

Principles of effective data visualization

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Agenda

Part One:

The Process

Part Two:

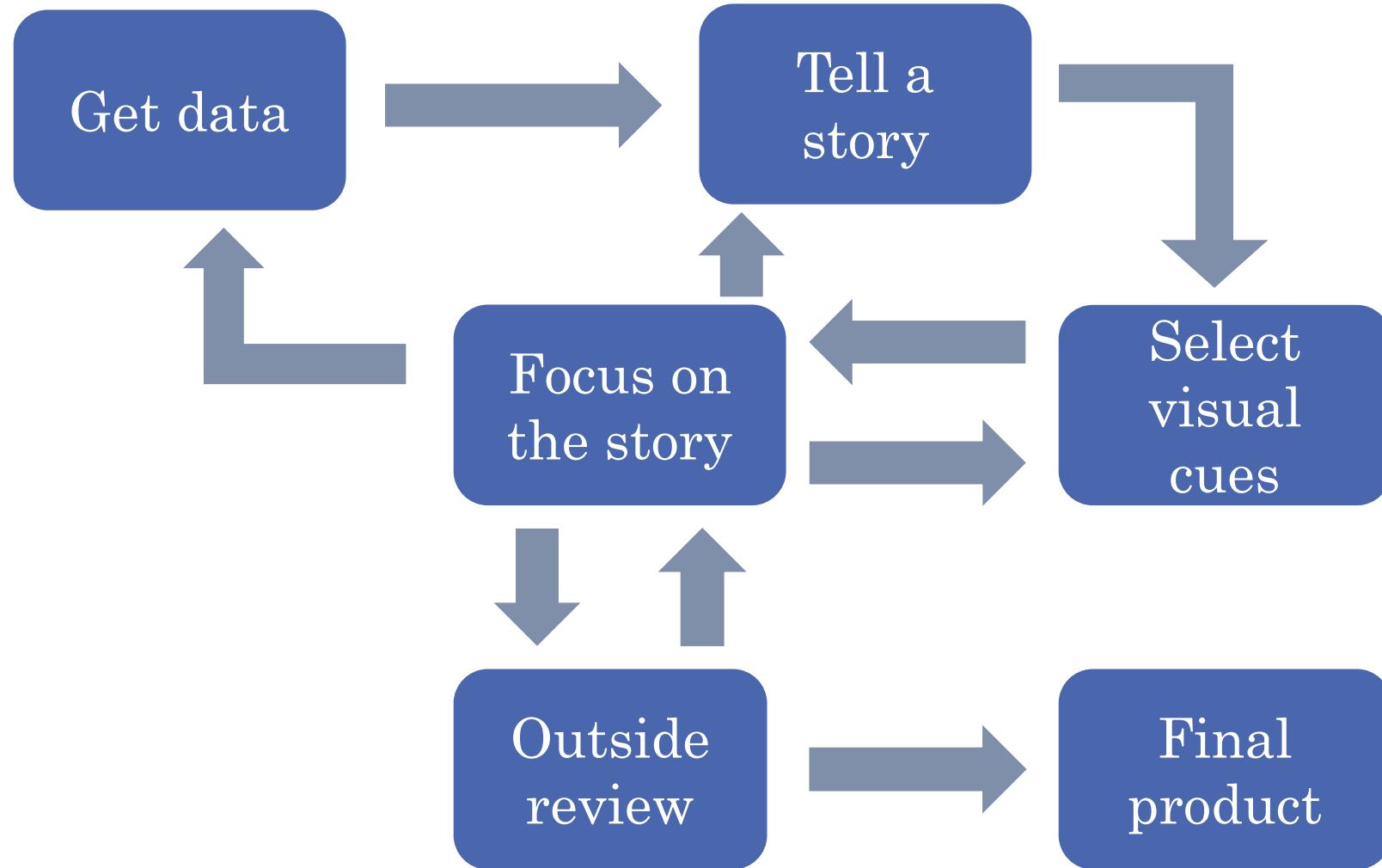
Example

Part Three:

Resources

Part One: The Process

Process overview



Step 0: get data

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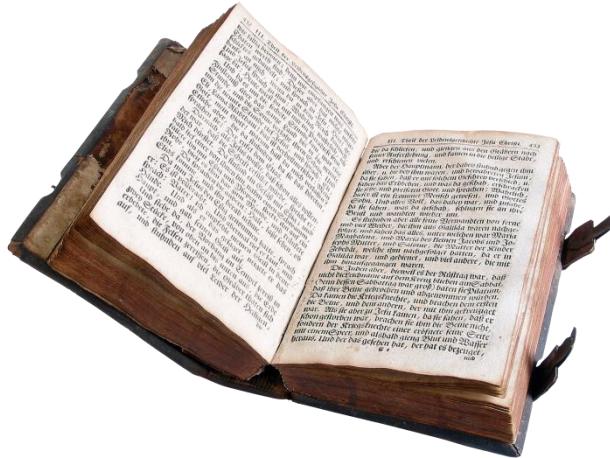
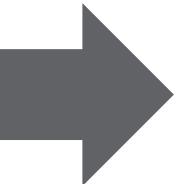

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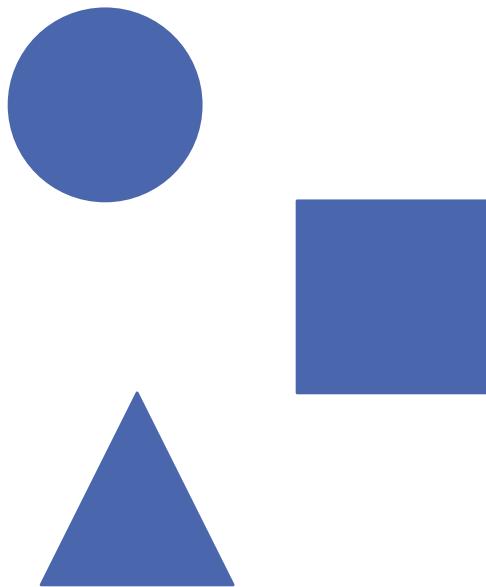


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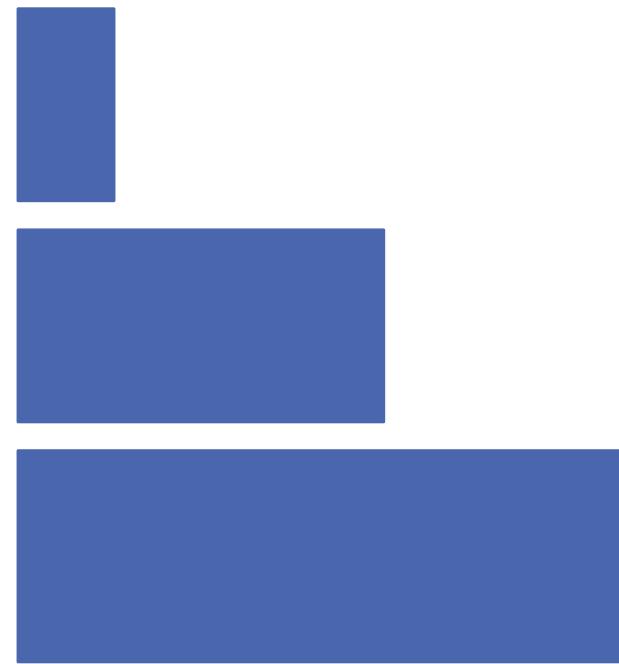
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Color	Yes	Yes

Visual cues: shape

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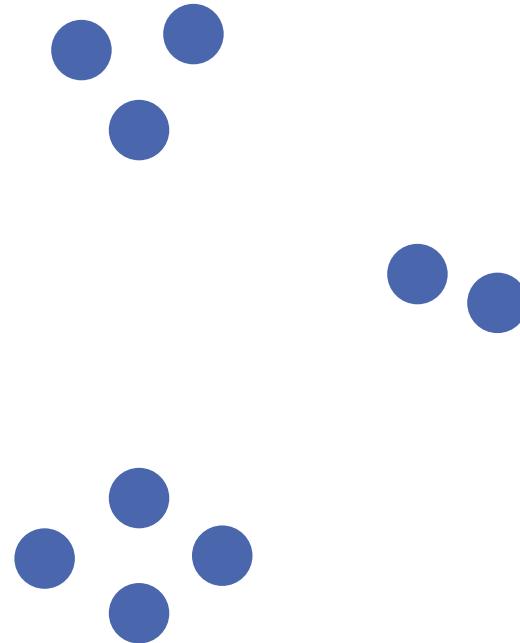


