

# Visualization Design and Redesign

CS 448B | Fall 2024

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## ASSIGNMENT 2: EXP. DATA ANALYSIS

**Due 10/14 10:30am**

Use **Tableau** or **Vega-Lite** to formulate & answer data questions

### First steps

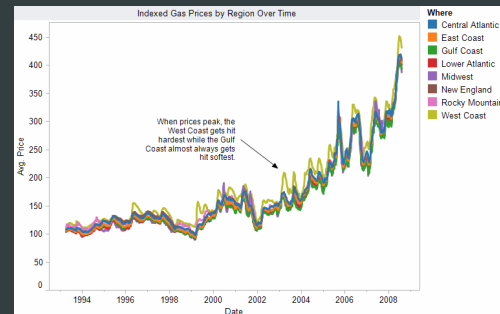
- Step 1: Pick domain & data
- Step 2: Pose questions
- Step 3: Profile data
- Iterate as needed

### Create visualizations

- See different views of data
- Refine questions

### Author a report

- Screenshots of most insightful views (8+)
- Include titles and captions for each view



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## ASSIGNMENT 2: Tableau vs. Vega-Lite

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### Tableau

- Drag-and-drop interface with additional advanced options
- Requires student license for installation (request license ASAP)
- Cameron will be hosting an intro tutorial Friday
- Zoom link is on Canvas & course website

### Vega-Lite

- Refer back to week 1 & 2 notebooks
- Learn ahead with week 3 notebooks
- Visit OH to check your answers

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## A1 REVIEW

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## DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

**Guides: Title, labels, legend, captions, source!**

### **Expressiveness and Effectiveness**

- Express the facts and only the facts
- Avoid unexpressive marks (lines? gradients?)
- Use perceptually effective encodings that match data type
- Don't distract: use faint gridlines, pastel highlights/fills
- The "elimination diet" approach – start minimal

### **Support comparison and pattern perception**

- Between elements, to a reference line, or to counts
- Use reader-friendly units and labels

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## DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

**Group / sort data by meaningful dimensions**

**Transform data (e.g., filter, log, normalize)**

Are model choices (regression lines) appropriate?

**Reduce cognitive overhead**

Minimize visual search, minimize ambiguity

Appropriate size, aspect ratio, legible text

Avoid legend lookups if direct labeling works

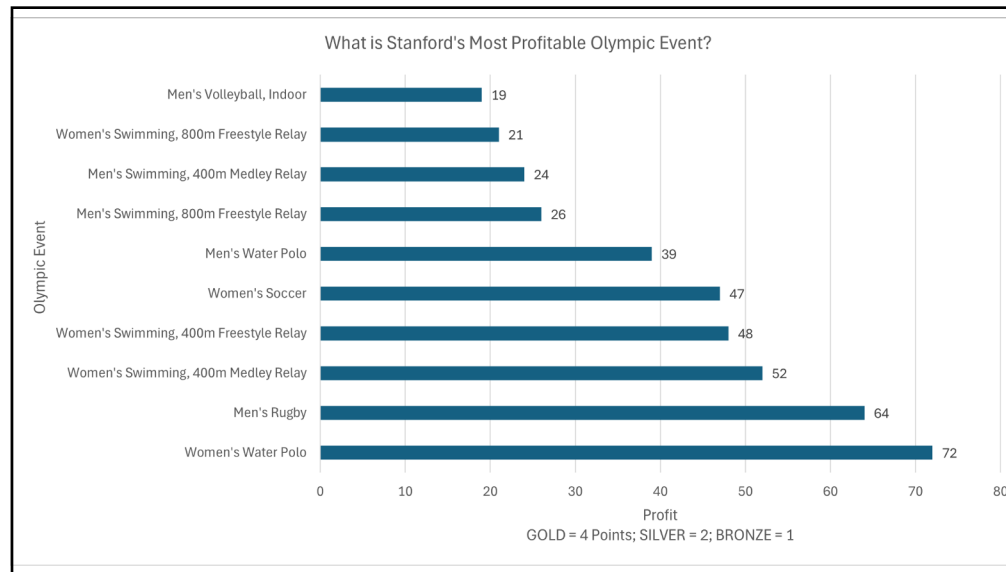
Avoid color mappings with indiscernible colors

**Be consistent!** Visual inferences should consistently support data inferences

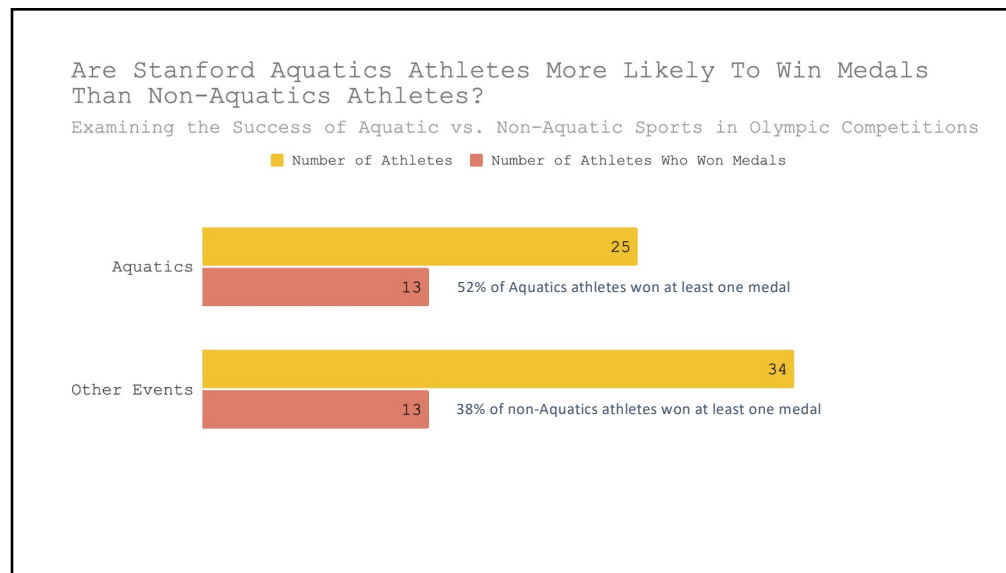
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## BAR CHARTS

