

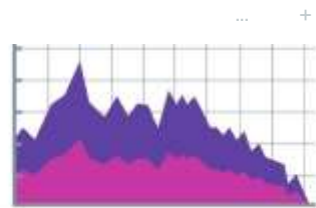
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Data Visualization

- Data visualization is the practice of translating information into a visual context, such as a map or graph, to make data easier for the human brain to understand and pull insights from.

- The main goal of data visualization is to make it easier to identify patterns, trends and outliers in large data sets.

The term is often used interchangeably with others, including information graphics, information visualization and statistical graphics.



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Data Visualization

•Data visualization is one of the steps of the data science process, which states that after data has been collected, processed and modeled, it must be visualized for conclusions to be made.

•Data visualization is also an element of the broader data presentation architecture (DPA) discipline, which aims to identify, locate, manipulate, format and deliver data in the most efficient way possible.



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Why is data visualization important?

- Data visualization provides a quick and effective way to communicate information in a universal manner using visual information.
- The practice can also help businesses identify which factors affect customer behavior;
- Pinpoint areas that need to be improved or need more attention;
- Make data more memorable for stakeholders;
 - Understand when and where to place specific products; and predict sales volumes.

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Benefits of data visualization

- The ability to absorb information quickly, improve insights and make faster decisions;
- An increased understanding of the next steps that must be taken to improve the organization;
- An improved ability to maintain the audience's interest with information they can understand;



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Benefits of data visualization

- An easy distribution of information that increases the opportunity to share insights with everyone involved;
- Eliminate the need for data scientists since data is more accessible and understandable;
- An increased ability to act on findings quickly and, therefore, achieve success with greater speed and less mistakes.



Examples of data visualization

In the early days of visualization, the most common visualization technique was using a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet to transform the information into a table, bar graph or pie chart. While these visualization methods are still commonly used, more intricate techniques are now available, including the following:

Infographics

- Bubble clouds
- Bullet graphs
- Heat maps
- Fver
- charts
- Time series charts
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Some other popular techniques are as follows.

- Line charts.This is one of the most basic and common techniques used. Line charts display how variables can change over time.

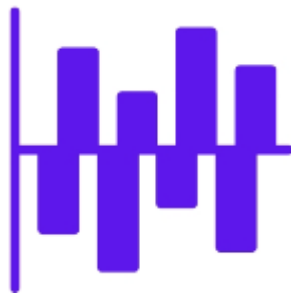
- Area charts.This visualization method is a variation of a line chart; it displays multiple values in a time series or a sequence of data collected at consecutive equally spaced points in time.



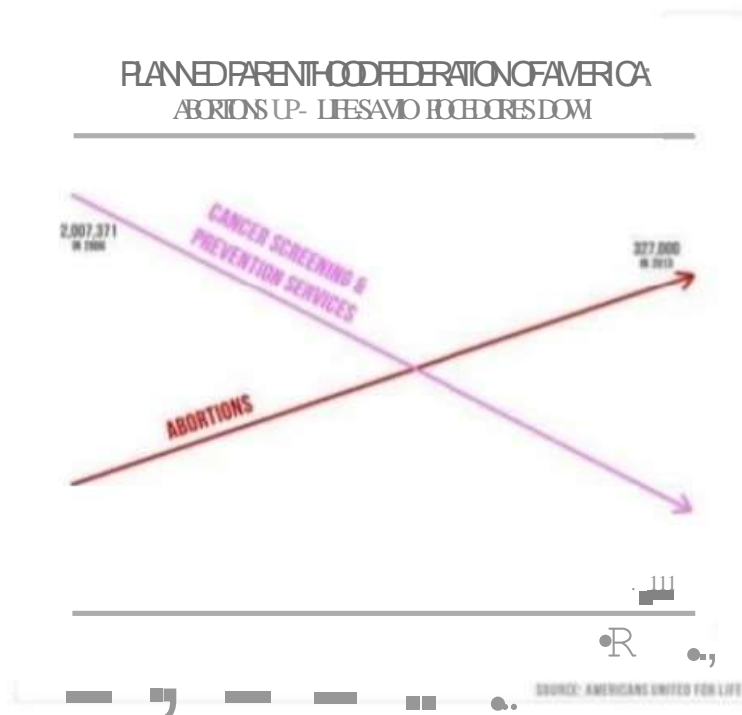
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- Scatter plots. This technique displays the relationship between two variables. A scatter plot takes the form of an x and y-axis, with dots to represent data points.