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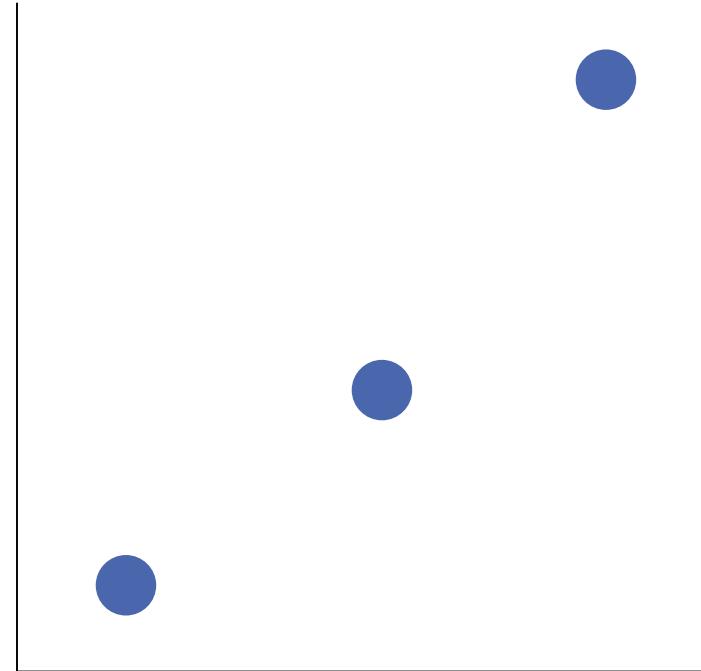


Visual cues: position

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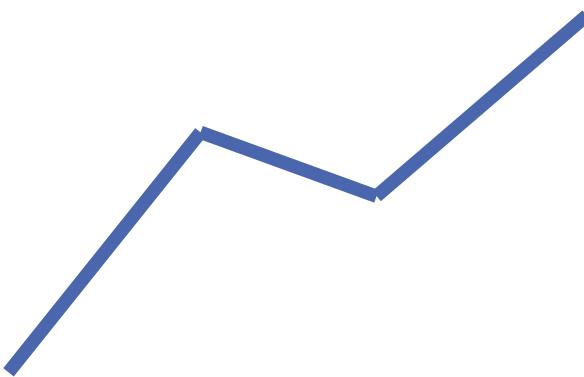


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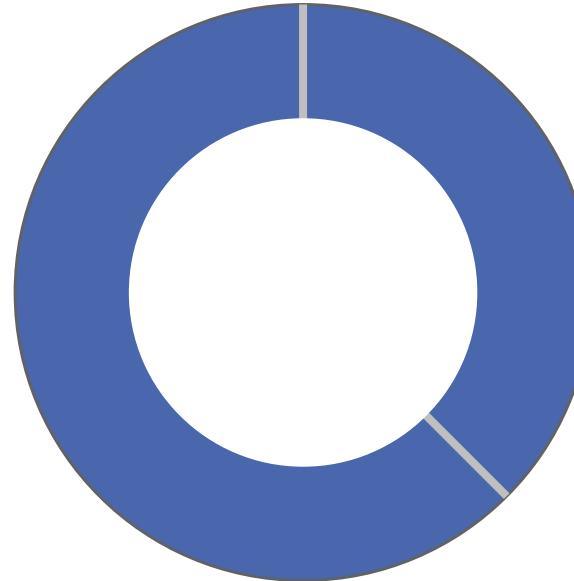


Visual cues: angle

Quantity (1)



Quantity (2)



