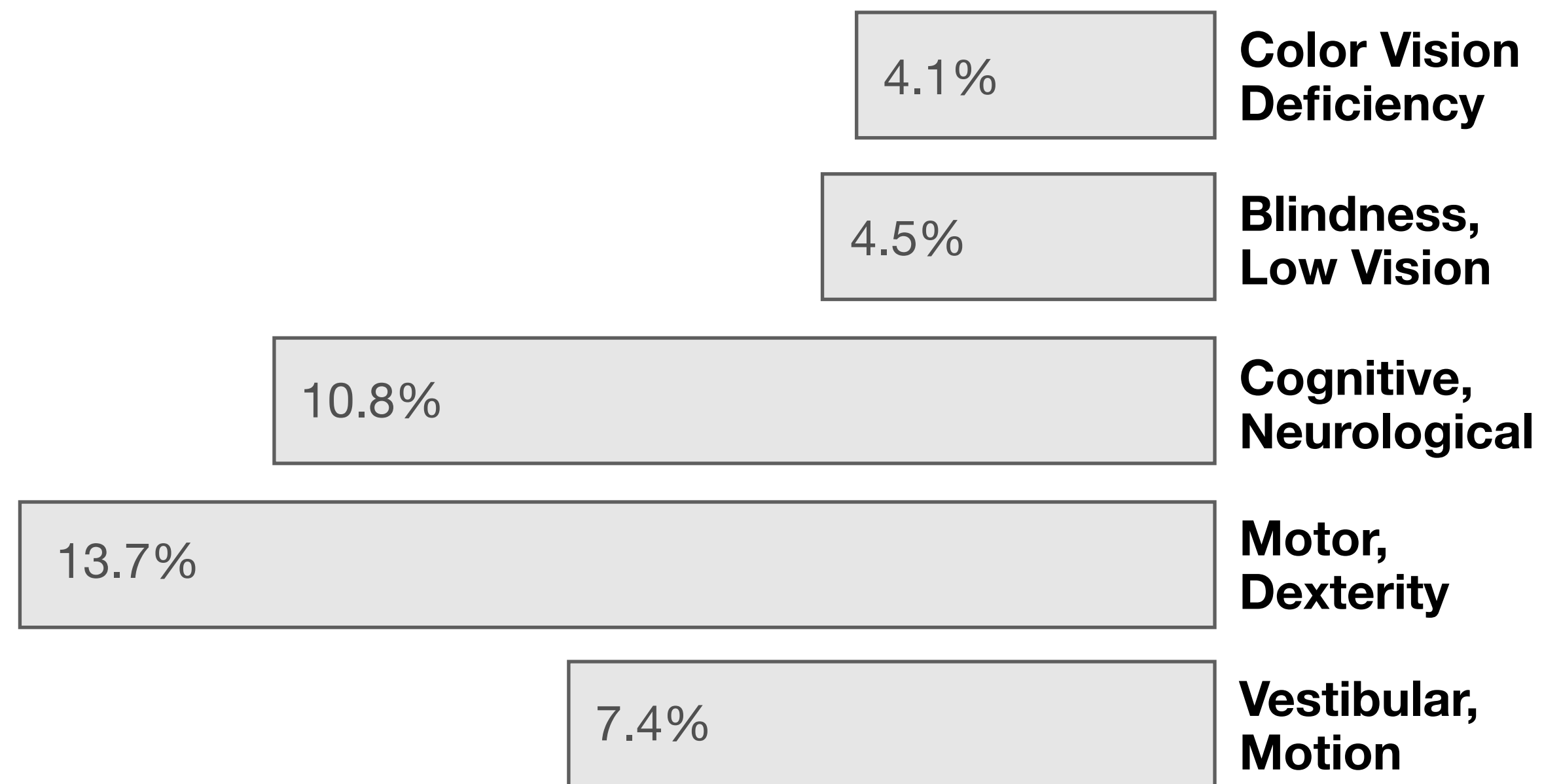
Disability is Widespread

(Roughly) One in four Americans has disability of some sort

One in ten Americans has a severe disability

- “An impairment that significantly limits one or more major life activities”

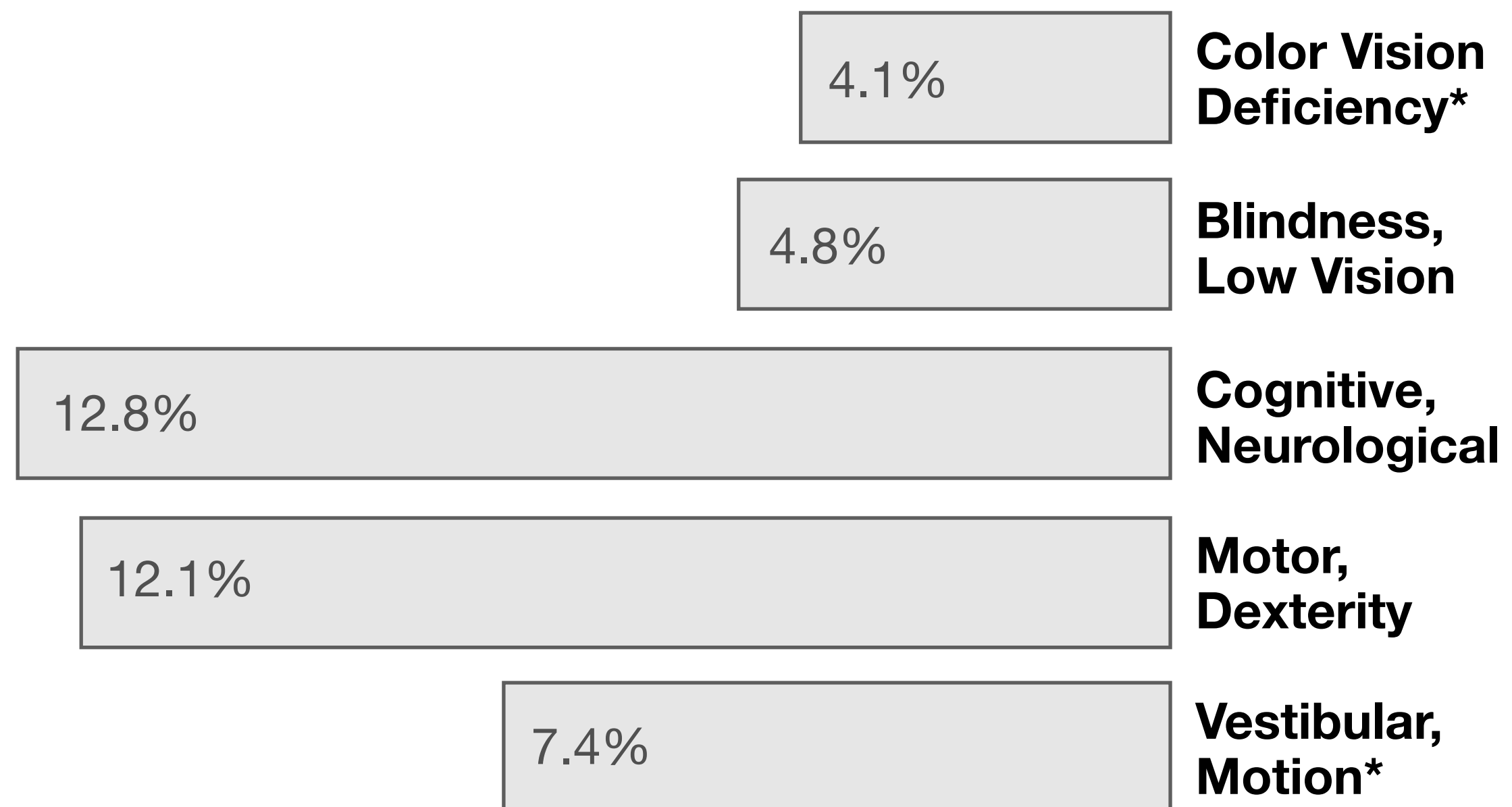
You or a loved one are fairly likely to be impacted by some disability at some point in your life



Source: Okoro et al. "Prevalence of Disabilities and Health Care Access by Disability Status and Type Among Adults"

~26% of people living in the United States self-report living with a disability that affects their daily life (2017)

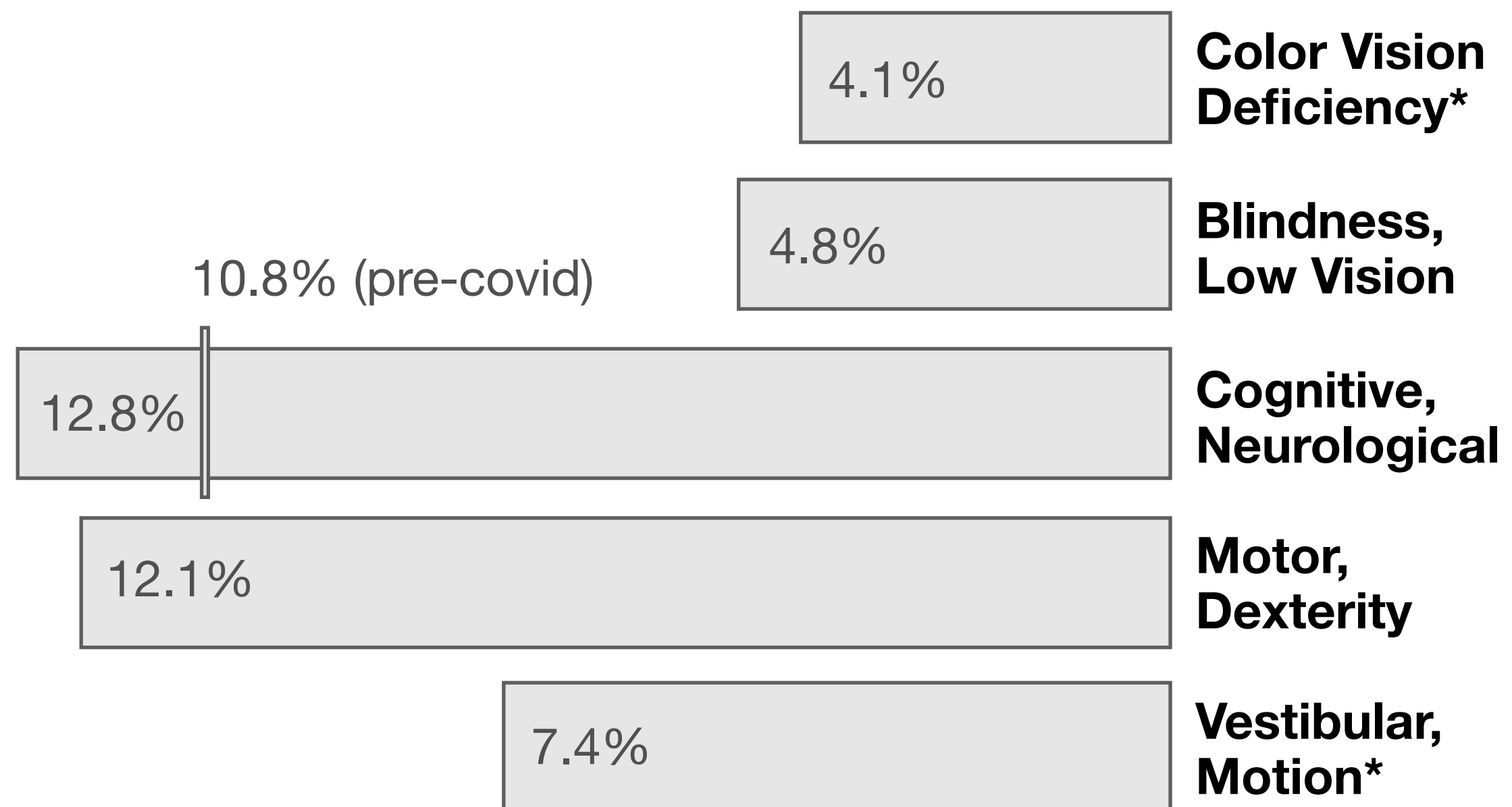
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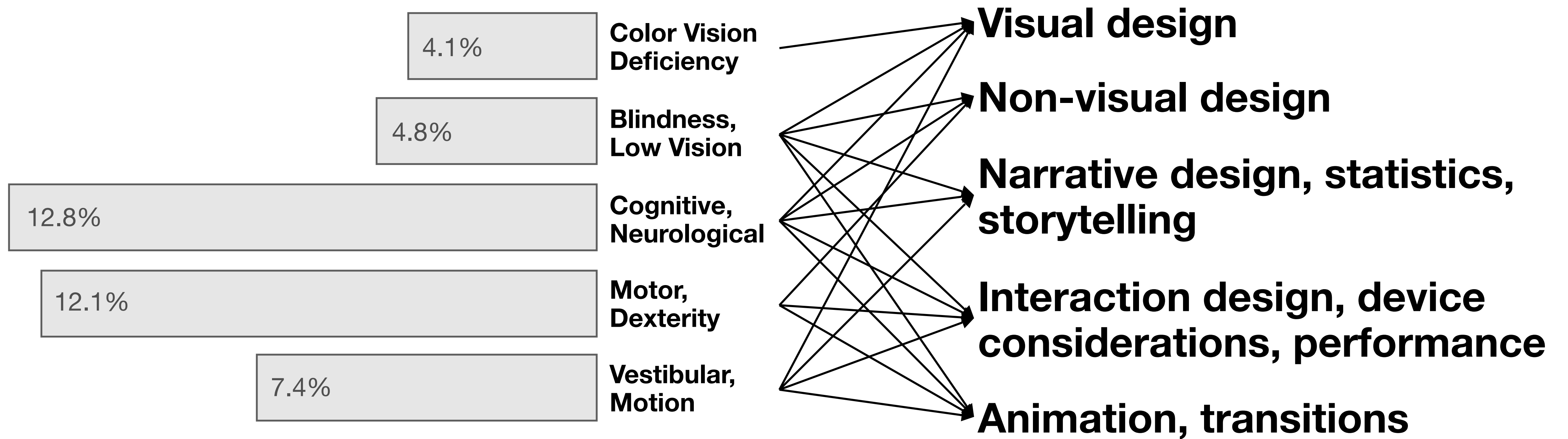
Cognitive disability is on the rise

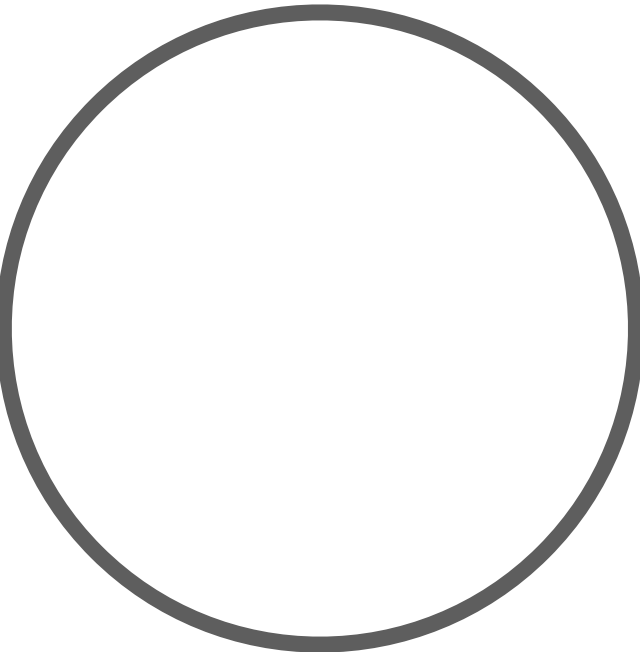


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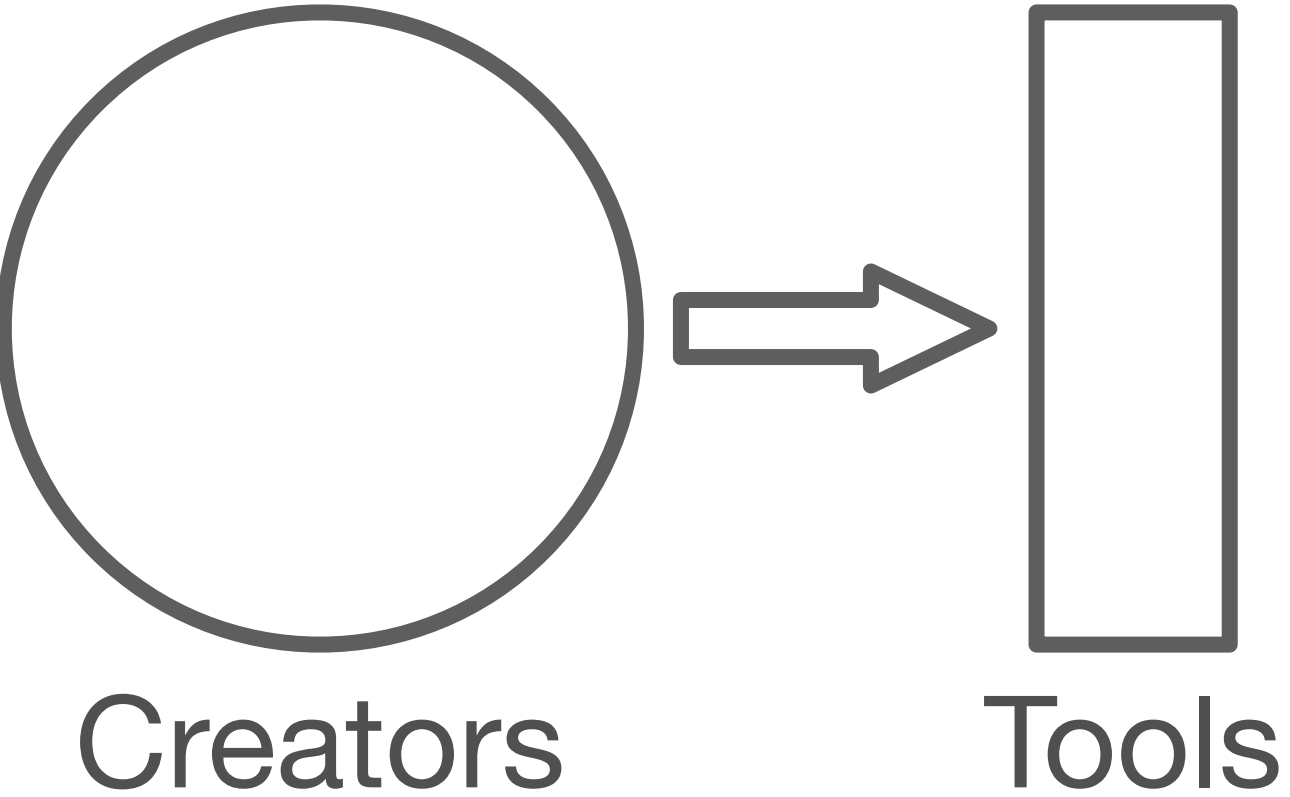
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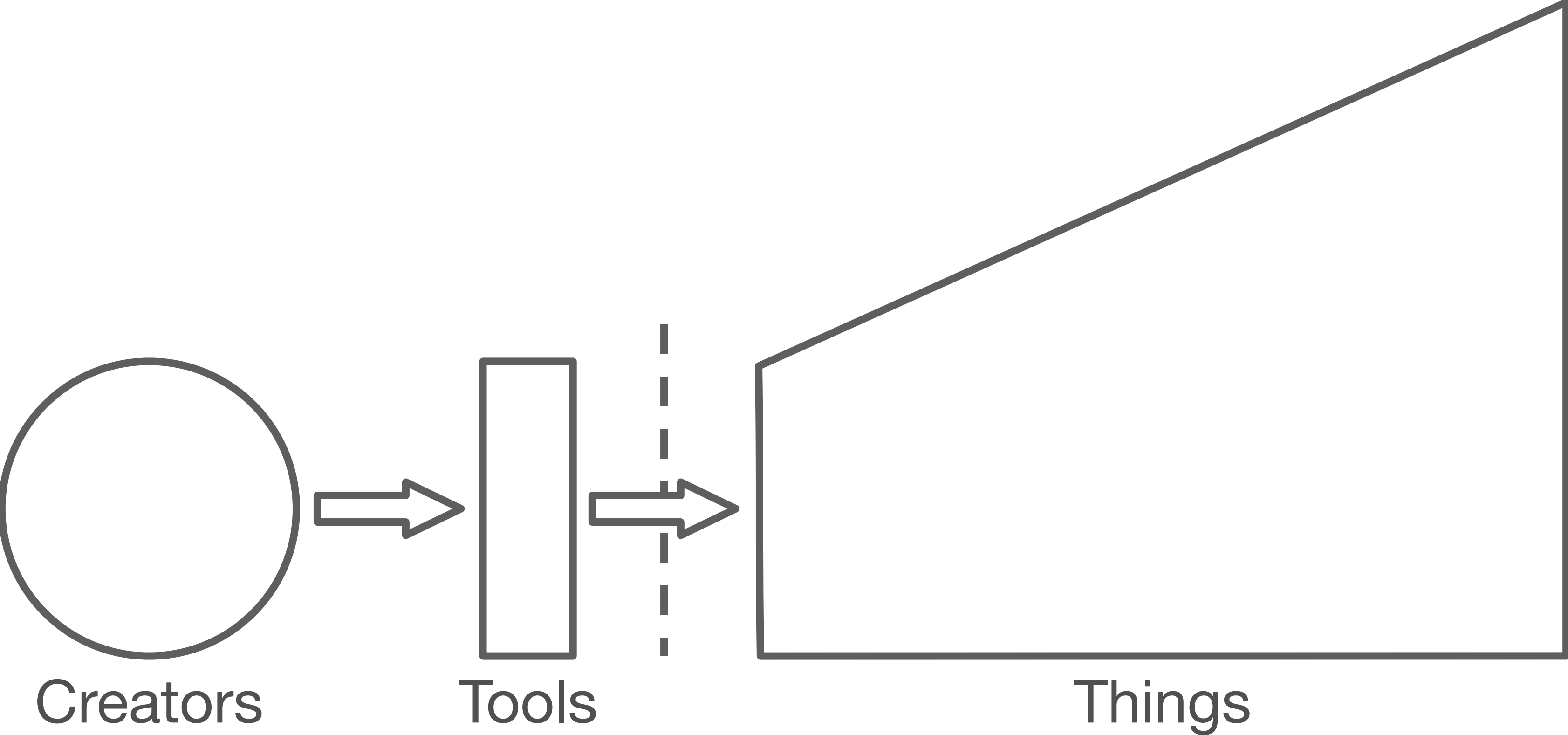
Accessibility affects every aspect of visualization work

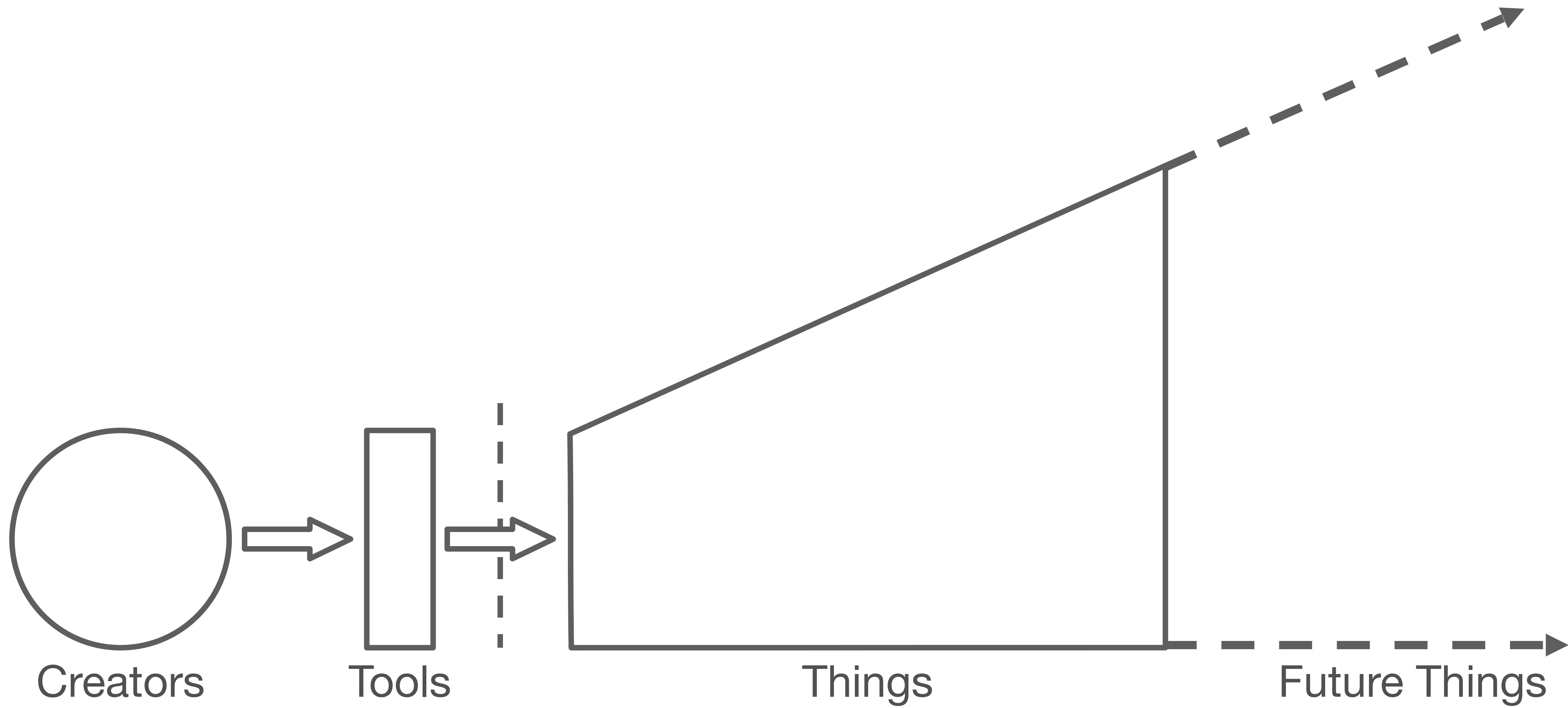




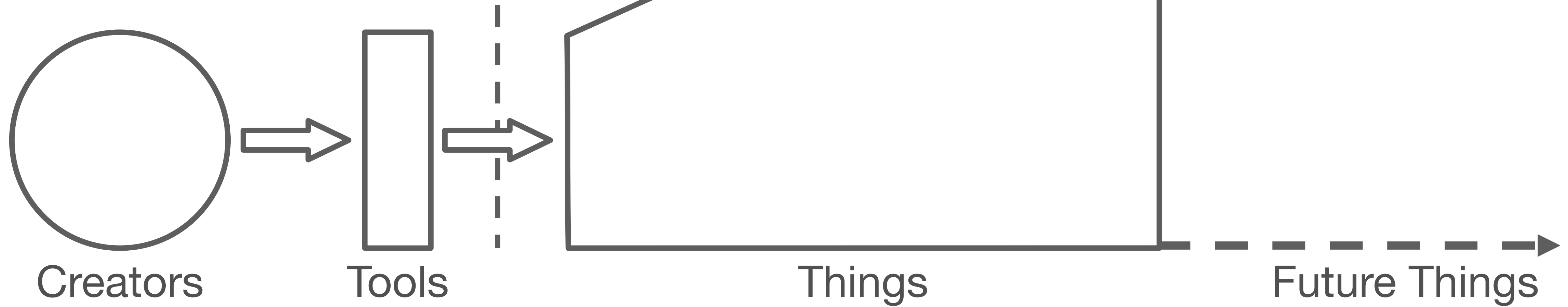
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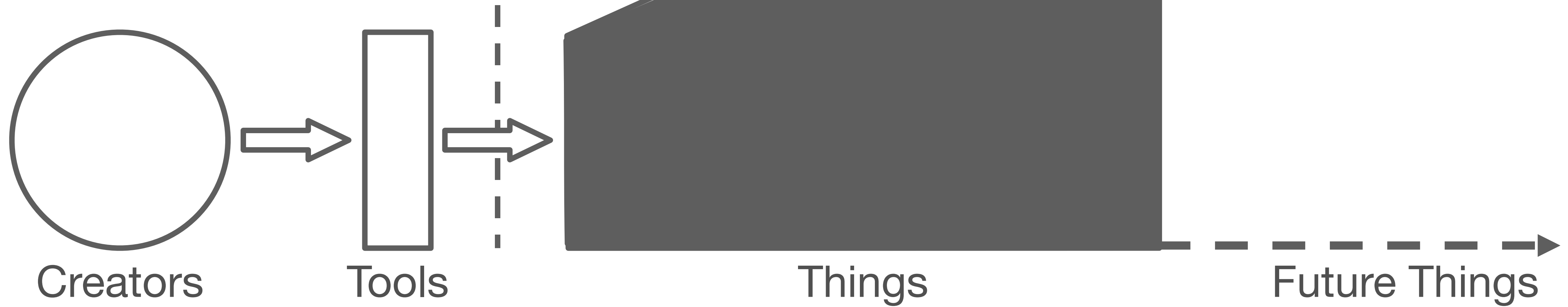


**But how much of this is
inaccessible?**



97-99%

Source: World Wide Web Consortium. "The WebAIM Million Report." 2019-2024





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Who is *responsible* for
making things accessible?

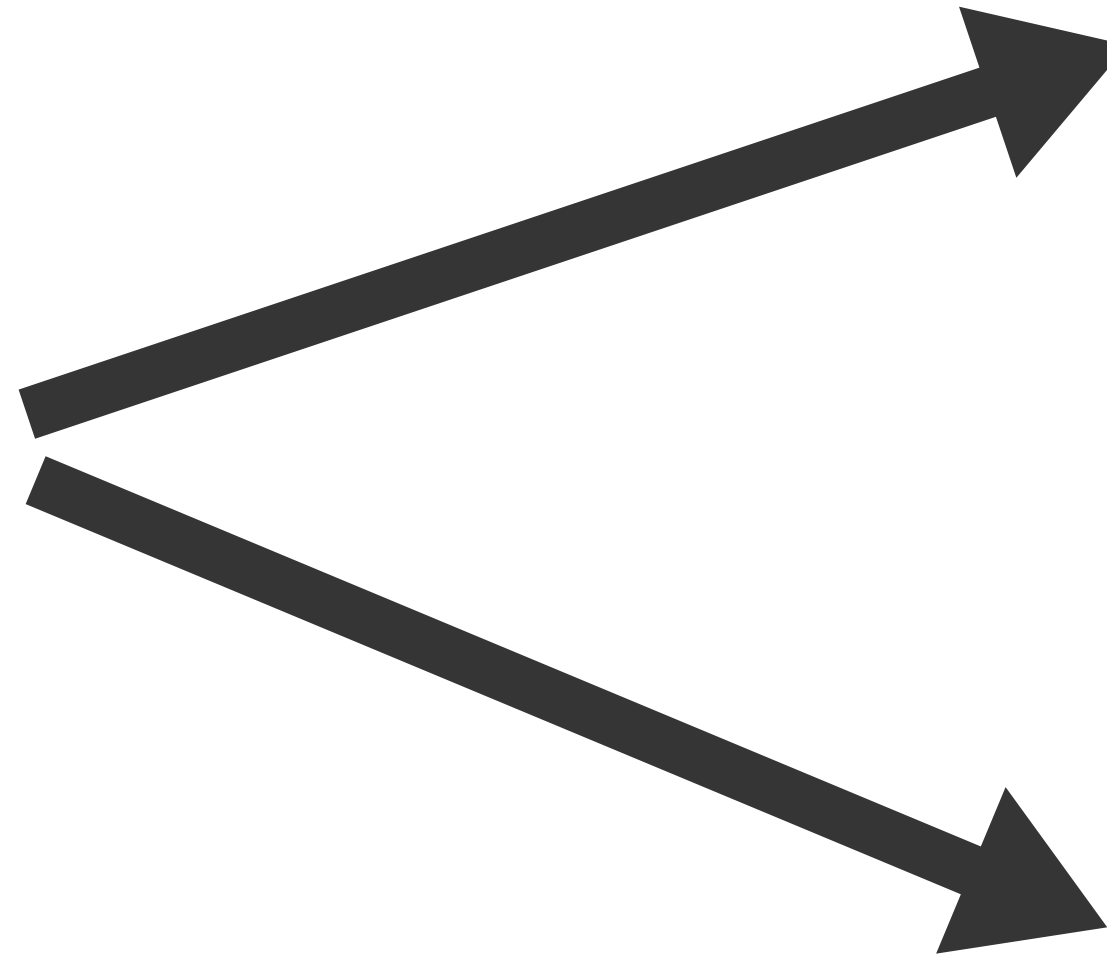
What about curbs in our cities?



Medicalizing framing: the body is the cause/location of disability (according to normative standards).



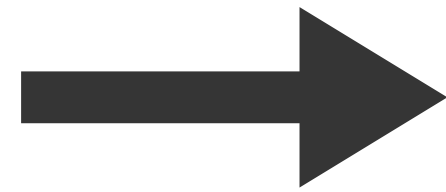
Augment or “cure” the body, the person typically bears the cost of access.



Social framing: The *curb* is the source/location where disability is produced (as a “barrier” to access).



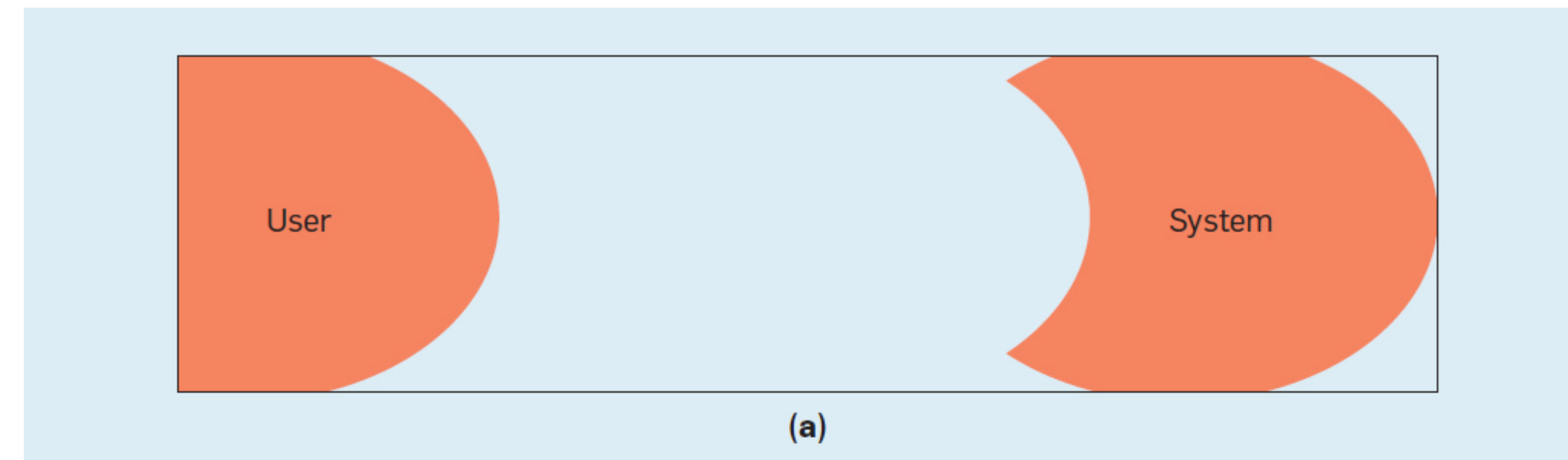
We built barriers, so now we need to fix them.



Concept: **Ability Assumptions**

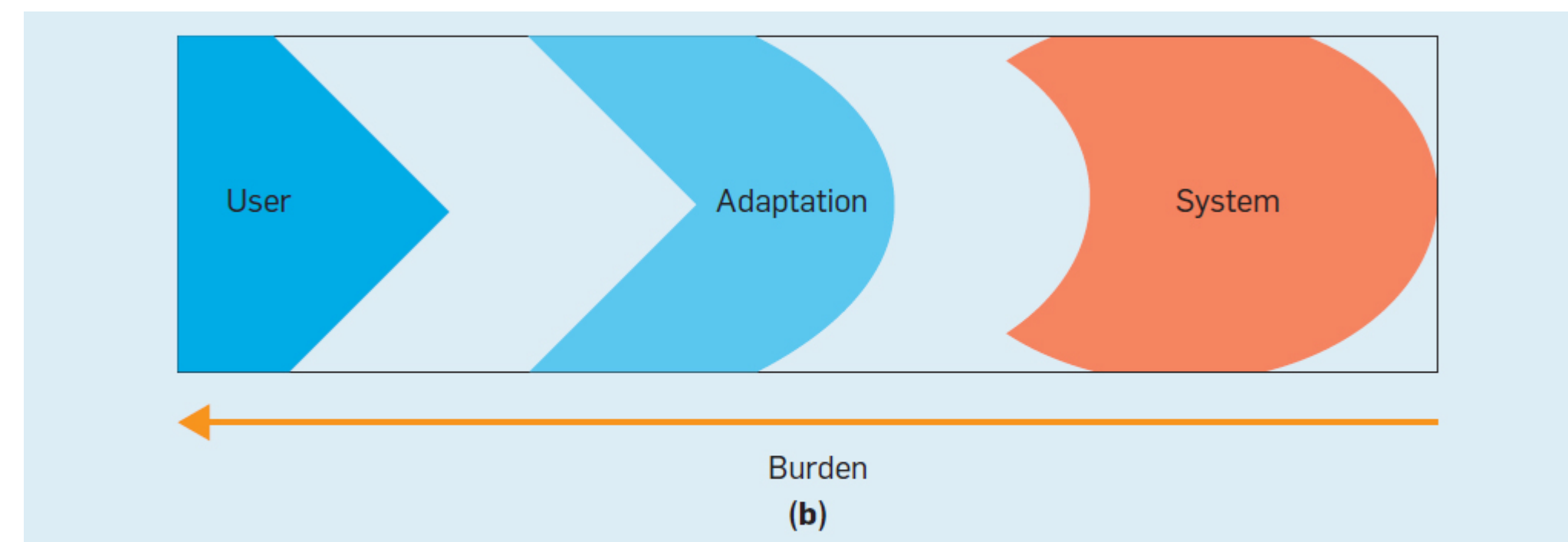
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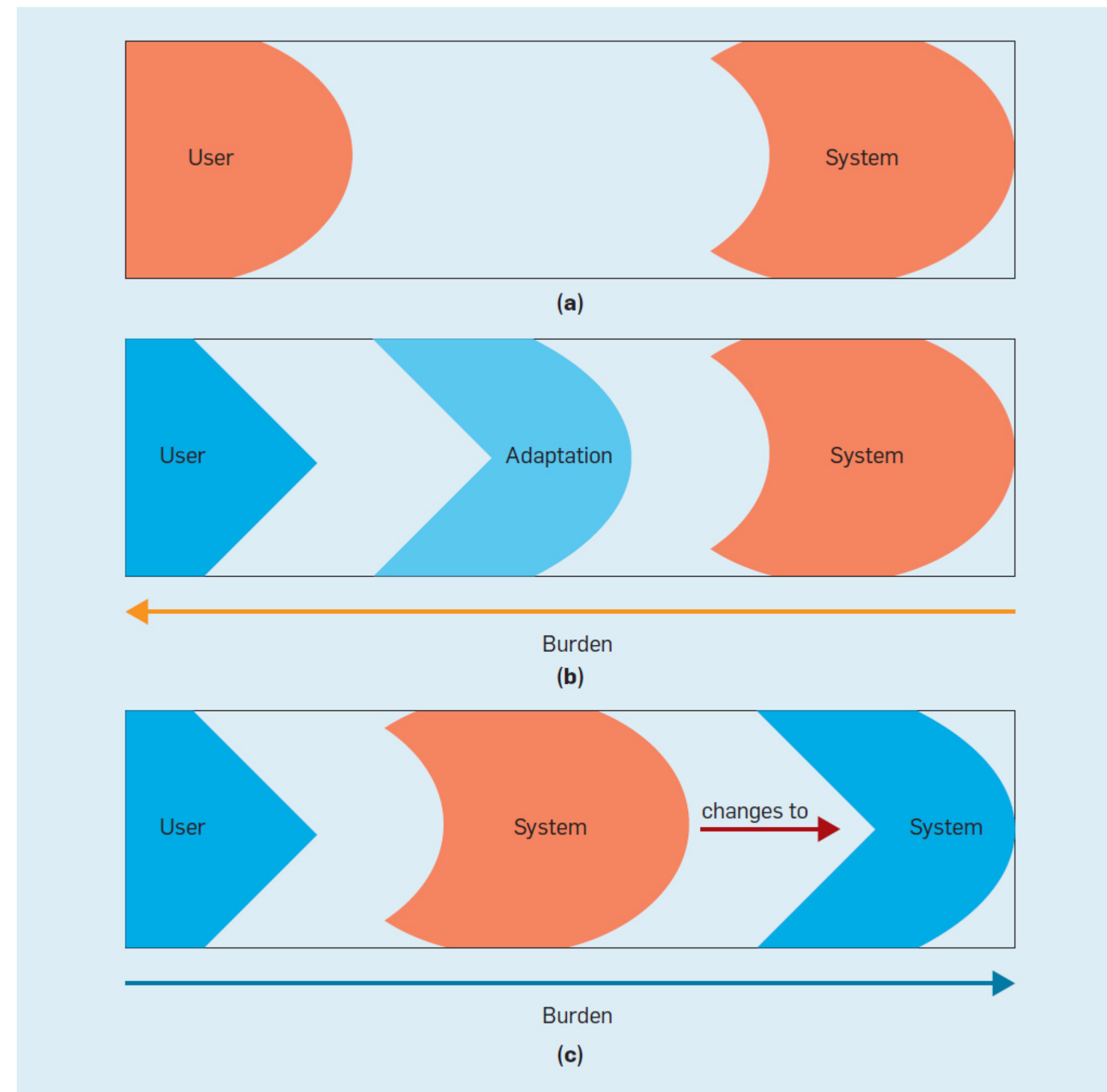
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A curb exclusively assumes the ability to step up



A cut curb has fewer *exclusive* ability assumptions



Concept: **Situational Impairment**

Permanent

Touch



One arm

Permanent

Temporary

Touch



One arm



Arm injury

Permanent

Temporary

Situational

Touch



One arm






Arm injury















New parent

We all experience situational impairment in our daily lives. **Accessibility benefits everyone!**

	Permanent	Temporary	Situational
Touch	 One arm	 Arm injury	 New parent

“Design for One, Extend to All”

Microsoft’s Inclusive Design 101 Toolkit: https://download.microsoft.com/download/b/0/d/b0d4bf87-09ce-4417-8f28-d60703d672ed/inclusive_toolkit_manual_final.pdf

	Permanent	Temporary	Situational
Touch	 One arm	 Arm injury	 New parent
See	 Blind	 Cataract	 Distracted driver
Hear	 Deaf	 Ear infection	 Bartender
Speak	 Non-verbal	 Laryngitis	 Heavy accent

Turns out, a lot of barriers are *shared*!



So how do we *catch* barriers?

Listen to people with disabilities (PWD).