Treemaps are a method to show hierarchical data in a nested format. The size of the rectangles used for each category is proportional to its percentage of the whole. Treemaps are best used when multiple categories are present, and the goal is to compare different parts of a whole.



Example 1 - Lying with data



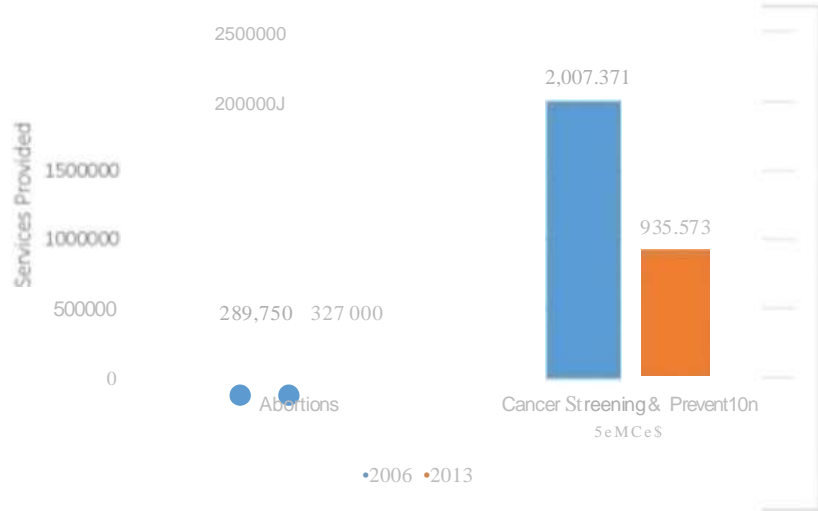
what is it?

- Chart shown by Rep Jason Chaffetz during Planned Parenthood hearing
- Watch it here - <http://bit.ly/1UhTYoU>

what's wrong with it?

- No Y axis
- Multi-axis not declared and labelled
- X-axis spans 8 years, but chart only includes 2 years (2006 and 2013)

Example 1- Lying with data



Planned Parenthood -Abortions vs Cancer Screening Services

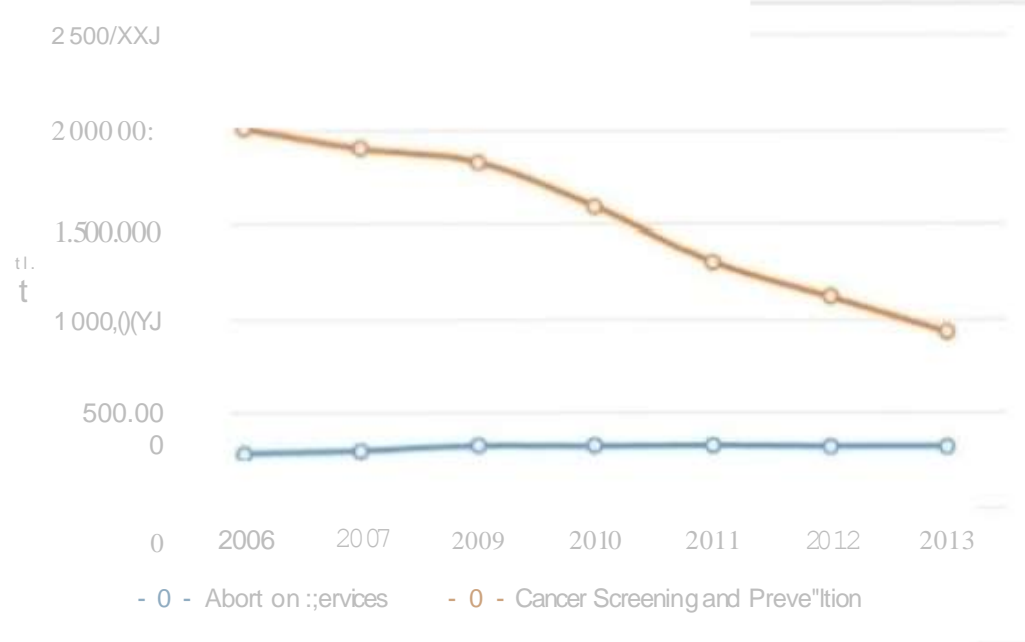


Bar Chart | Single Axis | Vertical

how to fix it?