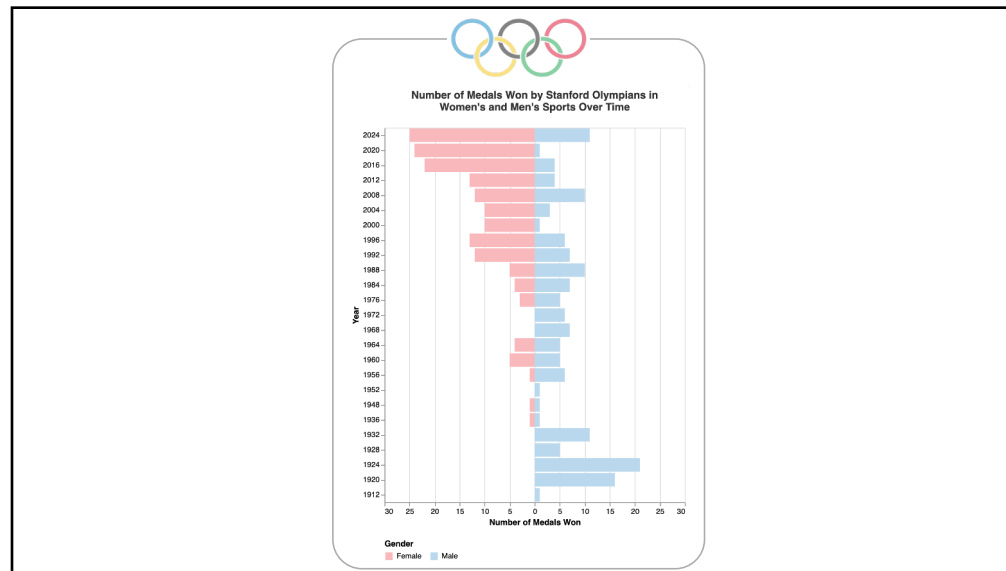
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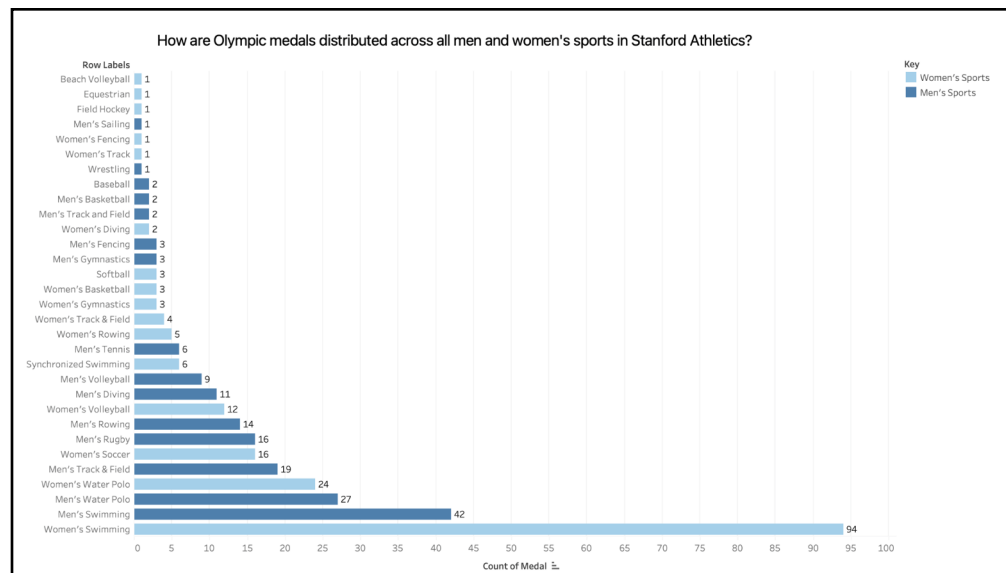
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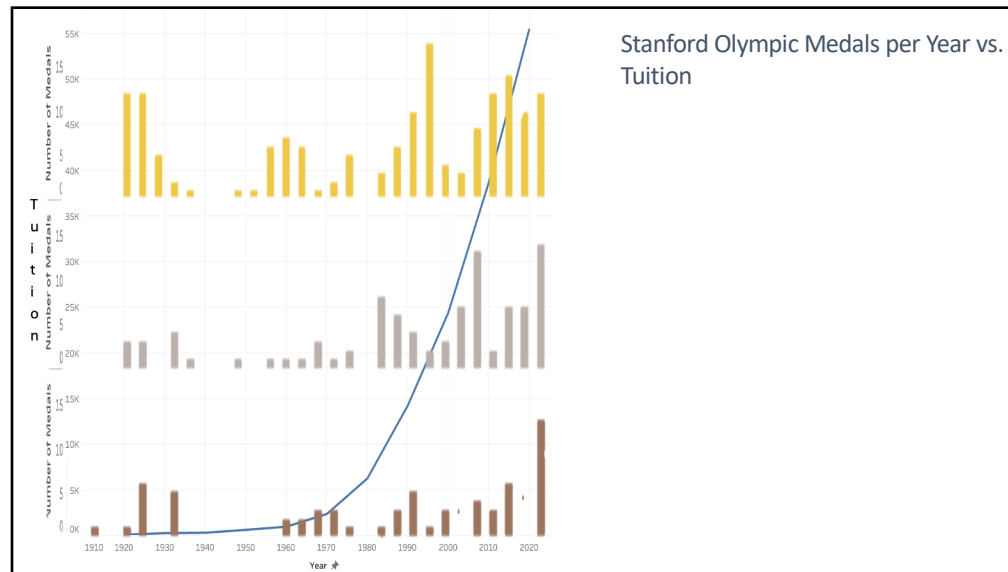
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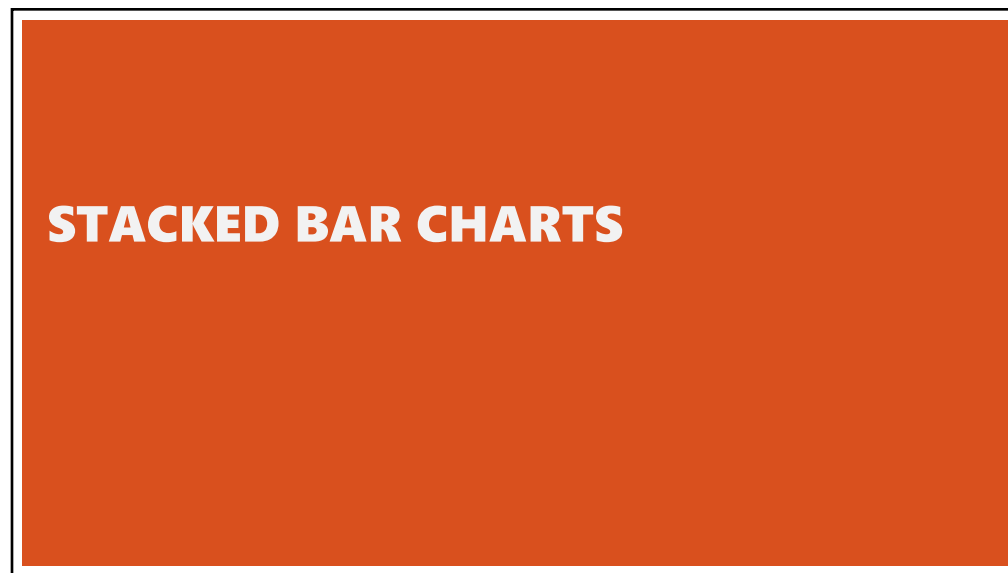
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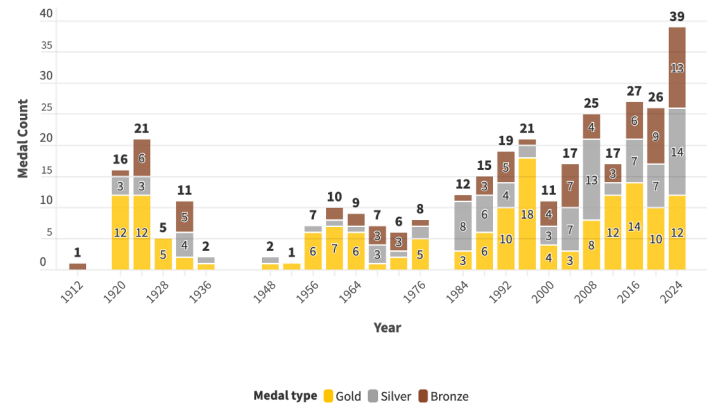
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### How many Olympic medals have Stanford athletes won throughout history?