There are a lot of ways to listen:

1. Actually ask them!
2. Find where they are already speaking
3. Find where they have already spoken:
 - Research
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Perceivable

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An acronym in web standards:

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Operable

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Understandable

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The 4 pillars of accessible design:

Perceivable

Operable

Understandable

Robust

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Chartability's additions:

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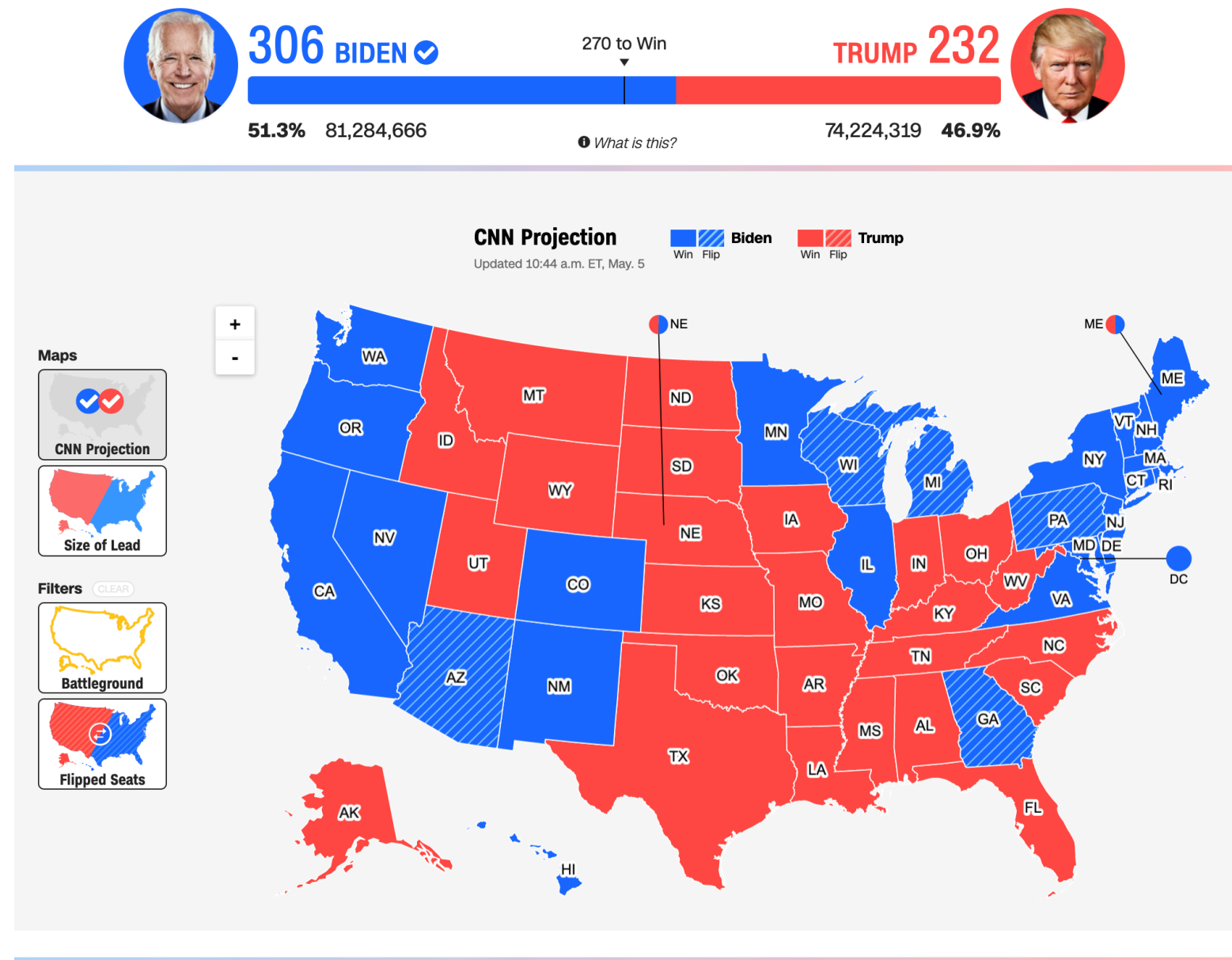
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PRESIDENTIAL RESULTS

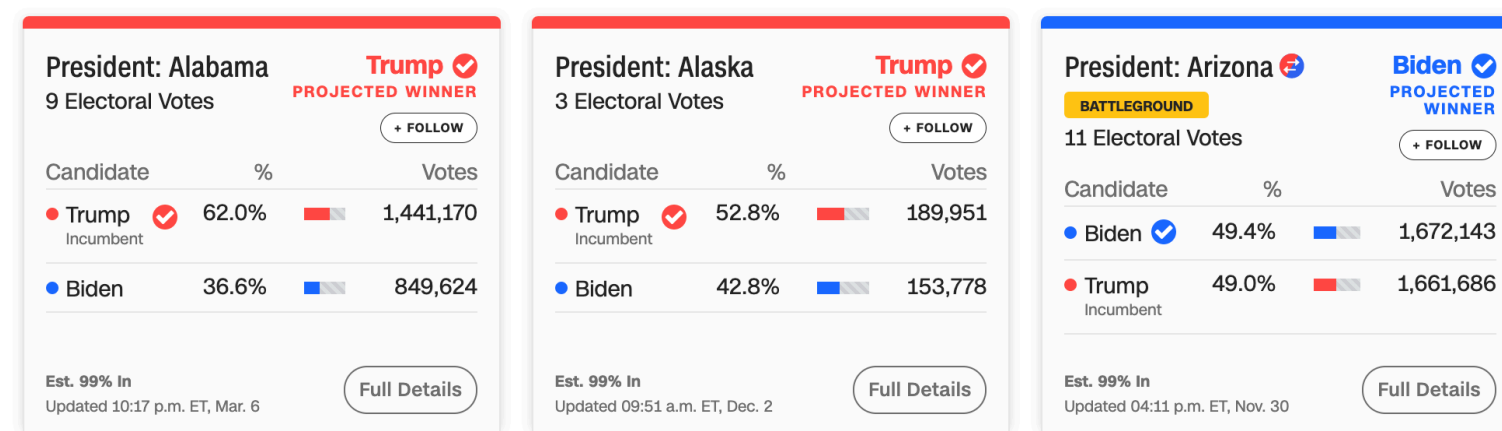
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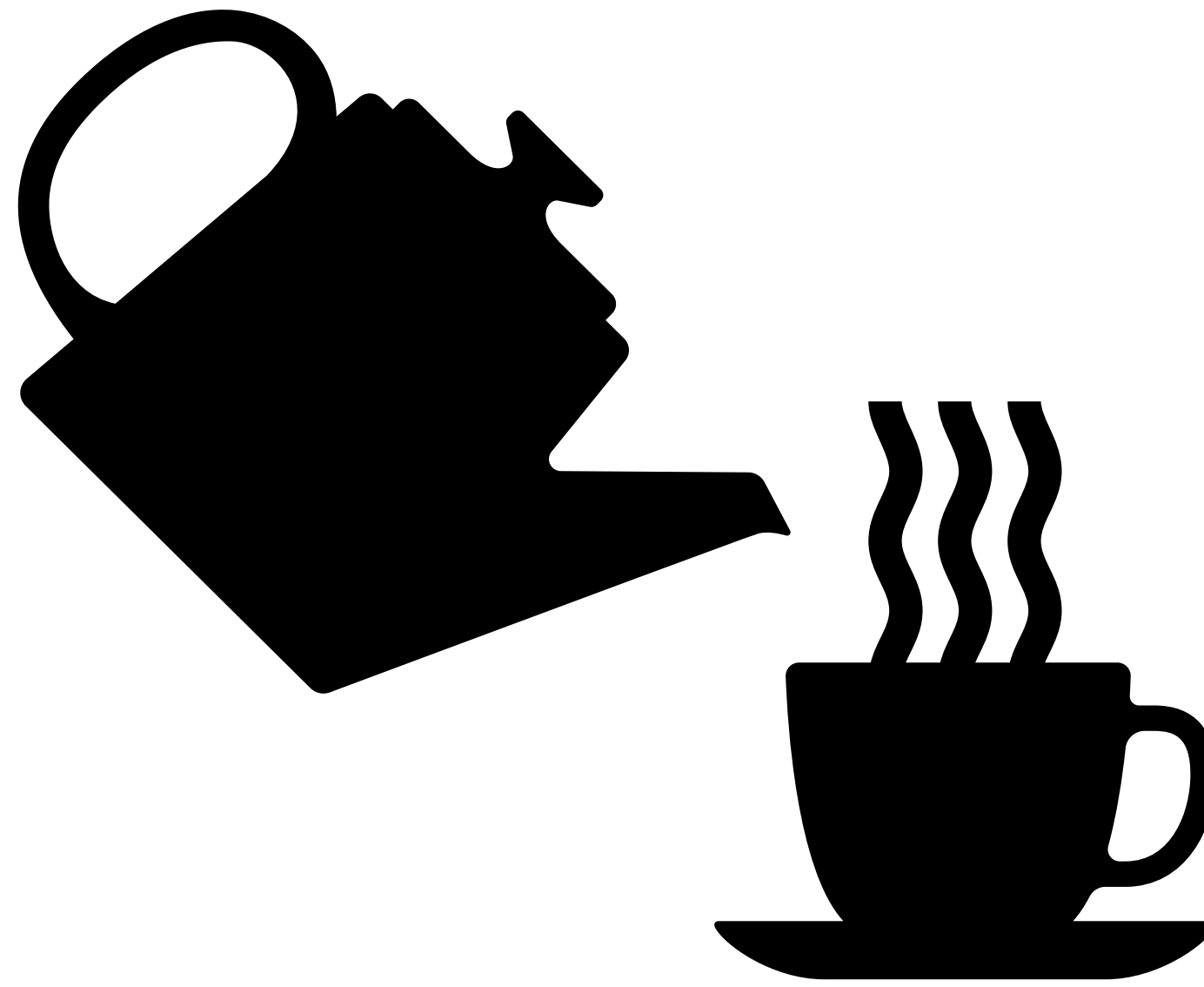
Let's evaluate this map from CNN with Chartability.

STATE RESULTS



Show More States

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POUR+CAF

“I need to **pour a cup of coffee** to help me consider accessible design!”

Perceivable

Can someone perceive this in multiple ways? Is each way easy?

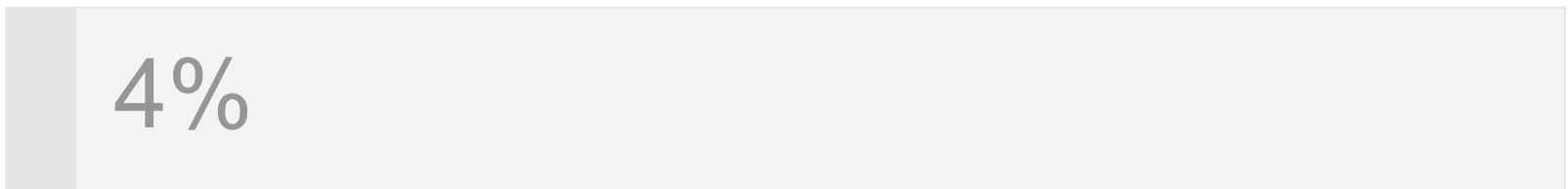
Perceivable Checklist:

1. High Contrast
2. Colorblind-Safe + Redundant Encoding
3. Alt Text

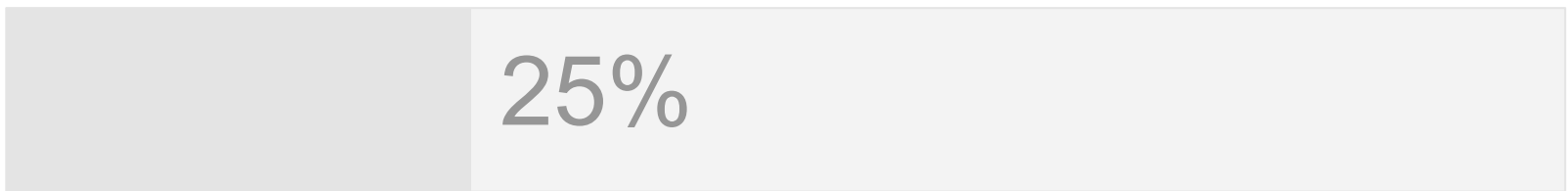
Design with high contrast

Colorblindness Disproportionately Overrepresented in A11y Resources

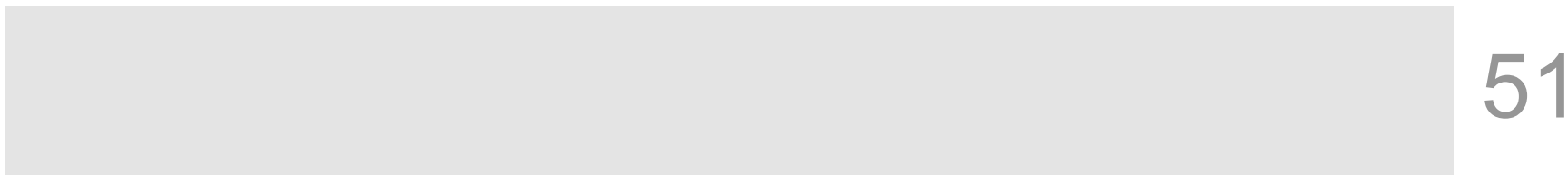
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Low Vision: % of People



Colorblindness: # of Resources

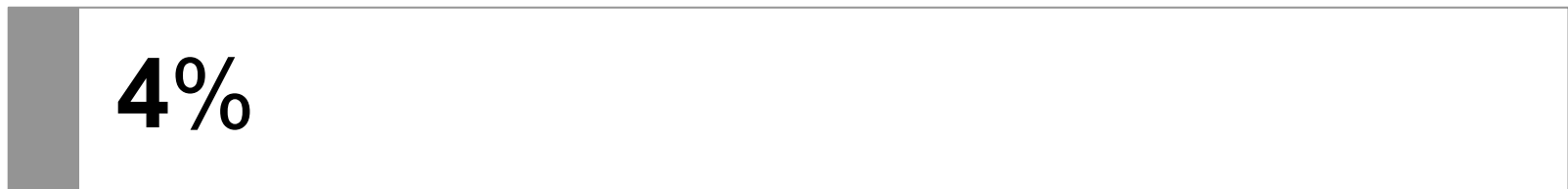


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Use High Contrast Text


Text needs at least 4.5:1 contrast against its background.

Large text (bold and 16pt or larger) can be 3:1 or higher.


Contrast Checker

[Home](#) > [Resources](#) > Contrast Checker

Foreground Color

Lightness


Background Color

Lightness


Contrast Ratio
2.95:1
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Normal Text

WCAG AA: **Fail**

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The five boxing wizards jump quickly.

Large Text

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Use High Contrast Geometries

Chart elements need at least 3:1 contrast against their background.

Contrast Checker

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Foreground Color

#E4E4E4

Lightness

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Contrast Ratio

1.14:1

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Graphical Objects and User Interface Components

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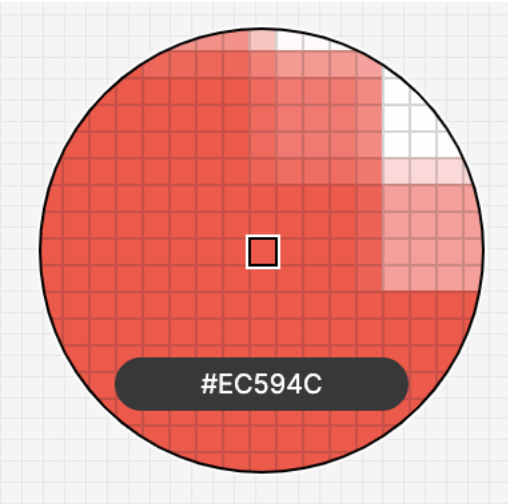
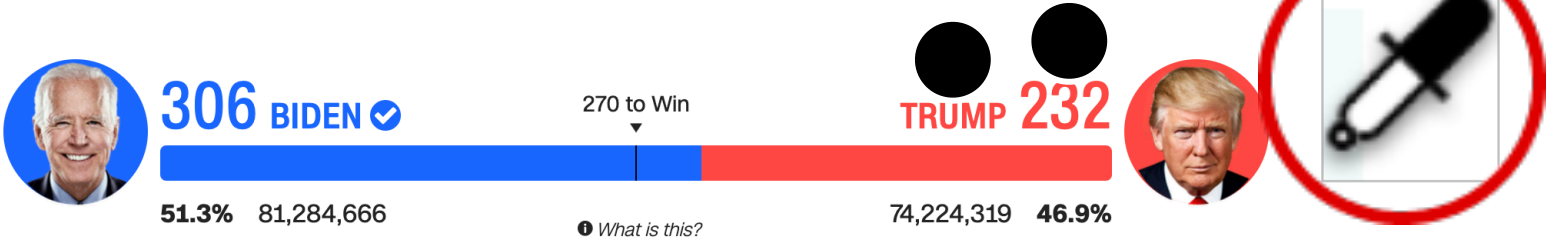
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Text Input

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3.44:1

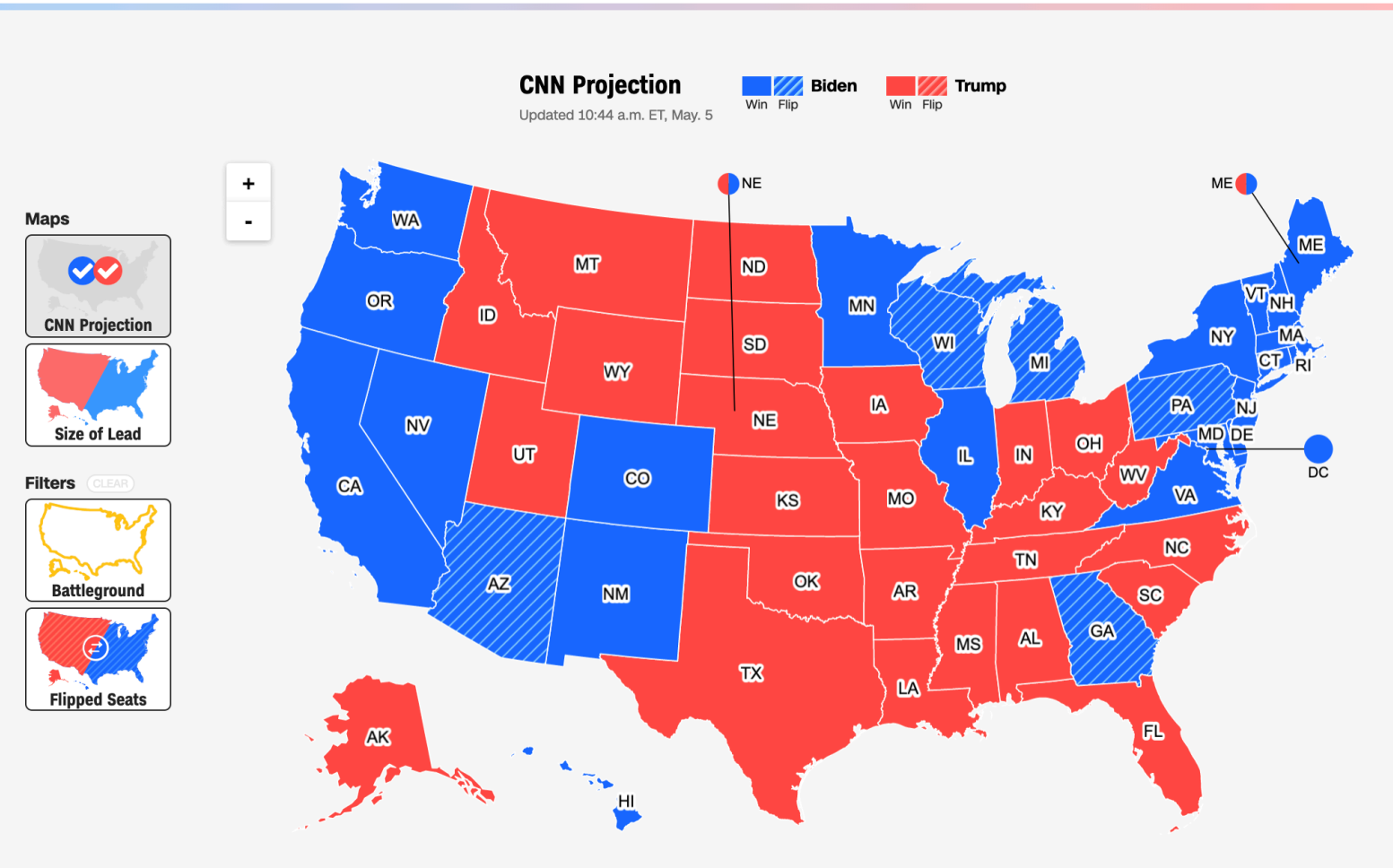
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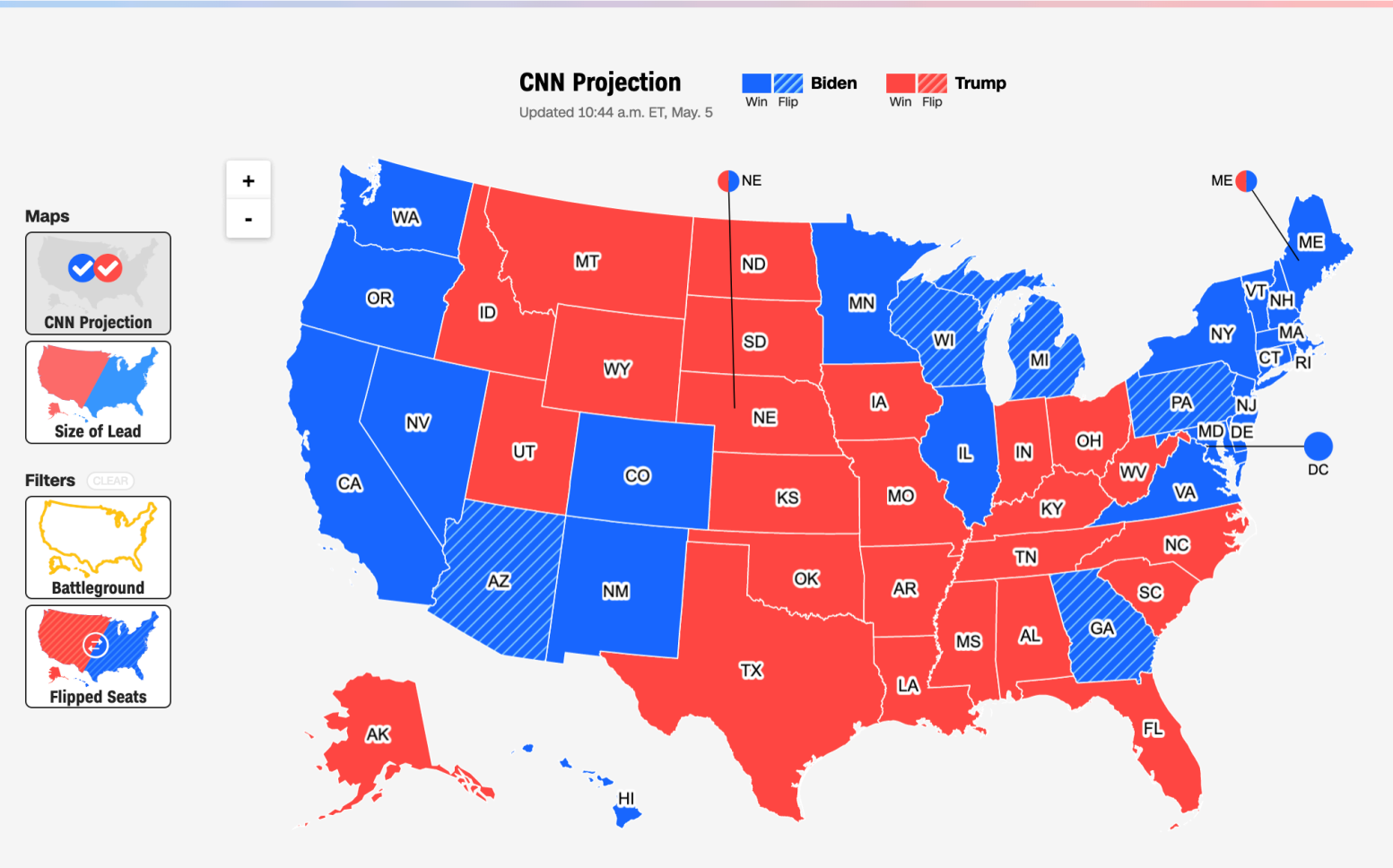
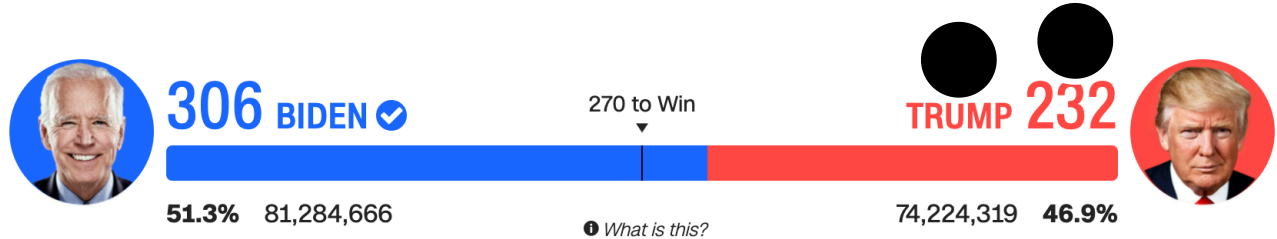
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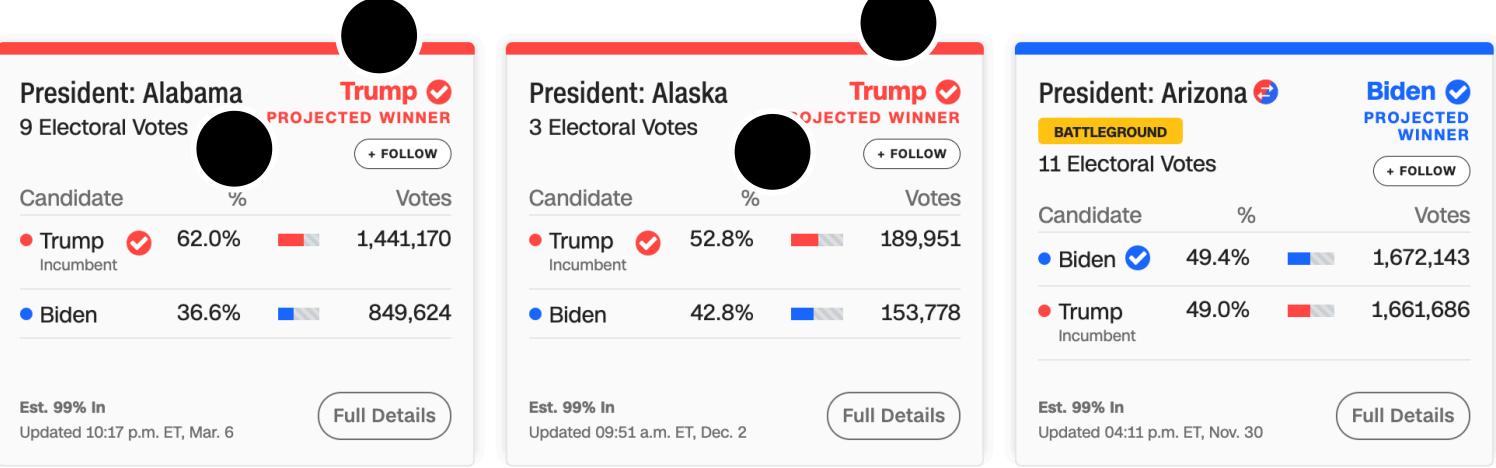
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6 instances of low contrast

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Don't rely on color alone!

(Muth) <https://blog.datawrapper.de/colorblindness-part2/>



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WHAT GREEN-BLIND PEOPLE SEE
1% OF MEN

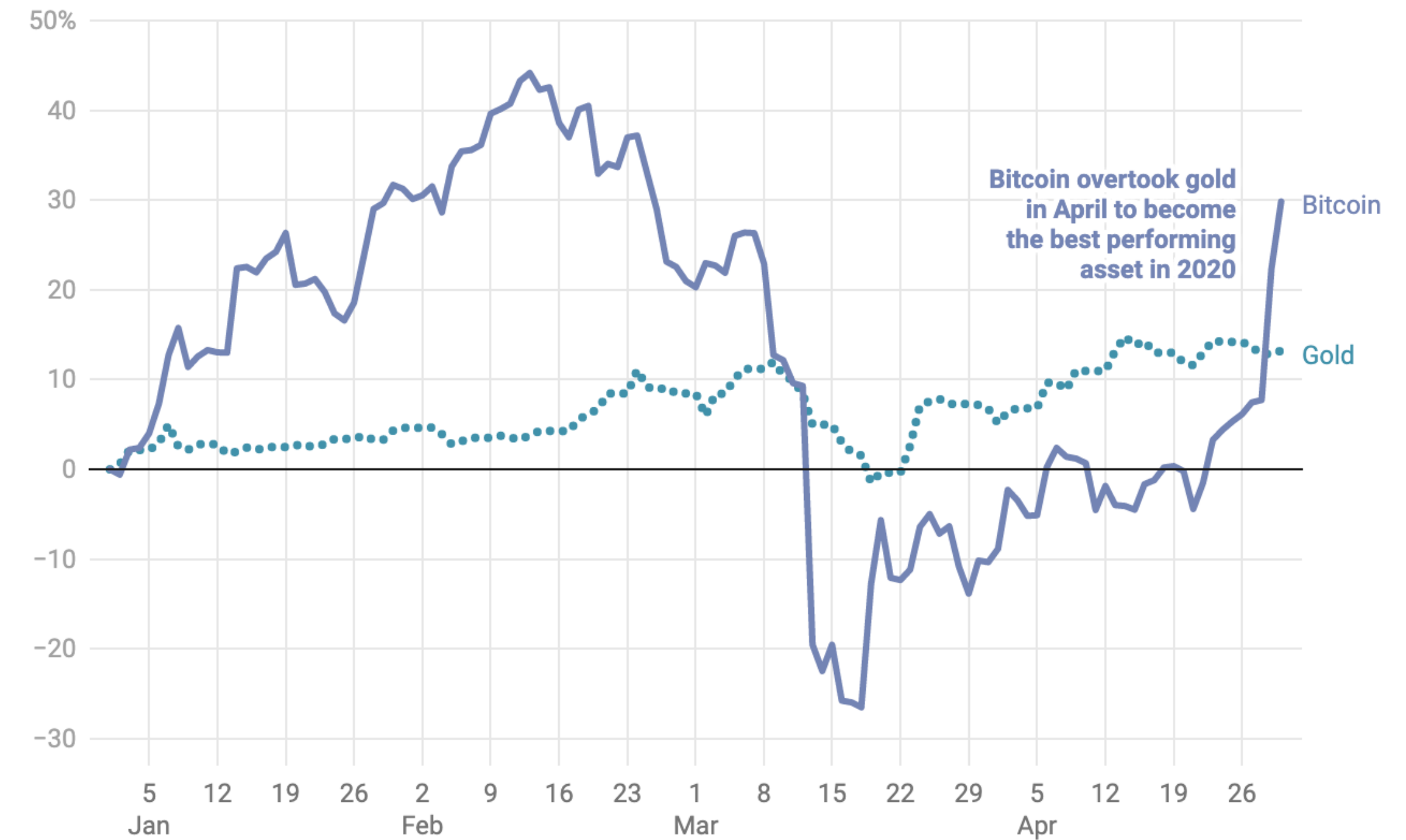
“Redundant encoding” is one strategy



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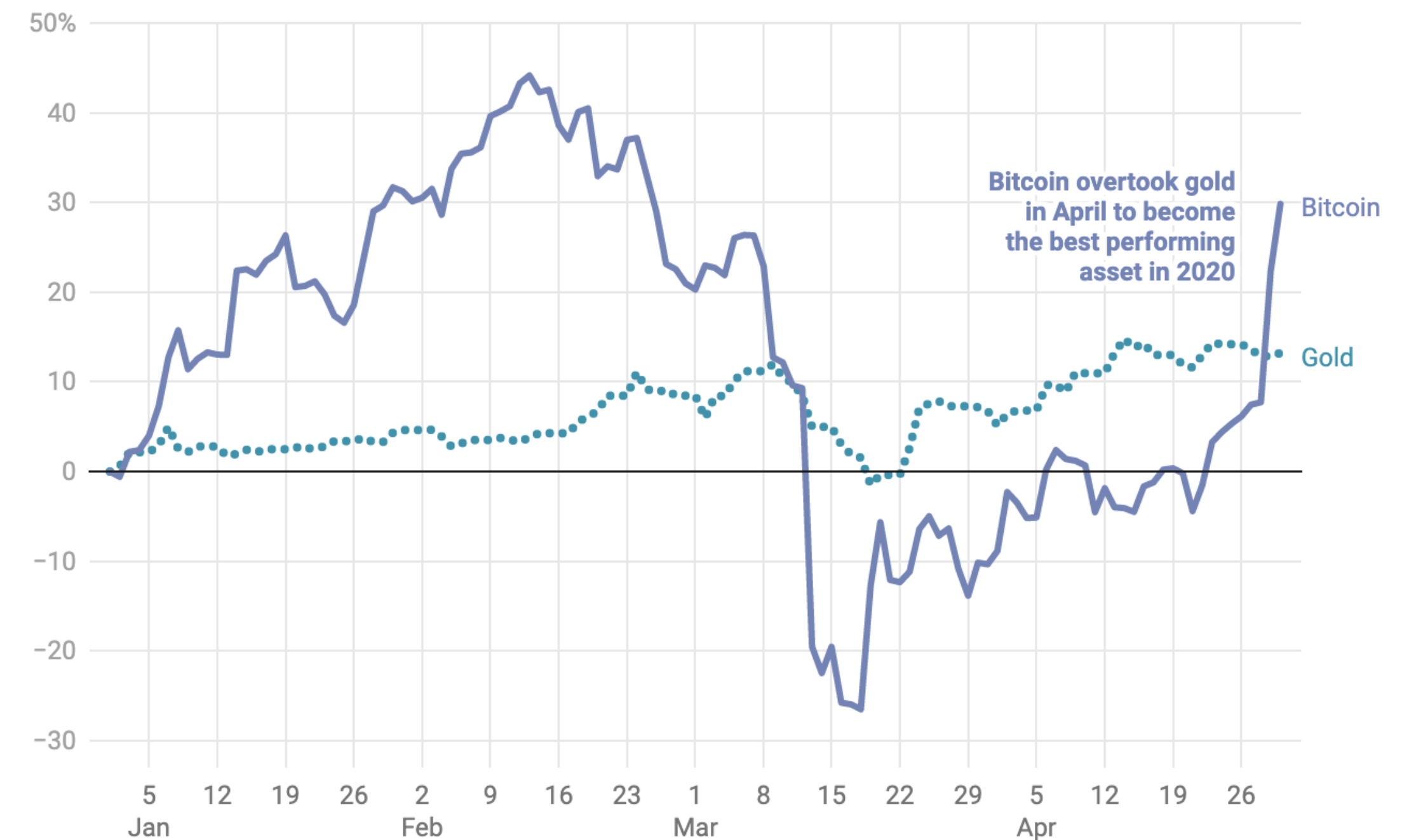
A note: “**Color-vision deficiency**” and “**colorblindness**” refer to the same thing, both terms are fine to use.



WHAT PEOPLE WITH NORMAL VISION SEE



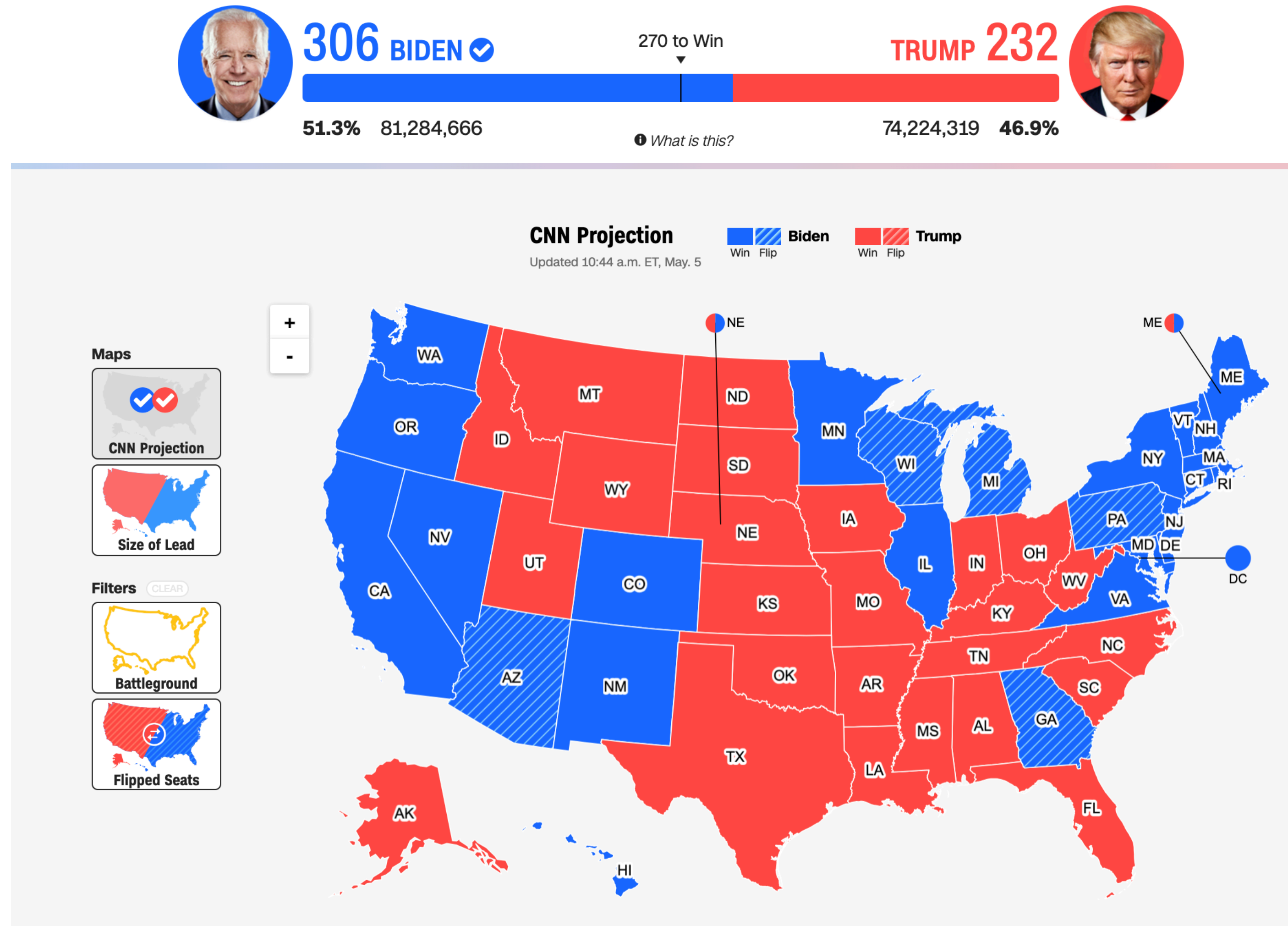
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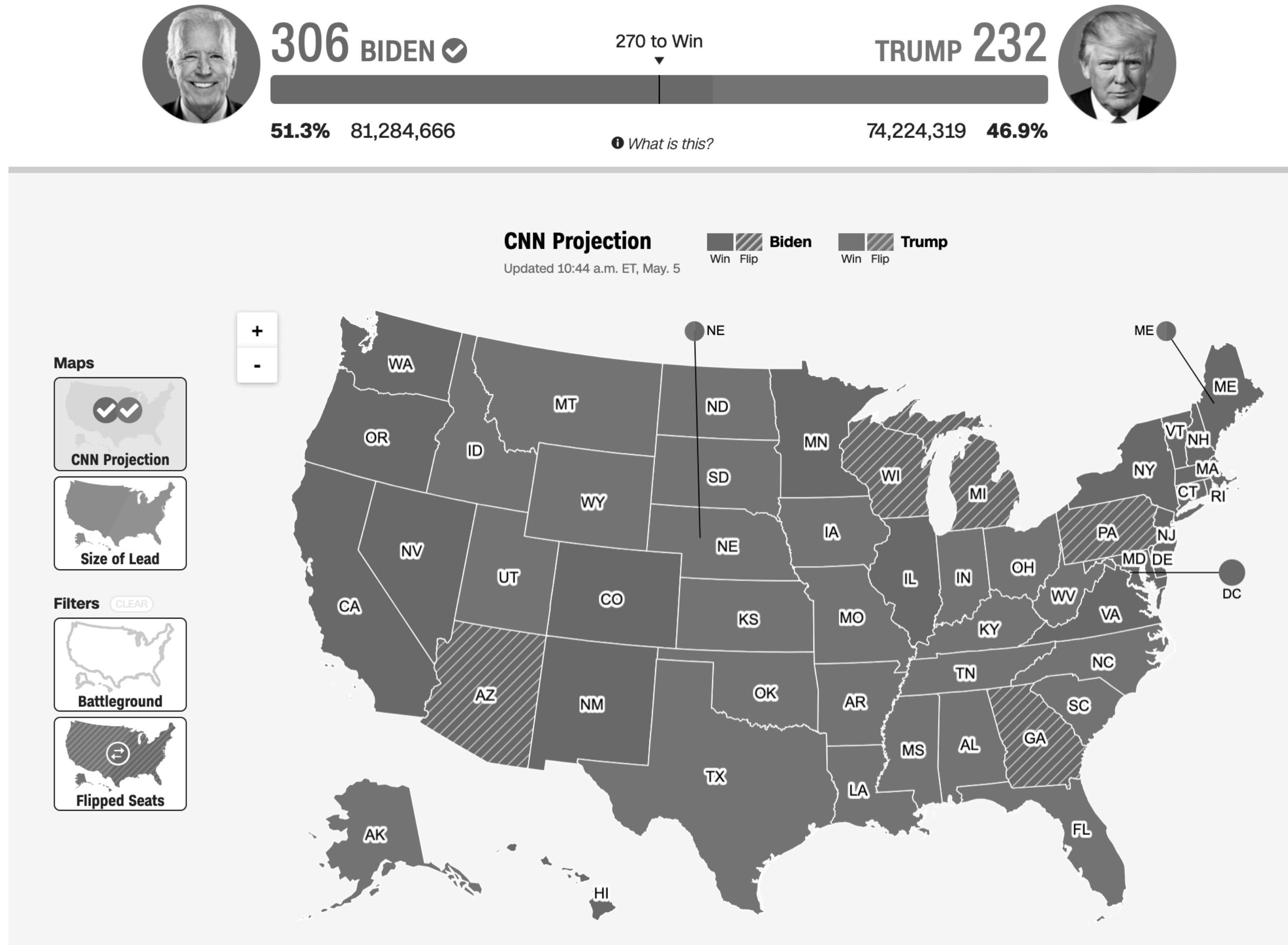
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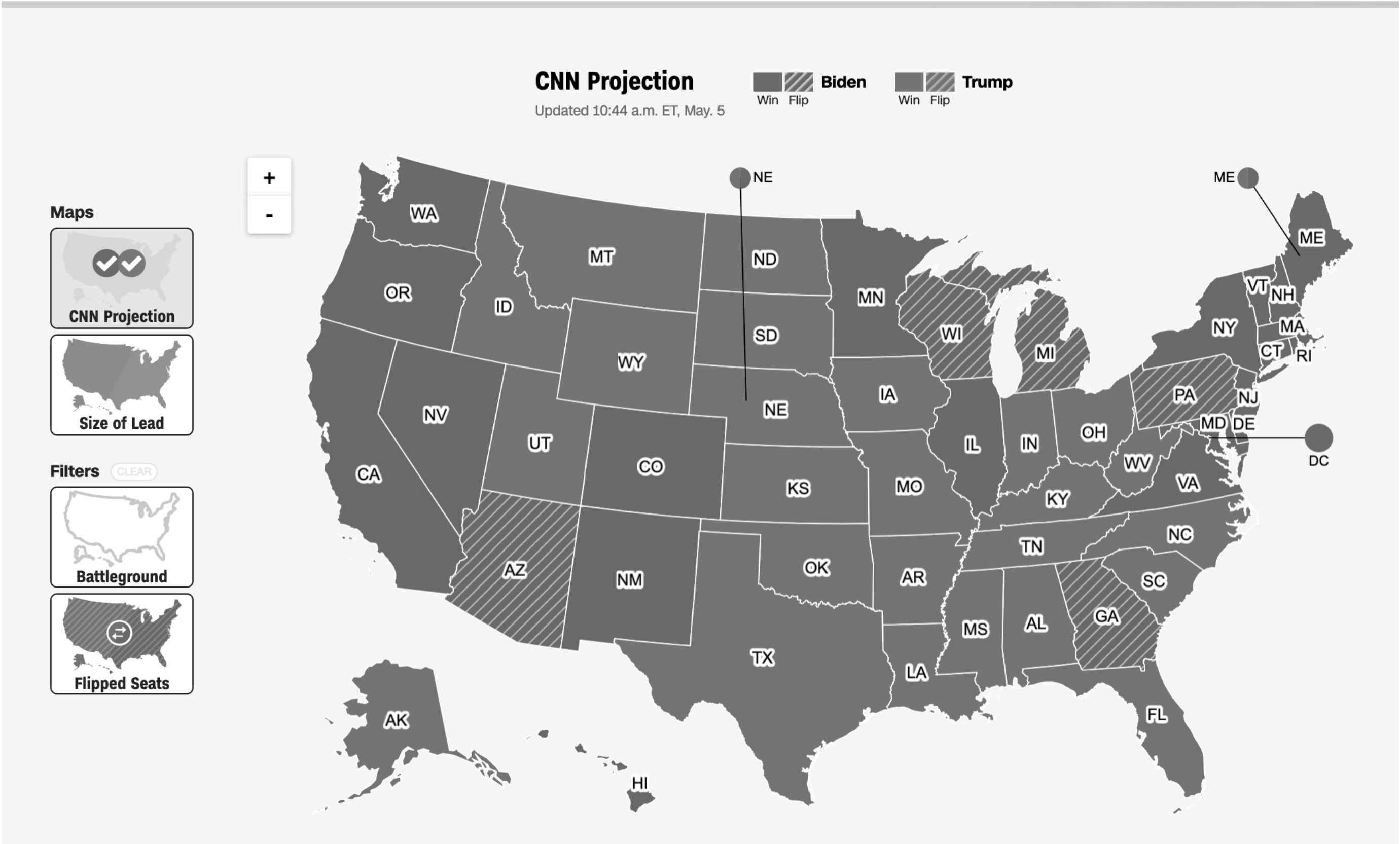
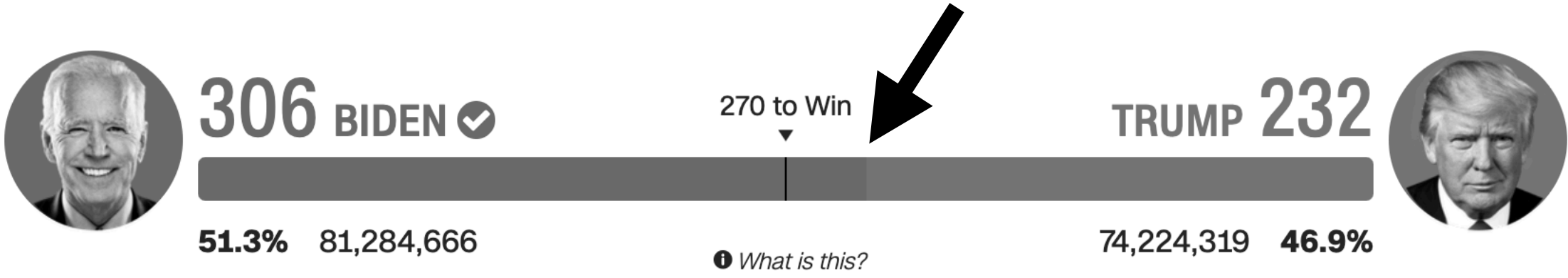
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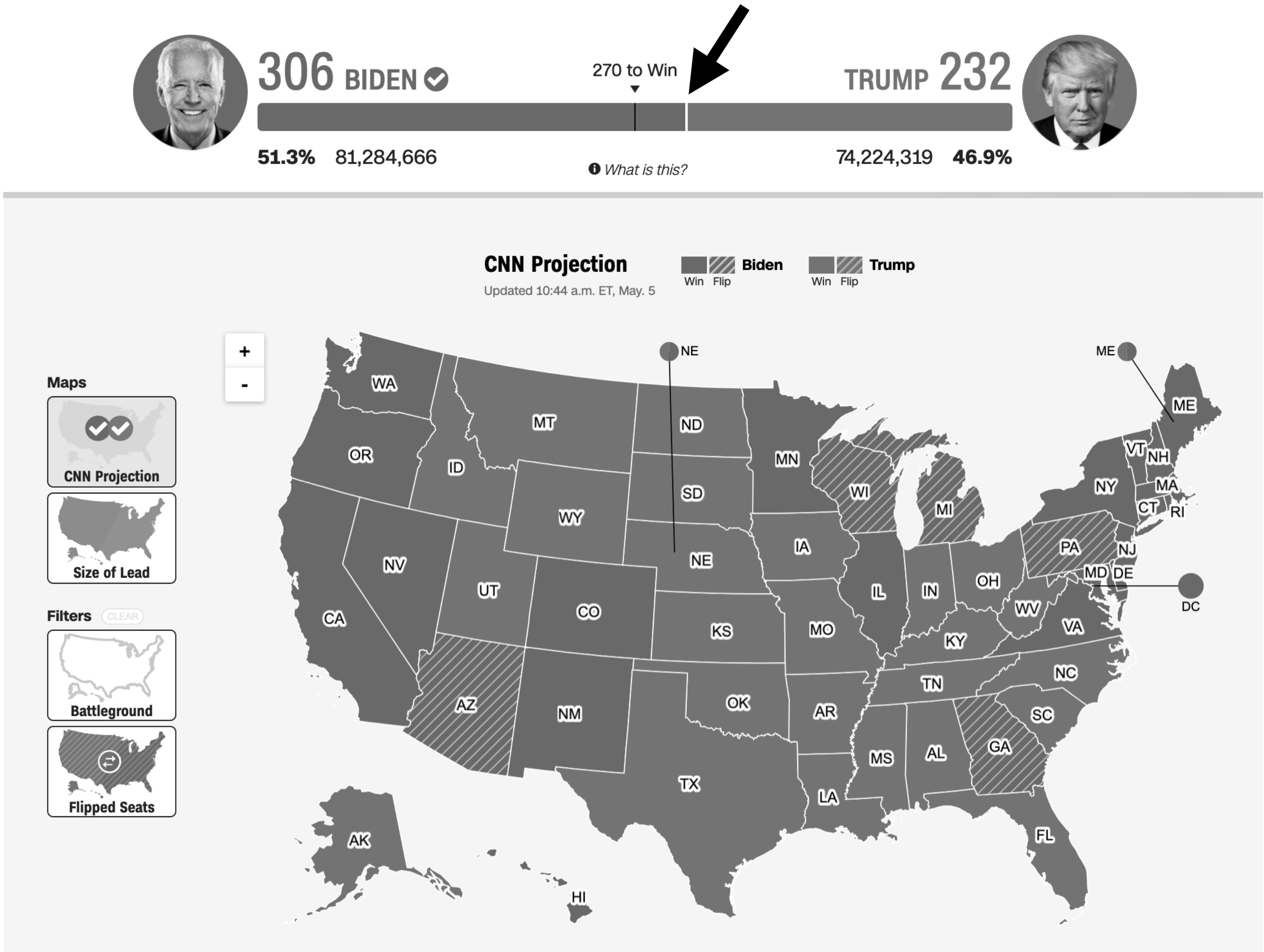
This map is trouble in greyscale