- if you are comparing data between 2 non-adjacent years a bar chart would be a better choice
- here's the same data in a bar chart, and on a single axis

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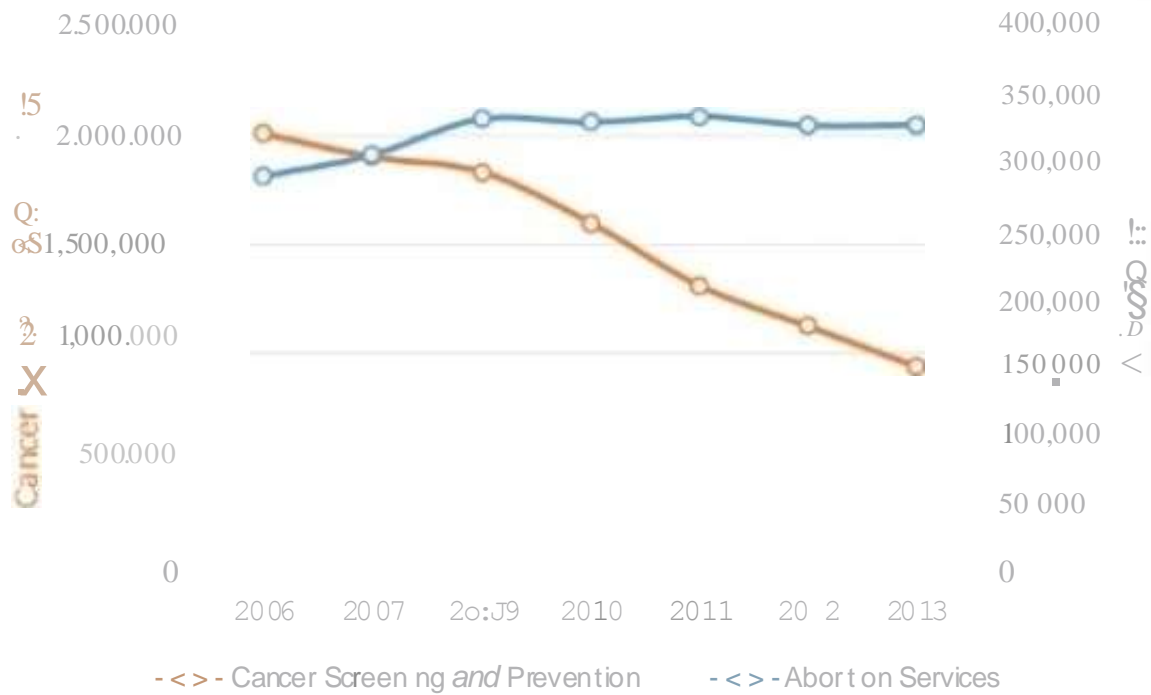


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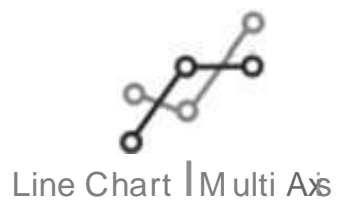
Better yet, if you retrieve the data for the missing years you can use a line chart to show the change over time

here's the same data in a line chart with the missing years (2007 – 2012) included.
**Note, 2008 is missing as I couldn't find the report for that year*