Visual cues: color

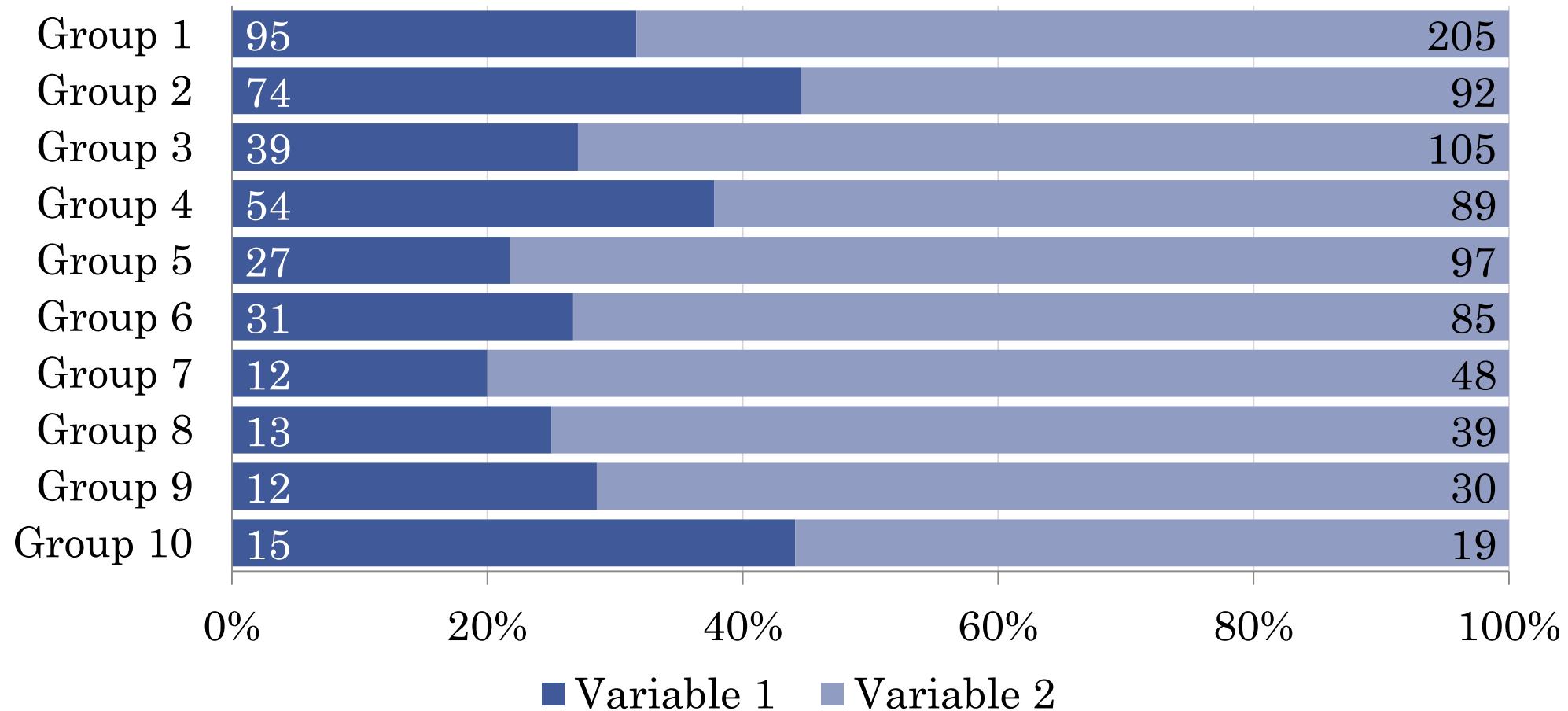
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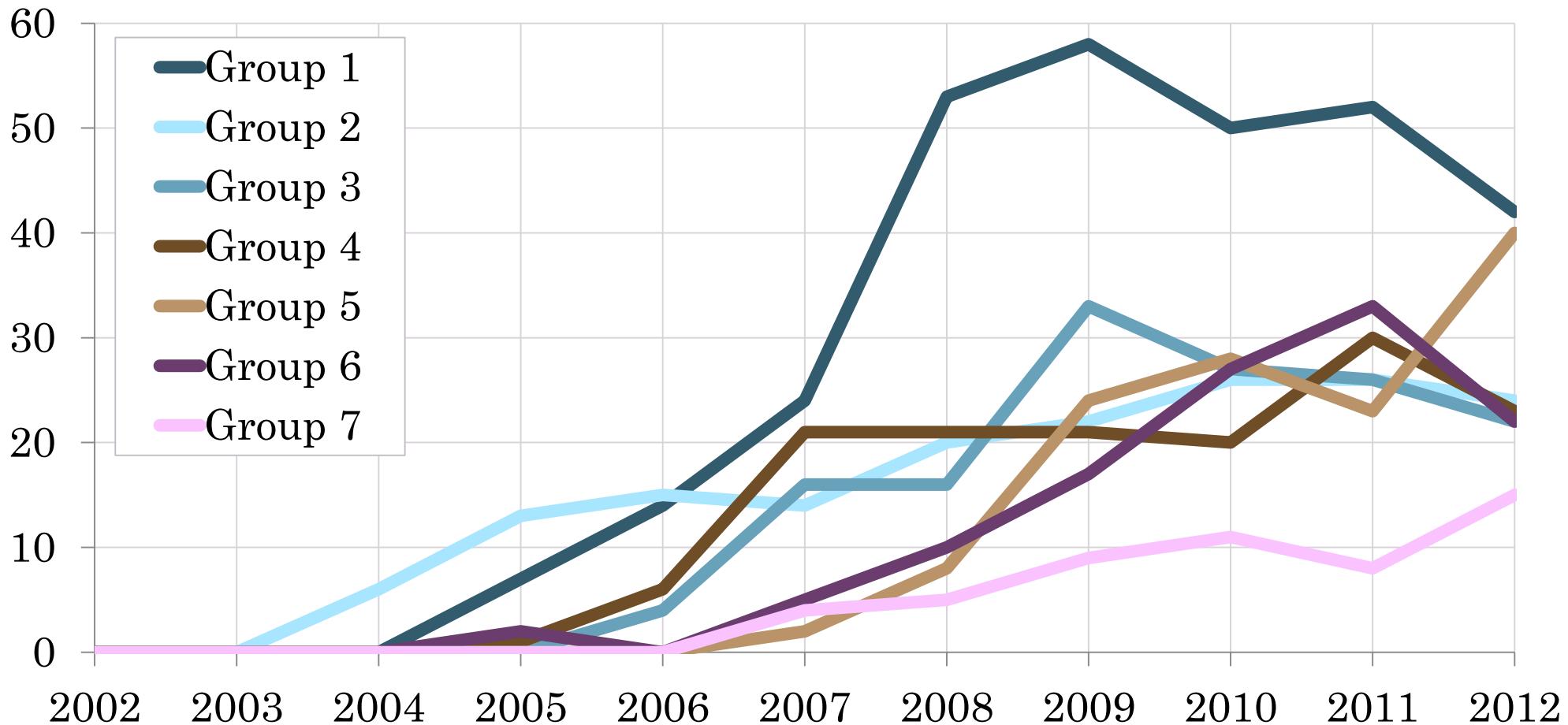