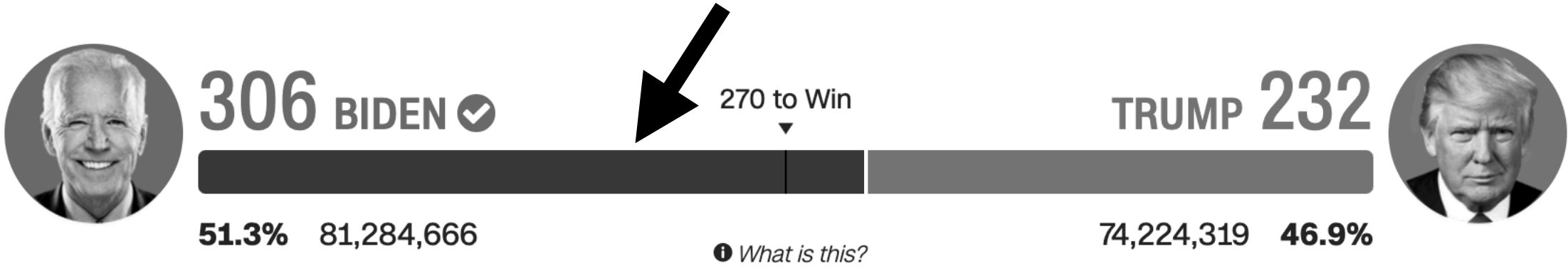
The division here matters!



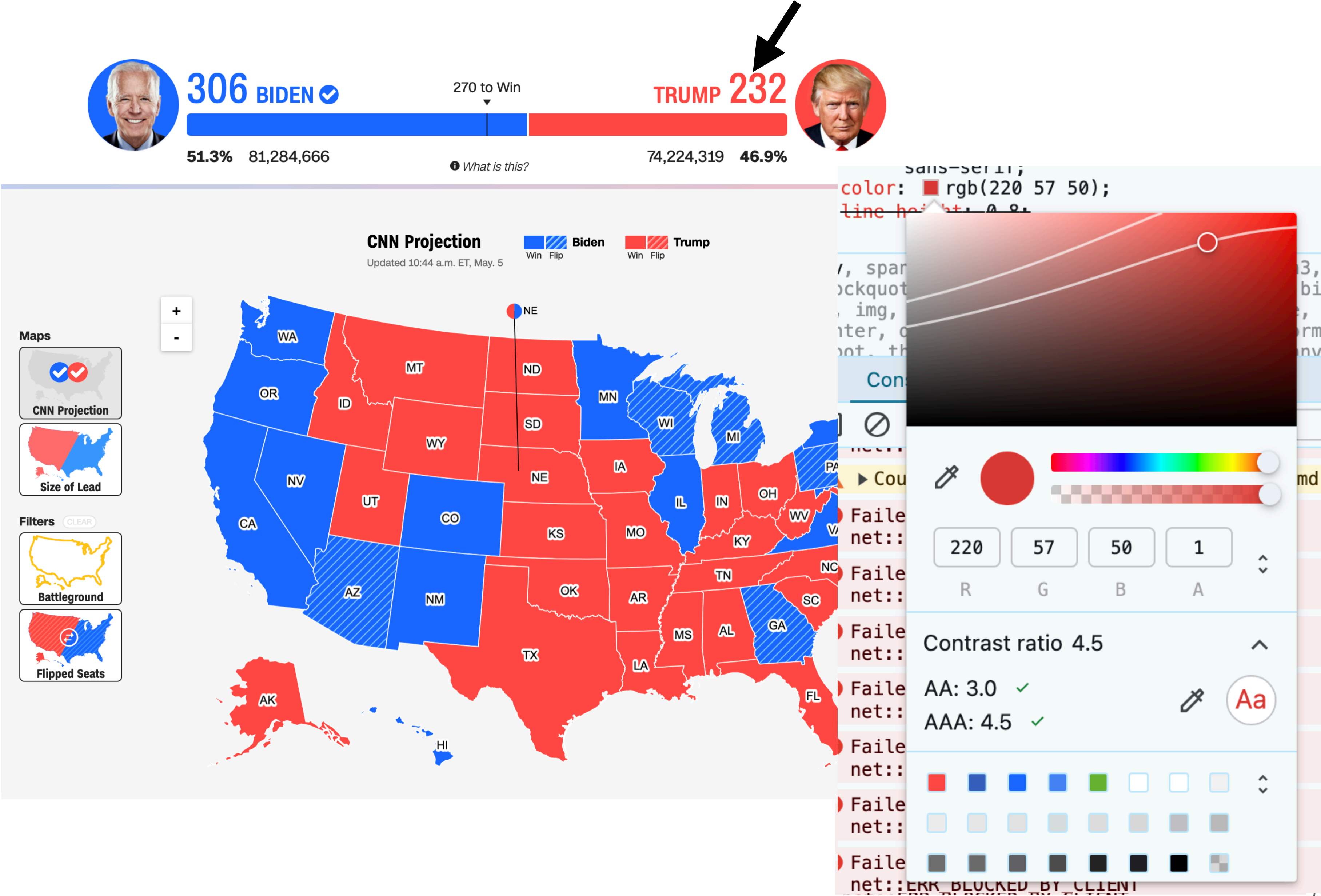
Maybe a small white divider, like the states?



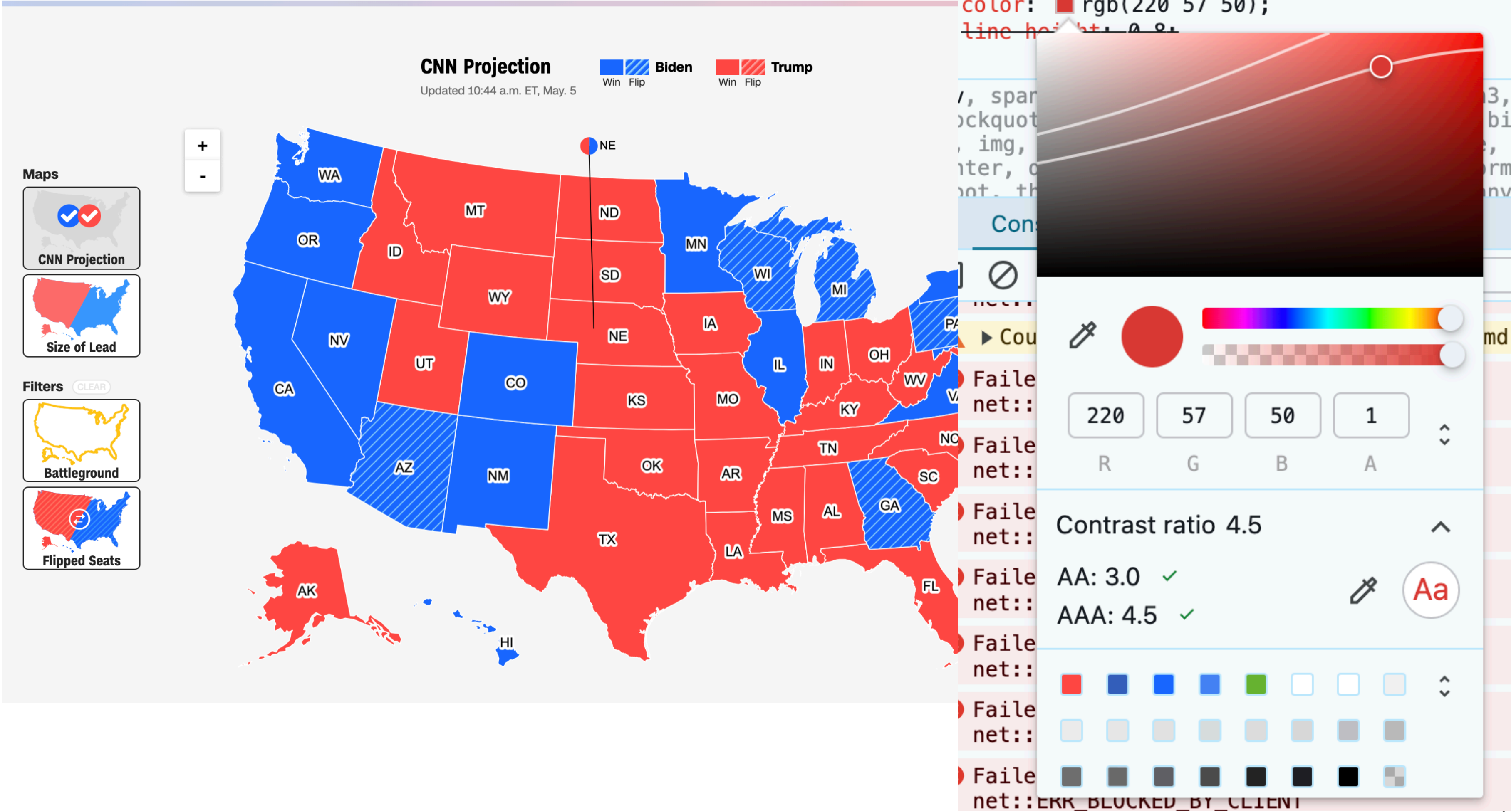
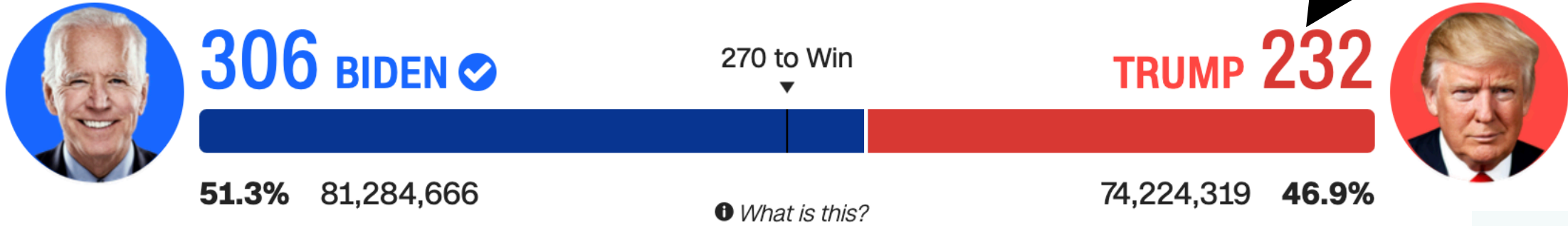
Perhaps test a darker blue too?



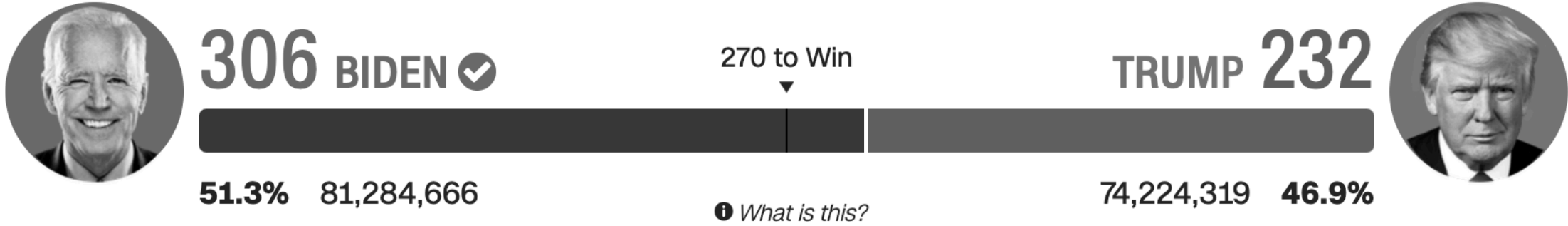
What if we fix the contrast failures at the same time?



This text now passes!



Let's check that greyscale again...



Before



306 BIDEN ✓

270 to Win



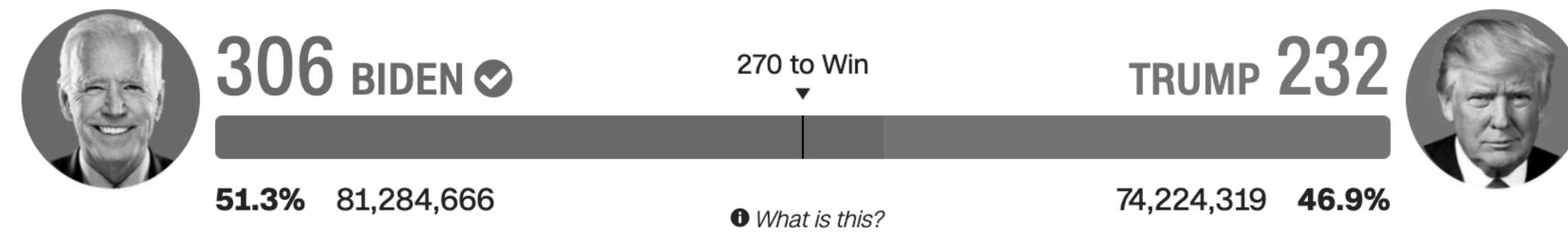
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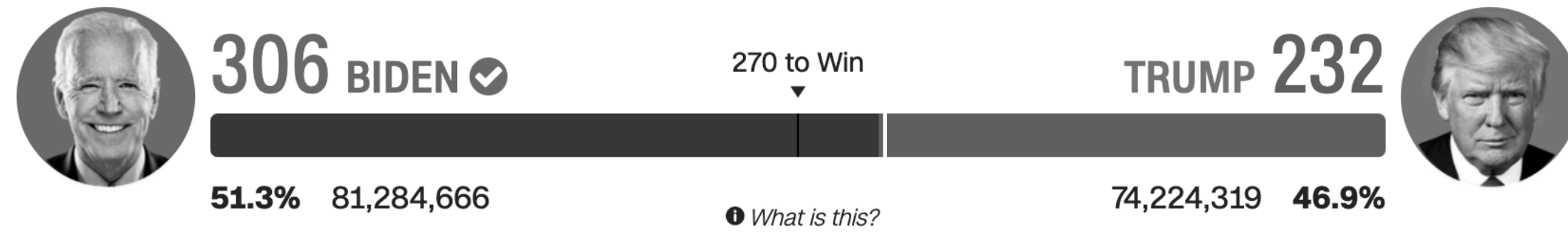
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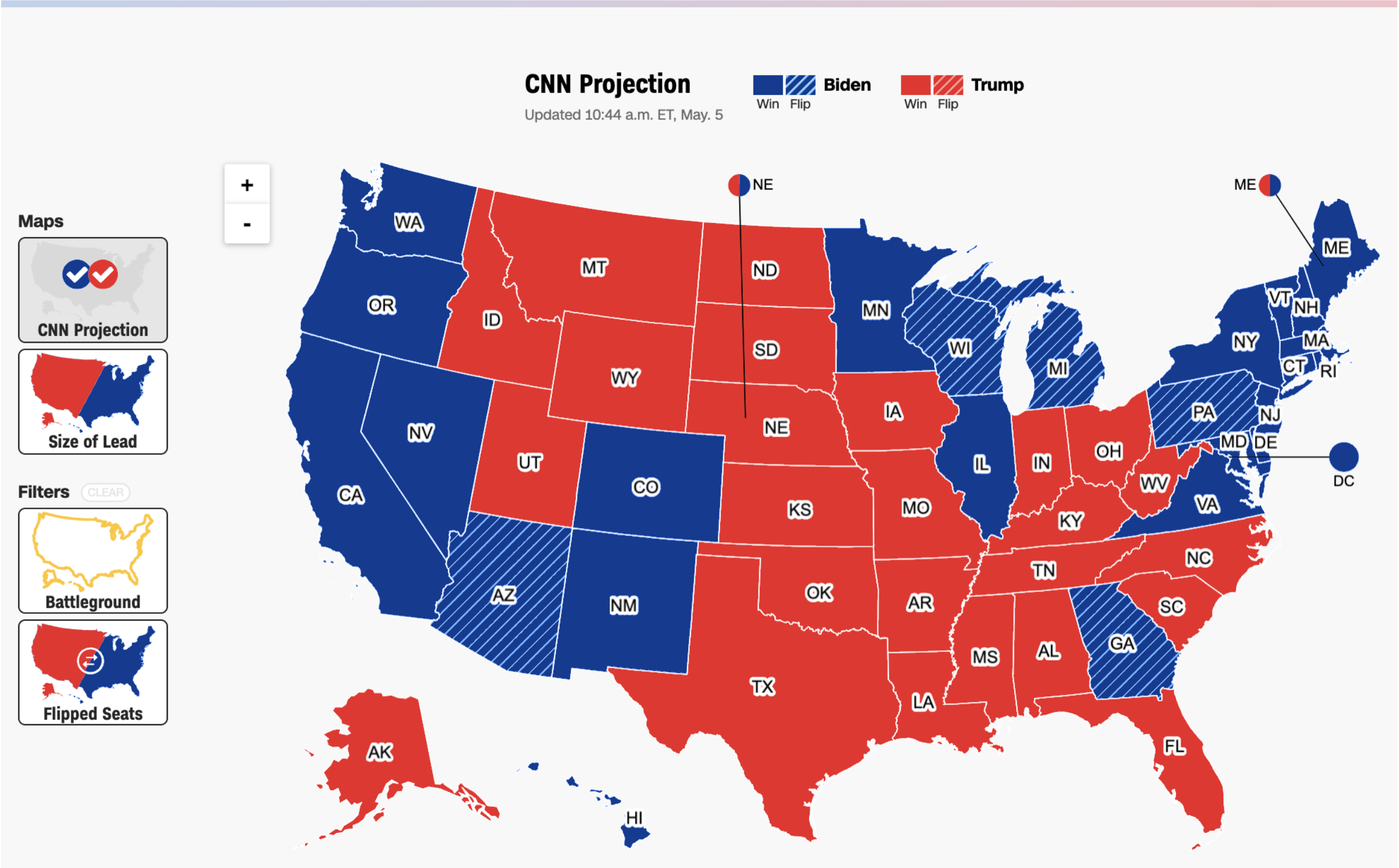
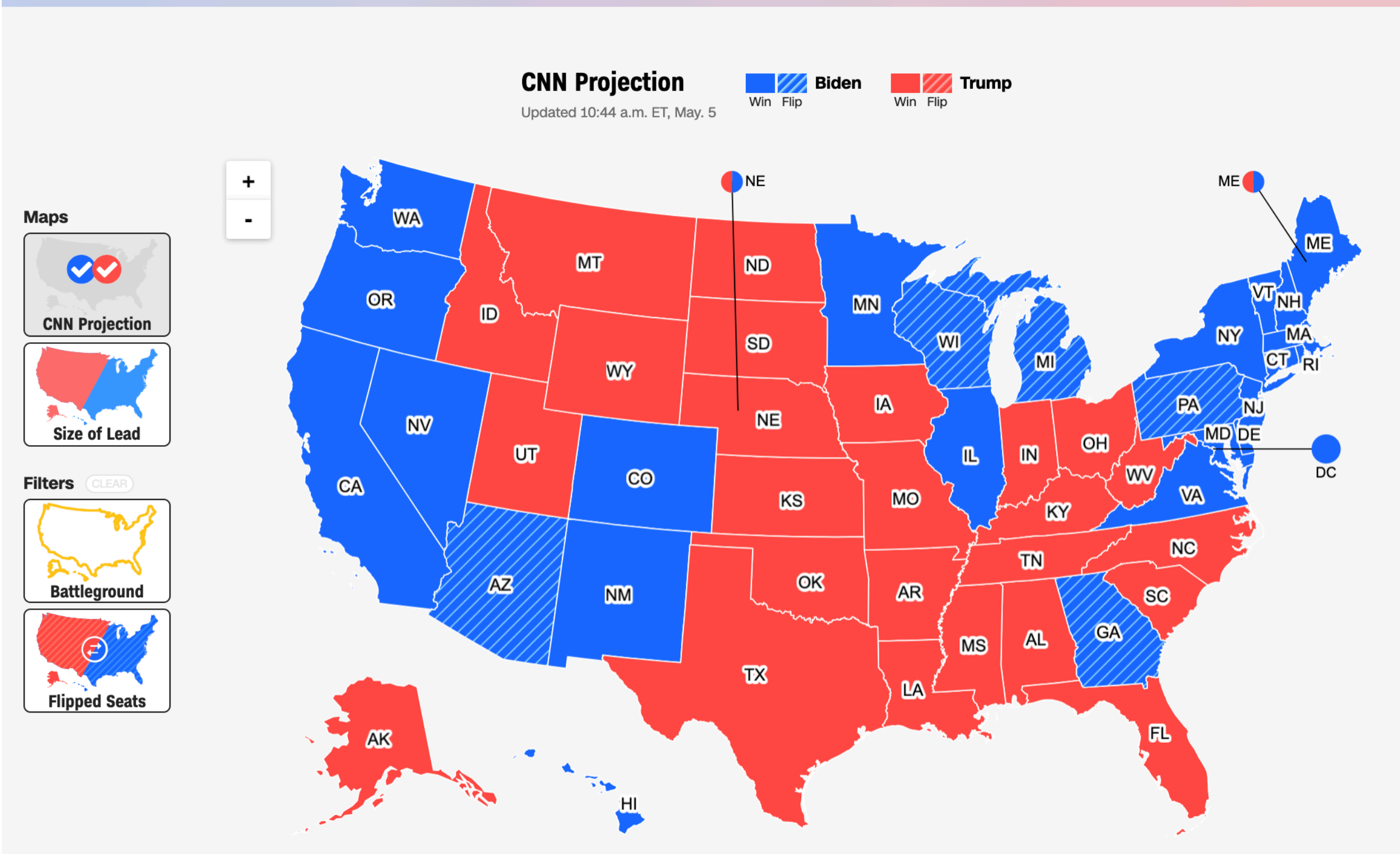
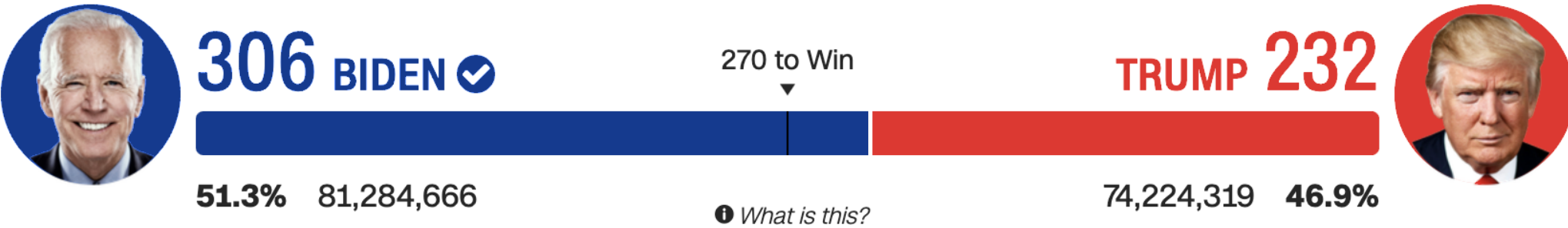
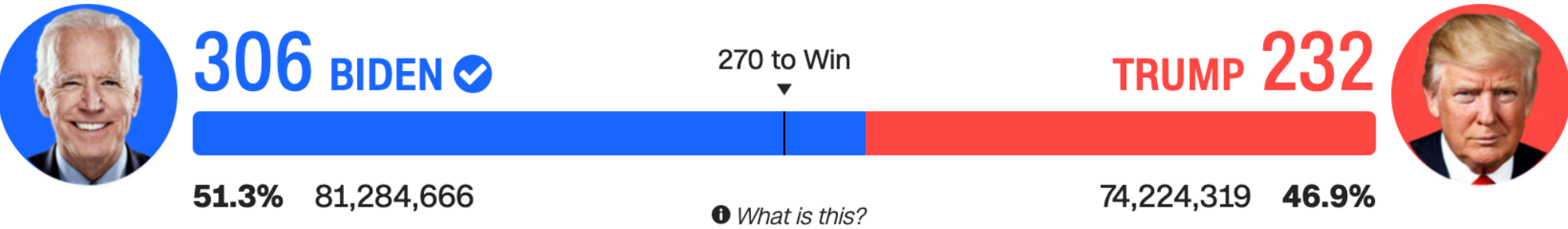
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And after!



Sufficient contrast can help folks differentiate



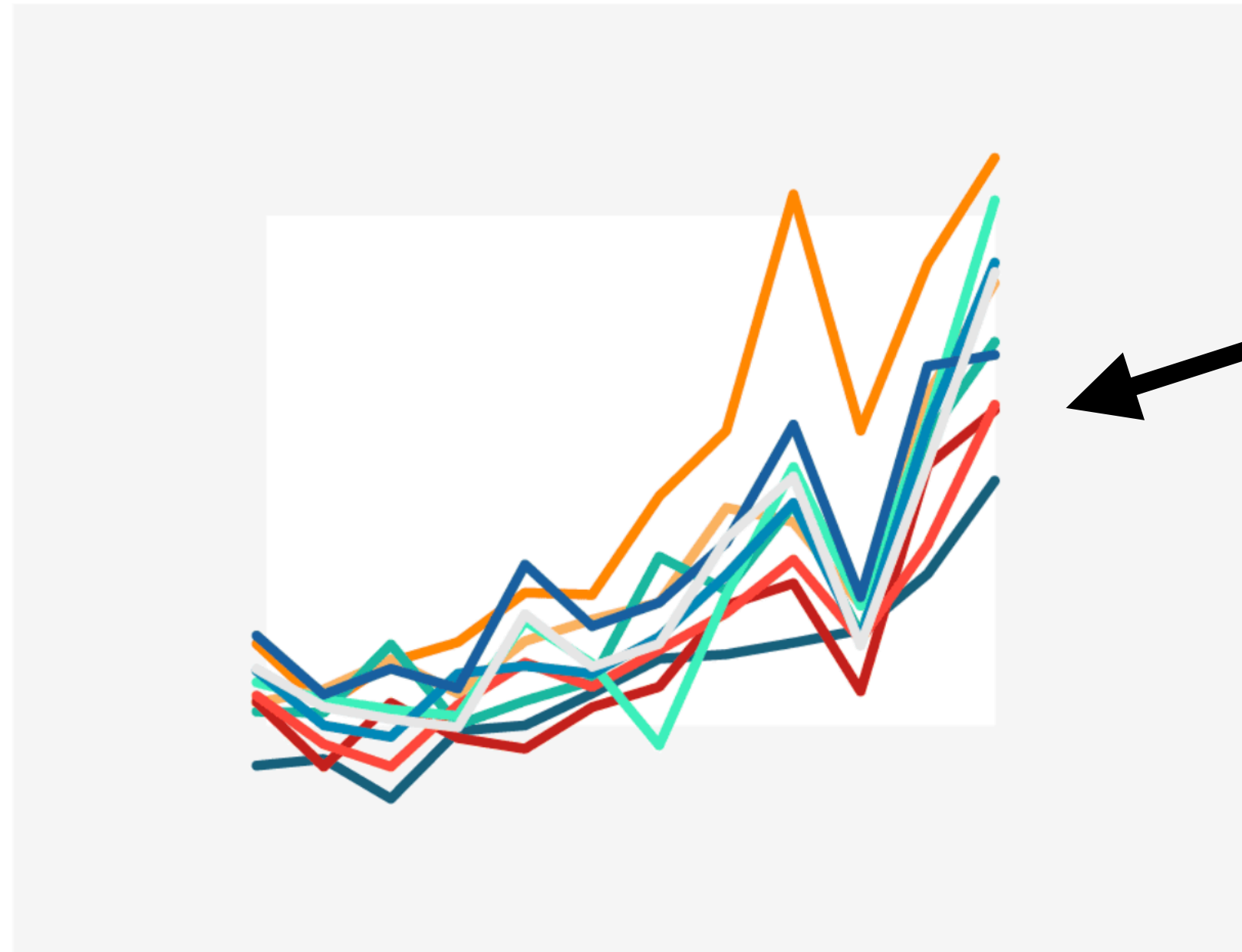
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NOT IDEAL

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Finding “pair” contrast gets really hard after 3+ colors...

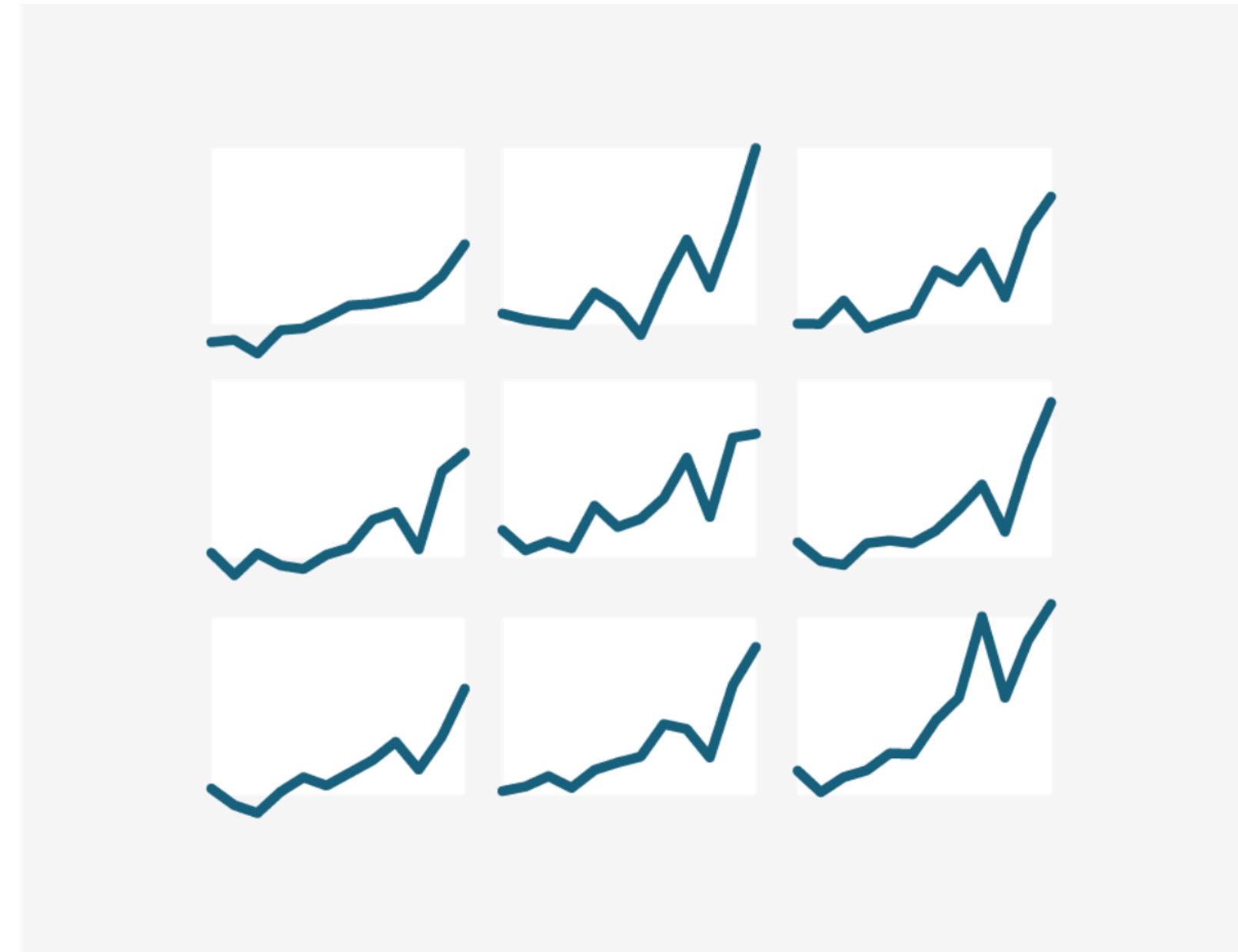
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Reduce your colors and redesign!