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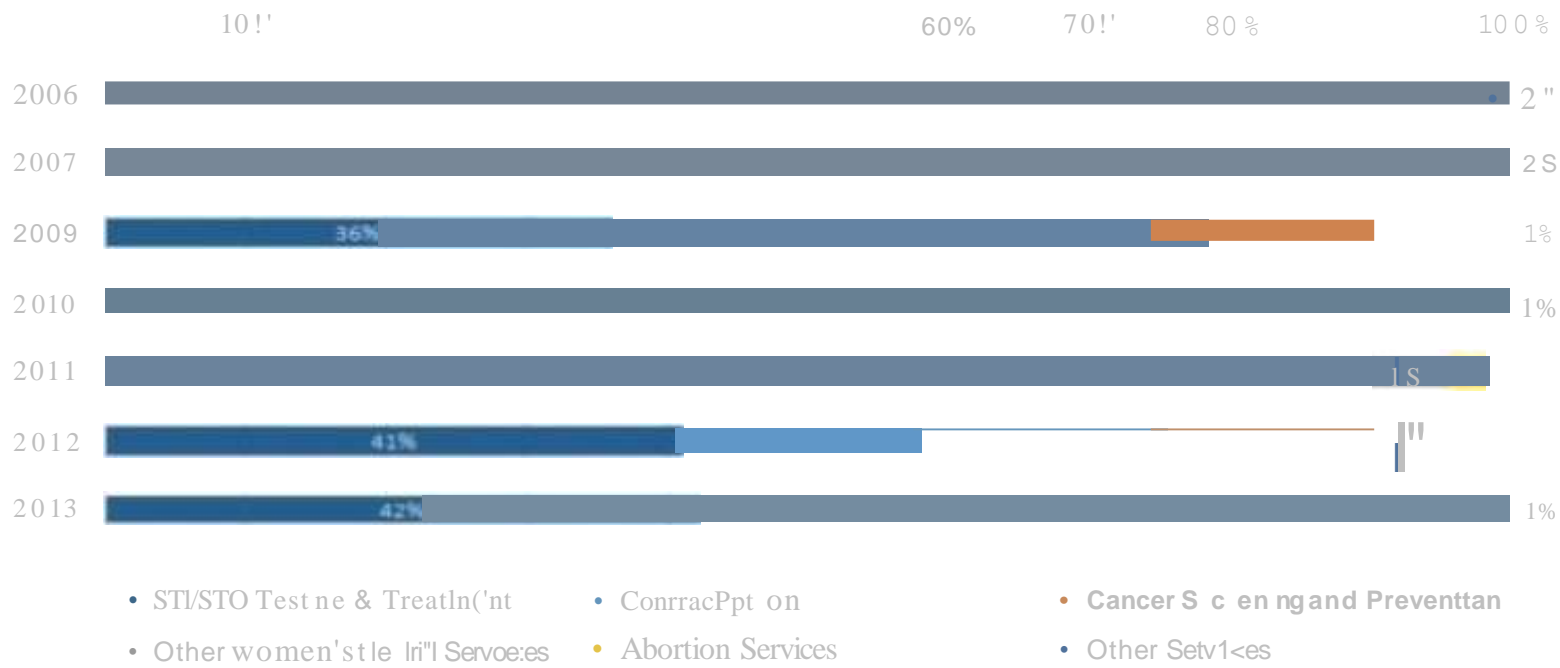
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And for good measure, here's the same data represented using a multi axis chart, and with the axis' properly labelled

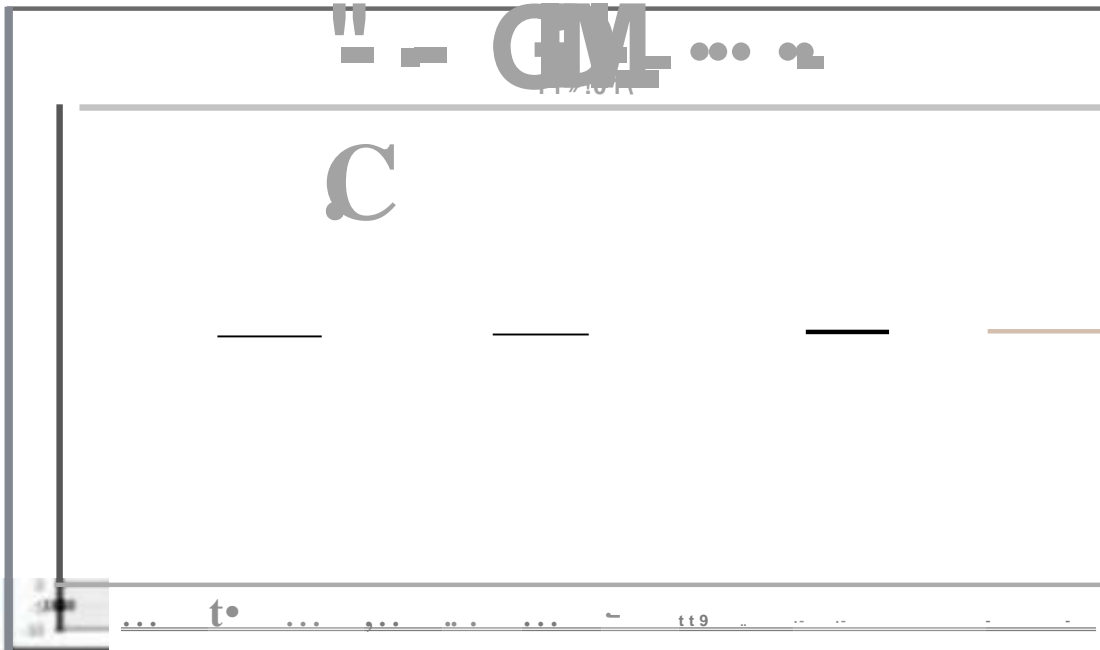
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Stacked Bar Chart |
Horizontal