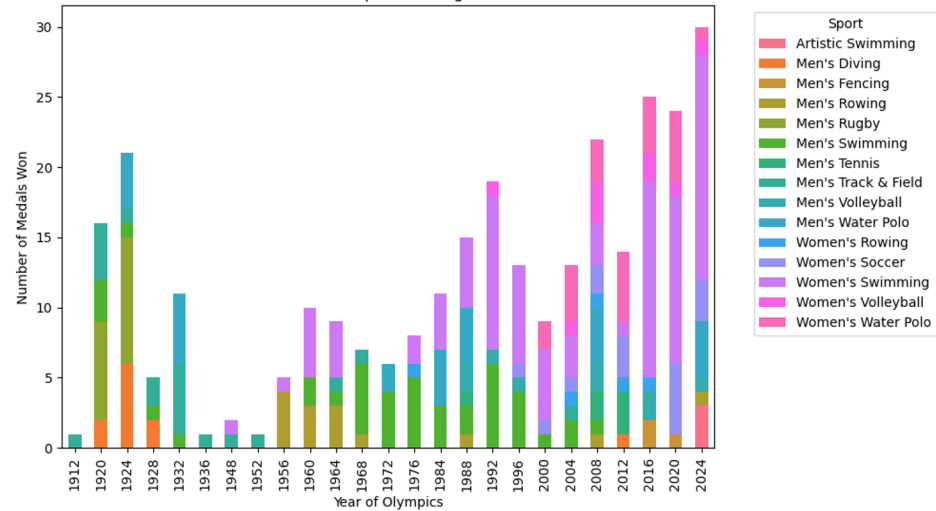
From 1912 to 2024, Stanford athletes have won 335 medals (162 gold, 93 silver and 80 bronze).