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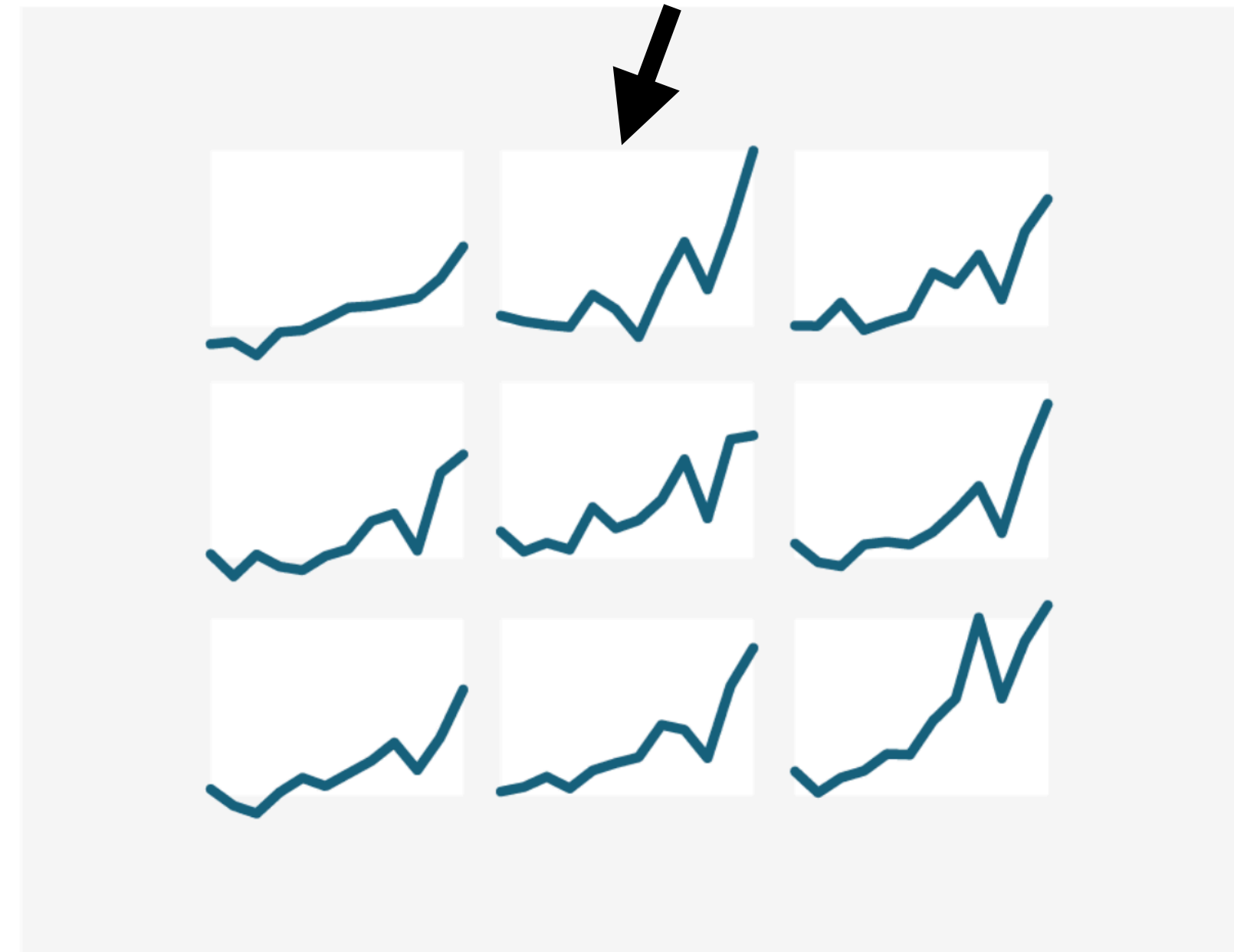
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Using “small multiples” is an easy, powerful technique



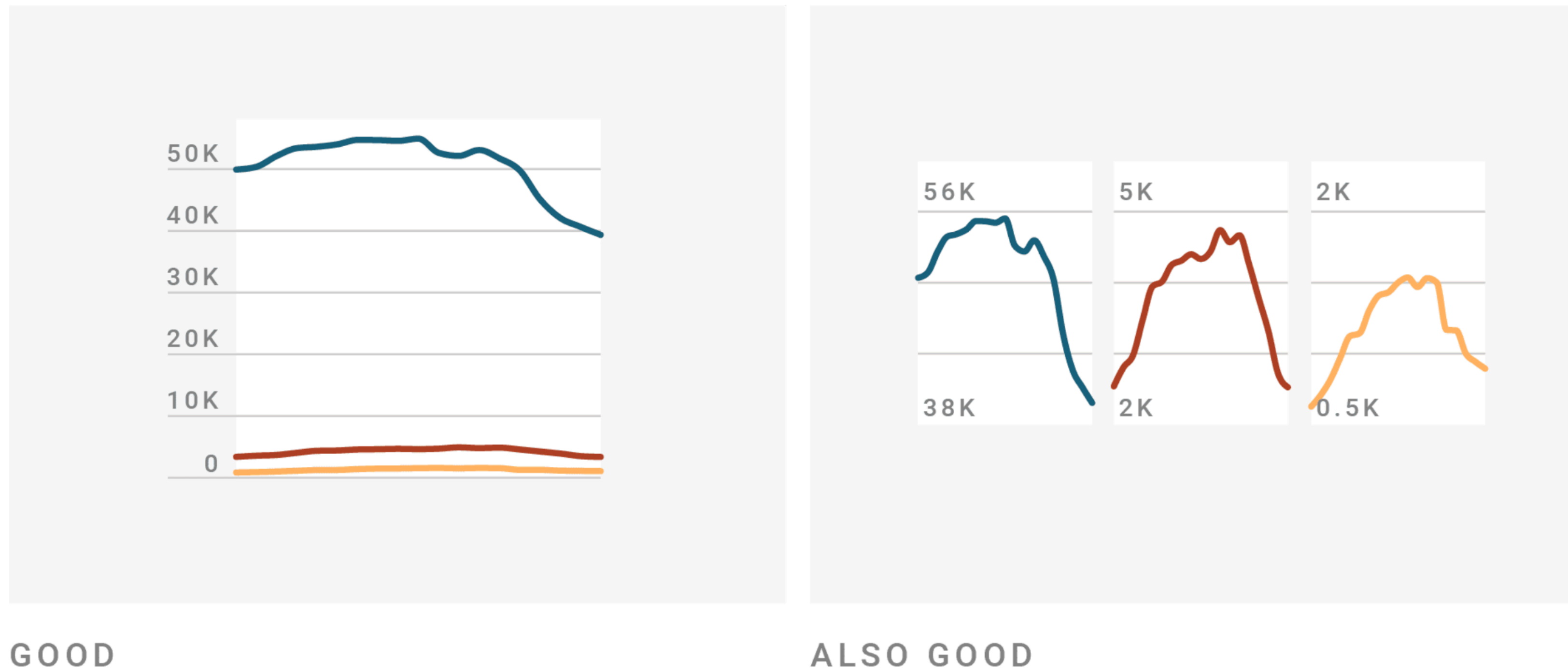
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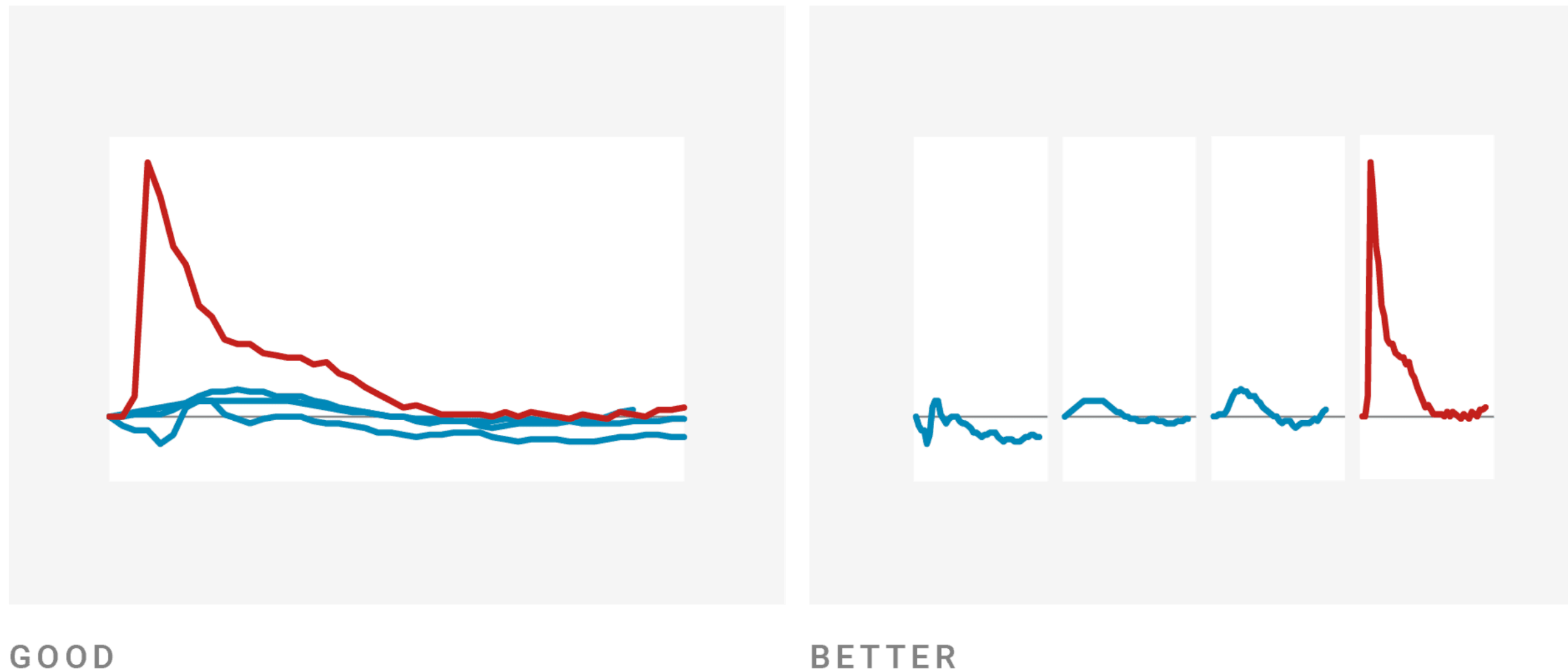
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Or simply separate your colors, if they matter



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My favorite use of color is to pick just one for *emphasis*



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Add alt text

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Guidance: <https://medium.com/nightingale/writing-alt-text-for-data-visualization-2a218ef43f81>

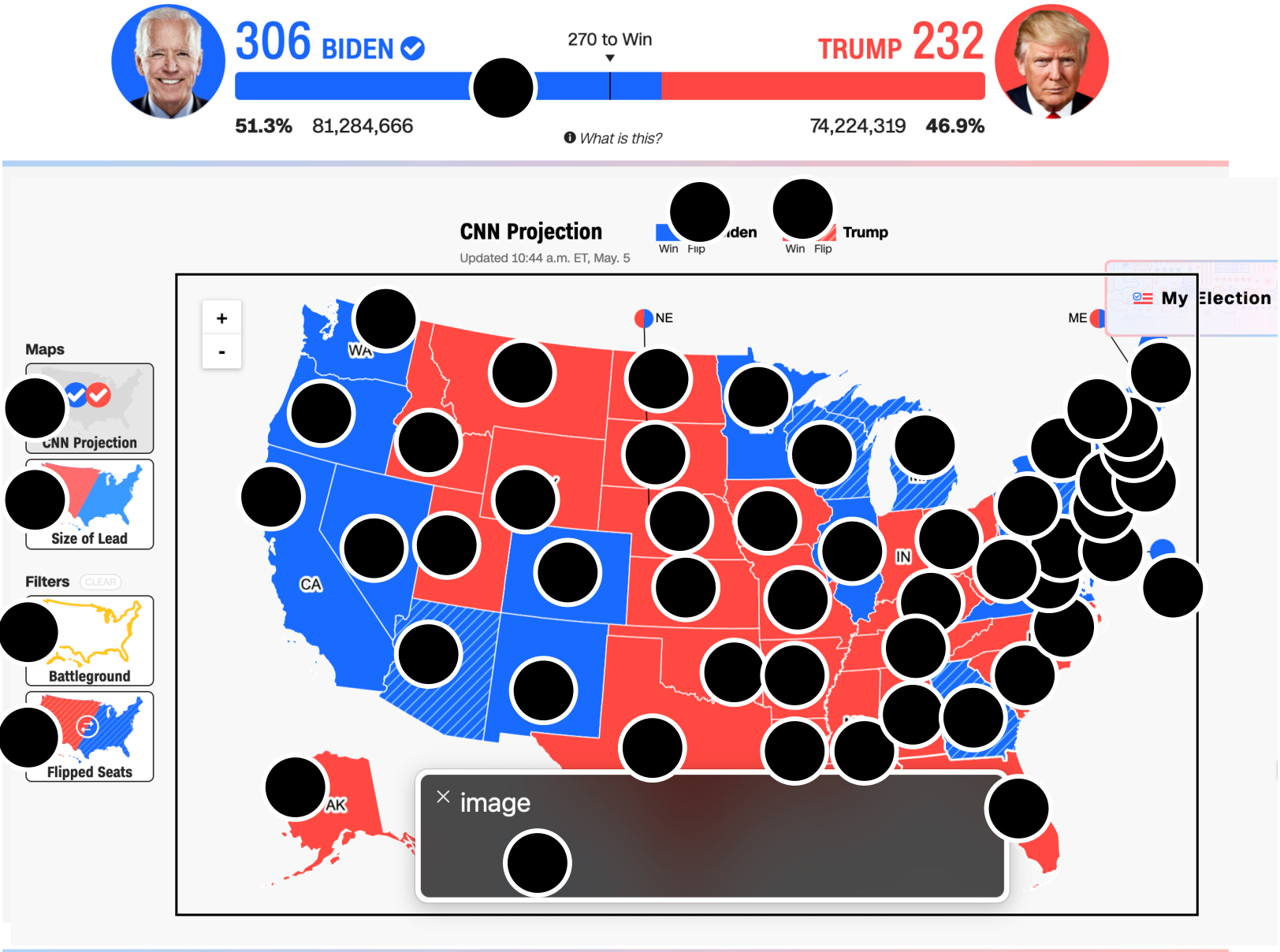
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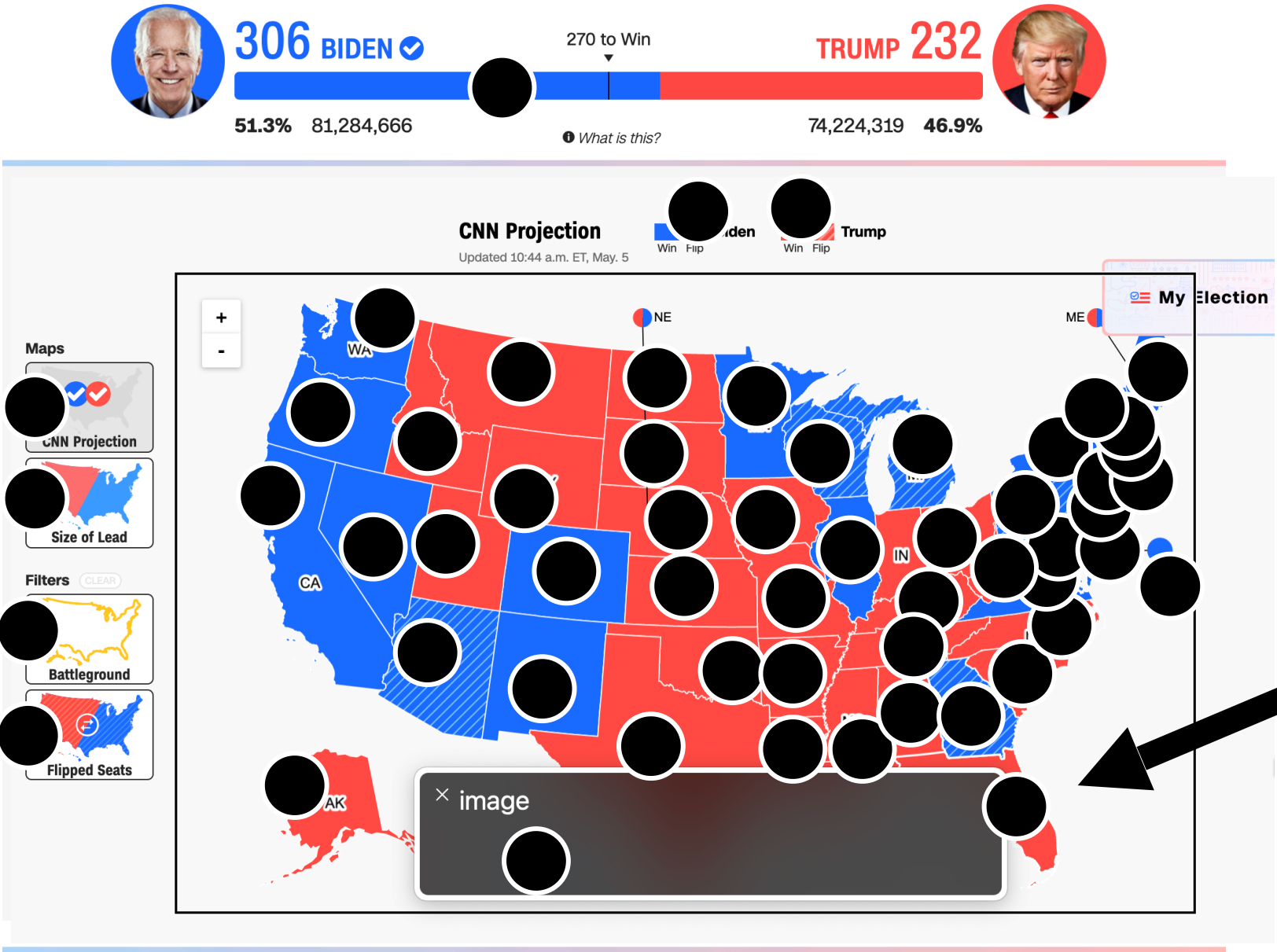
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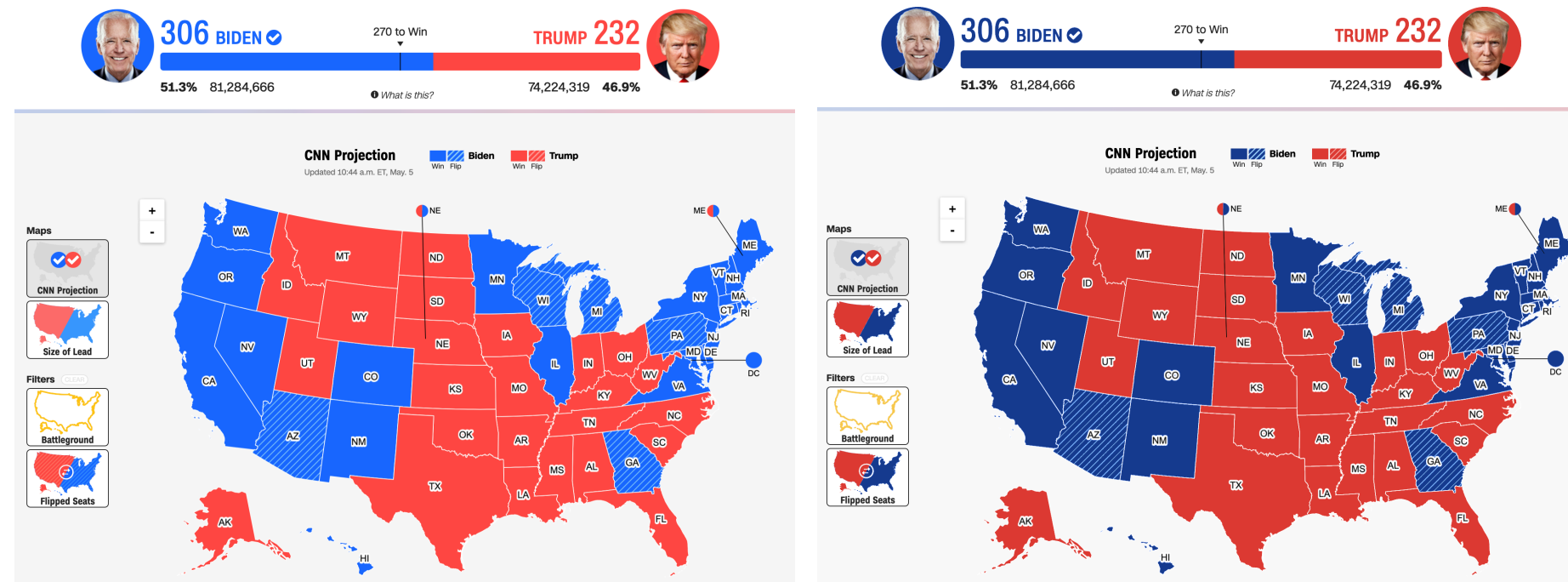
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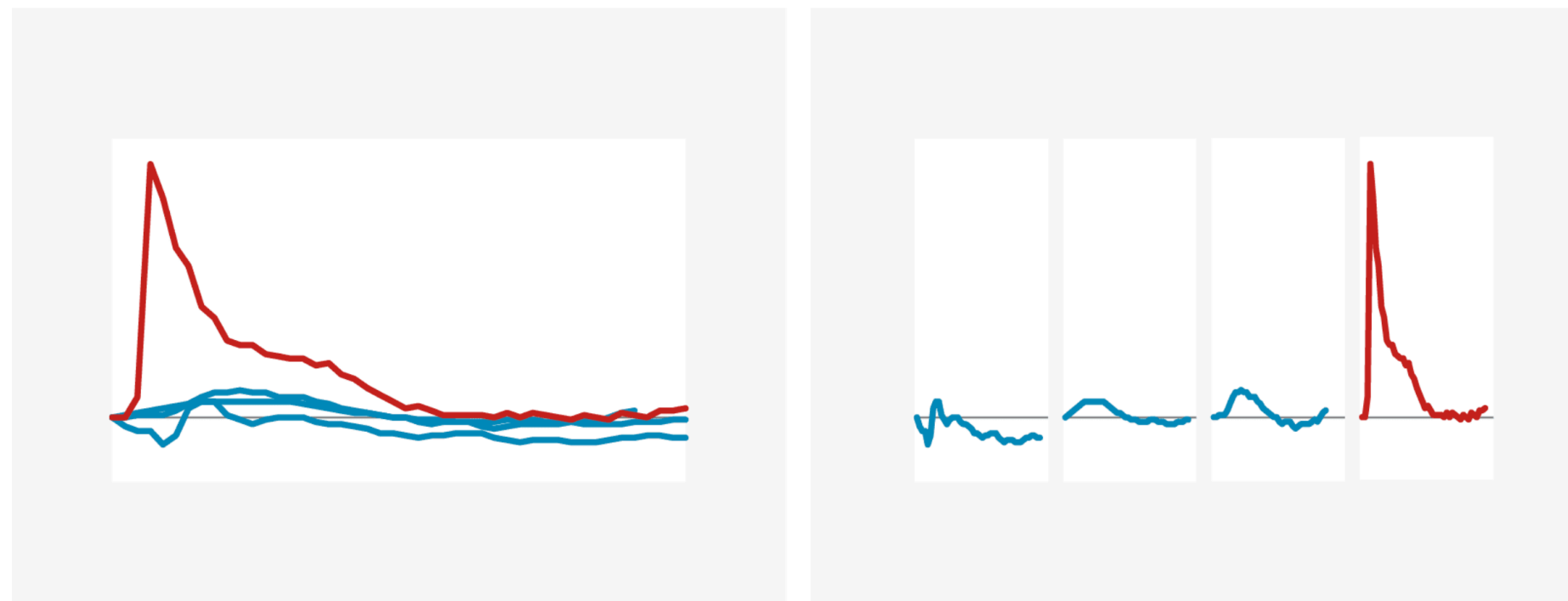
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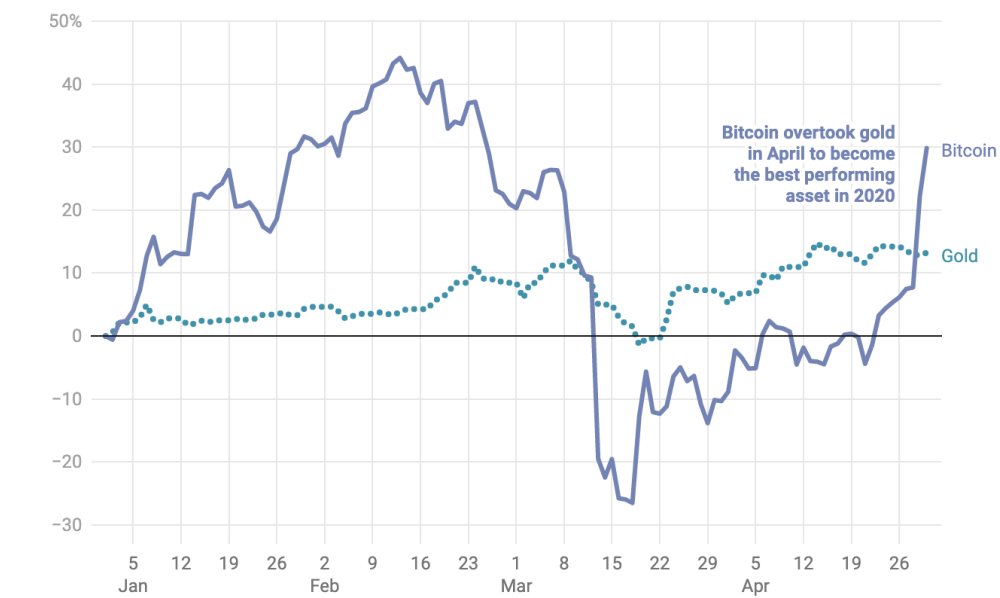
Use high contrast



Reduce colors and crowding



Use redundant encoding



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Perceivable Evaluation Toolkit:

1. [Contrast Checker](#)
2. Safe color design
 - a. [CVD Checker](#)
 - b. [Redundant encoding design ideas](#)
 - c. [Small multiples design ideas](#)
3. [Alt Text](#)

Operable

Can someone operate this in multiple ways? Is each way easy?

Operable Checklist:

1. Mouse
2. Keyboard-only
3. Screen Reader

Many assistive input technologies “navigate”



A person in a wheelchair operating an old computer using a desk-mounted sip and puff device called the POSSUM.

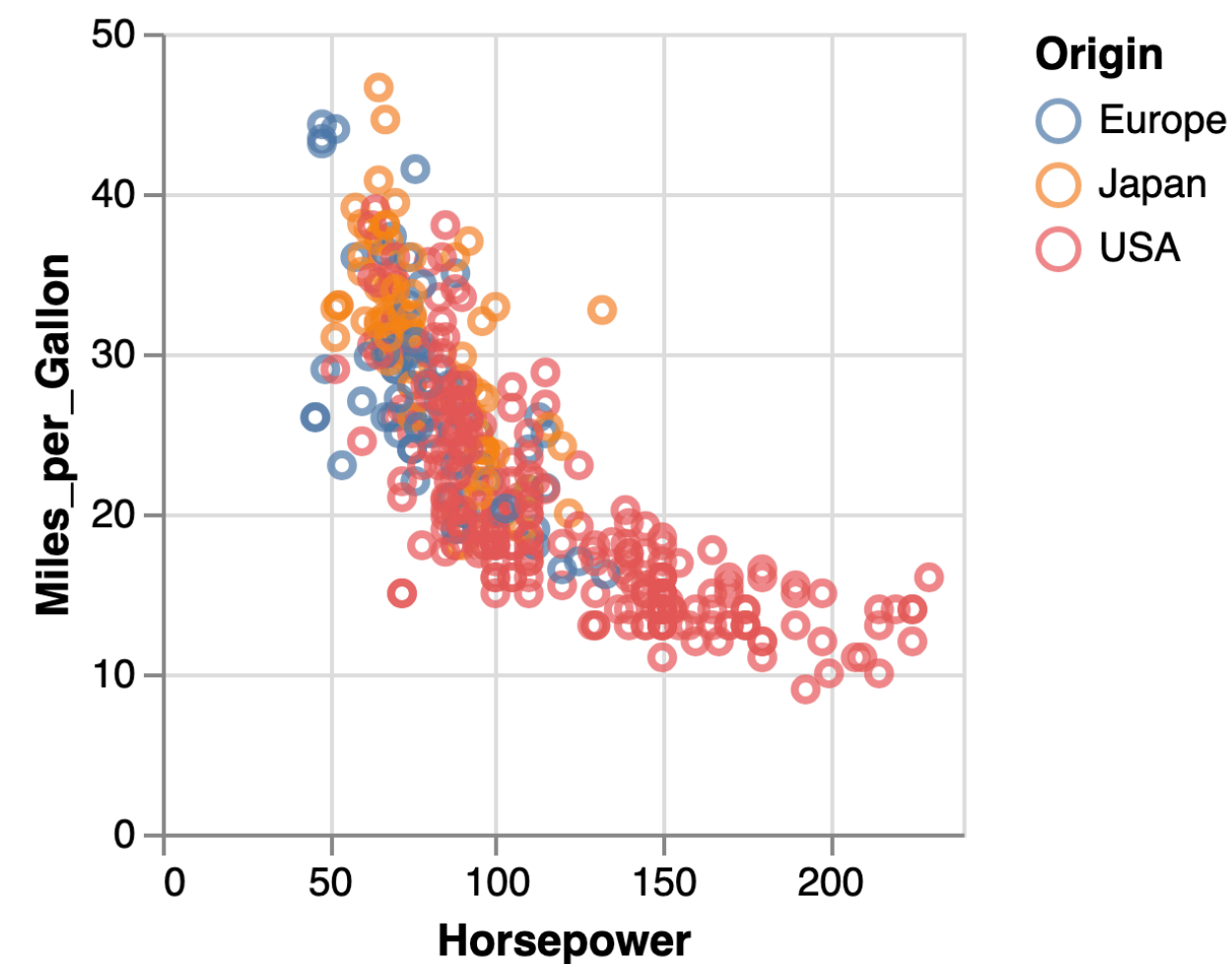
Image credit: [Wikipedia](#), Public Domain, 1960. Photographer: Possum Ltd.

Why “keyboard-only?”

Some things work for screen readers but not for keyboard-only users!

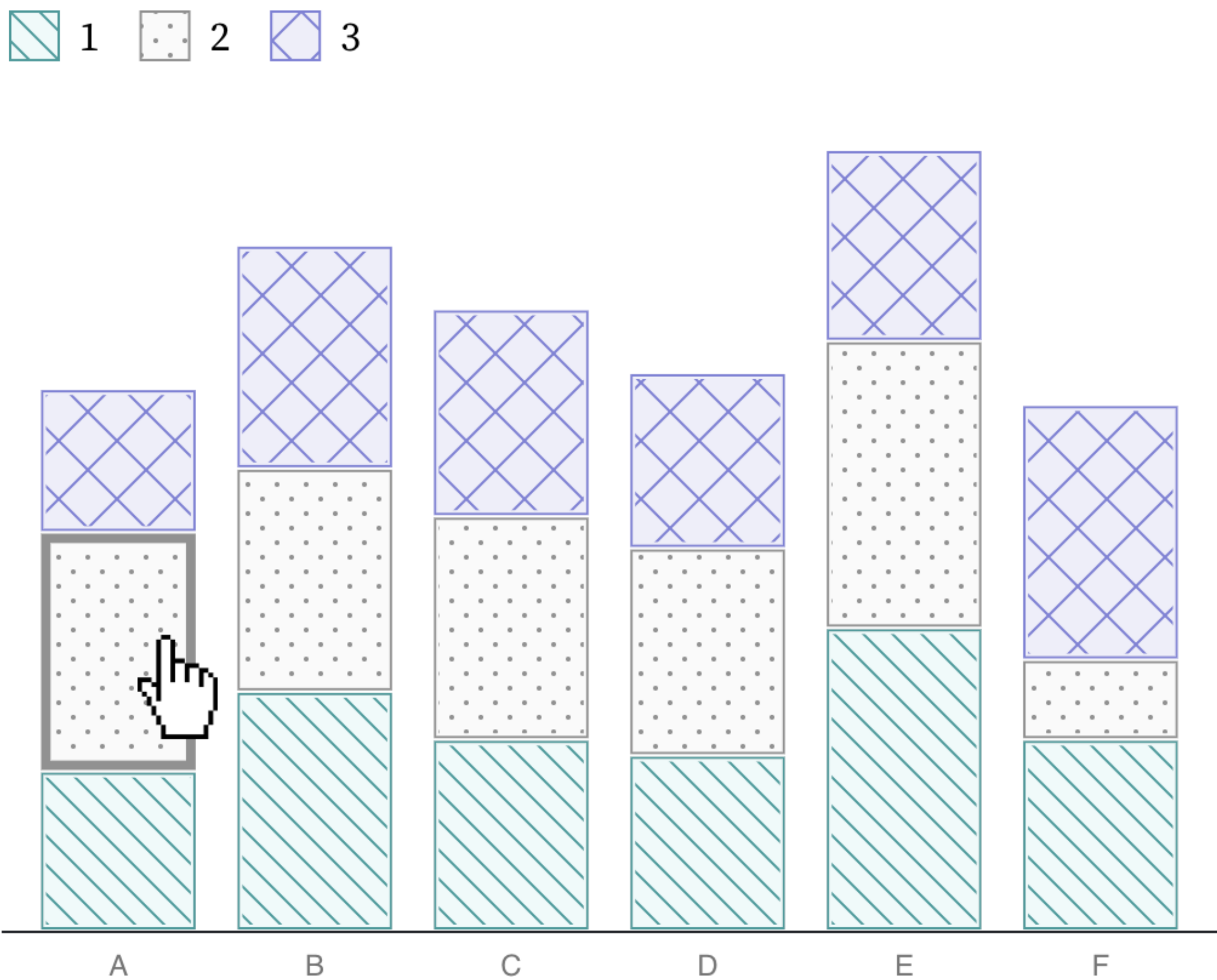
Scatterplot with External Links and Tooltips

A scatterplot showing horsepower and miles per gallons that opens a Google search for the car that you click on.



https://vega.github.io/vega-lite/examples/point_href.html

Ensure Keyboard Access (if interactive)



Status: Category 2 of Building A has been selected.

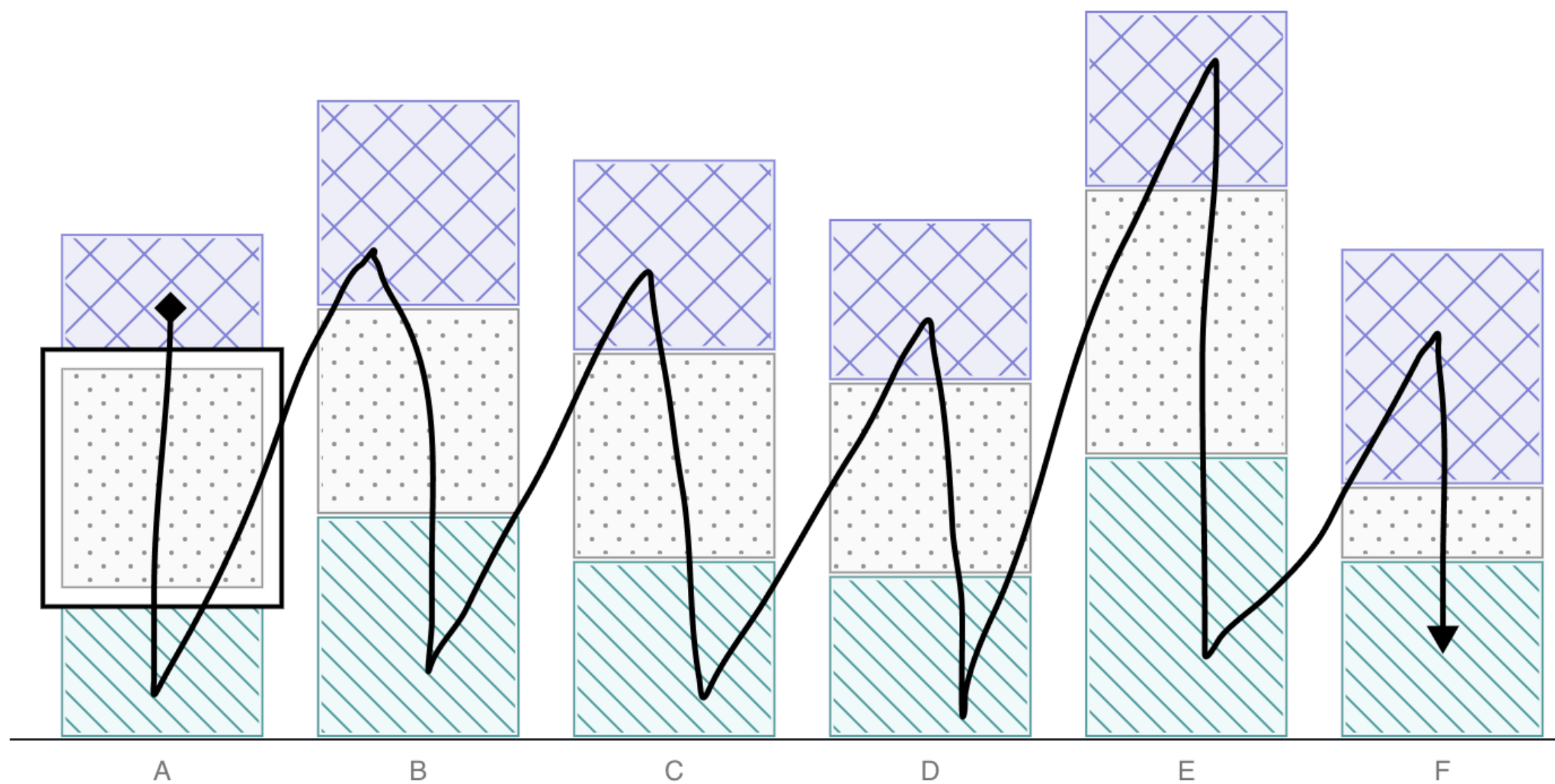
Products In Building A that belong to Category 2*

Product Name	Count in Stock
Product A	147
Product C	88
Product M	69

**This table has been populated by the selection in the preceding chart.*

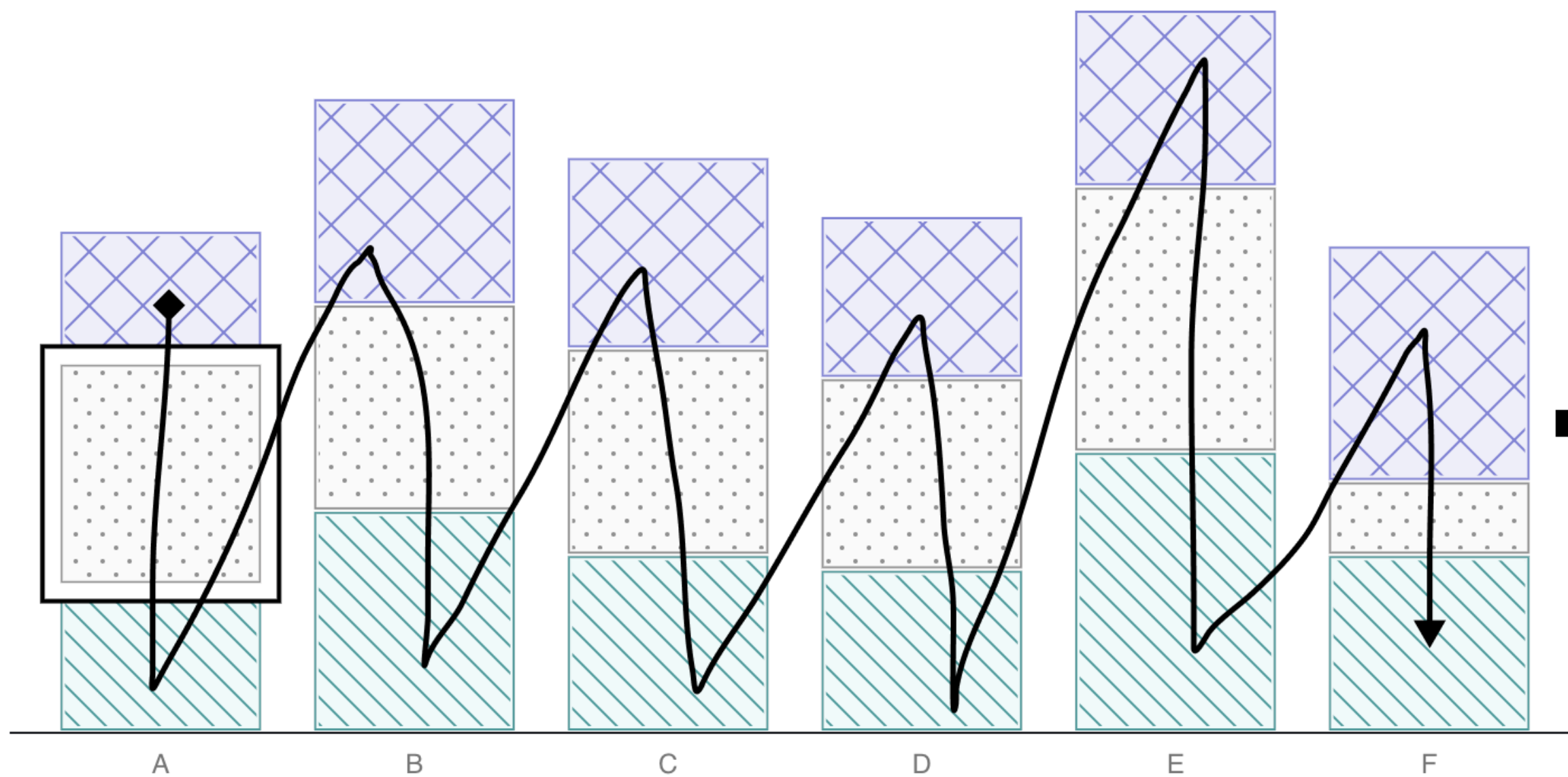
How does someone move around? By default, it is as elements are rendered:

1 2 3

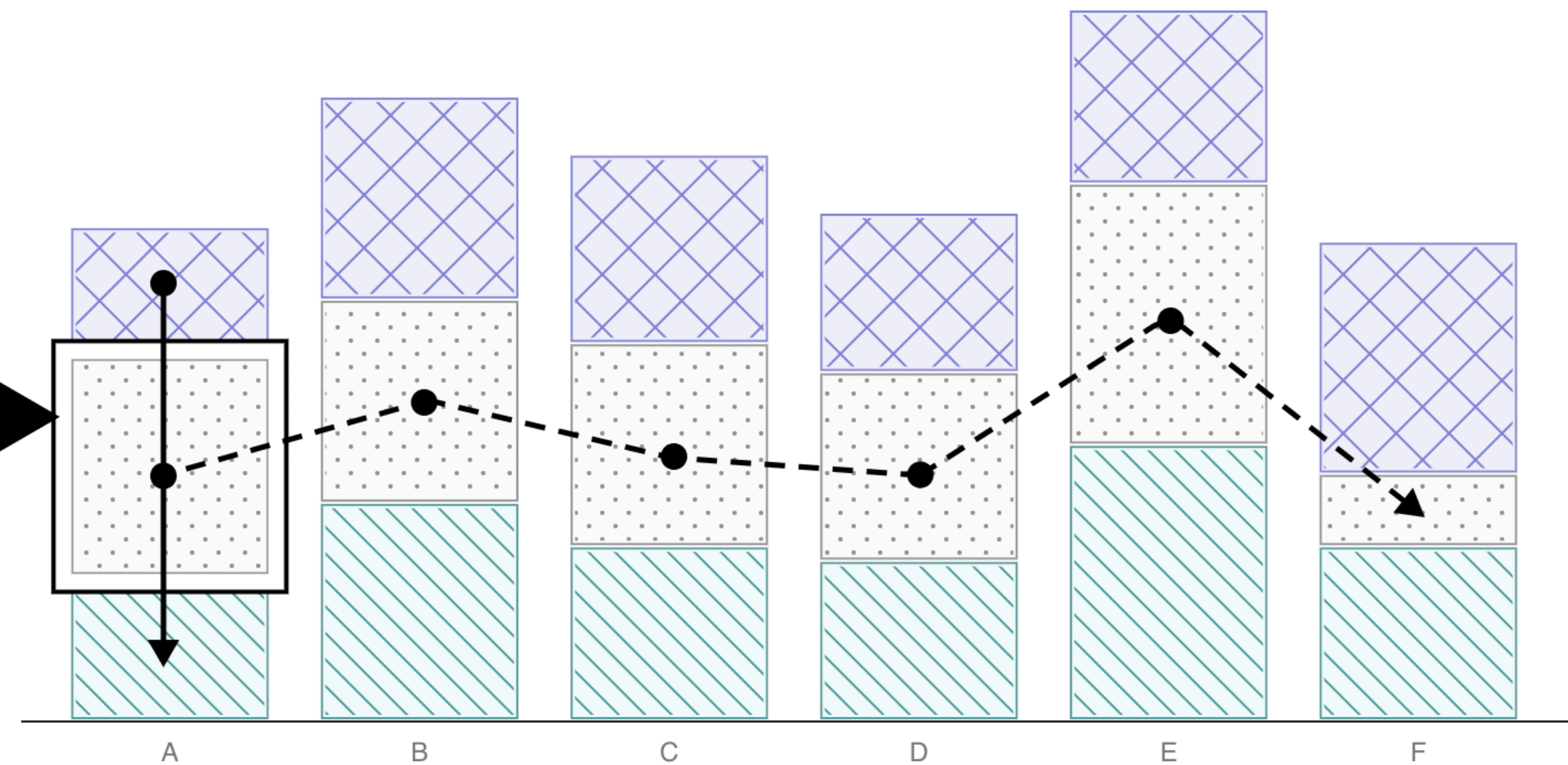


Consider more flexible movement when data *exploration* matters

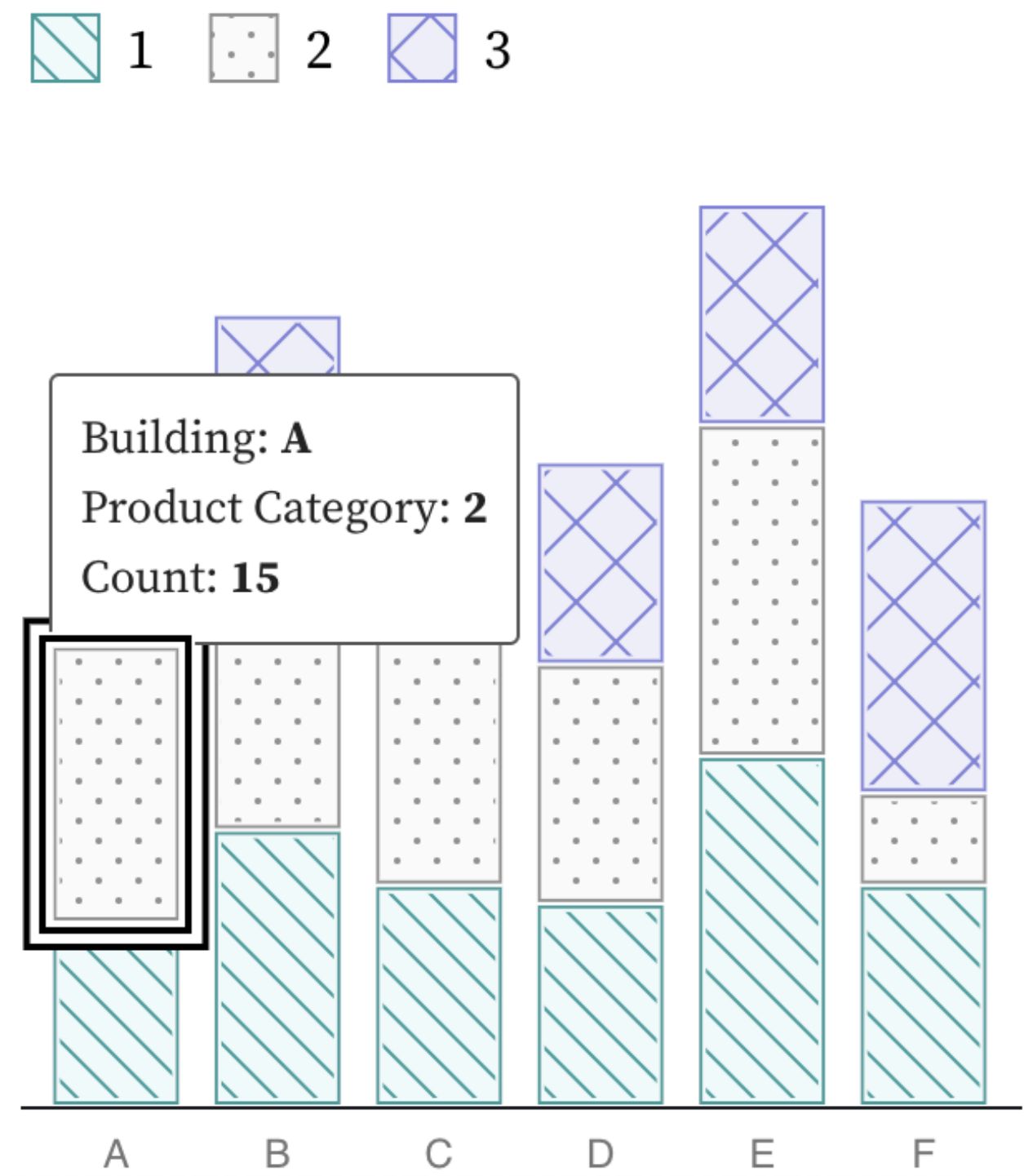
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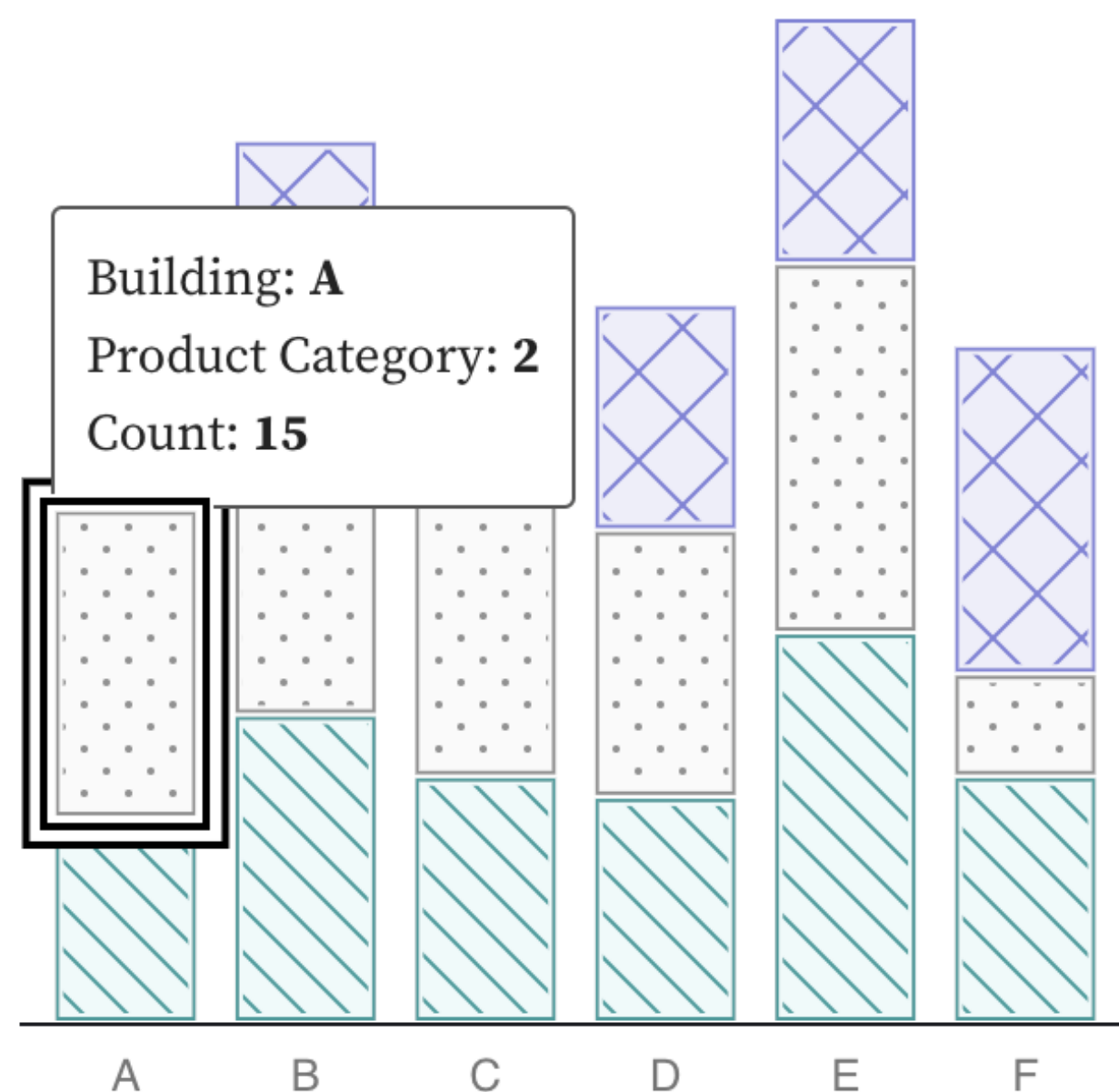
Alt text should communicate operability



× Building A. Product Category 2.
Count 15. Bar 2 of 3. Image.