how to fix it?

Example 2- Lying with data



Average Global Temperature (Fahrenheit)



Line Chart | Single Axis

what is it?

National review (@NRO) chart depicting change in global average temperature over time

See it here -

what's wrong with it?

Y axis inflated, removes reader's ability to see meaningful change in data

Chart does not convey context. The increase in global average temp of just 2 degrees can have significant effects on our planet, so using 120 point scale removes important context and makes this chart impossible to read

Example 2 - Lying with data

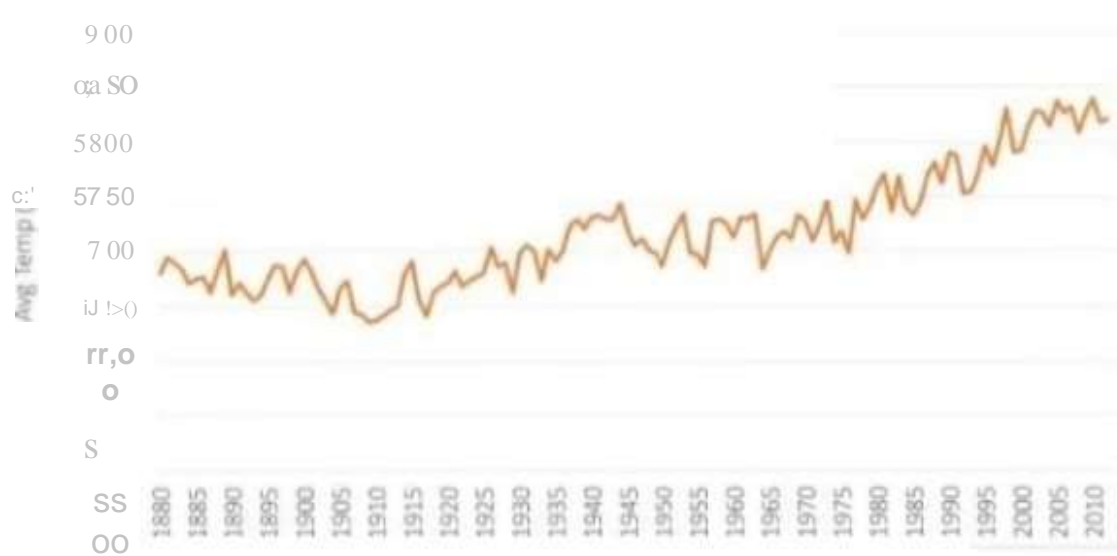
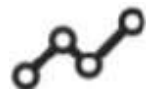