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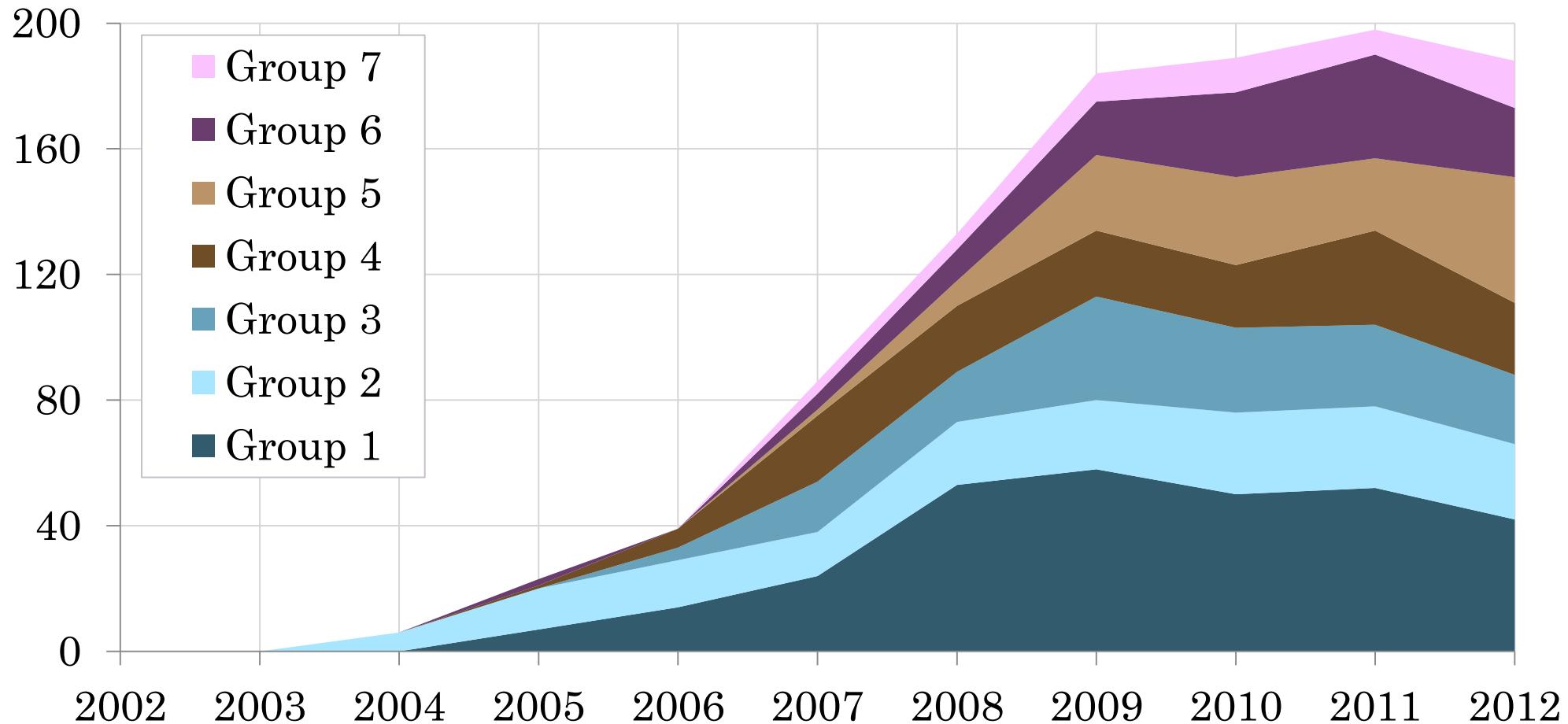
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