Semantics matter

1 2 3

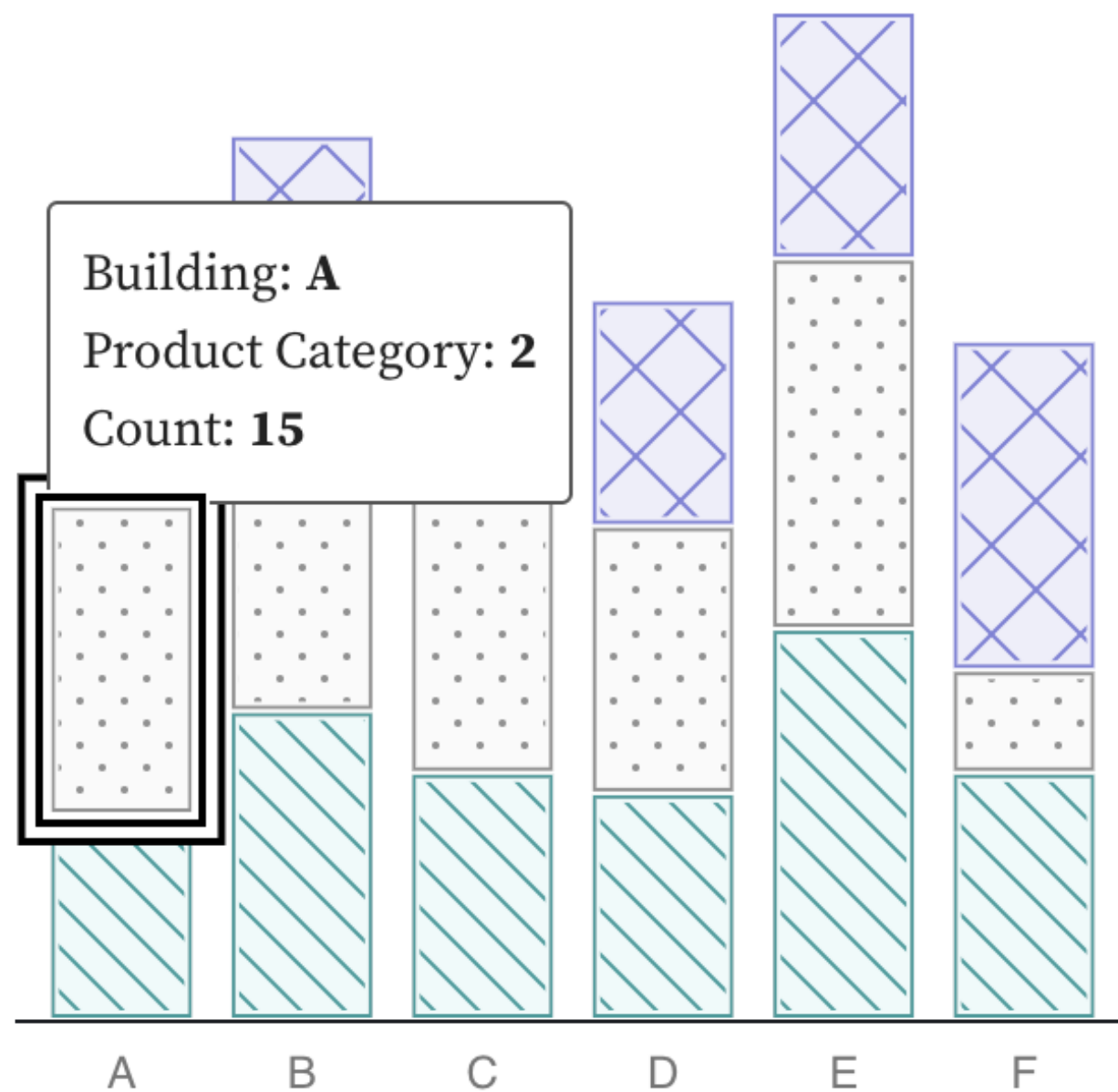


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“Image” doesn’t signal
interactivity!

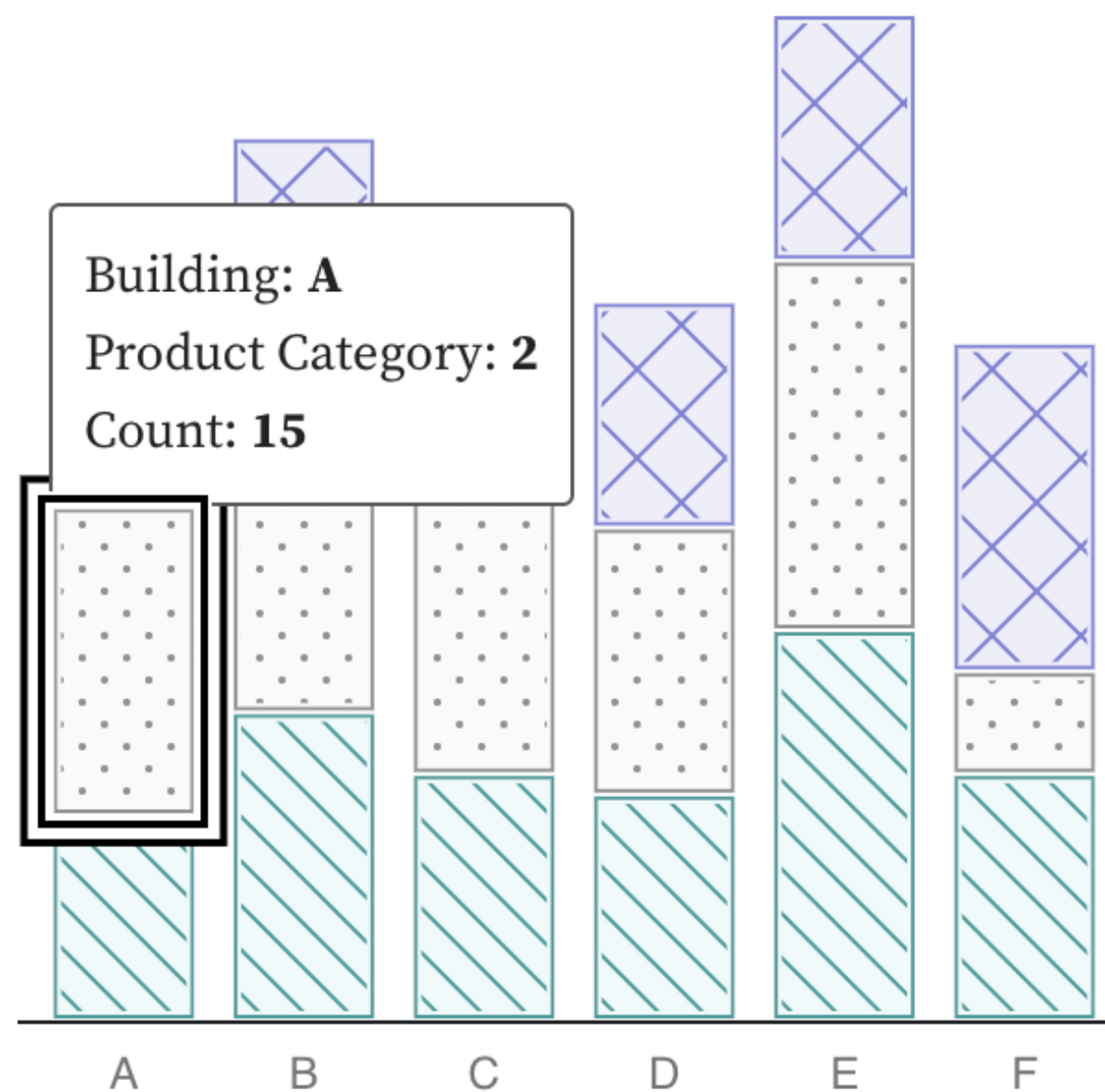
“Aria” states and roles are standardized

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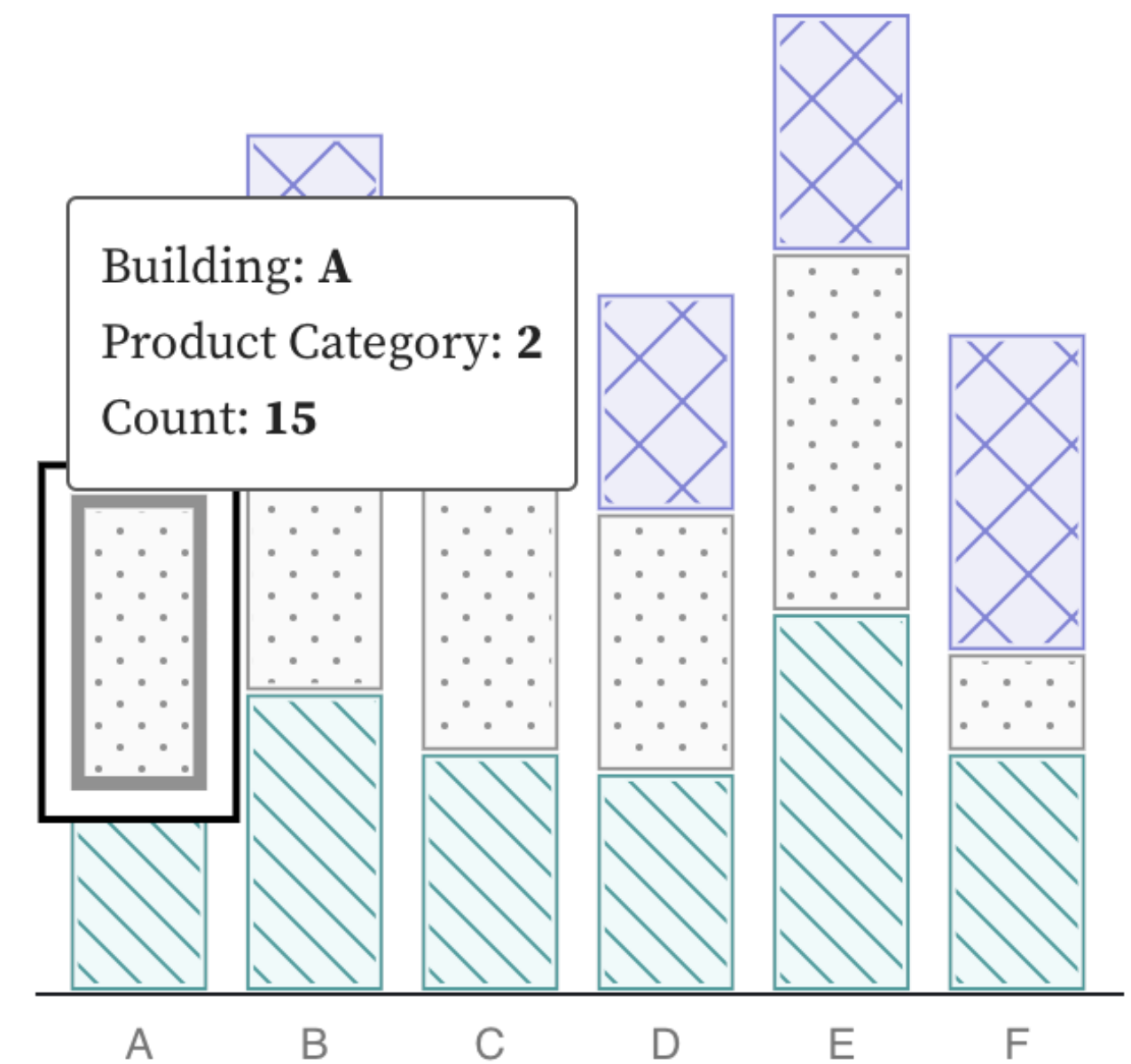
× Building A. Product Category 2.
Count 15. Bar 2 of 3. Image.

1 2 3



× Building A. Product Category
2. Count 15. Bar 2 of 3., toggle
button

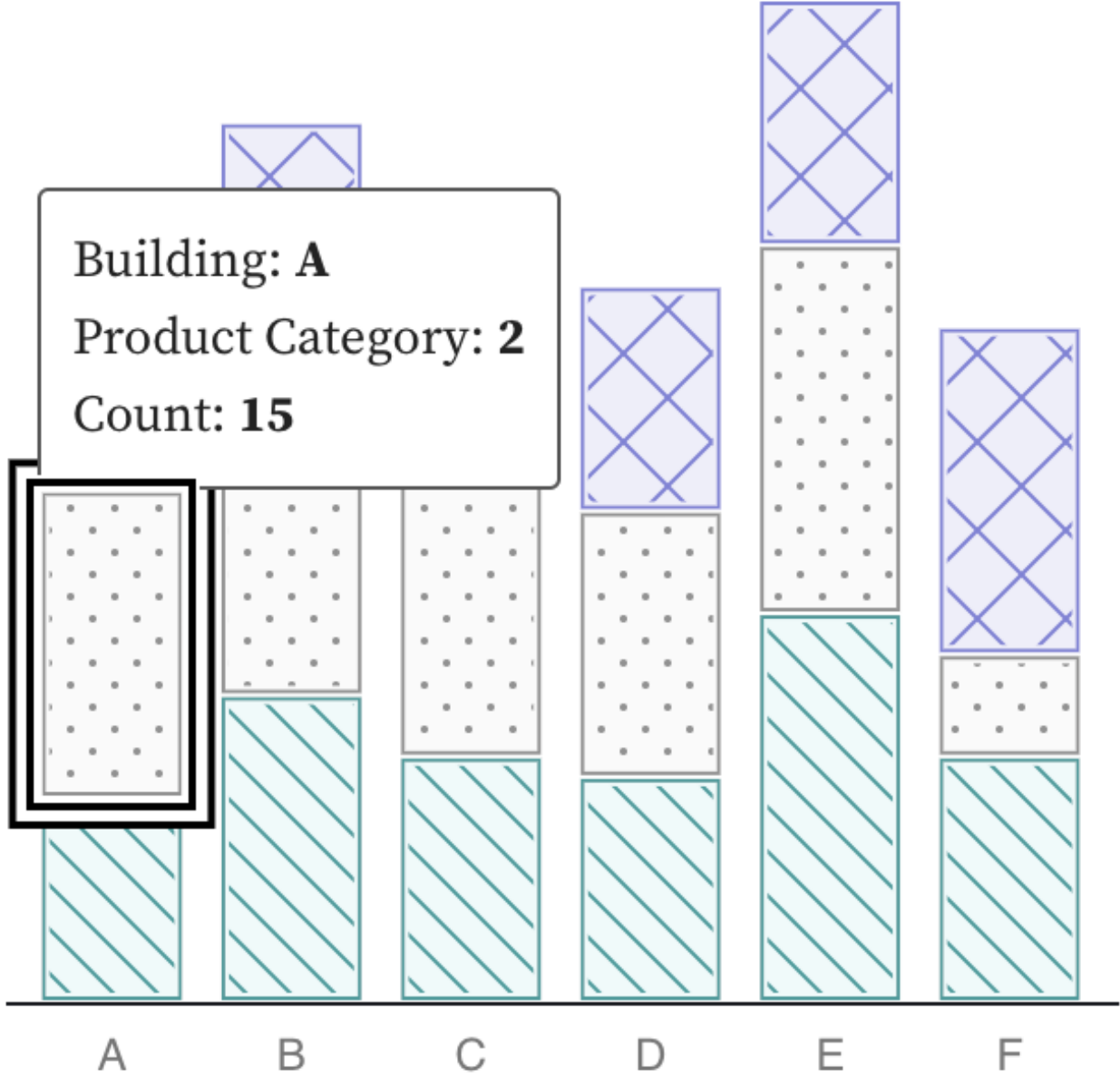
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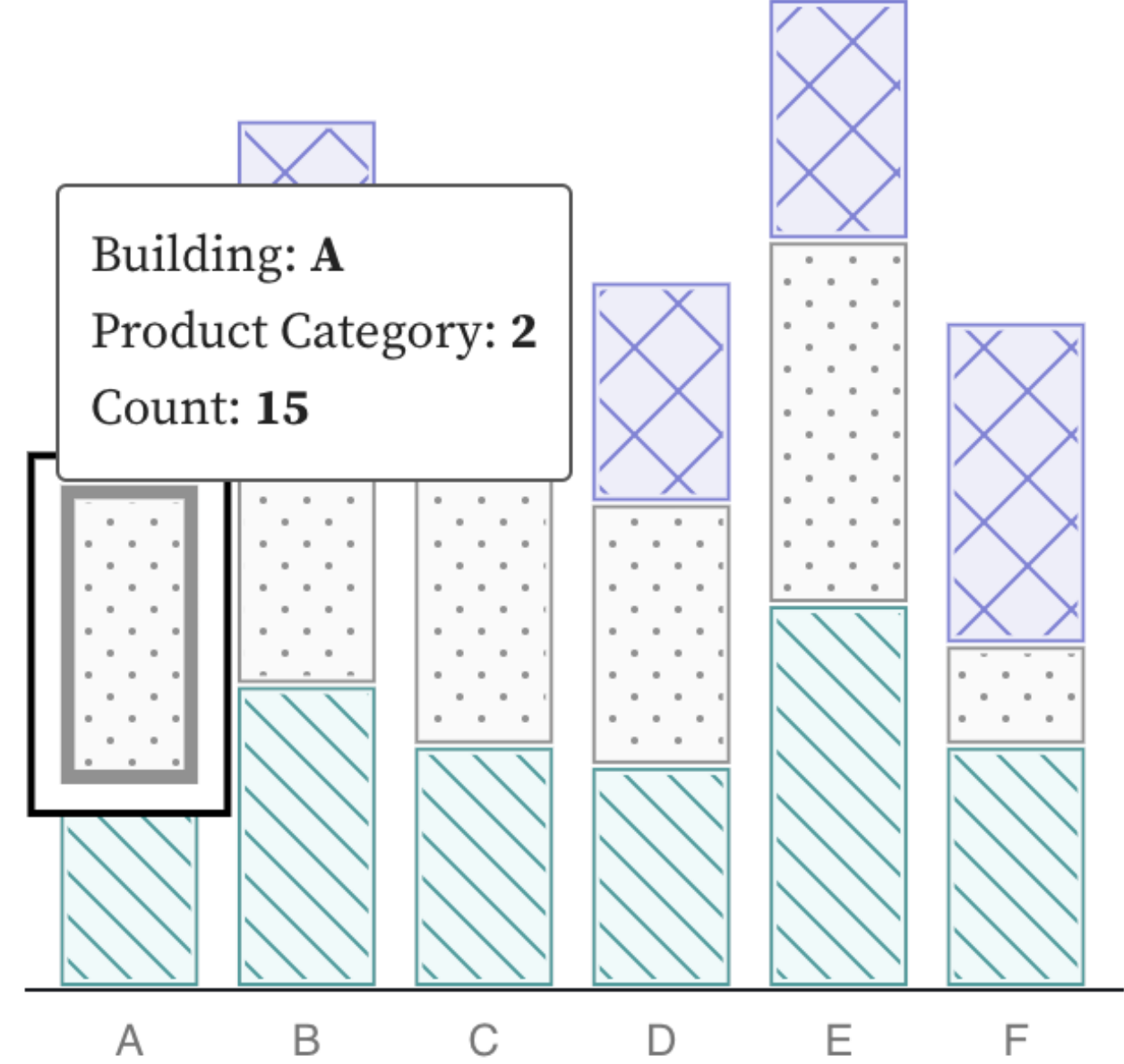
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3., toggle button

Communicating operability should be visual too

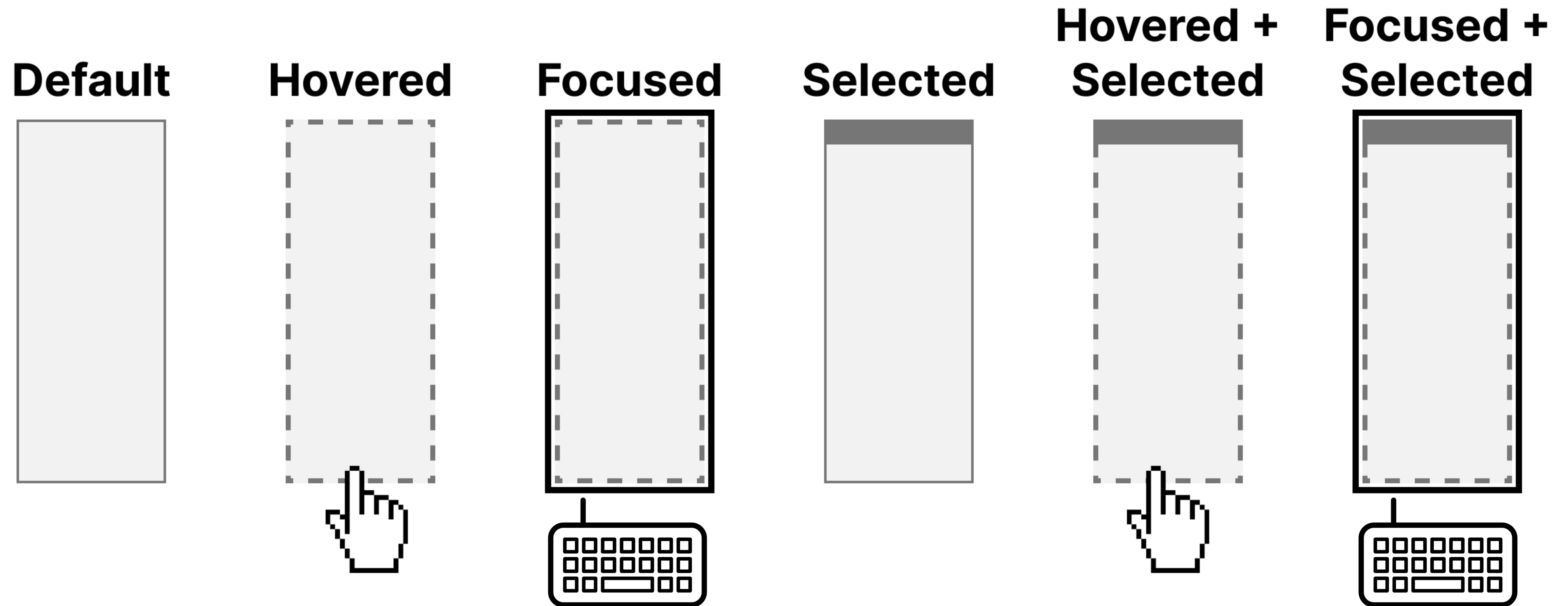
Hovered/focused



Selected



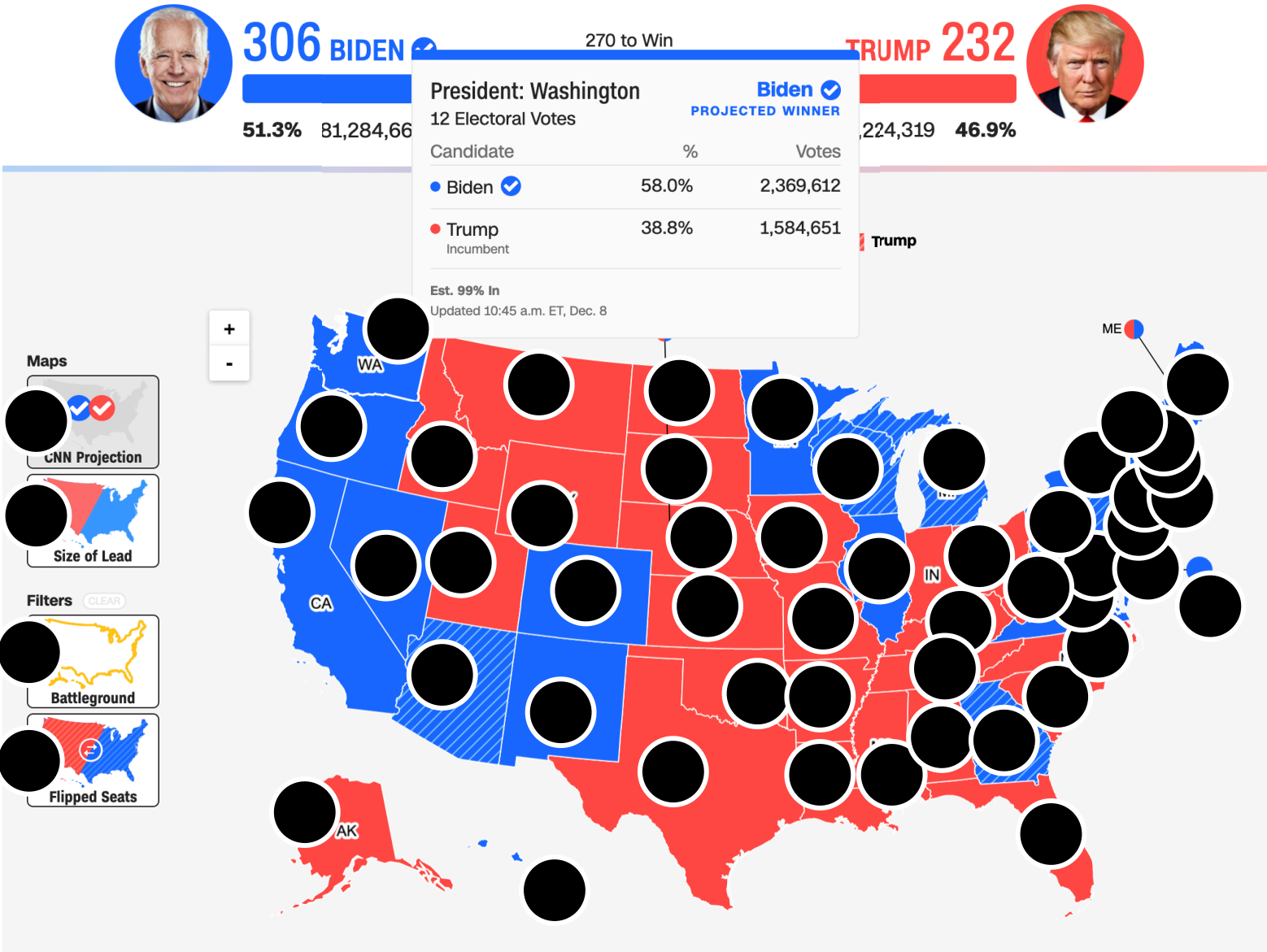
Design your own interaction styling



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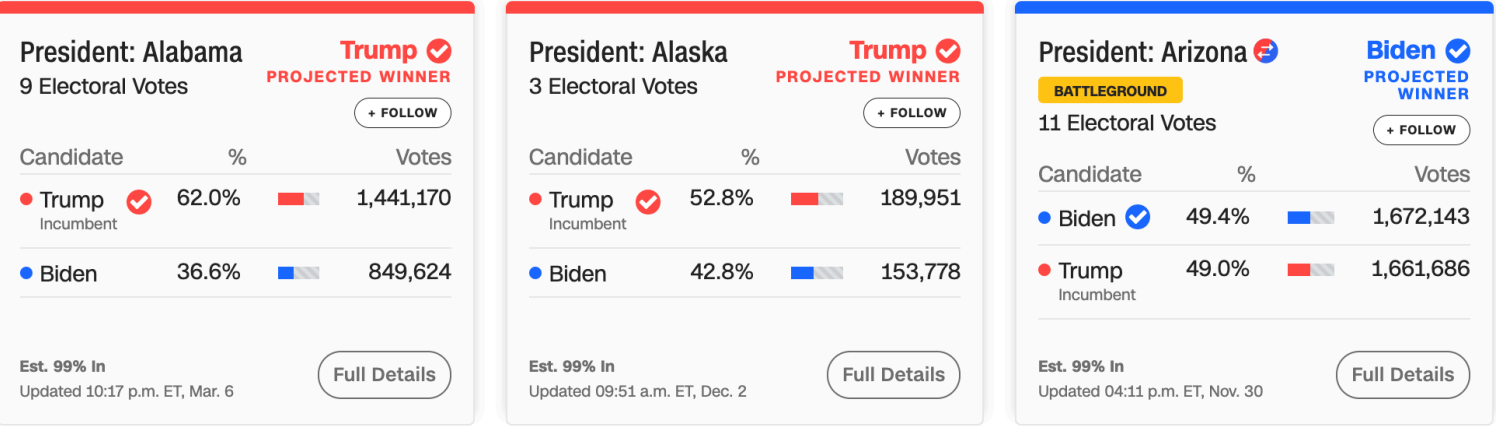
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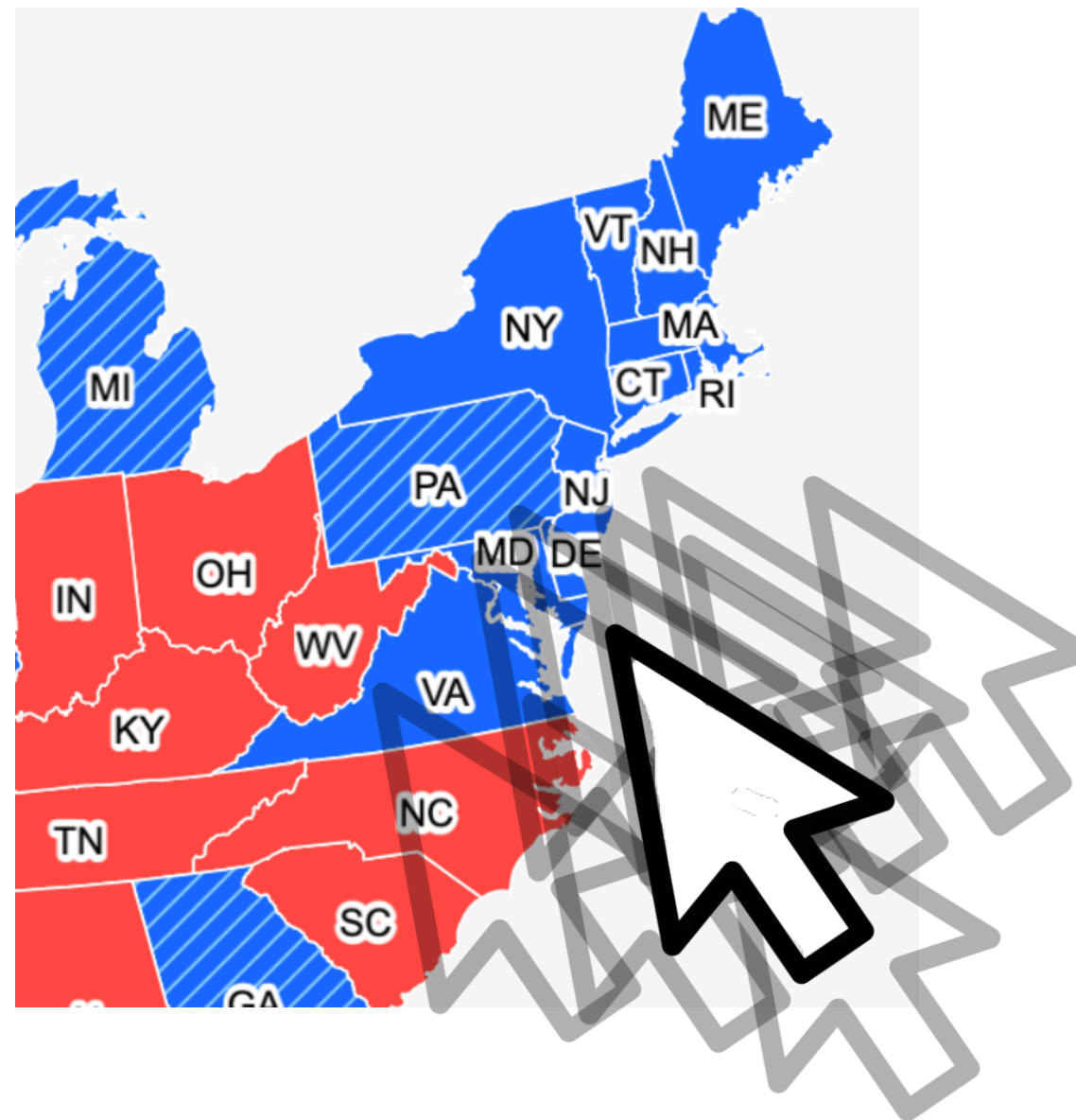
54 instances of “only one input type”

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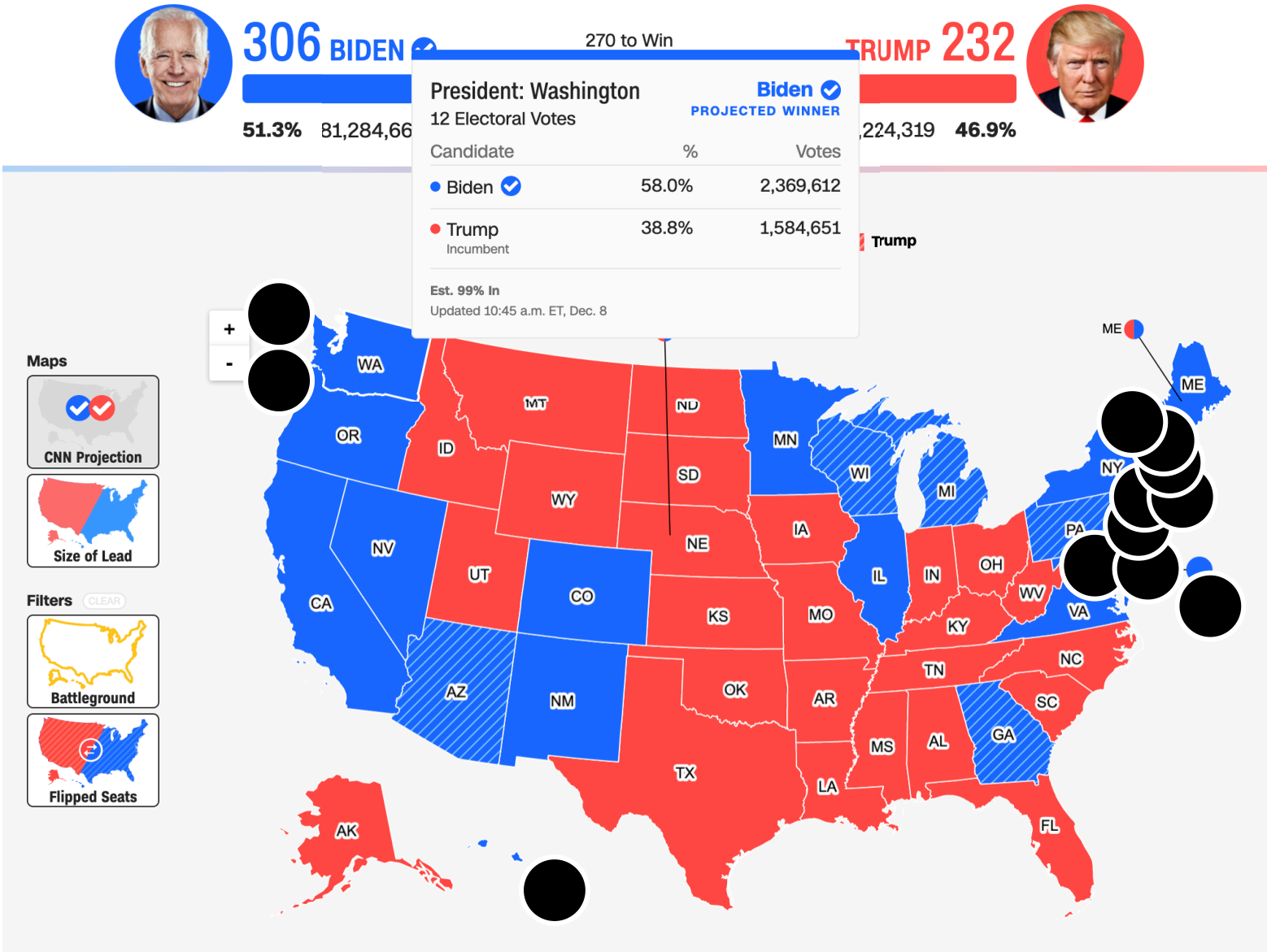
Expecting users to hover on something tiny is an accessibility design failure



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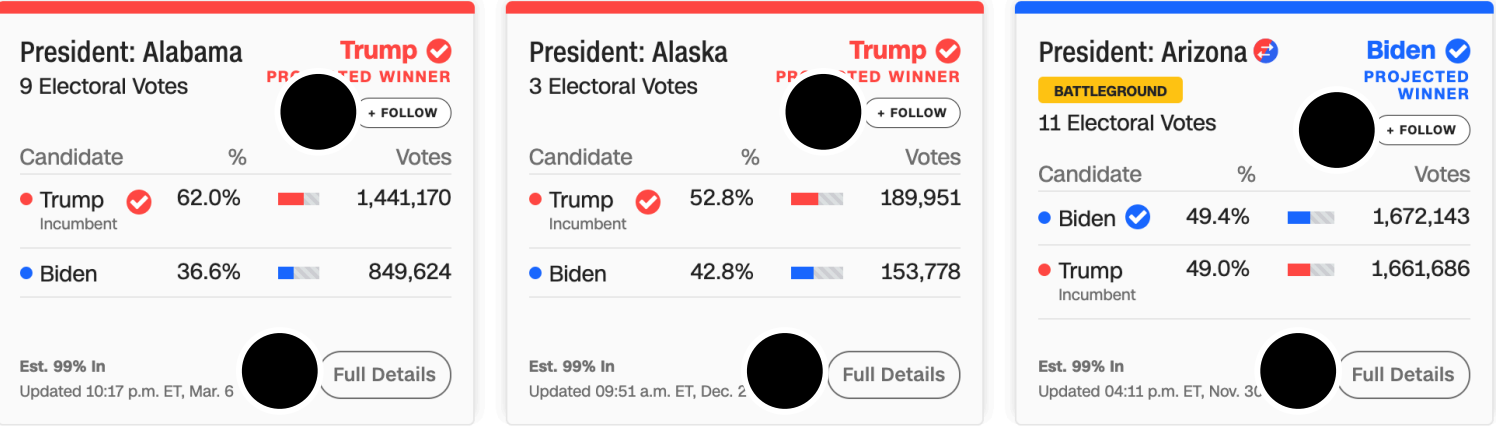
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18 instances of “target pointer size is too small”