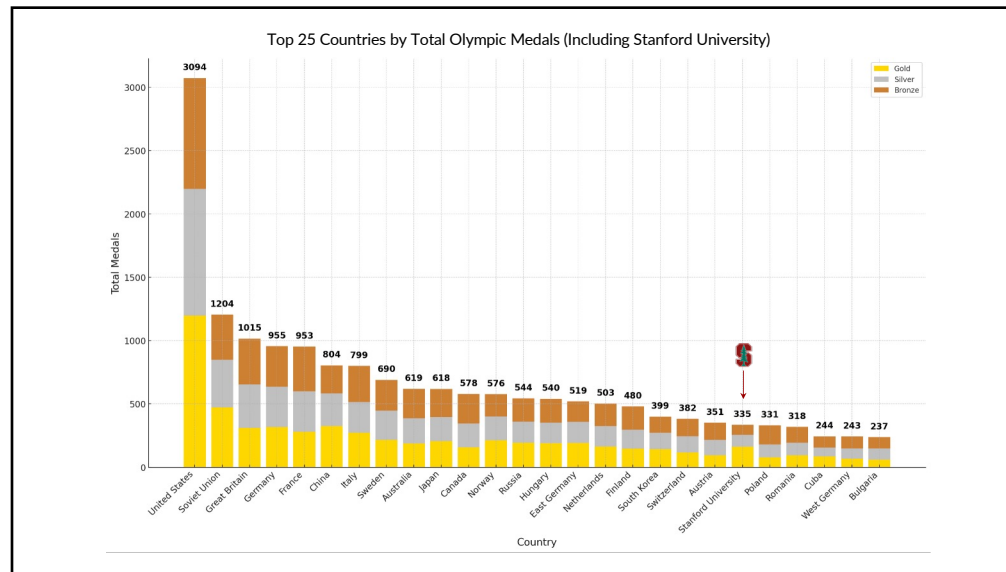
Source: Stanford Athletics • In 2000, bronze medals from ties are counted as bronze medals.

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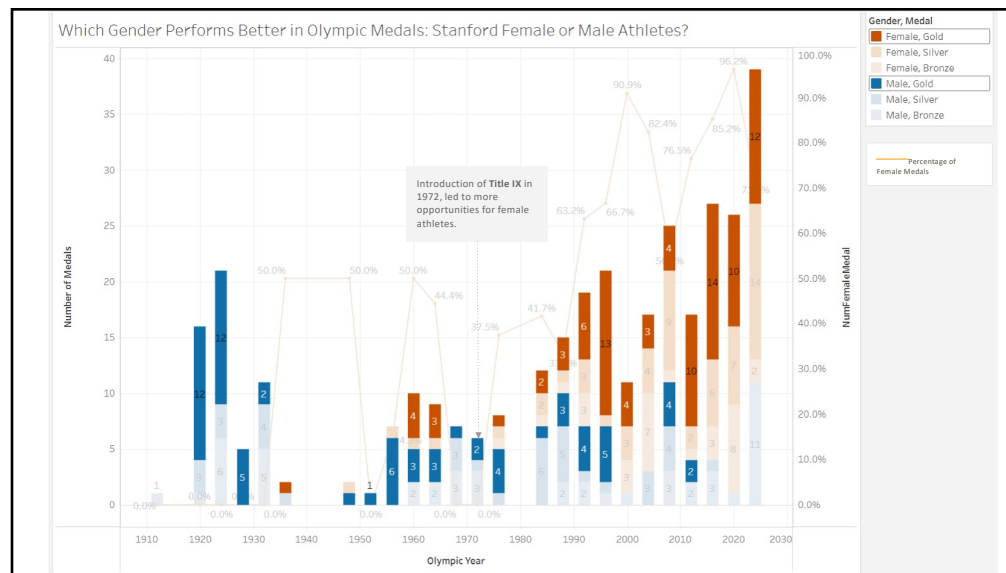
### Is Stanford's Olympic Success Driven by Consistent Prowess Across Many Sports Over Time, or Dominance in Certain Sports During Concentrated Periods of Time?