Figure S. Average Global Temperature (Fahrenheit) relative scale

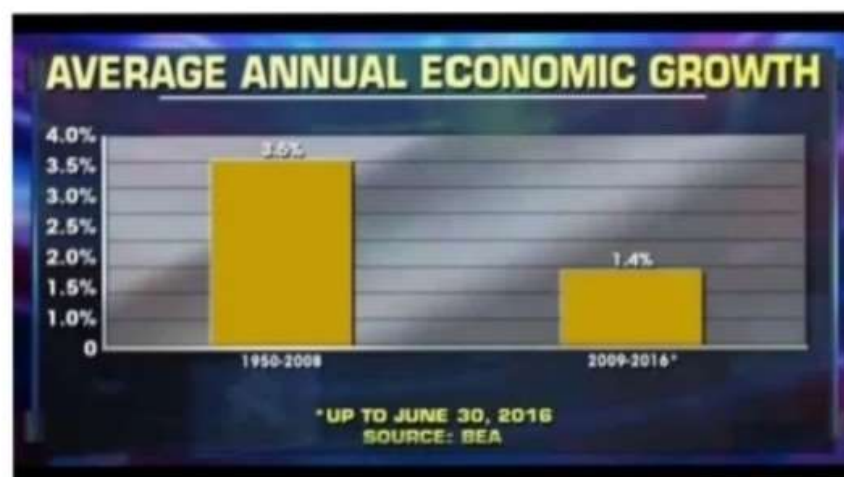


Line Chart | Single Axis

how to fix it?

Adjust the y-axis so it shows the full context of the data.

Example 3 - Deceptive Visualization



what is it?

Chart shown by Fox News that shows Average Annual economic growth in the USA.

what's wrong with it?

- Too much non-data ink
- Poor chart labeling
- Unequal time intervals

Example 3 -
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Visualization

Remove
to improve
(the **data-ink** ,

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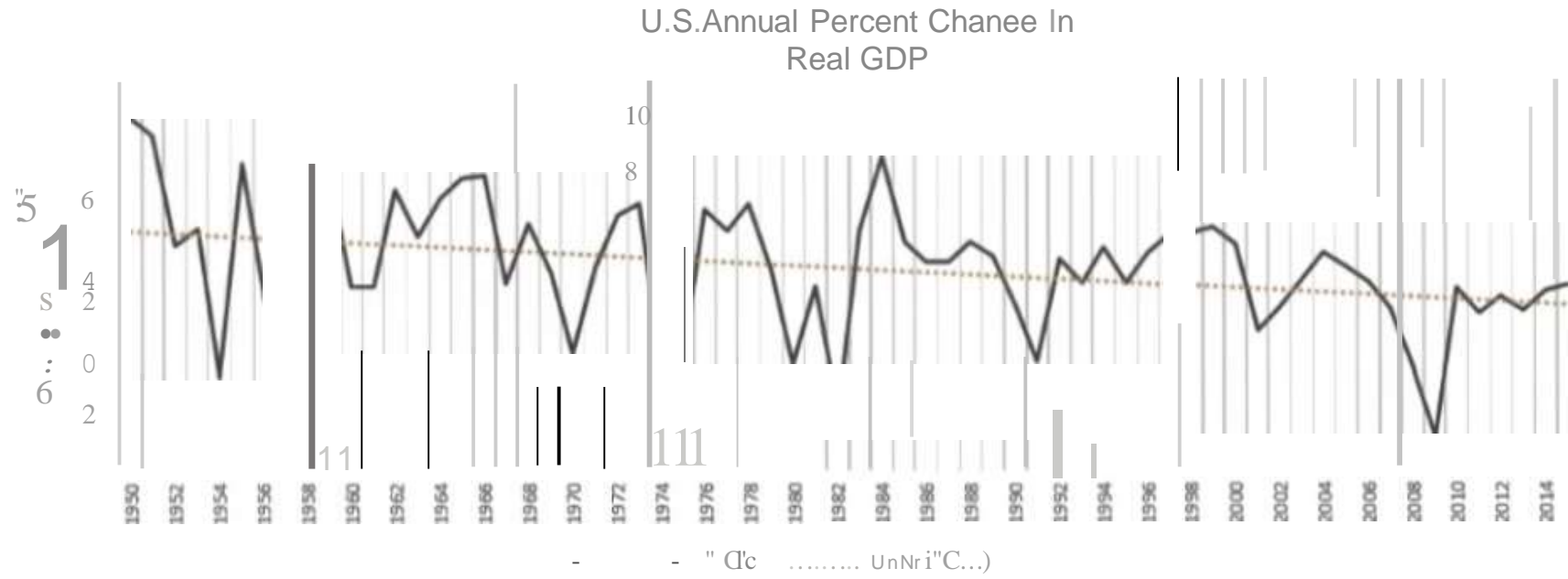
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how to fix it?

Strip away all unnecessary formatting (e.g. data ink)

See more here - <http://bit.ly/2eIpC18>

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