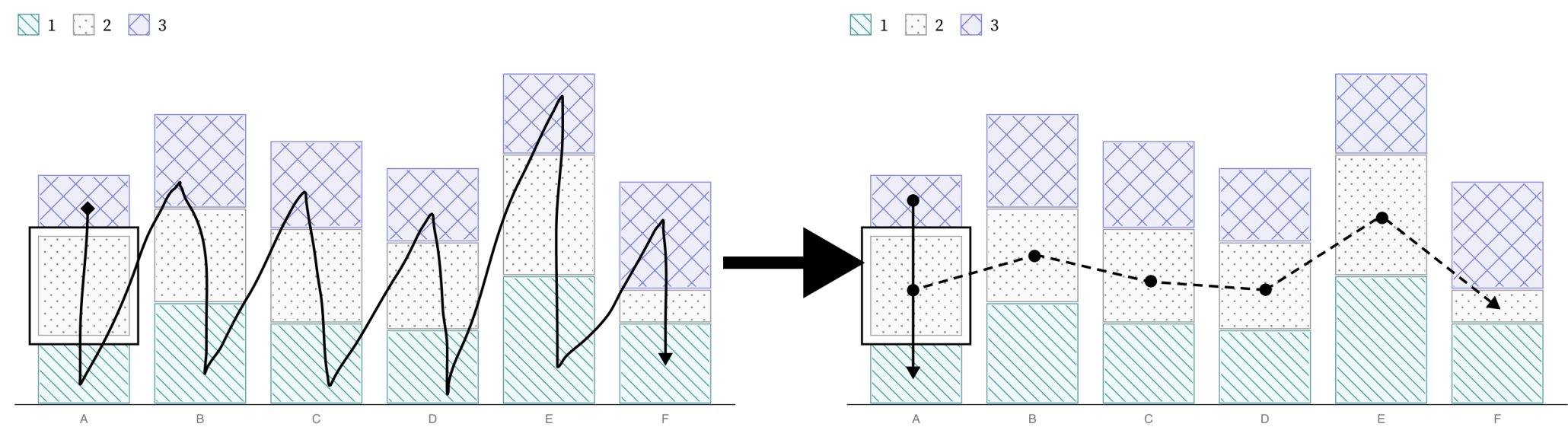
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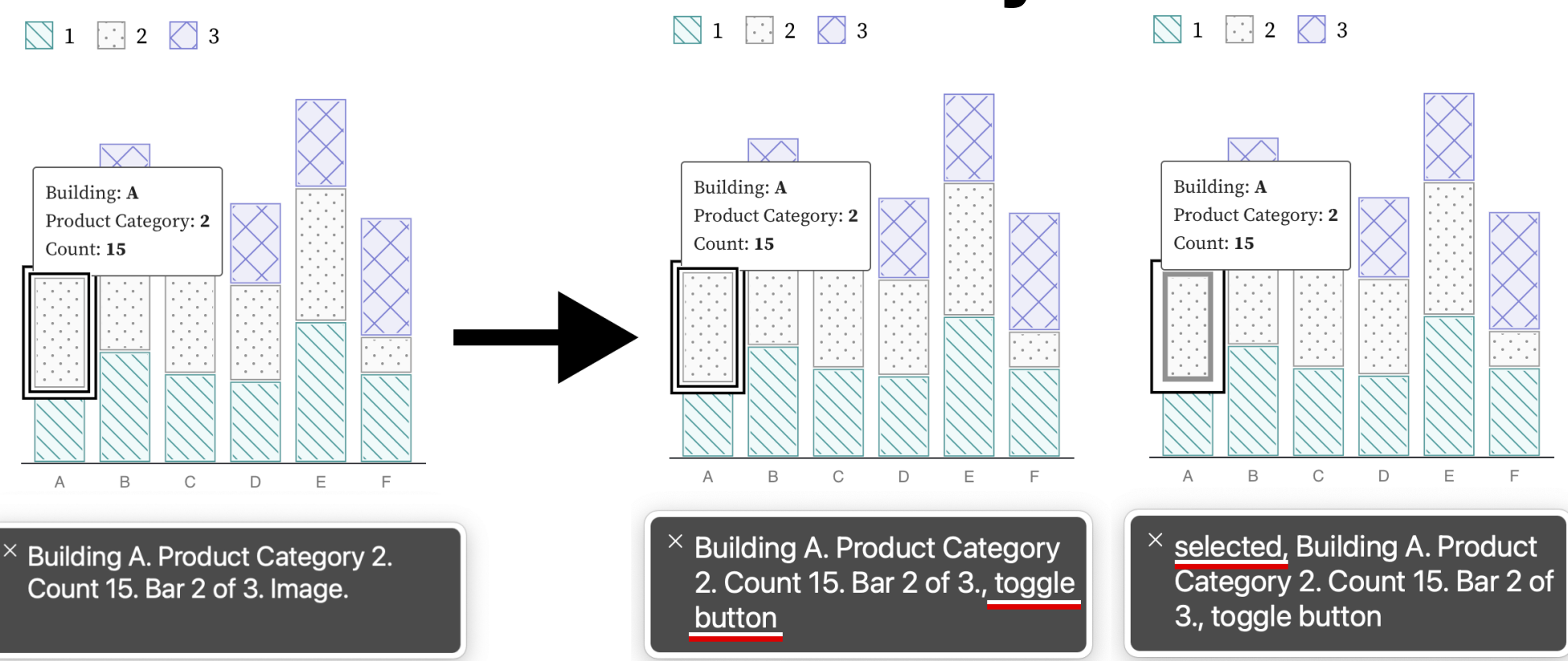
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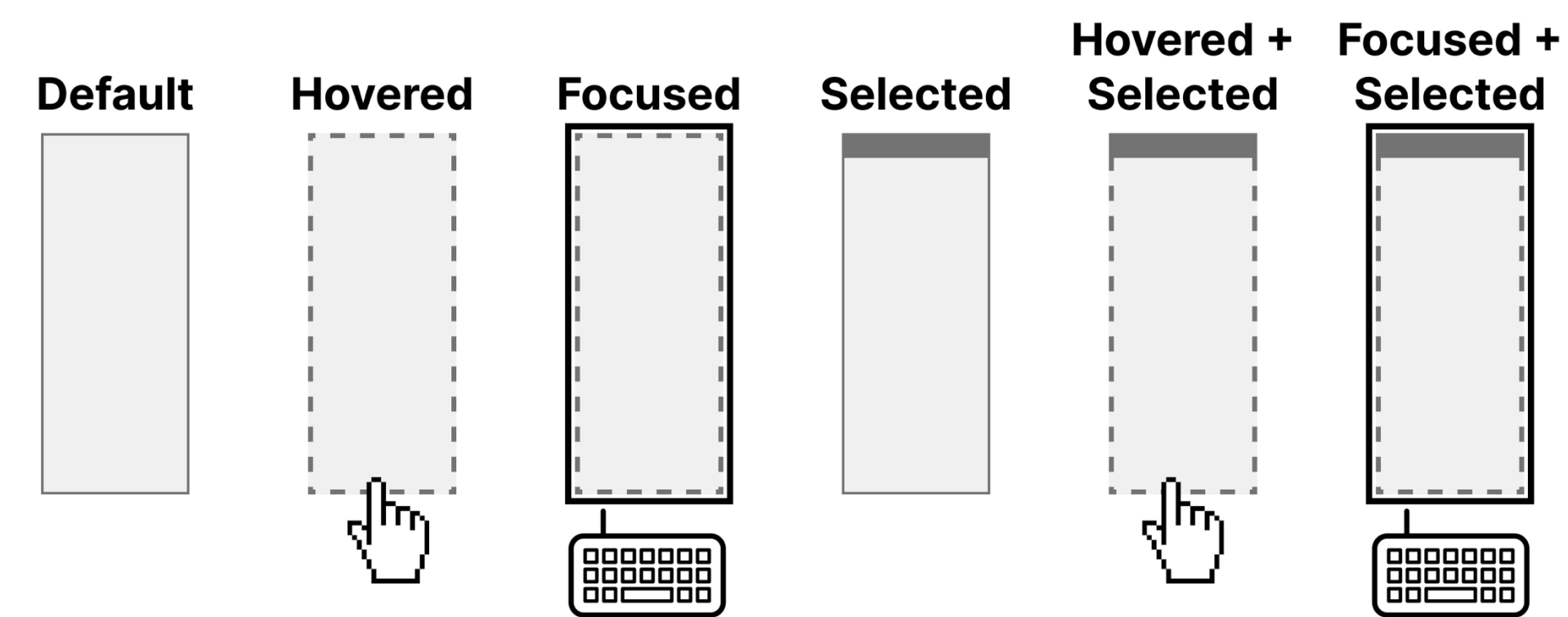
Consider how someone navigates



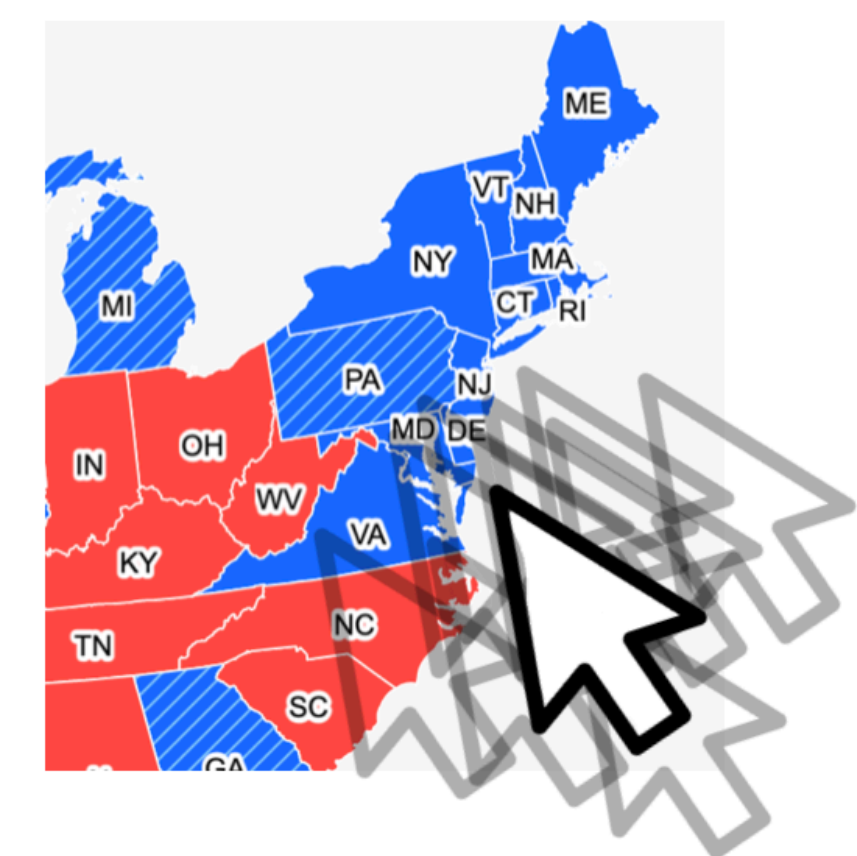
Describe the functionality of elements



Communicate interaction state visually



Improve the size of interaction areas



Operable Evaluation Toolkit:

1. **Use your mouse:** can it do something meaningful? (tooltip, click event, etc) If so:
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 - b. Test using a **screen reader**: Can you use a screen reader to navigate and use keyboard activation on the visualization?
2. **Check sizes:** can a mouse *easily* interact with this?

Understandable

Can someone understand this in multiple ways? Is each way easy?

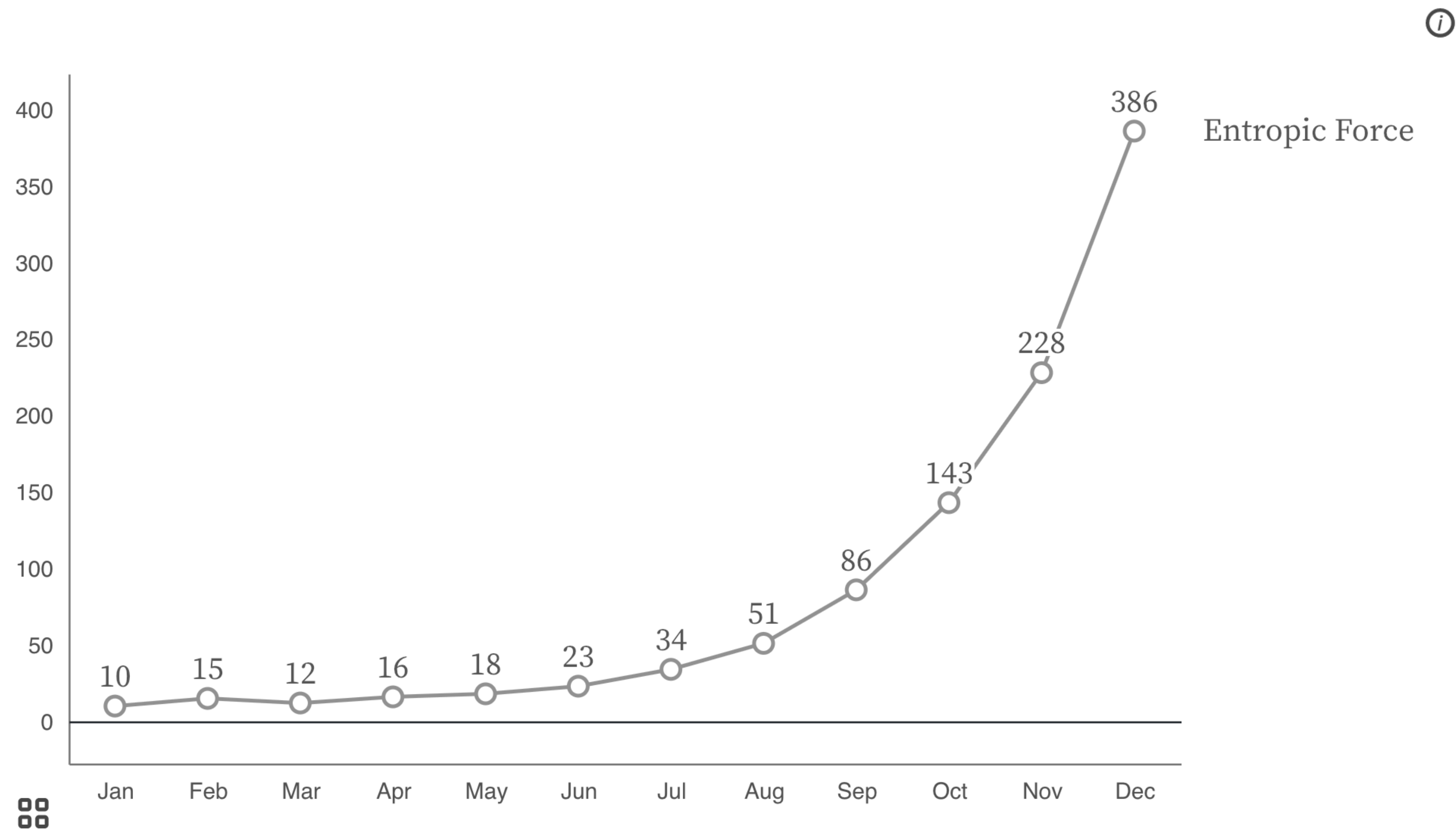
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Non-descriptive titles are inaccessible

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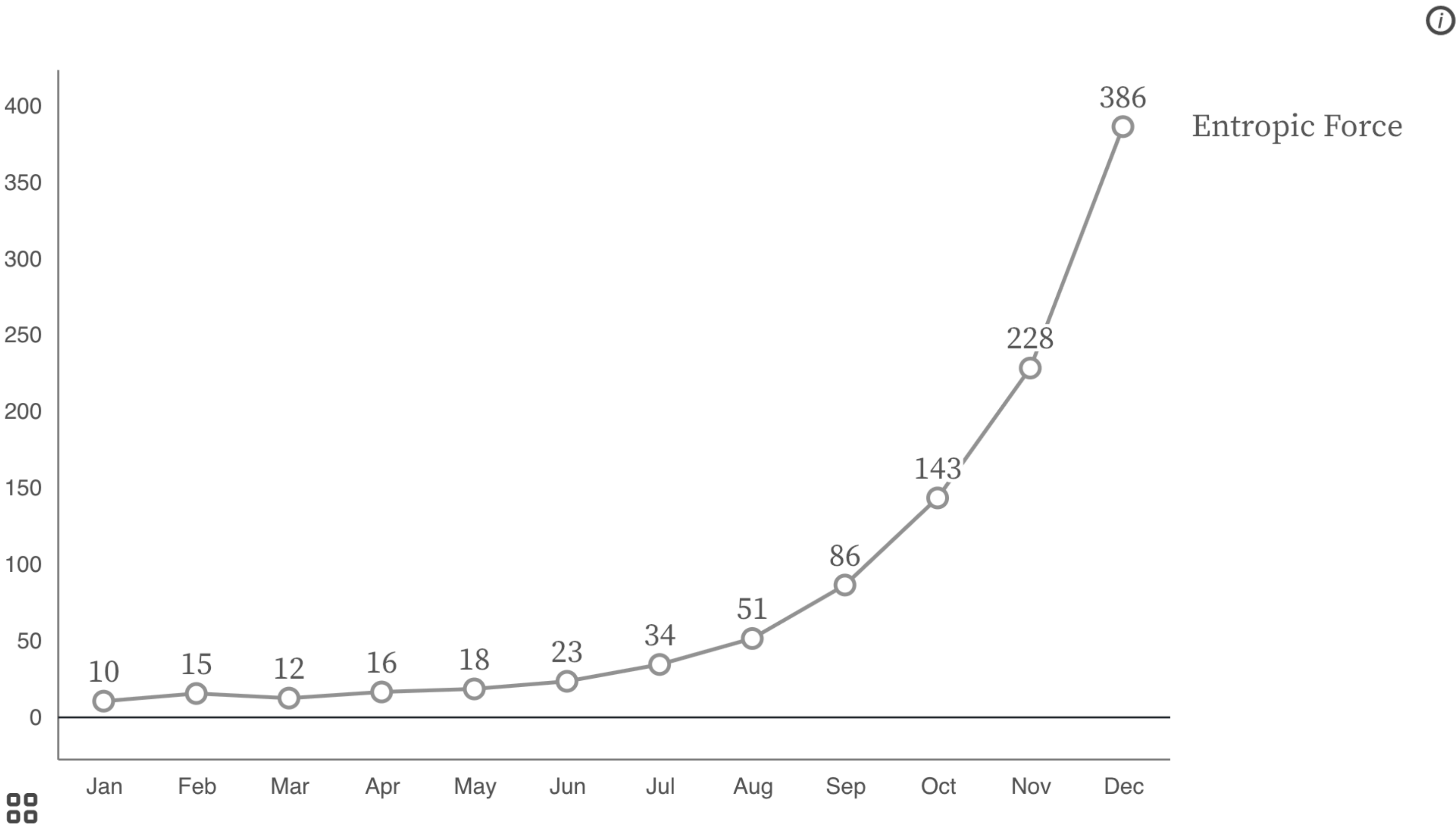
In EF units (non-normalized)



Descriptive titles have summaries/takeaways

Entropic Force has Increased Exponentially

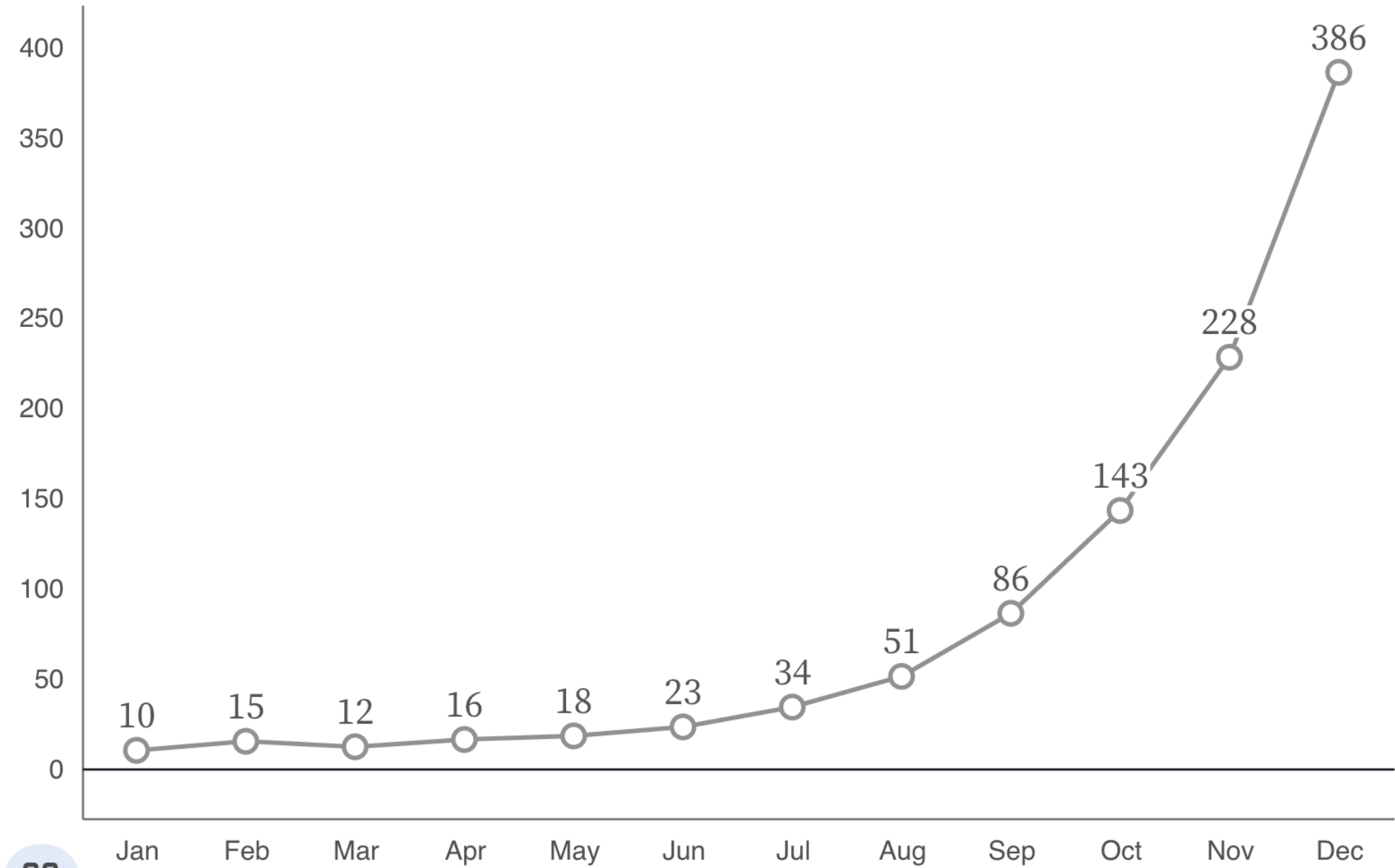
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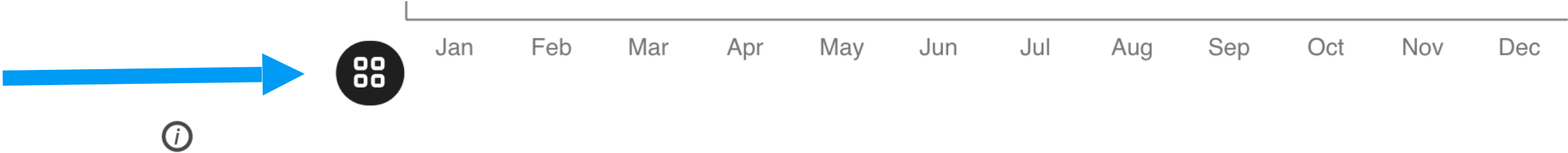
All charts should have data available!

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Entropic Force



Line	Date	Value	Note
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Technical language is often overkill

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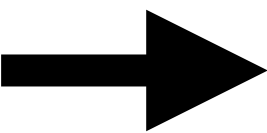
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Use concise, descriptive titles

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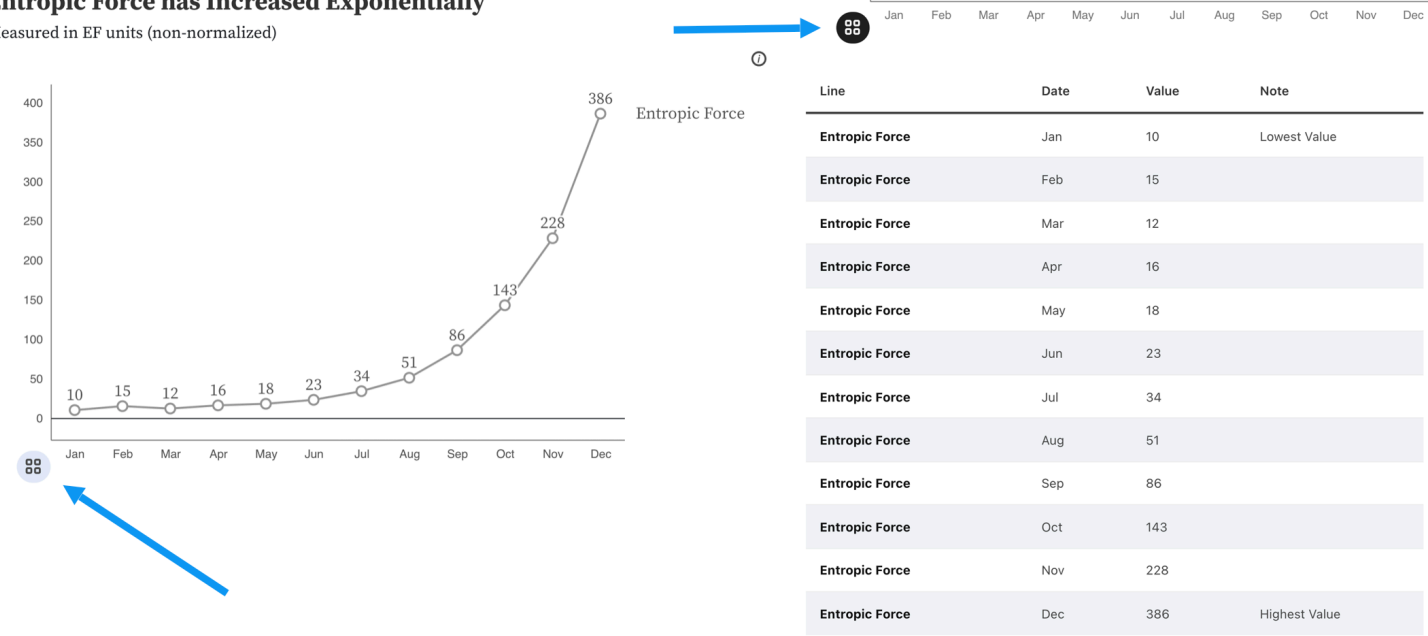
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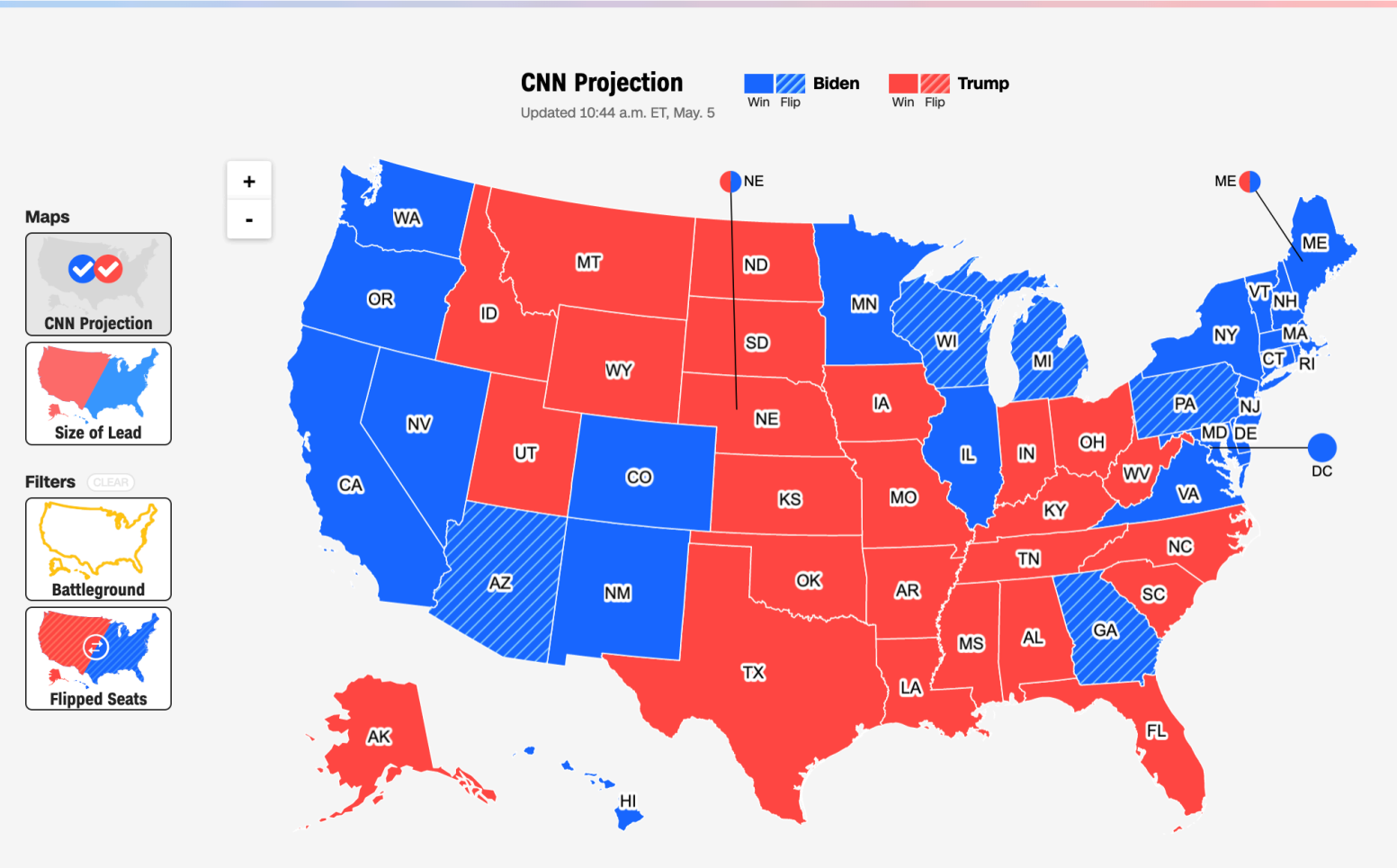
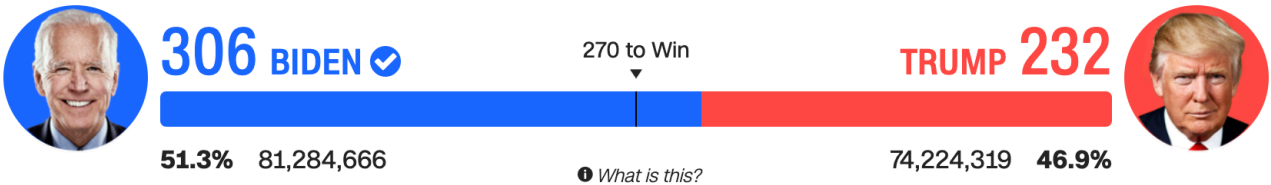
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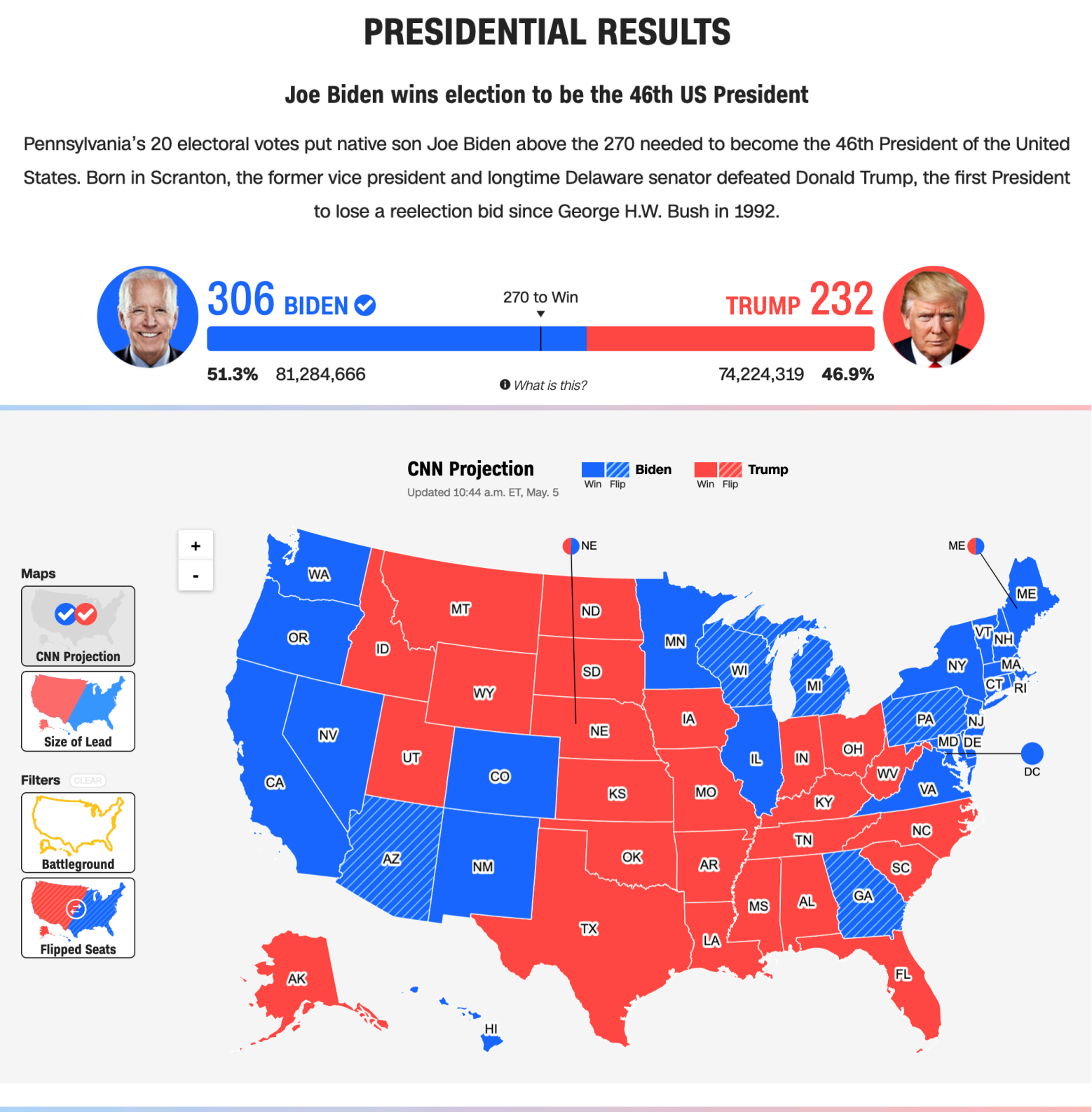
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978 access failures found in ~60 minutes.

- Perceivable:**
- 6 – Low contrast
 - 57 - Content is only visual
 - 50 - Color alone is used
 - 3 - Meaningful elements can be distinguished

- Operable:**
- 54 - Interaction modality only has one input type
 - 58 - No interaction cues or instructions
 - 5 - Low contrast on interactive elements
 - 4 - Keyboard focus indicator missing
 - 4 - Complex actions have no alternative
 - 18 - Target pointer interaction is too small

- Understandable:**
- 4 - Interactive context is not clear
 - 6 - Metrics or variables are undefined



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- Robust:**
- 275 - Does not conform to standards
 - 82 - Semantically invalid
 - 12 - Fragile technology support

- Compromising:**
- 54 - Information can only be reached through single process
 - 61 - Information cannot be navigated according to narrative or structure

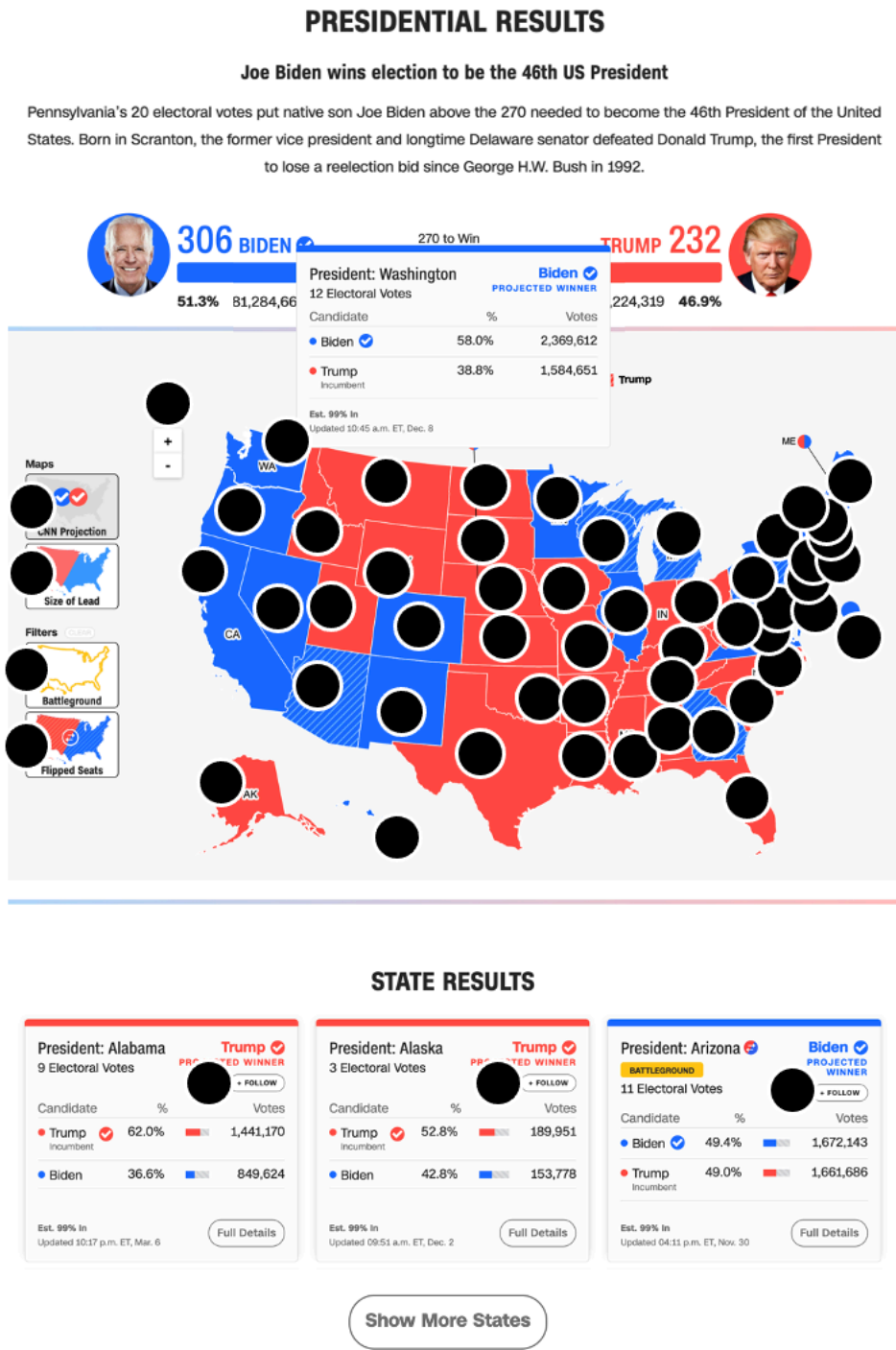
- Assistive:**
- 101 - Navigation and interaction is tedious

- Flexible:**
- 2 - User style change not respected
 - 121 - User text adjustments are not respected
 - 1 - Scrolling experiences cannot be adjusted or opted out of
 - Contrast and textures cannot be adjusted

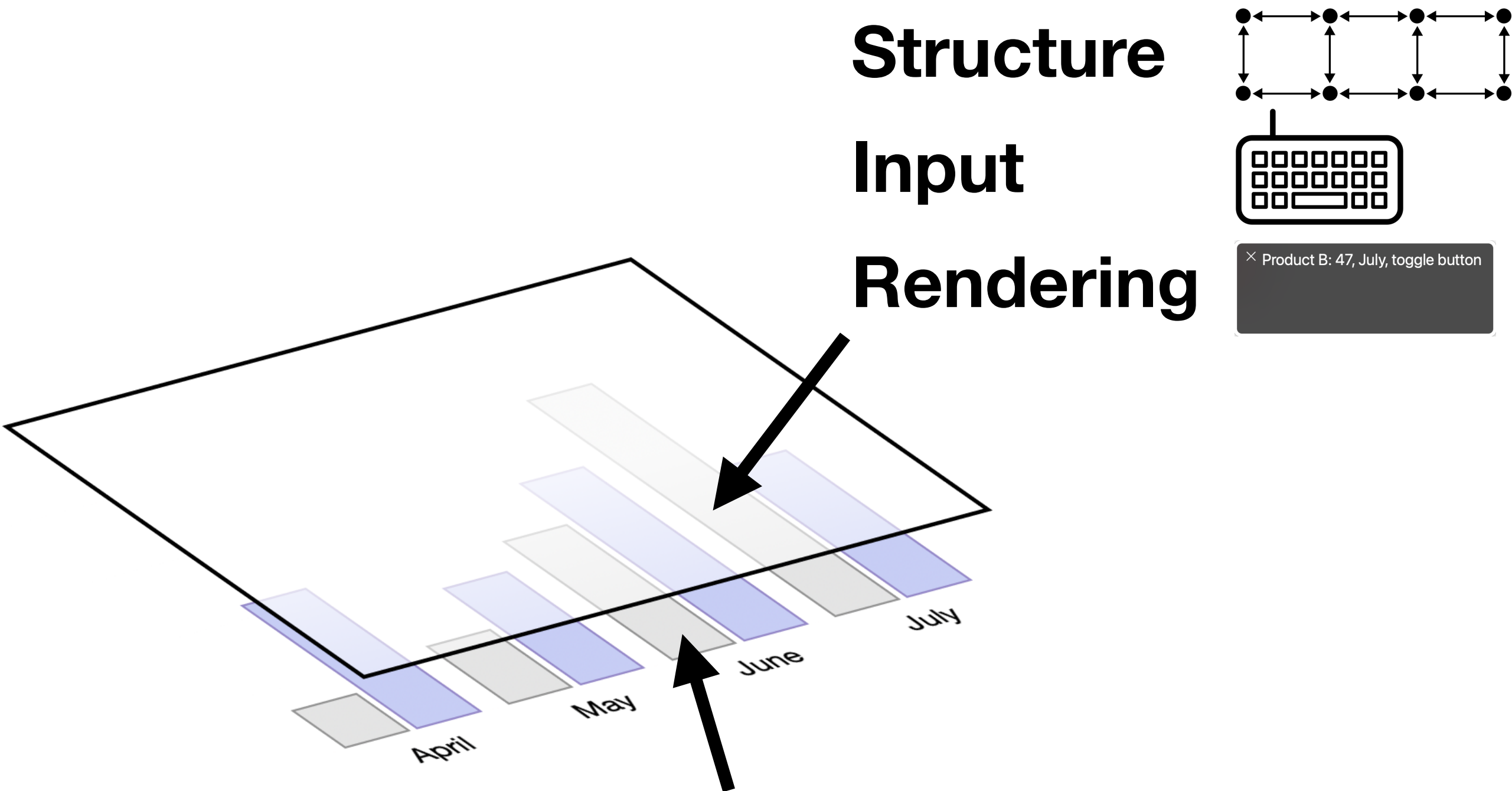
What and how of visualization accessibility

(My recent research)

Chartability:
What are accessibility barriers?



Data Navigator:
How do we build accessible visualizations?



To any visualization toolkit

Past problems:

Problem 1: Do people who build stuff know what is or isn't accessible?

**Problem 2: What do we do with
all these pixels?**

Why are pixels so much trouble?

Product AC is trending up, Product AB is tanking

Product AC initiated its launch with 12 clients and our internal marketing personnel cultivated 27 new acquisitions by the close of the calendar year. Product AB started with 42 clients and after a controversy in June, dropped to 4 by December.