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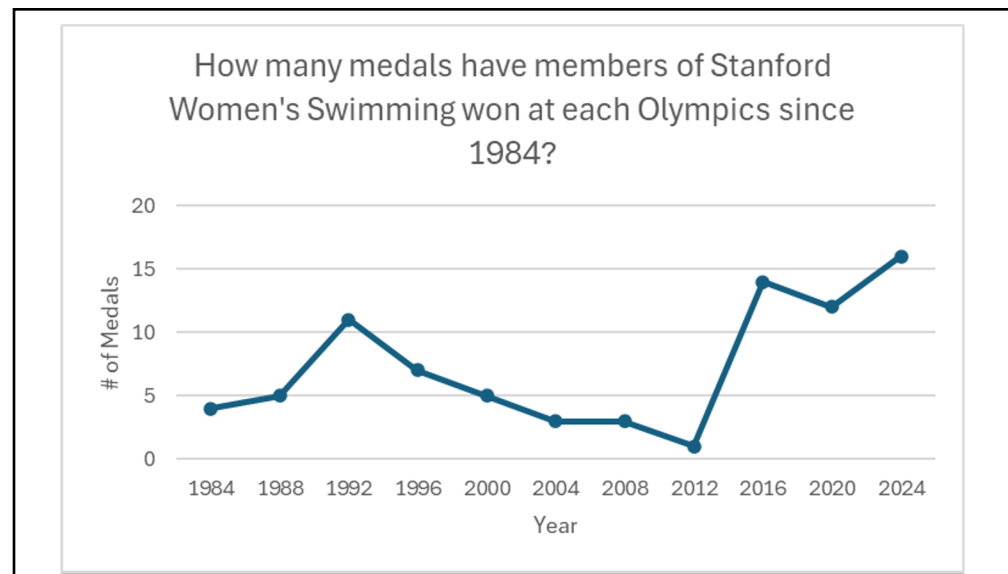
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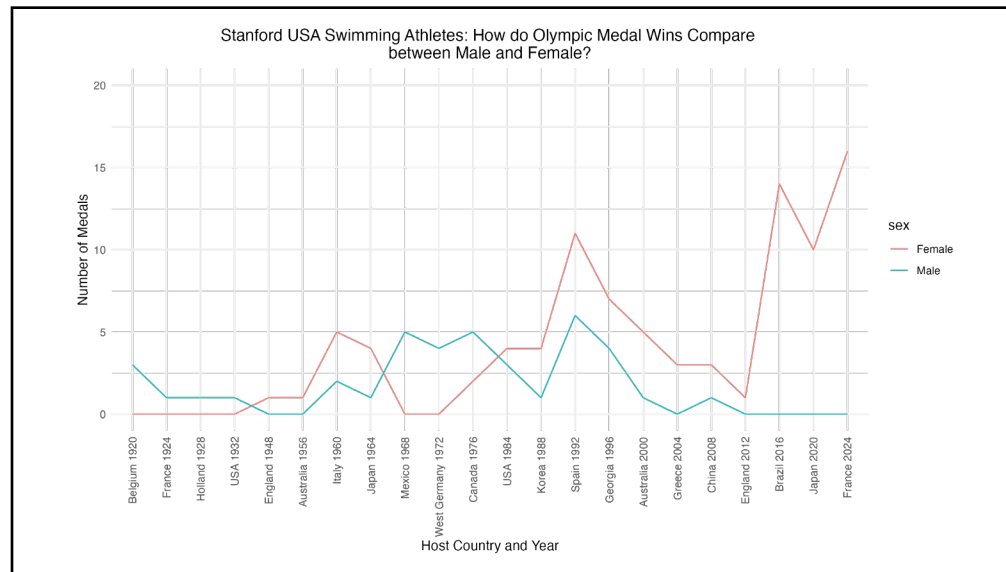
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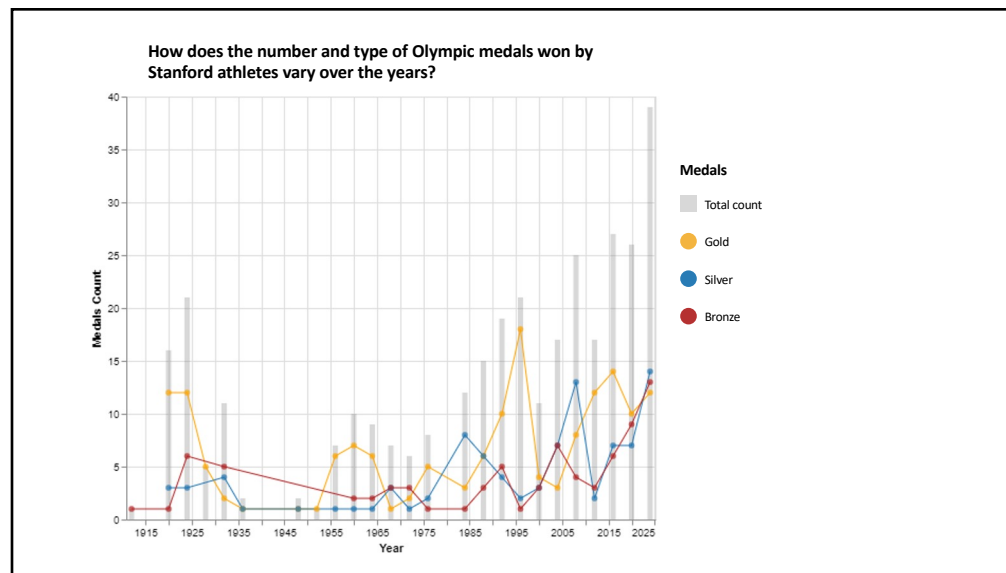