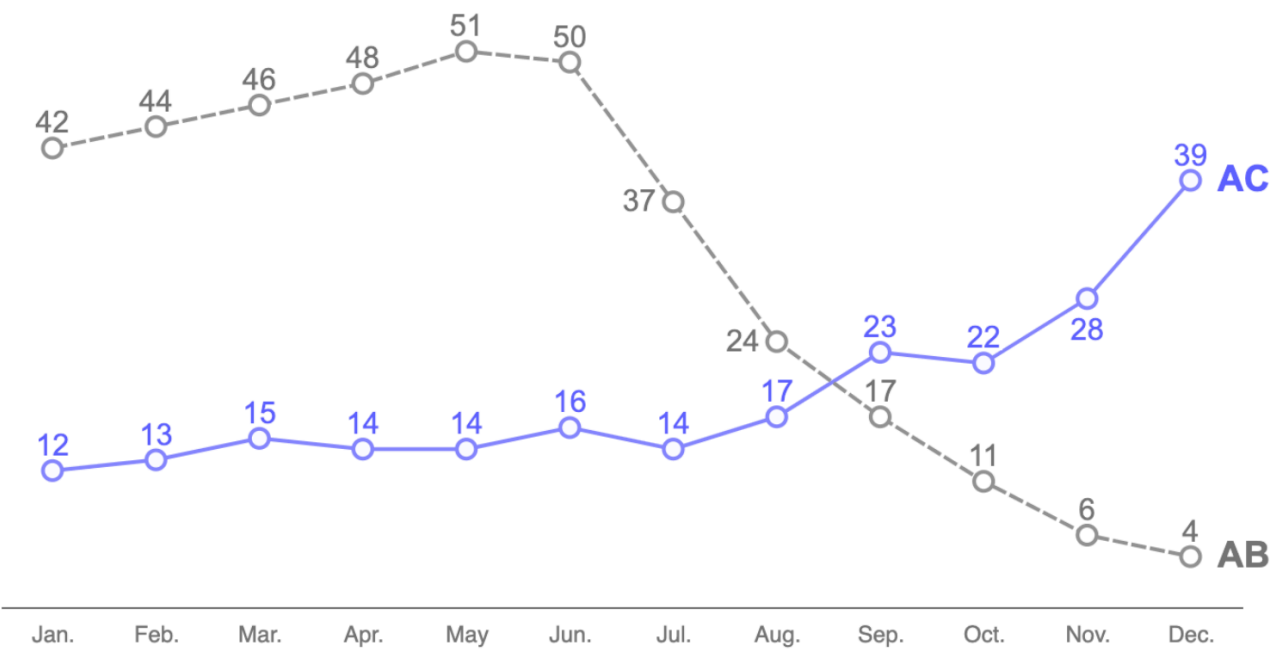
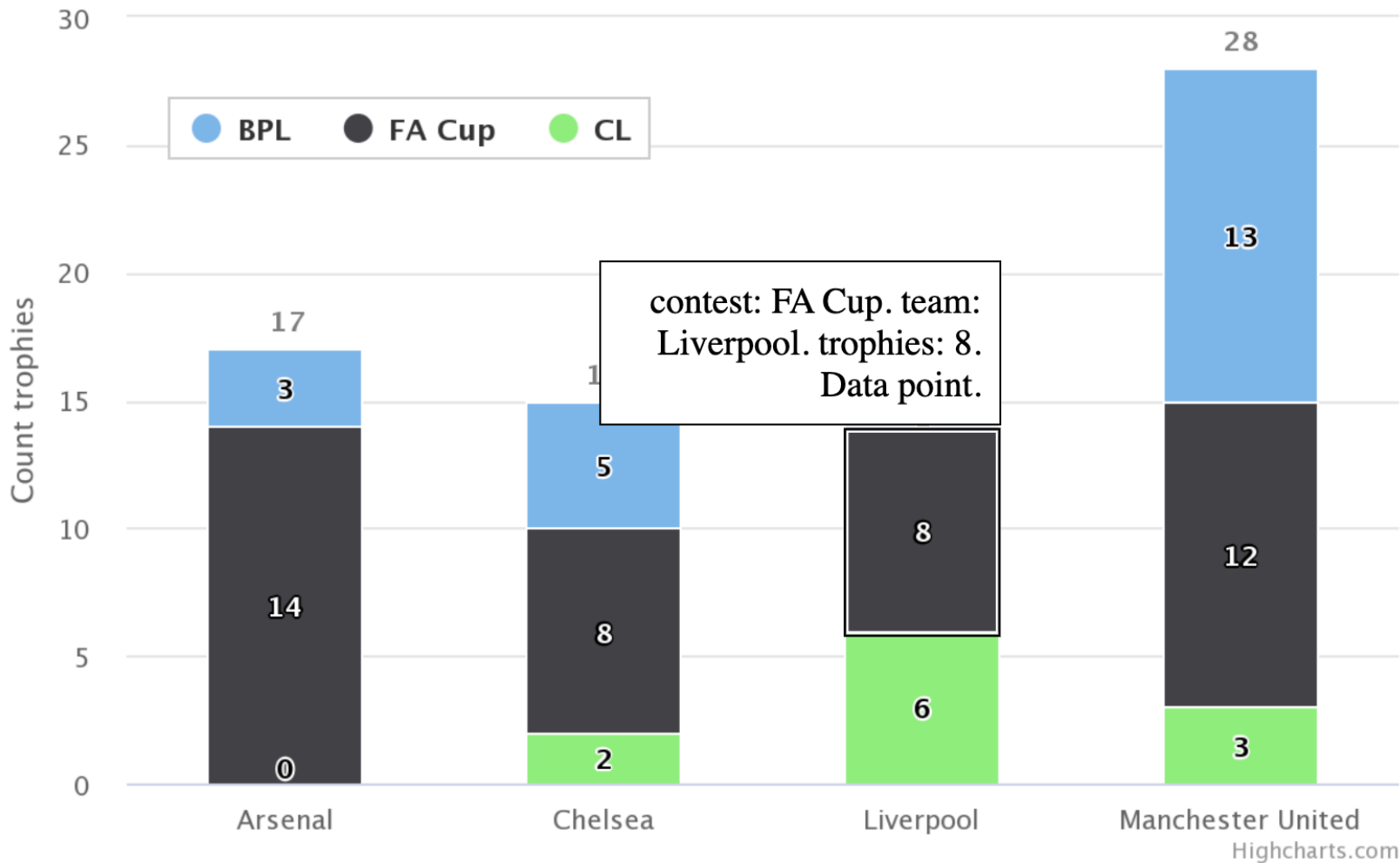


Figure 1: Last year's performance of Products AC and AB. Data is made possible by Sam Smith on the marketing data team.

[First demo link](#)

Enter navigation area

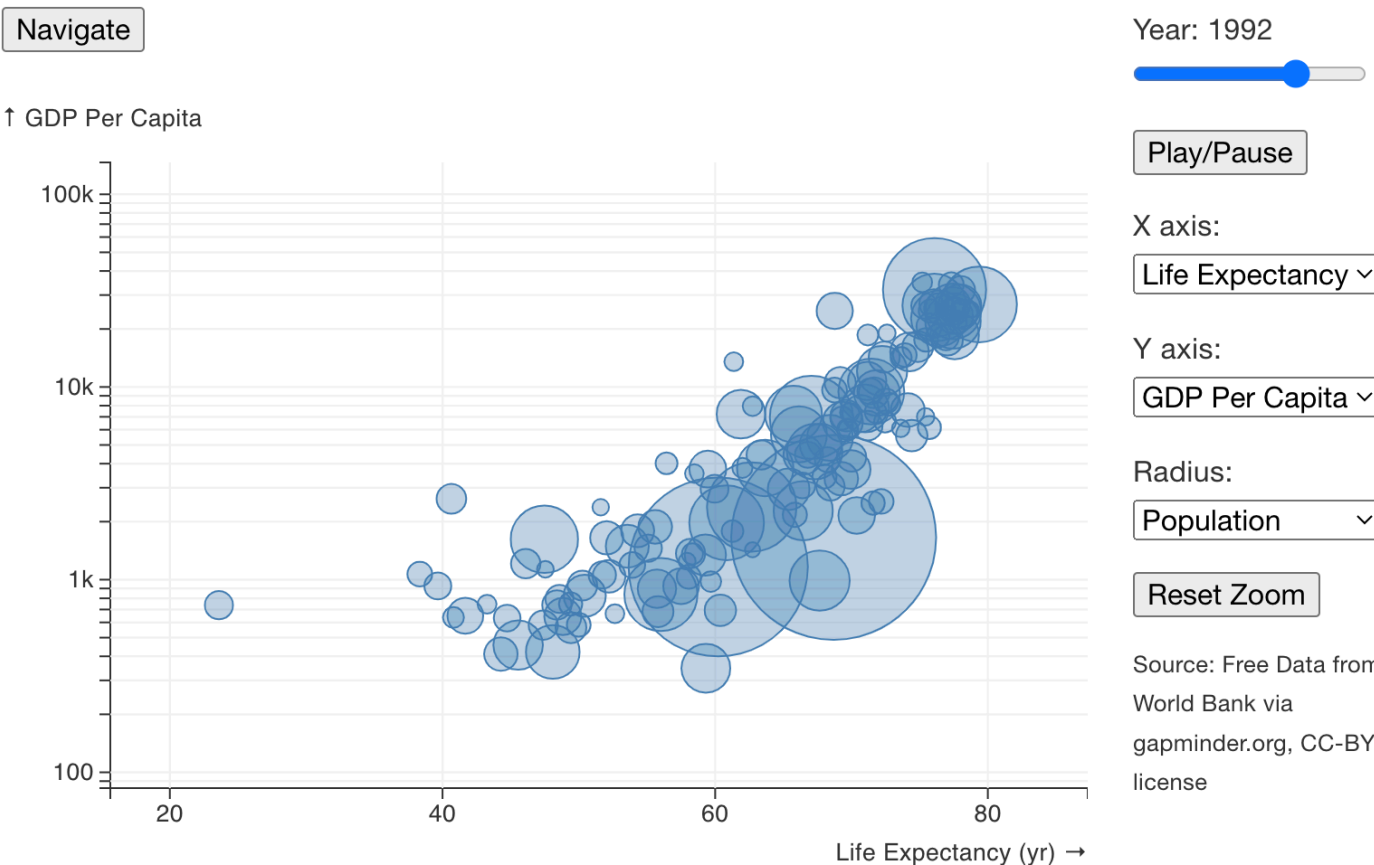
Major trophies for some English teams



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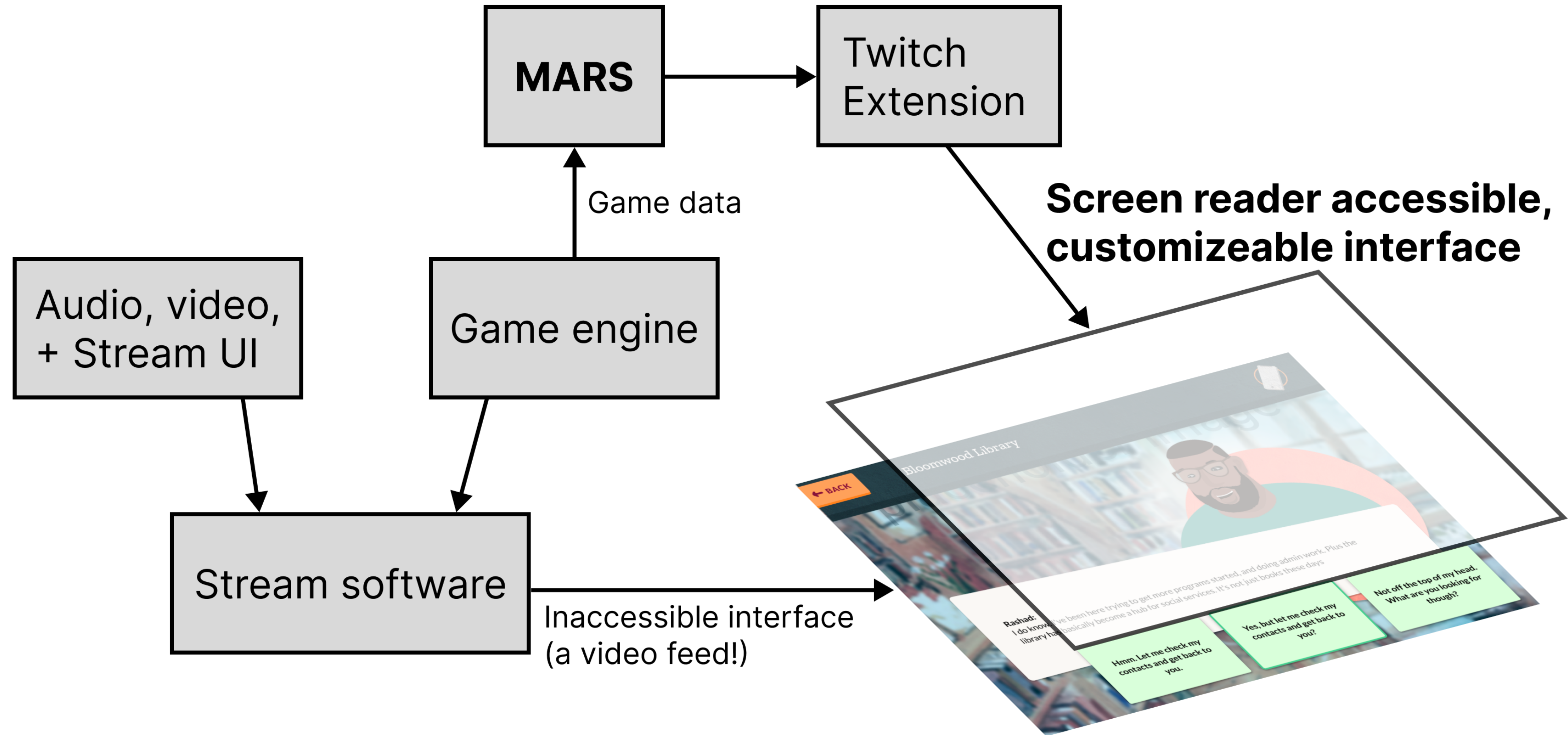
Example: Accessible Gapminder Chart

Below is a responsive, screen-reader-navigable version of the chart shown on the [homepage](#). Press Navigate to enter keyboard navigation. Or, change your “prefers reduced motion” system setting to see fade animations instead of motion.

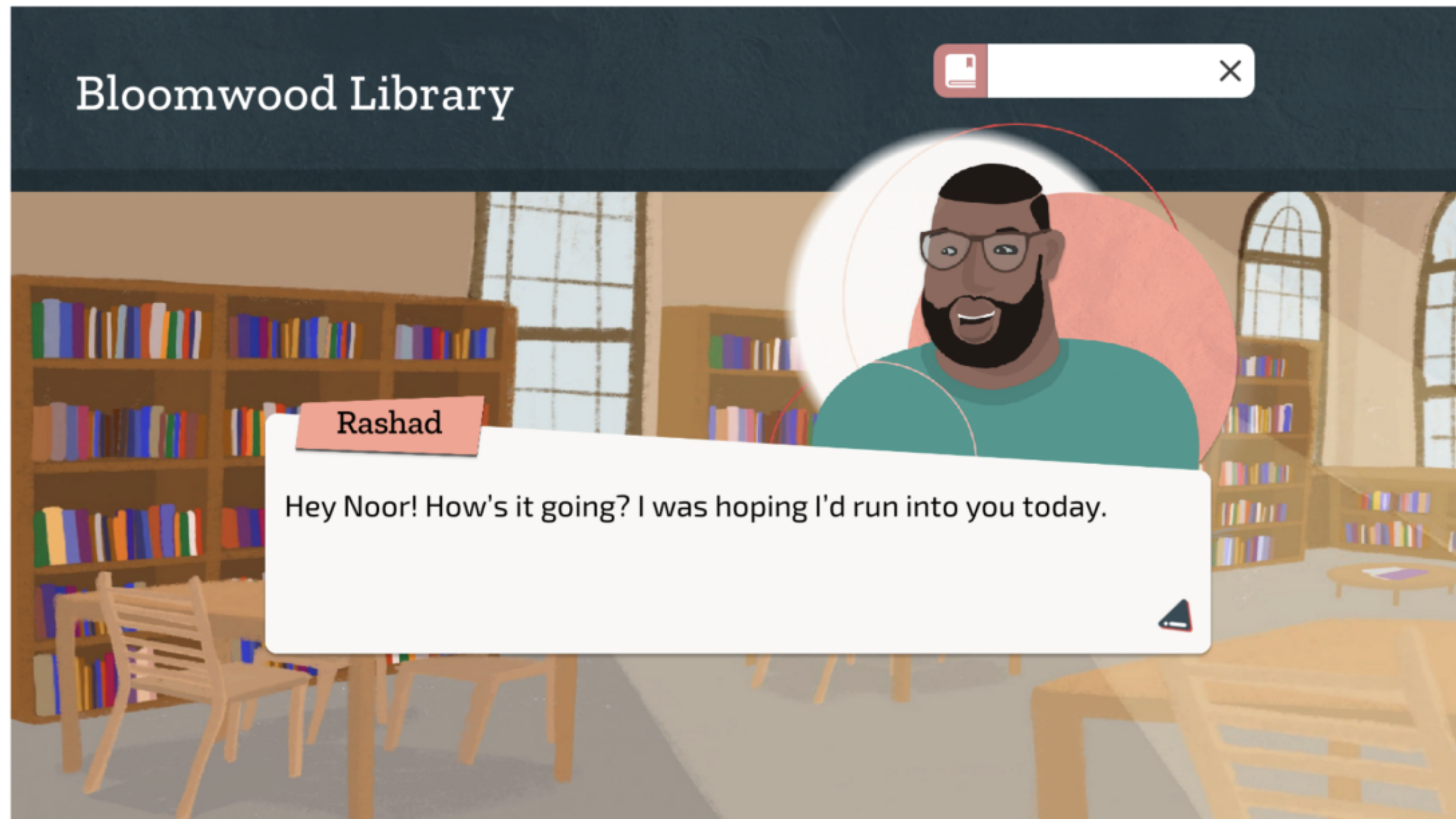


[Third demo link](#)

Accessible Streaming Software Infrastructure



Game-aware interfaces for streaming



Gamer interface, to gamer



Stream interface, to viewers

What are some “big-P” Problems in accessibility and visualization?

Problem 1: Centering research and development on screen readers (not blind people) limits what we can do

Screen readers processes 1 input at a time

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The cat (*Felis* species in the f domestication c and farm cat, b companionship prey like mice s

67 Nav points, ~32s

cat, is the only domesticated have shown that the monly kept as a house pet is valued by humans for it is adapted to killing small eth, and its night vision and

Cat

Temporal range: 9,500 years ago – present



It is a social species, but a solitary hunter and a crepuscular predator. Cat communication includes vocalizations like meowing, purring, trilling, hissing, growling, and grunting as well as cat body language. It can hear sounds too faint or too high in frequency for human ears, such as those made by small mammals. It also secretes and perceives pheromones.

Female domestic cats can have kittens from spring to late autumn in temperate zones and throughout the year in equatorial regions, with litter sizes often ranging from two to five kittens. Domestic cats are bred and shown at events as registered pedigreed cats, a hobby known as cat fancy. Animal population control of cats may be achieved by spaying and neutering, but their proliferation and the abandonment of nets has resulted in large numbers of feral cats worldwide. contributing to the extinction of bird mammal

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Movement between tasks becomes cognitively expensive

[illegible]

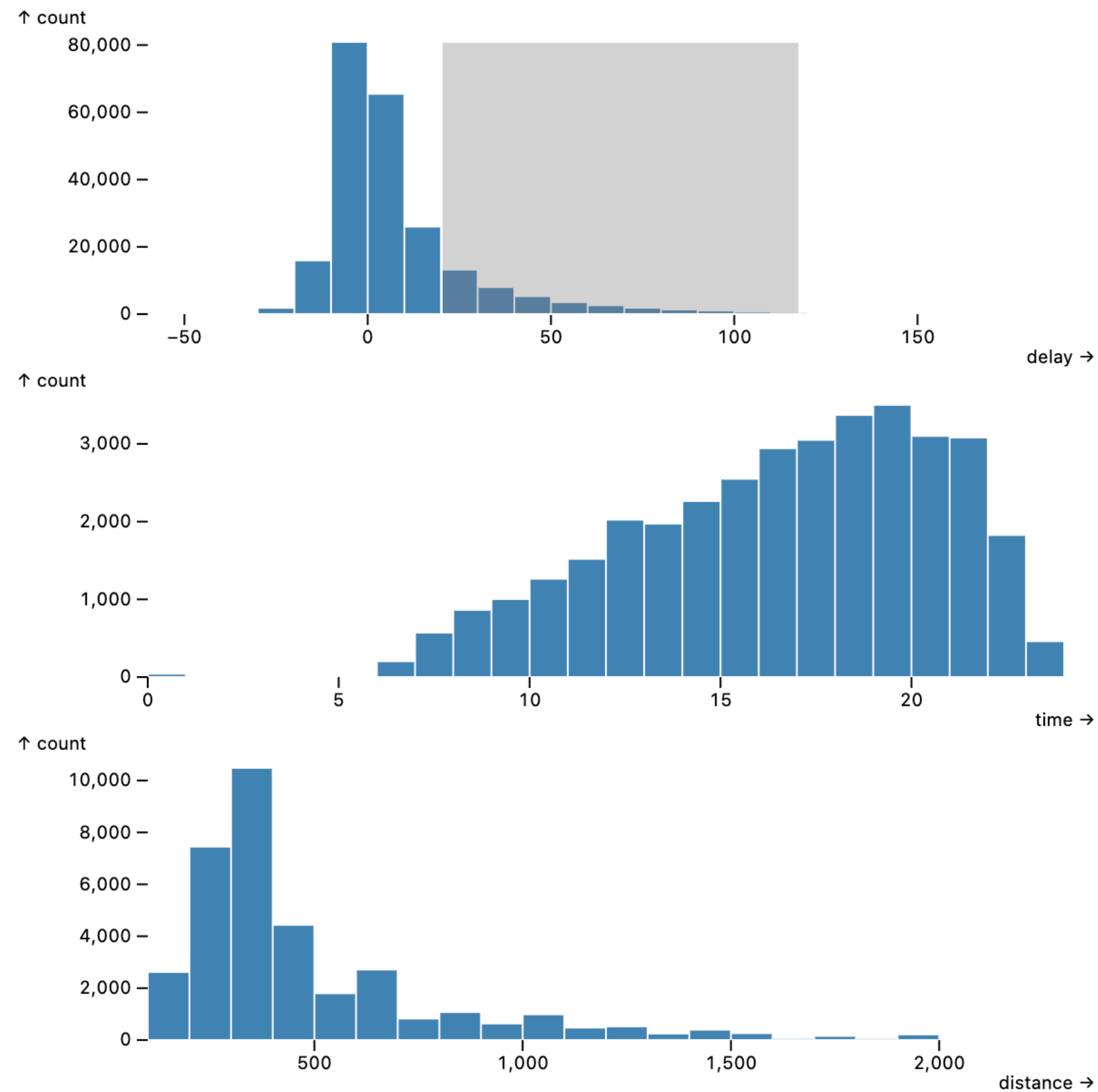
Auditory processing struggles with *dual-task* paradigms*

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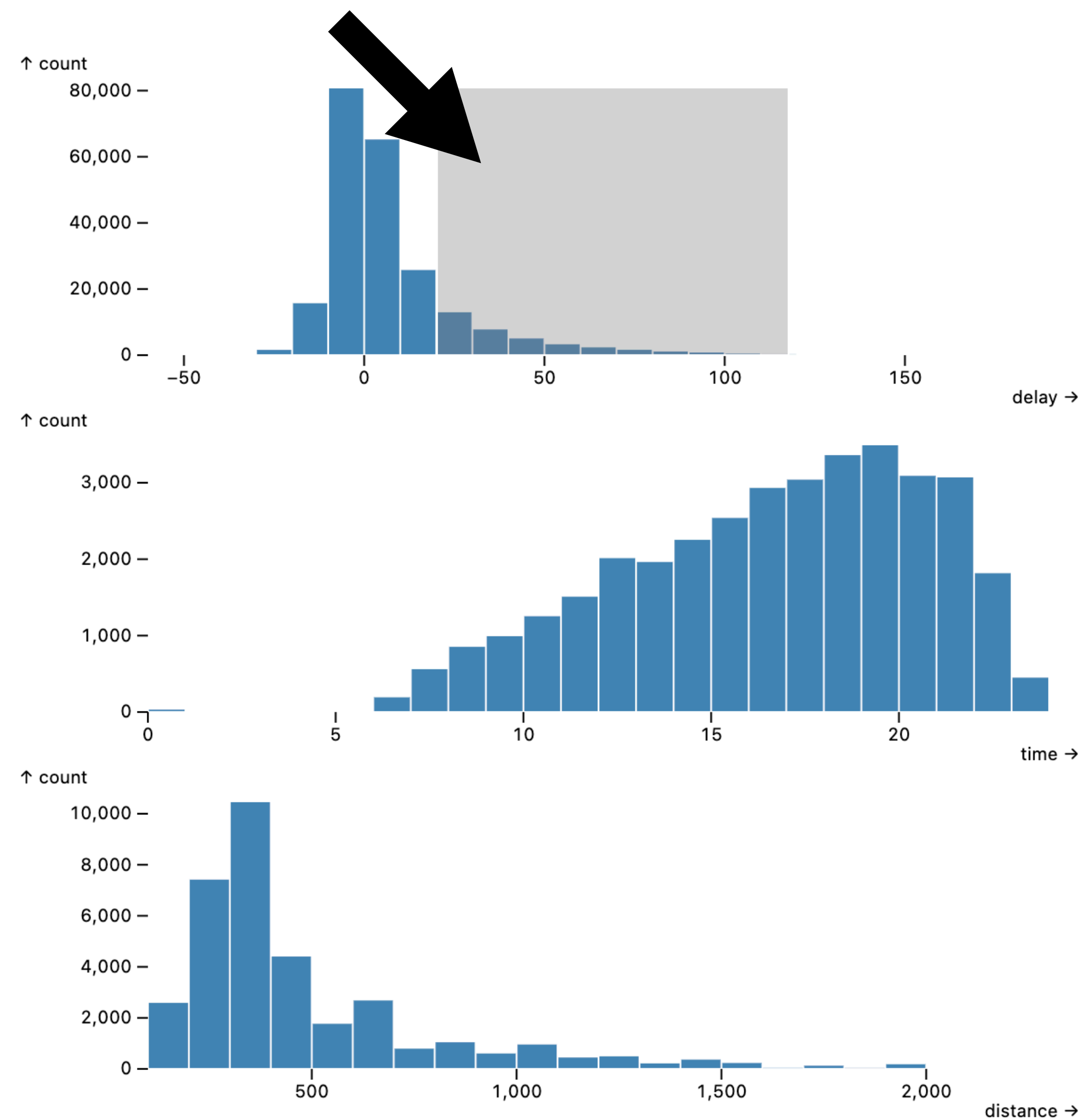
So what about cross-filtering?

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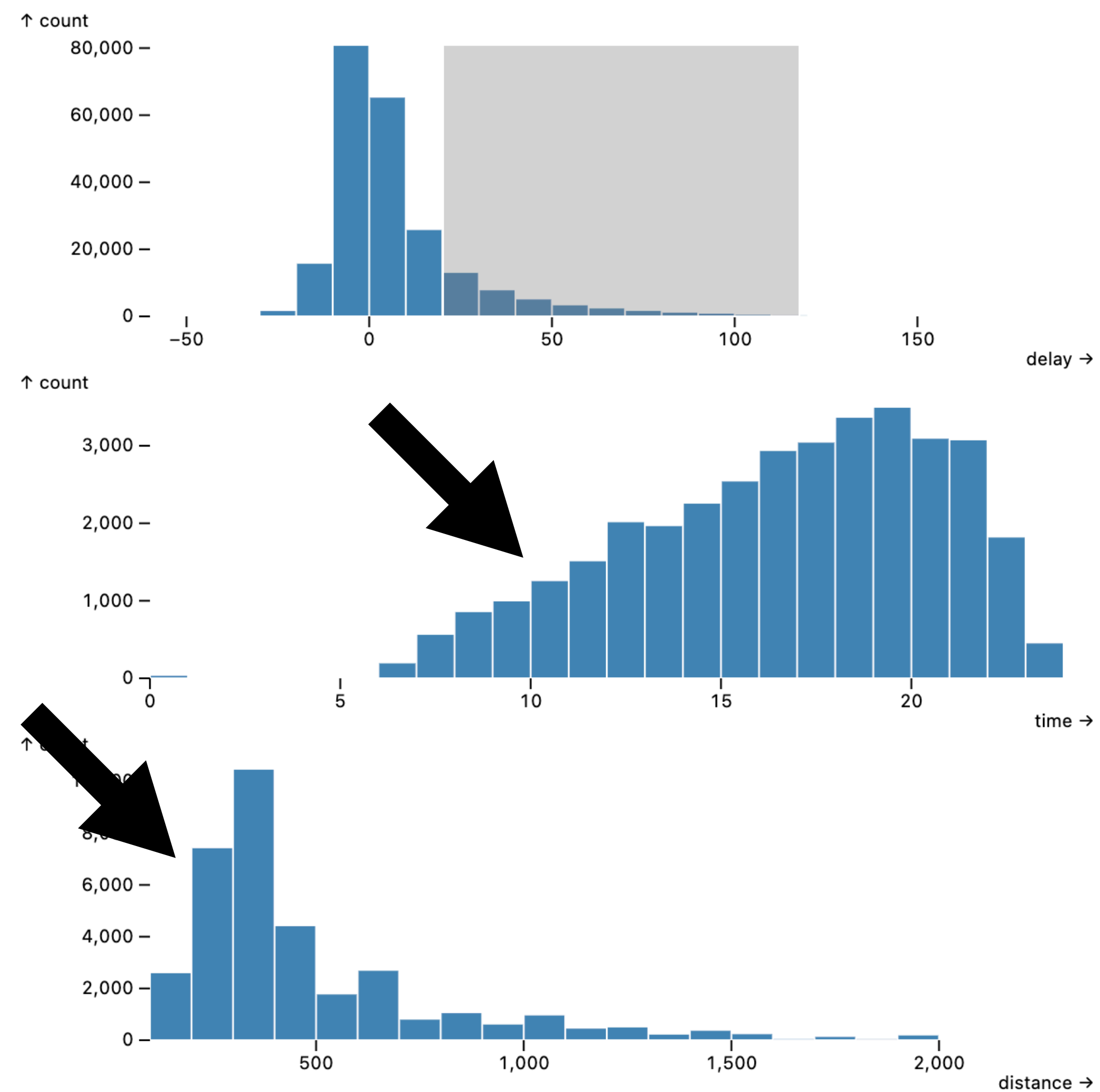
So what about cross-filtering?



Interaction in one space...



Produces simultaneous, coordinated change in another.



For blind users, descriptions, structural navigation, and sonifications will likely *not* solve this challenge.

Preliminary research question:

How do blind people interact with *multiple* tactile media simultaneously?

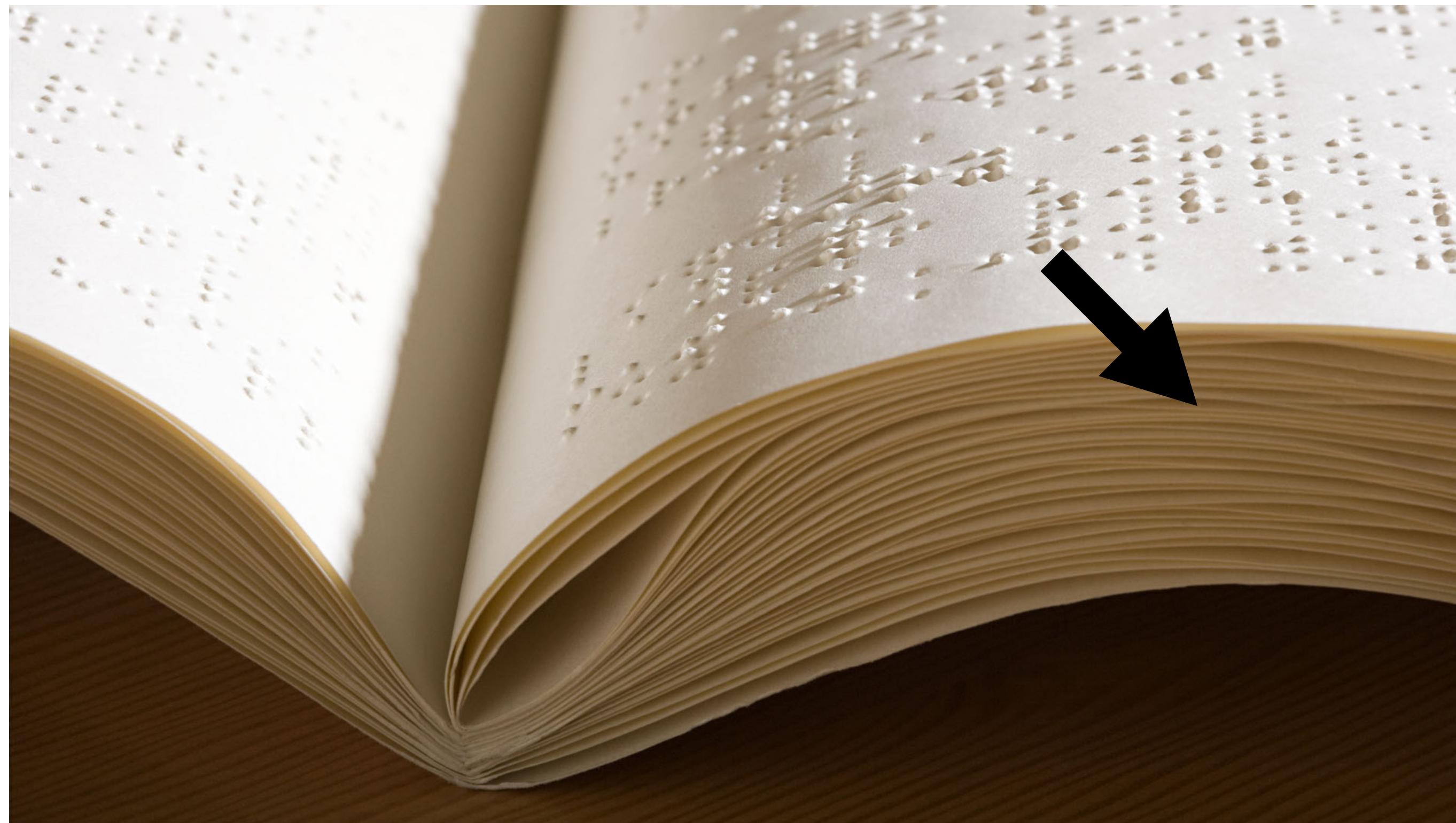
Observing: Embossed braille in a research context



[Image source](#)

Observation 1: Spatial memory storage

My friend didn't remember the details of a math equation exactly, but he knew *where* that equation was located in his stack of braille pages and *where* on the page the equation was.



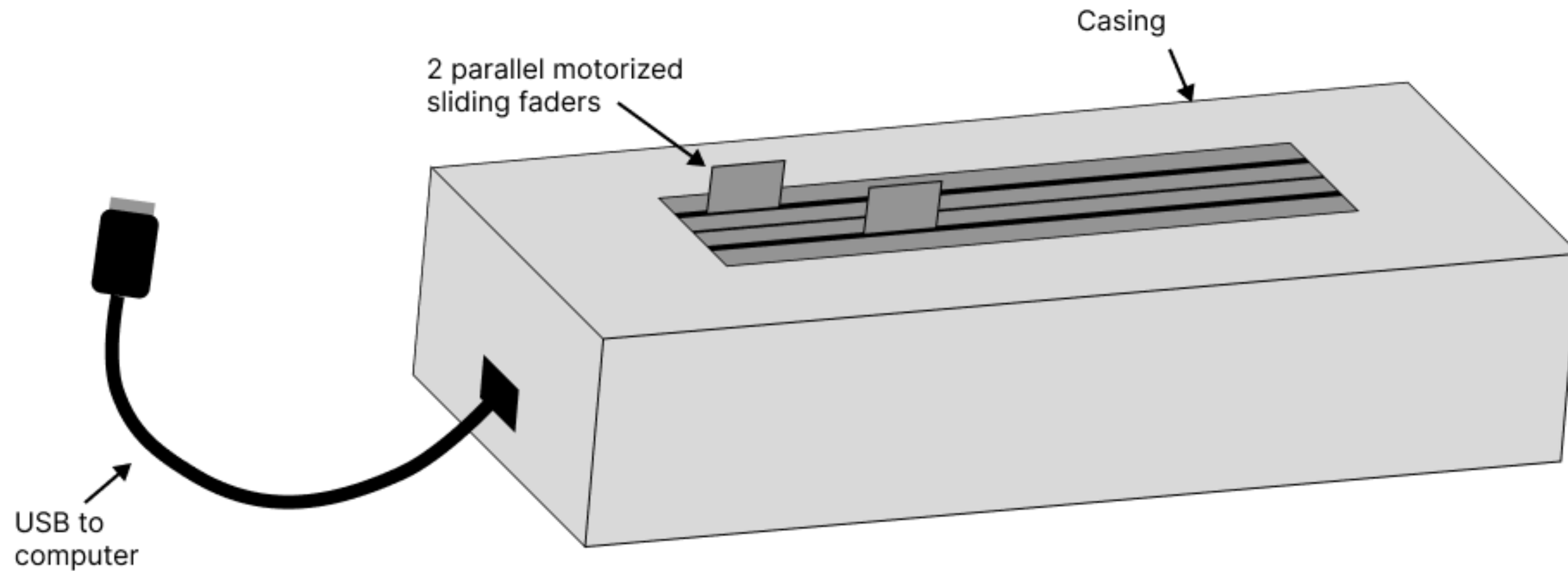
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Observation 2: Coordinating perception and comparison

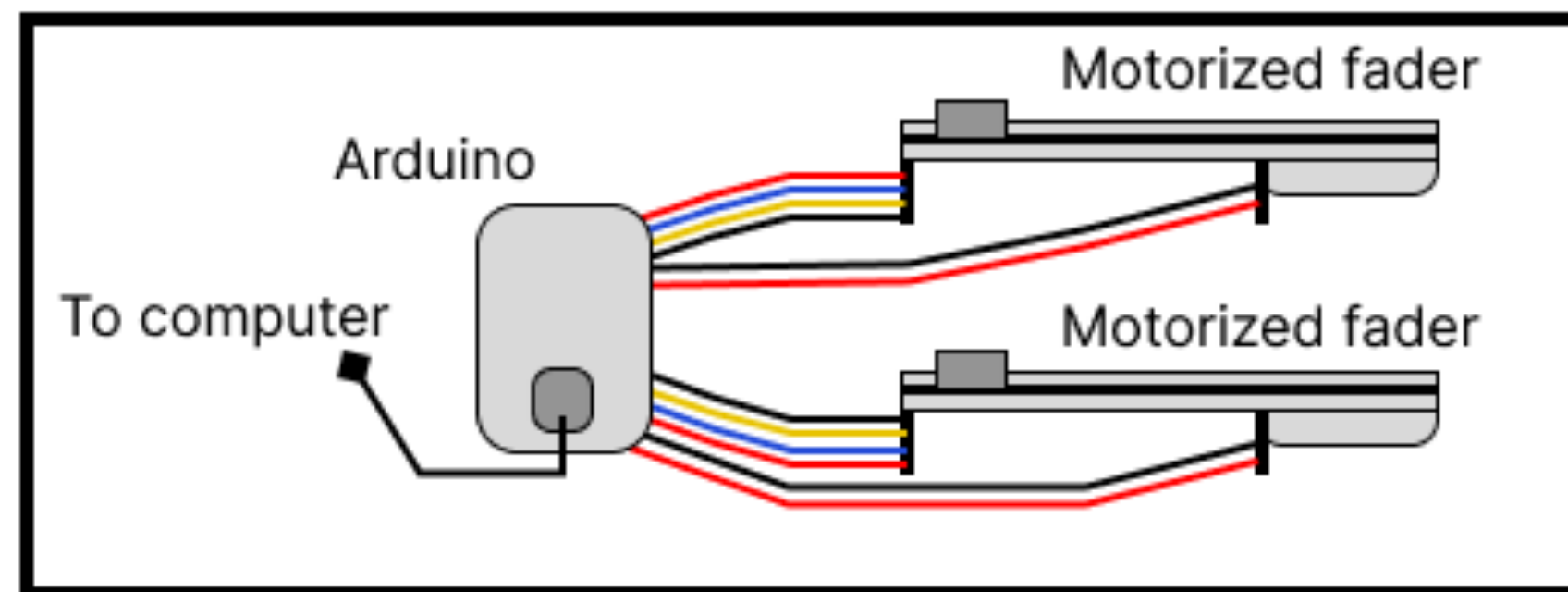
He then compared 2 equations at once. The details of each weren't important. He was *feeling* for differences simultaneously.



Prototype 2: the *cross-feelter*, 2 motorized faders



Schematic

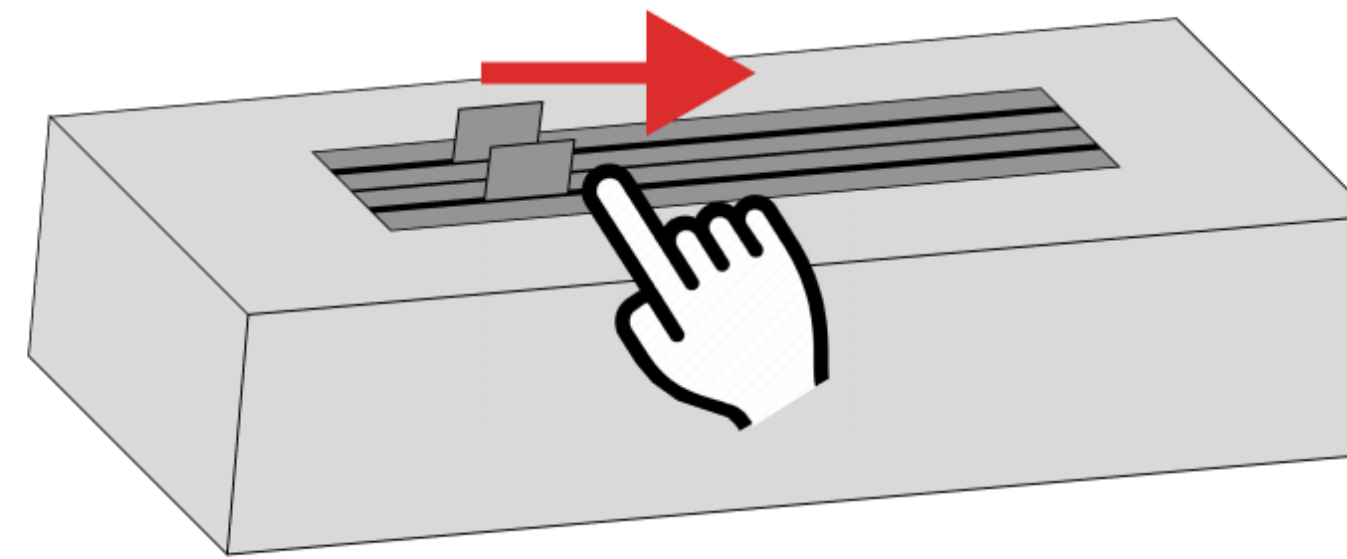


One slider can work with video

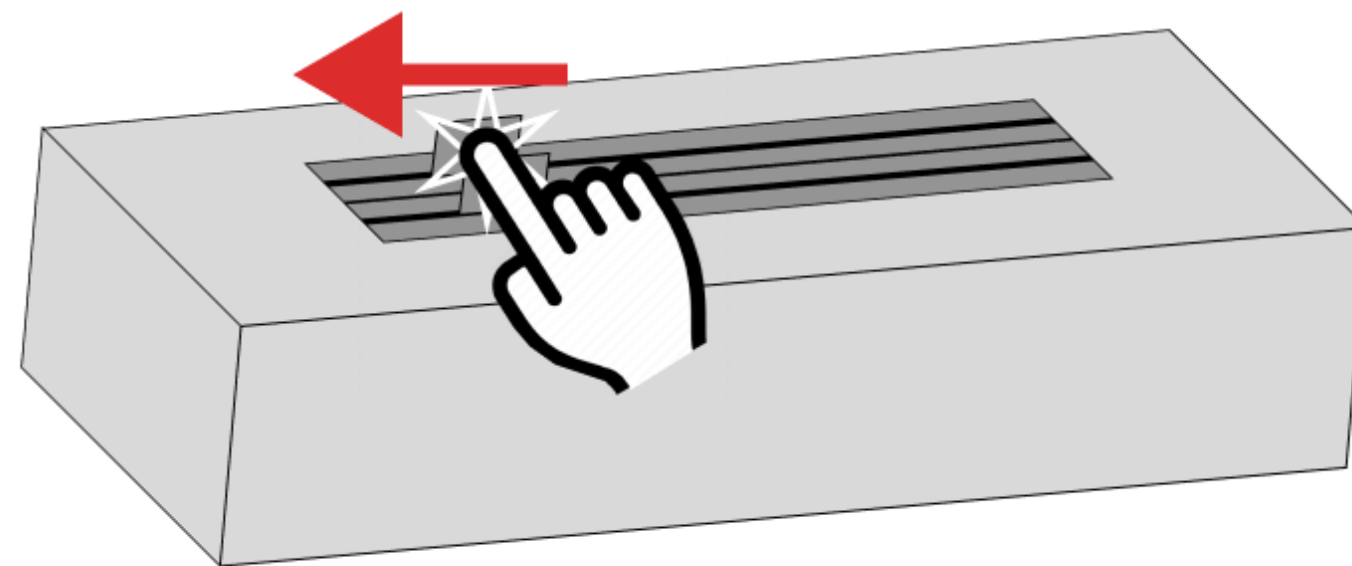
1. Video plays with progress slider moving



2. Slider follows, can be felt



3. User can move slider

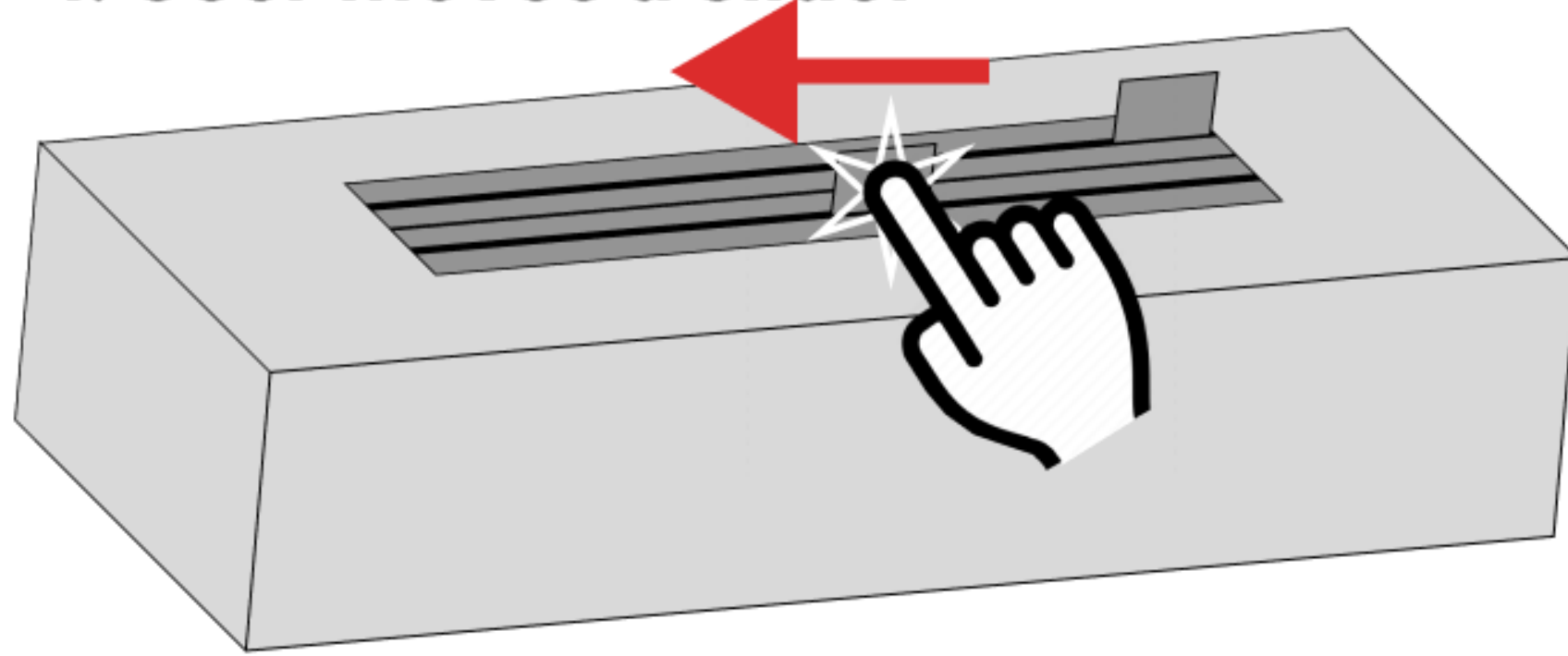


4. Video slider will move with slider change

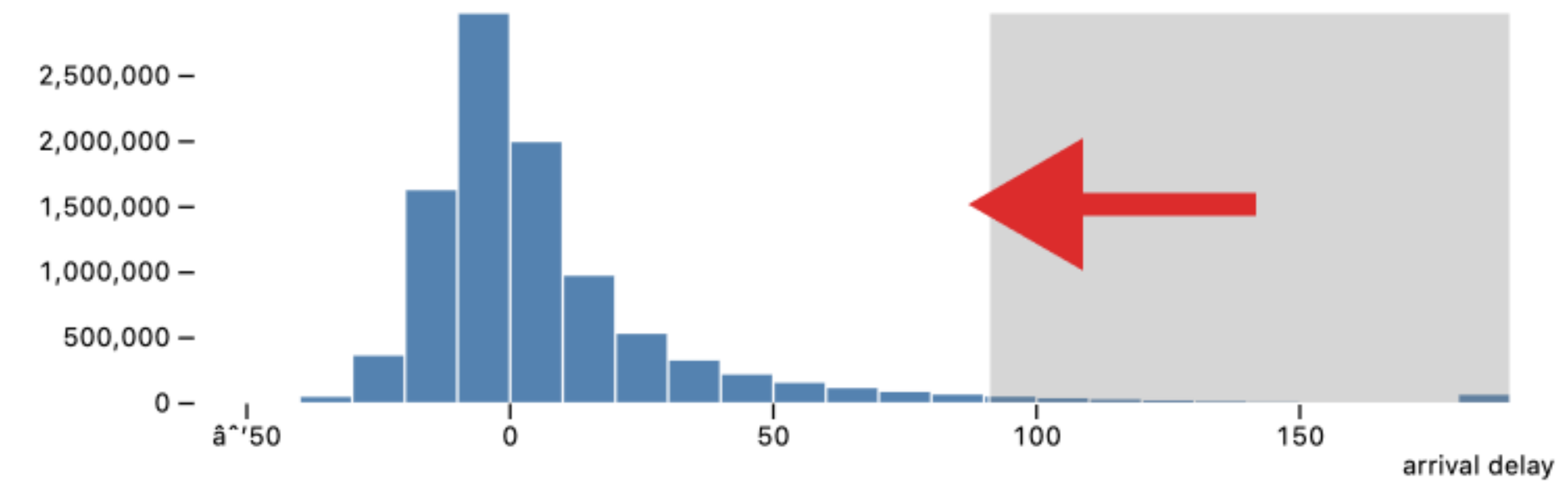


While 2 sliders works for cross-filtering

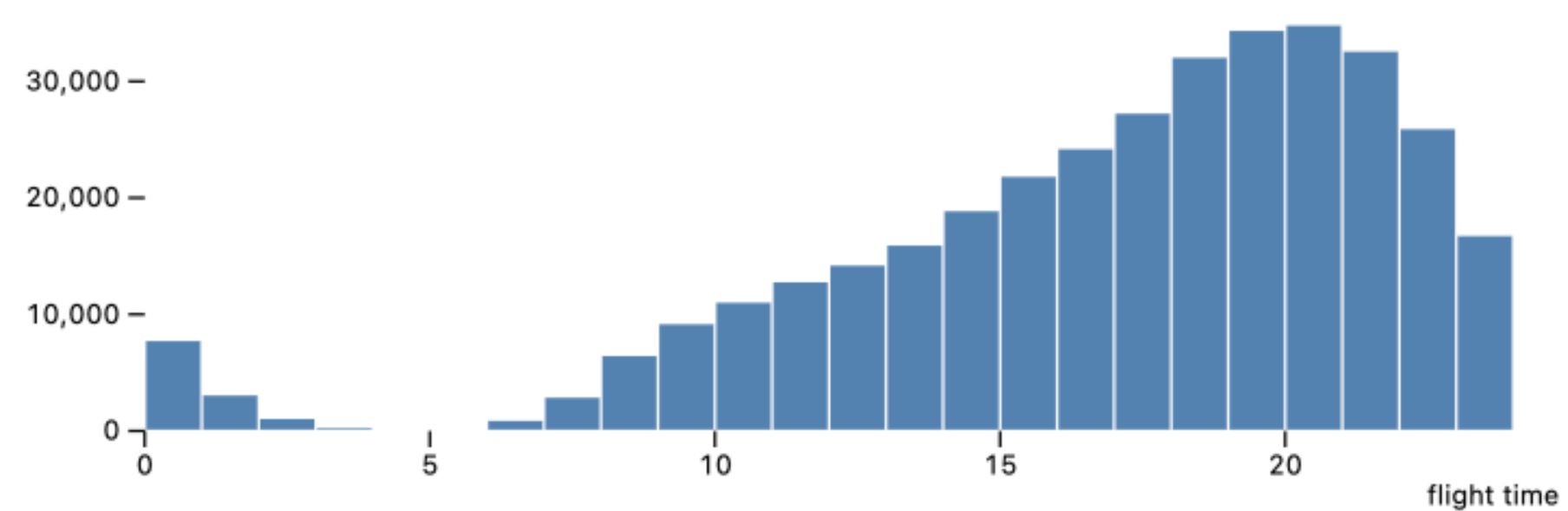
1. User moves a slider



2. Corresponding filter edge moves with

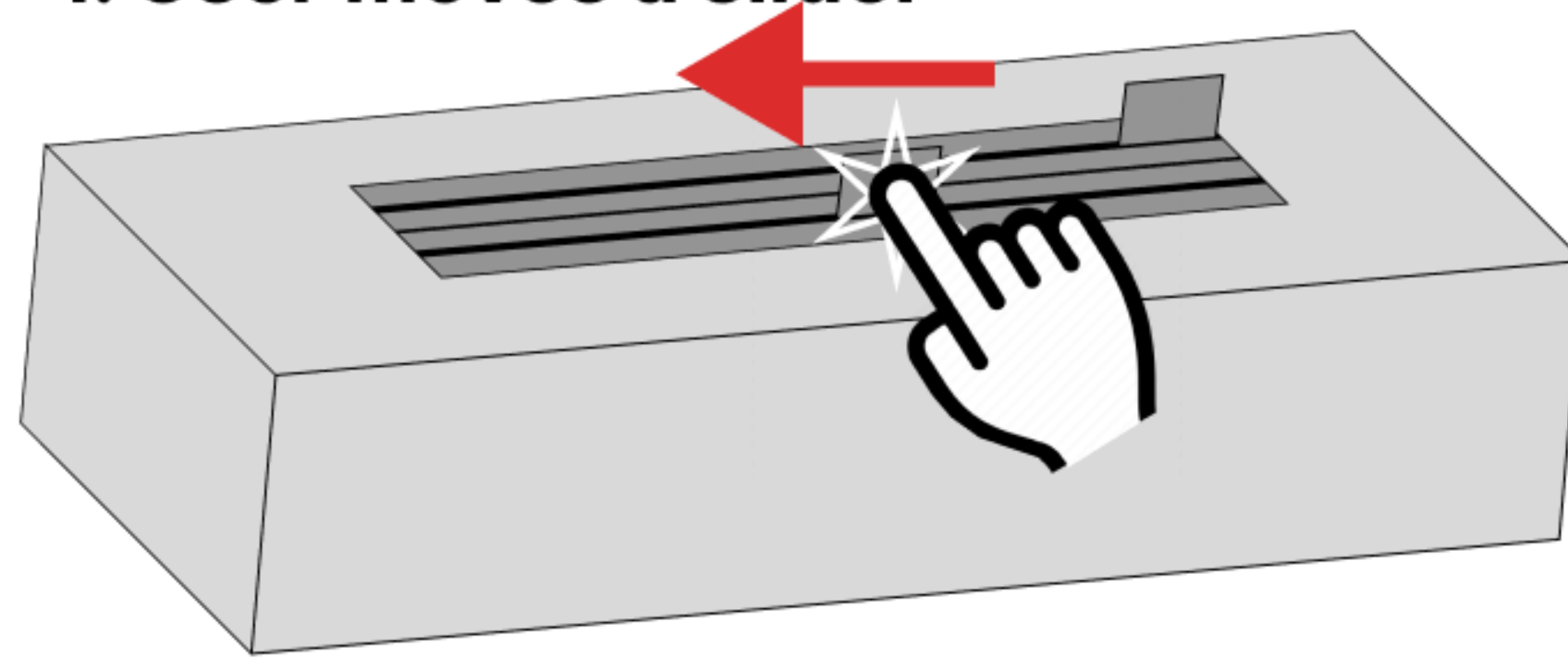


3. Secondary visualization updates

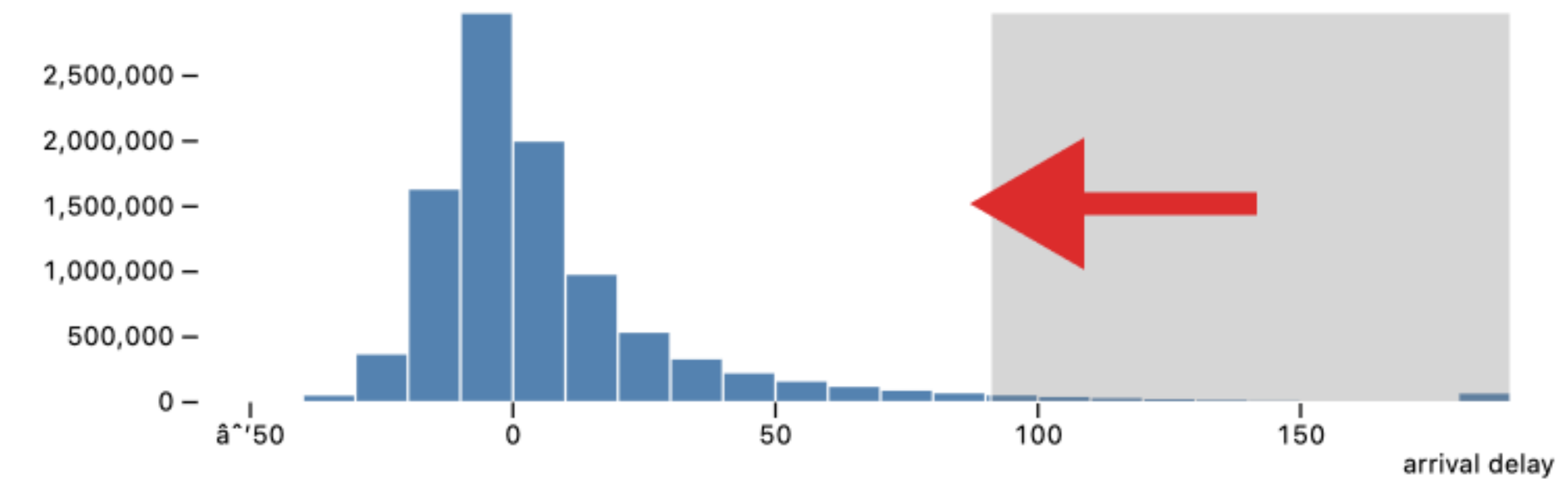


A tactile display can render the input or output chart

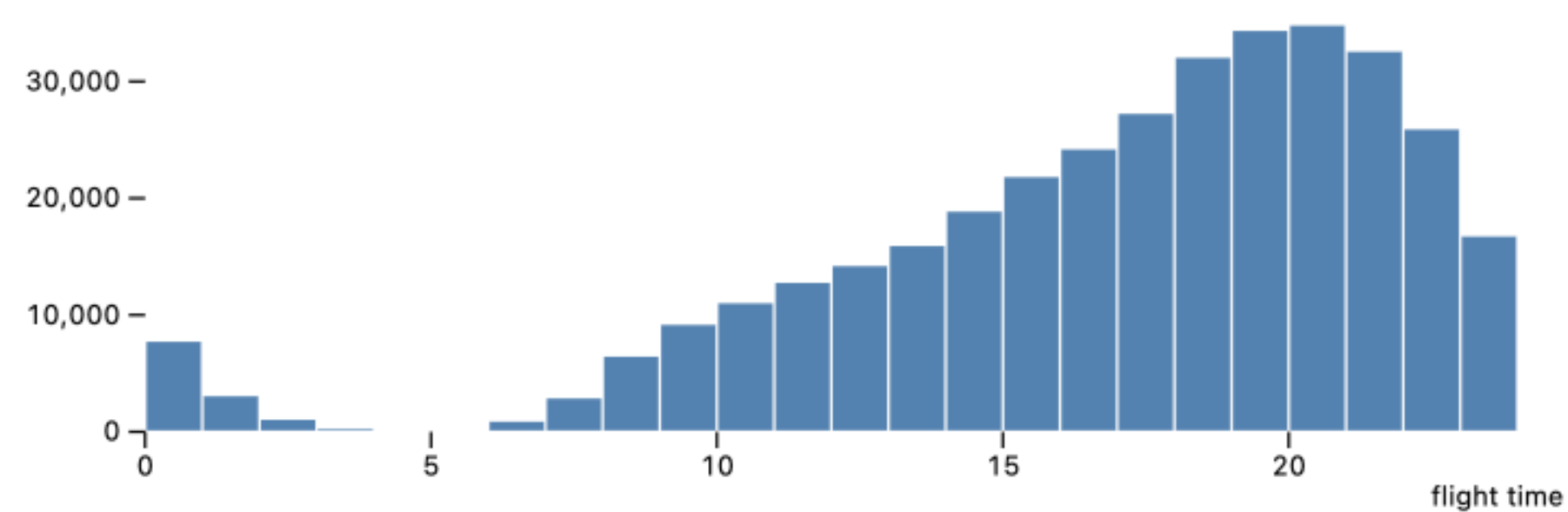
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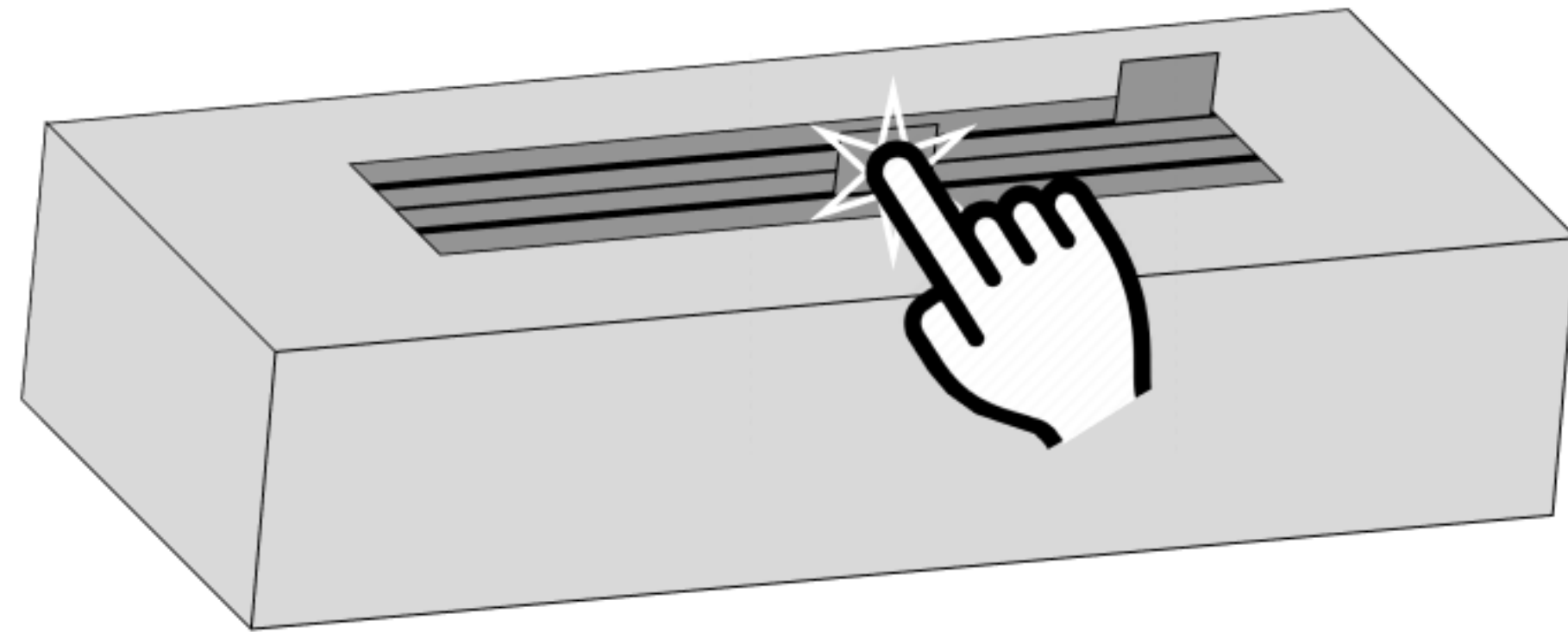


4. Tactile display renders



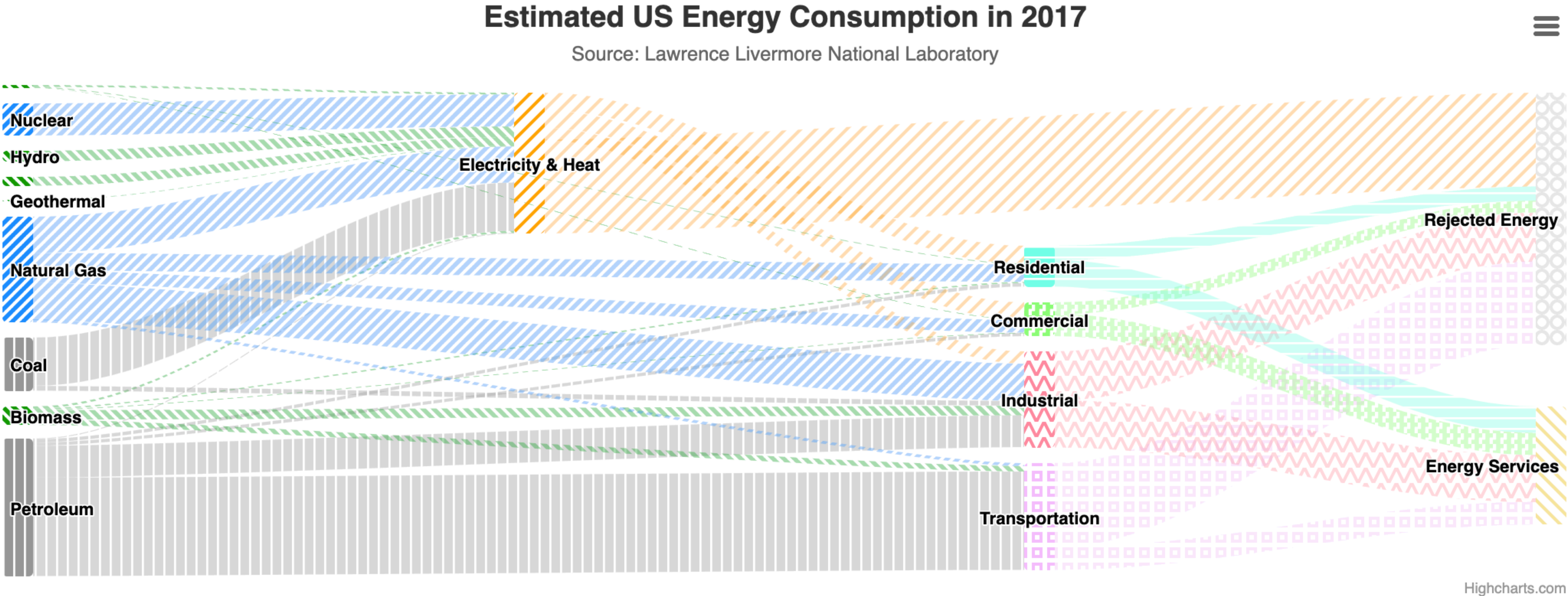
Cross-coordination! A tactile, dual-task paradigm.

User can interact with a space separate from their current focus!



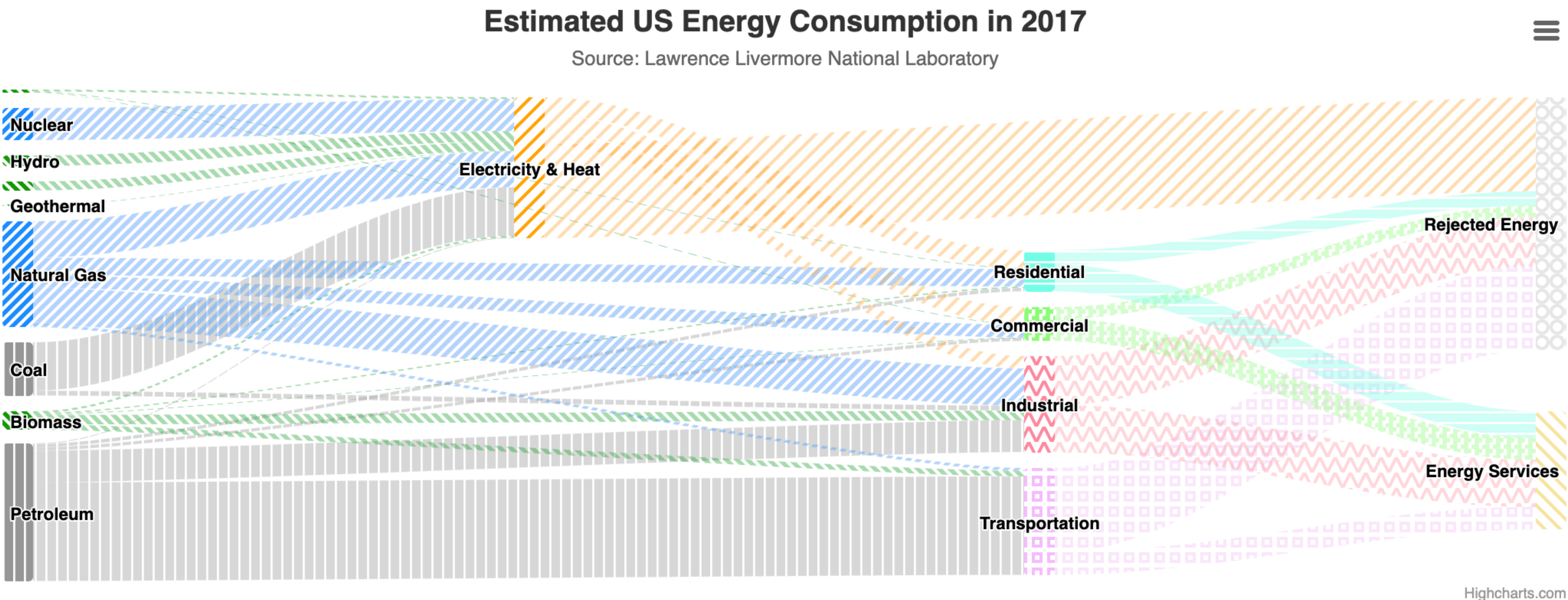
Problem 2: Access Friction is
when accessibility for someone
produces a barrier for others

What about this is accessible? Why?



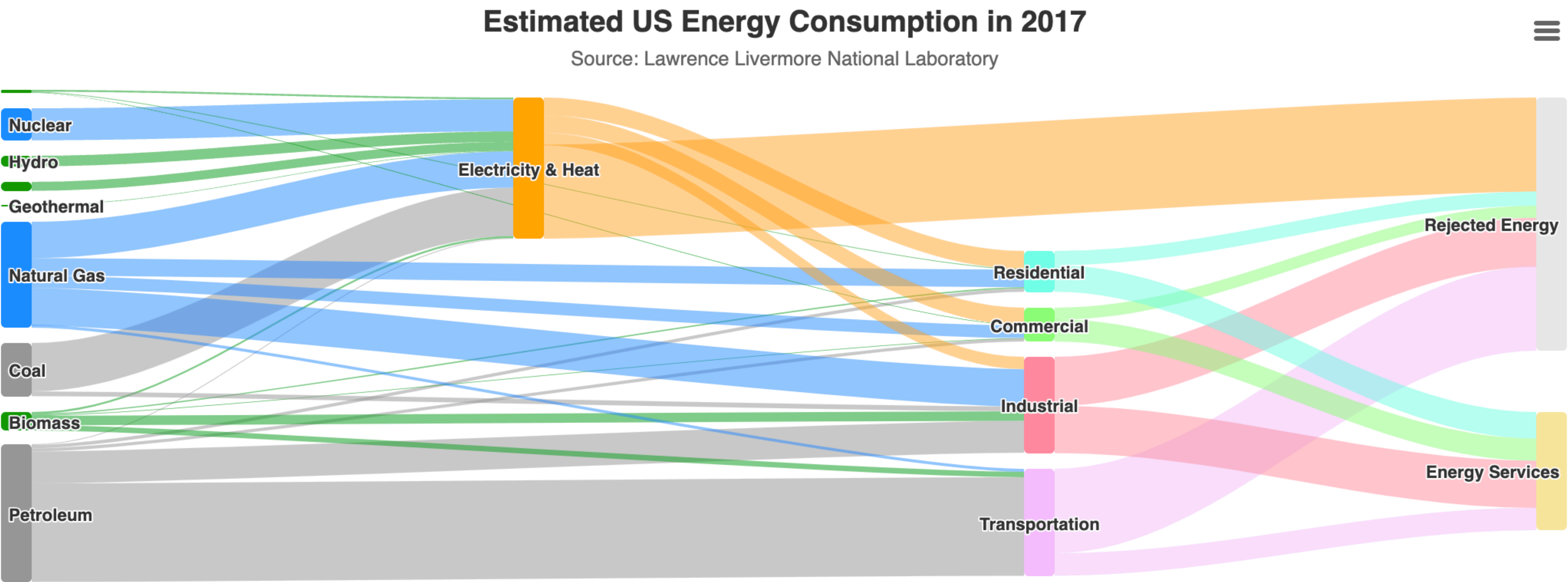
Sankey charts are used to visualize data flow and volume between nodes. The wider lines indicate larger volumes.

What about this might be a barrier? Why?



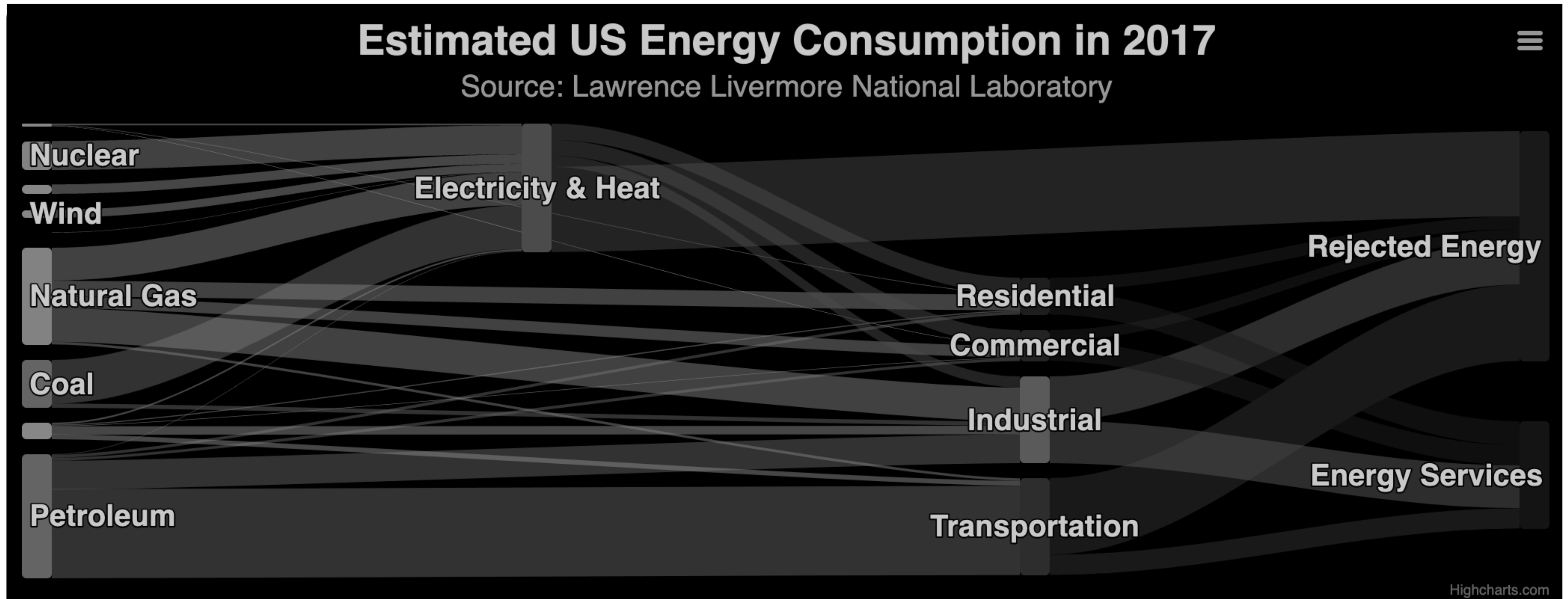
Sankey charts are used to visualize data flow and volume between nodes. The wider lines indicate larger volumes.

What about this now might be a barrier?



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So some folks use tools to hack what they want



Sankey charts are used to visualize data flow and volume between nodes. The wider lines indicate larger volumes.

What if we *let* users hack the design?

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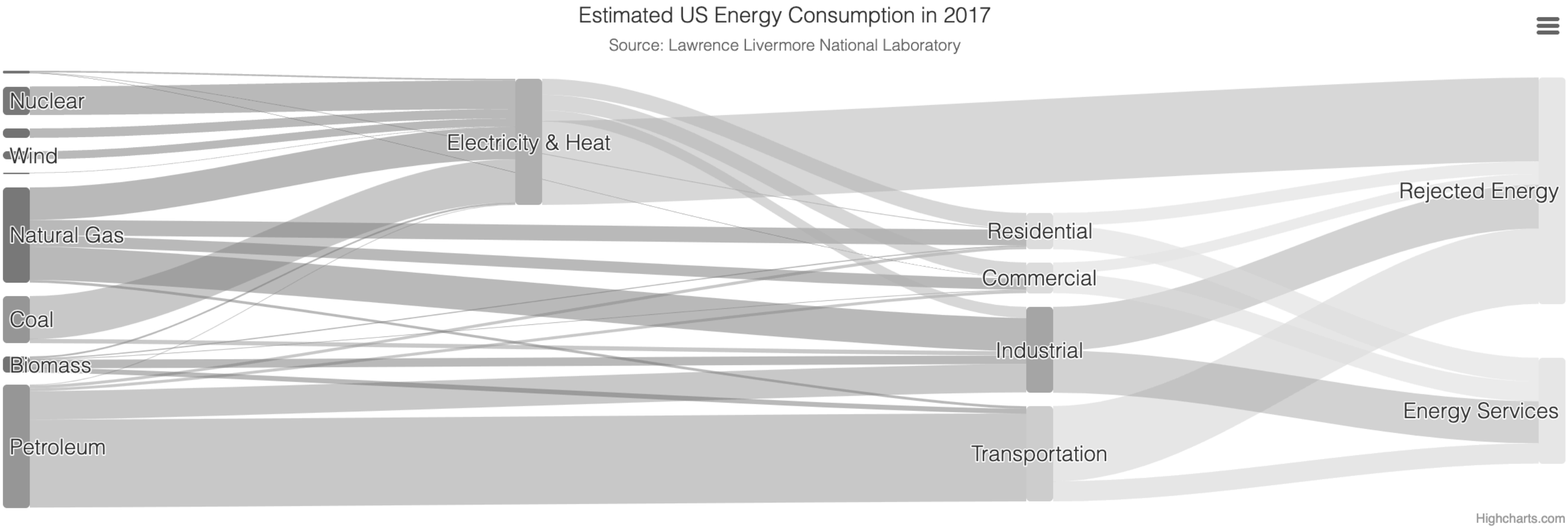
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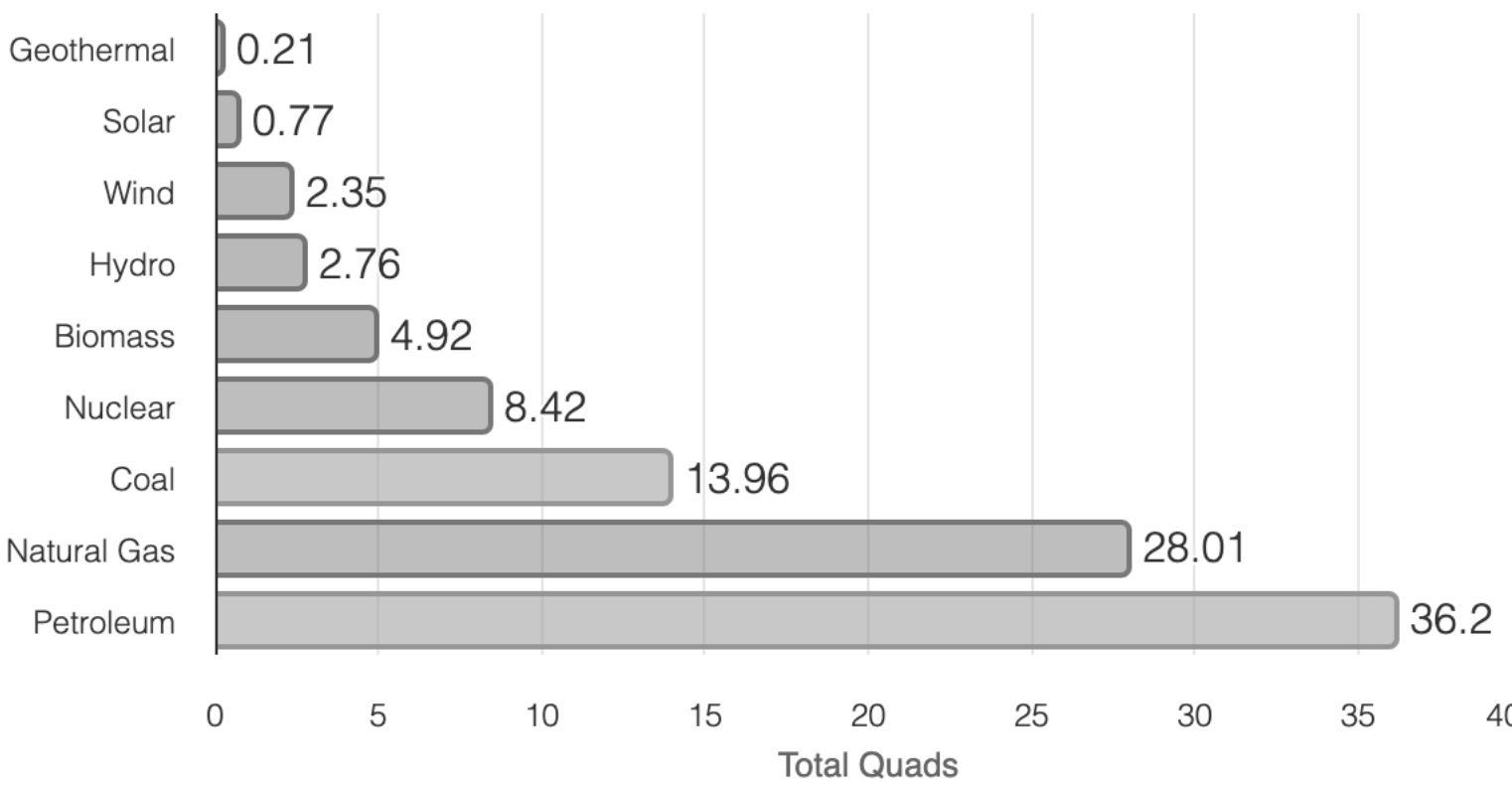
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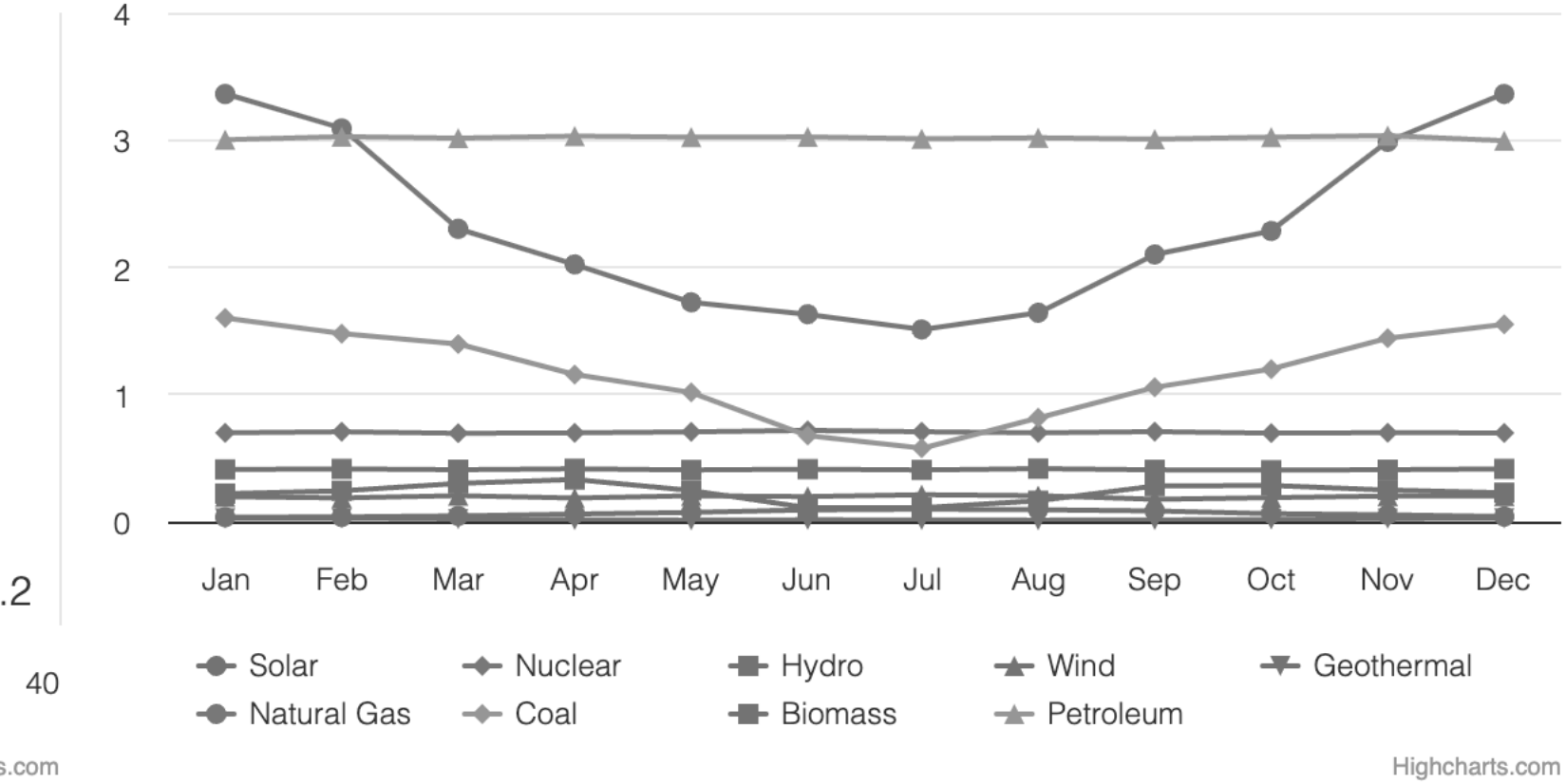
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