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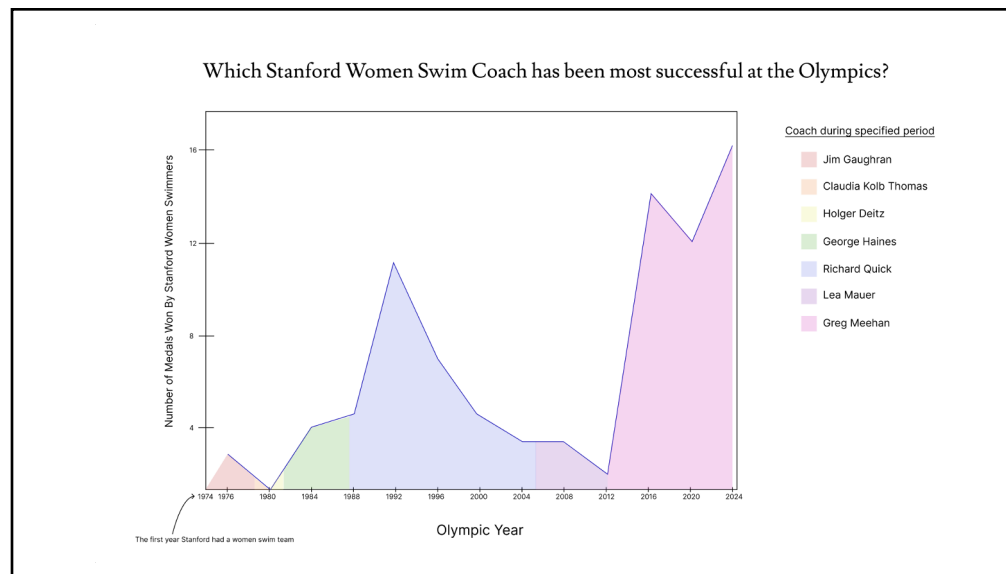
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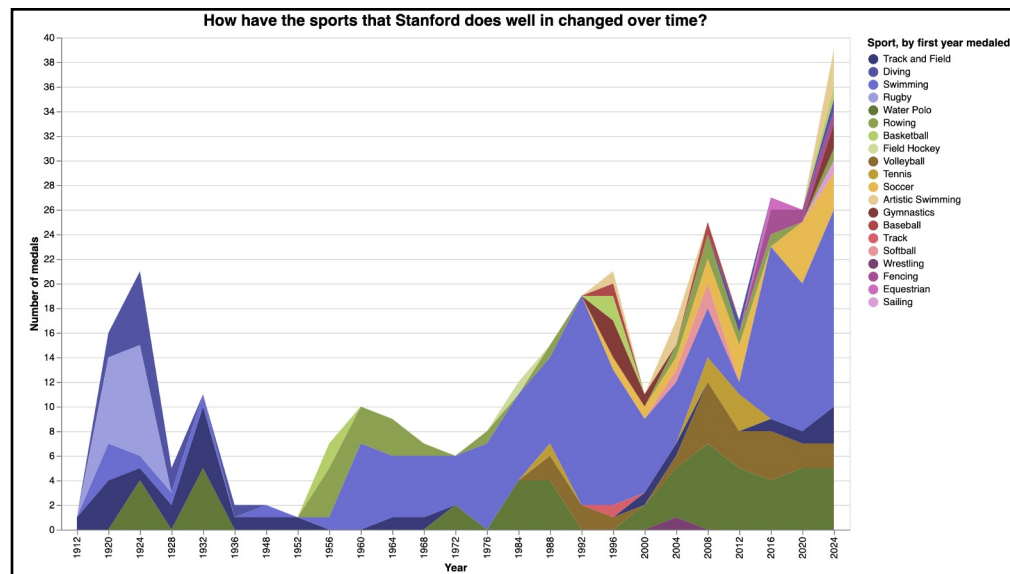
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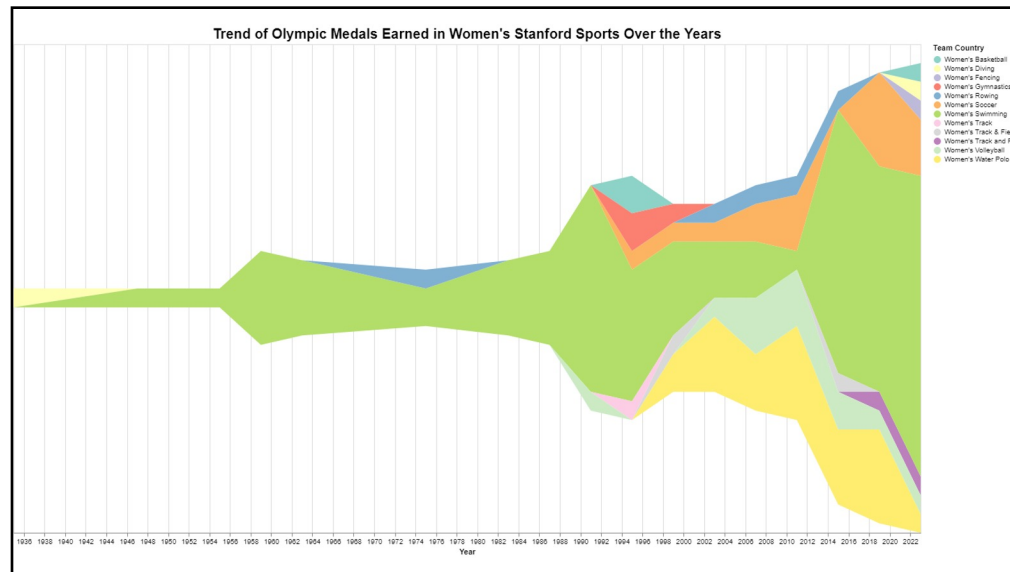
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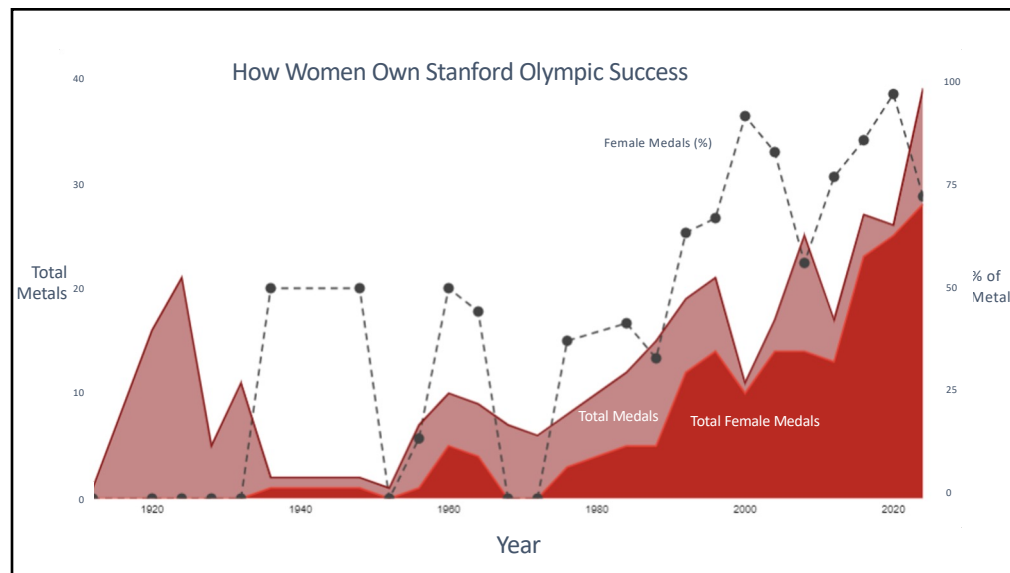
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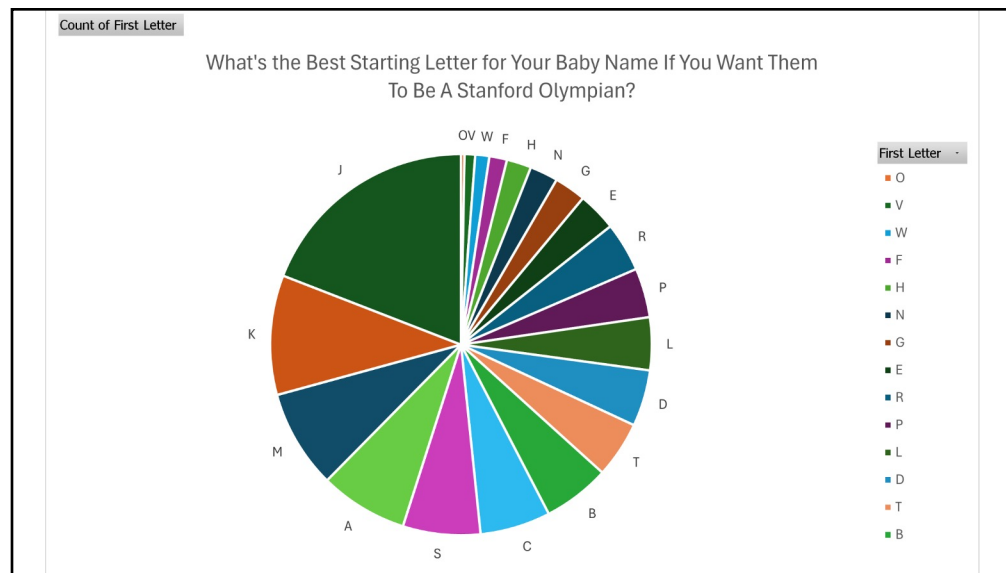
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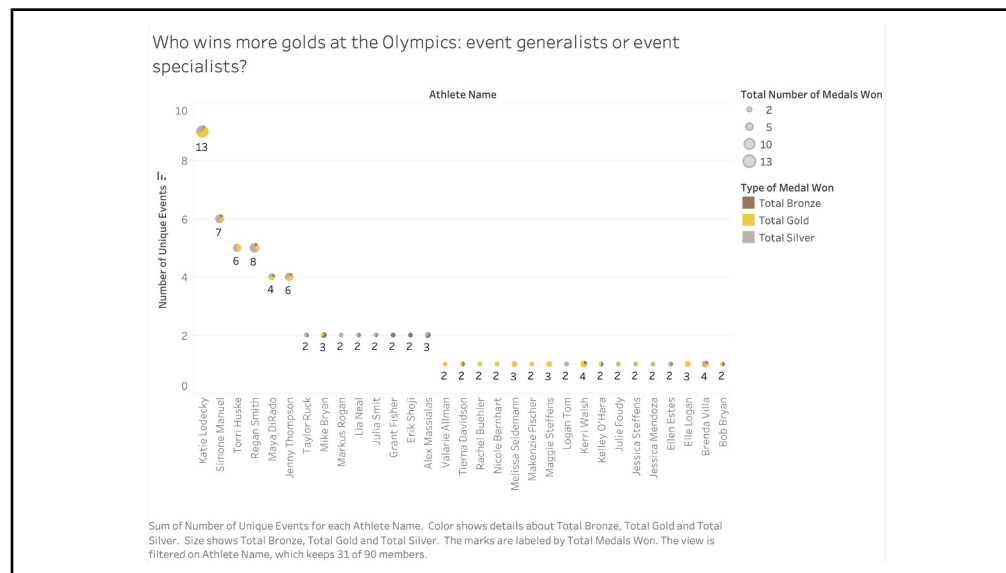
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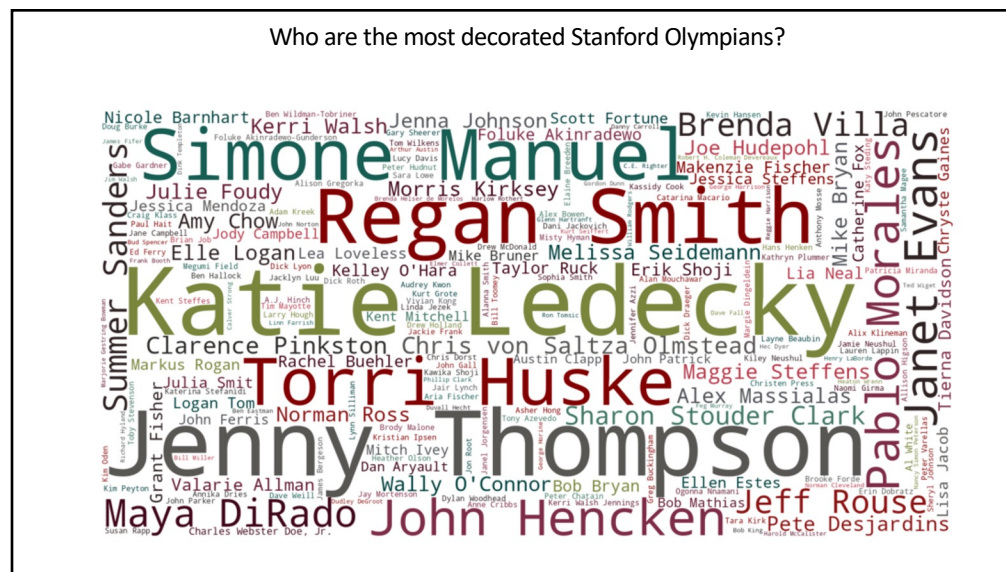
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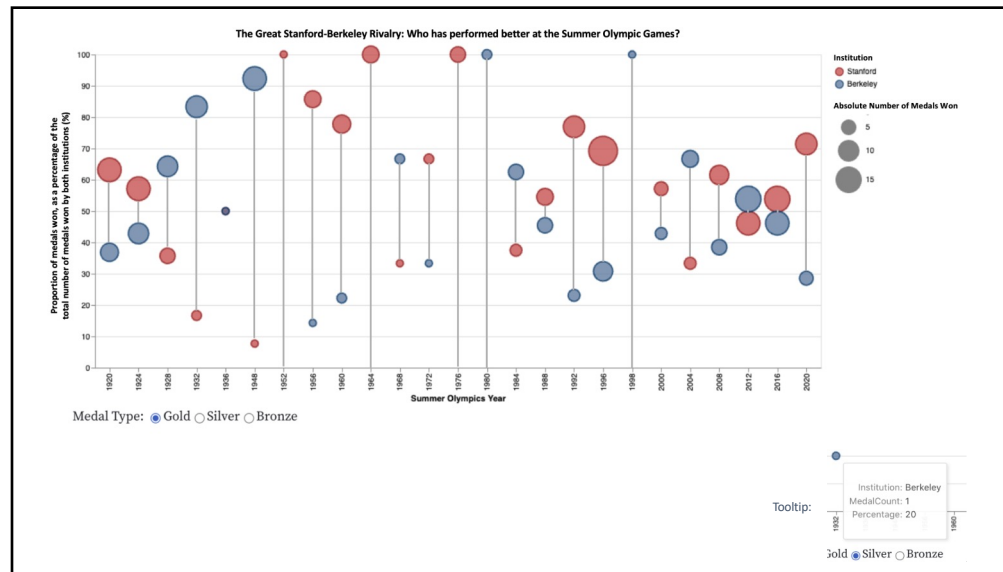
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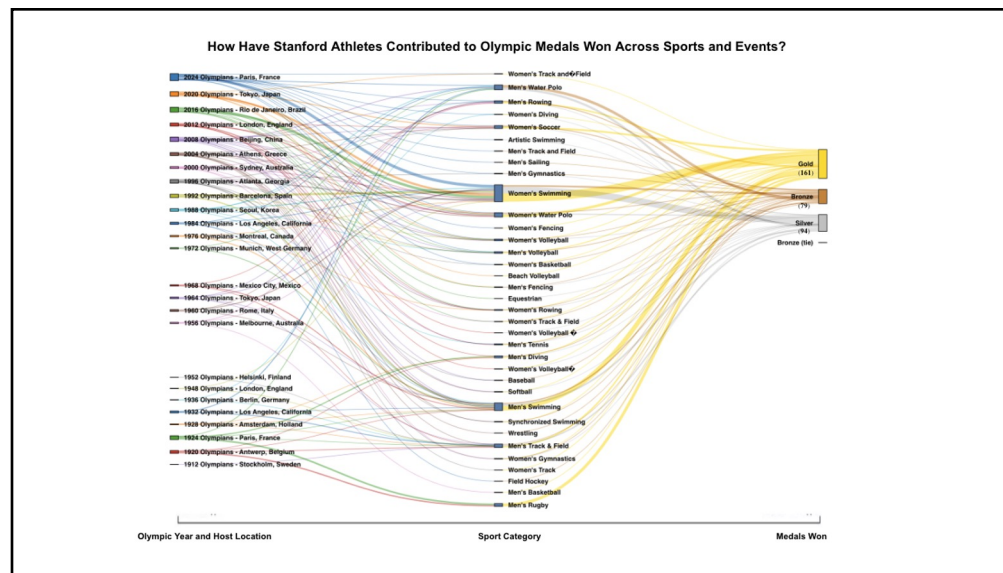
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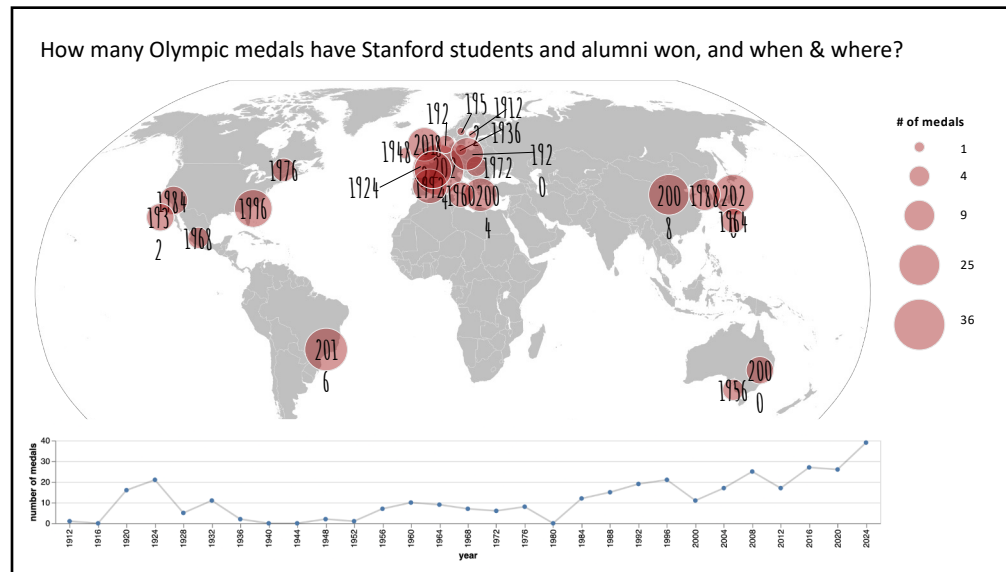
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