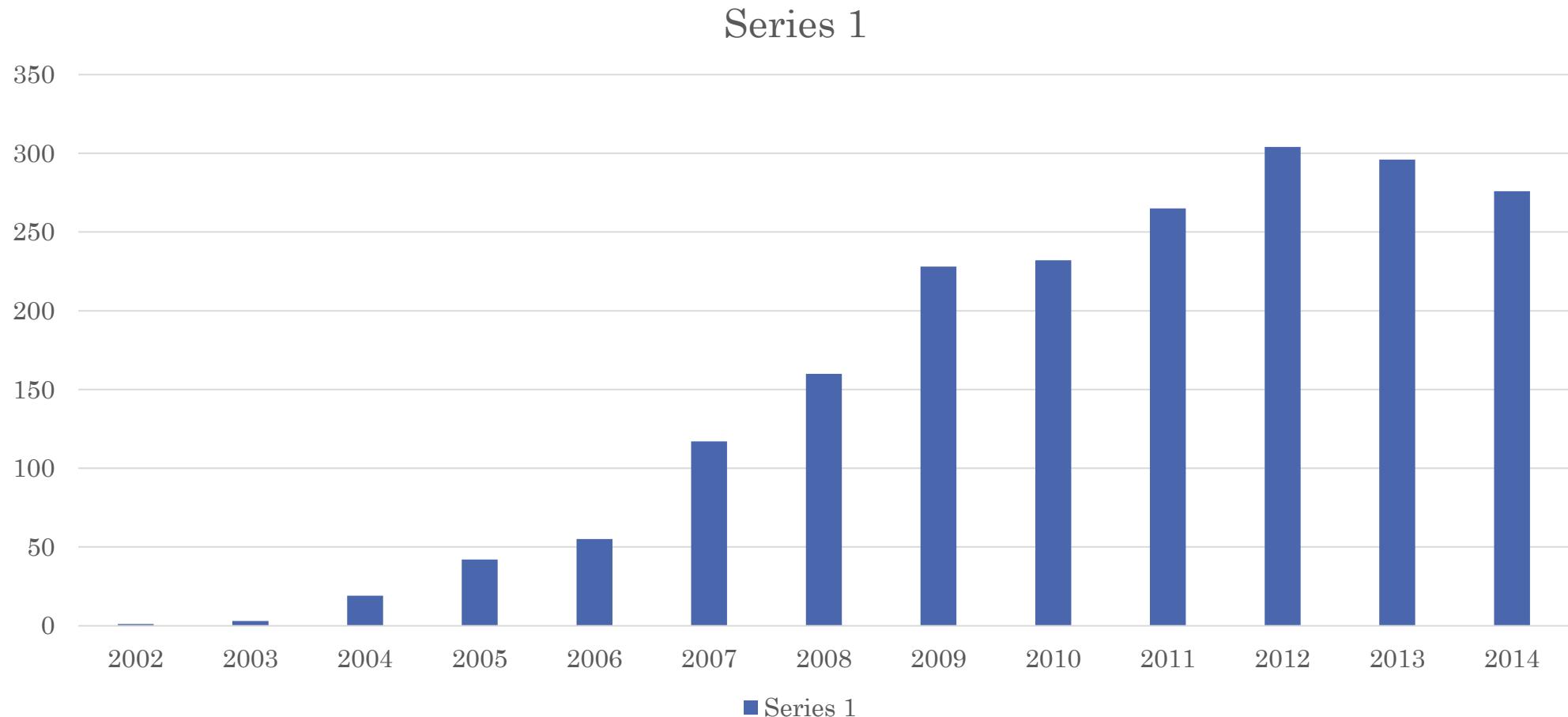
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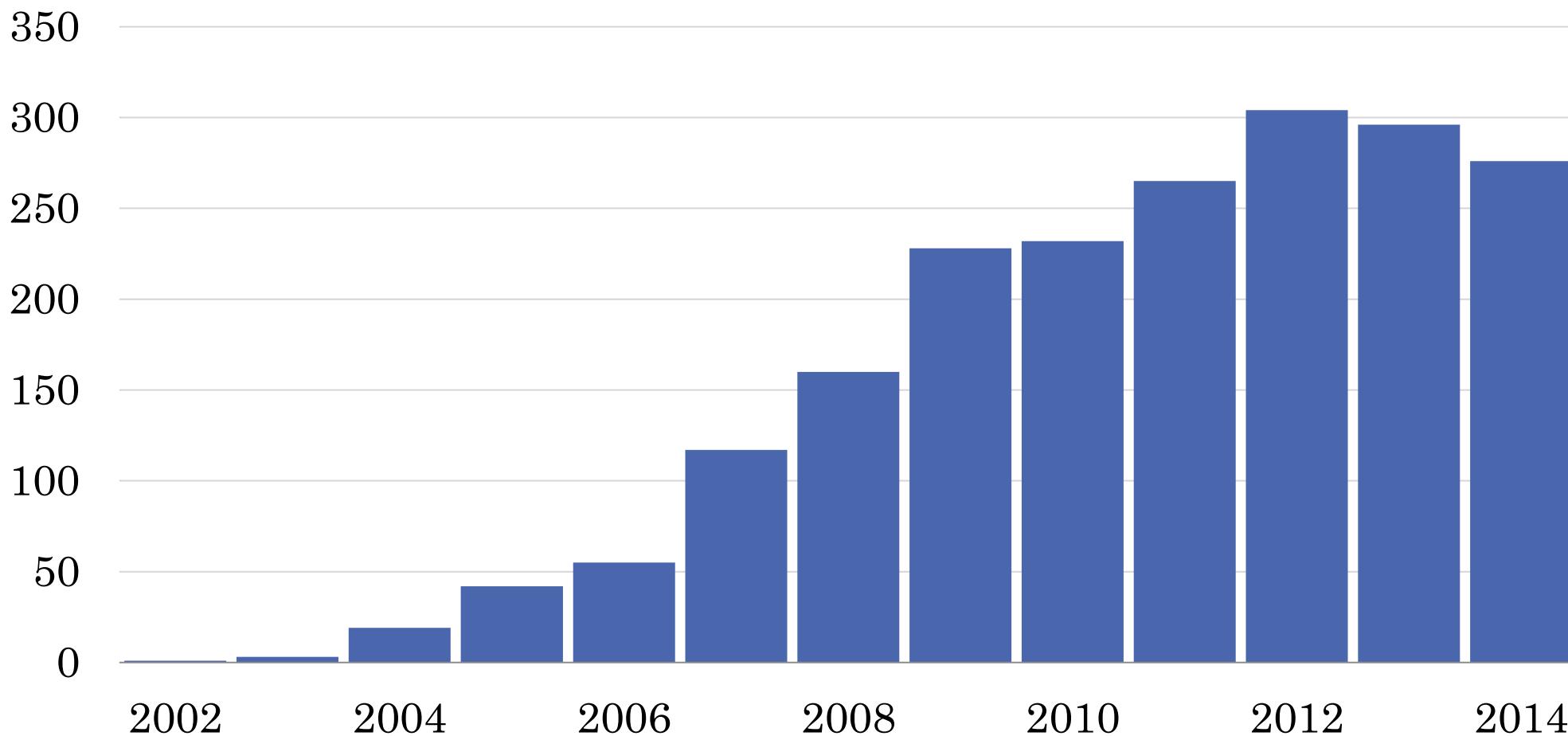
Combining cues (3)



Step 3: focus on the story



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Step 4: outside review

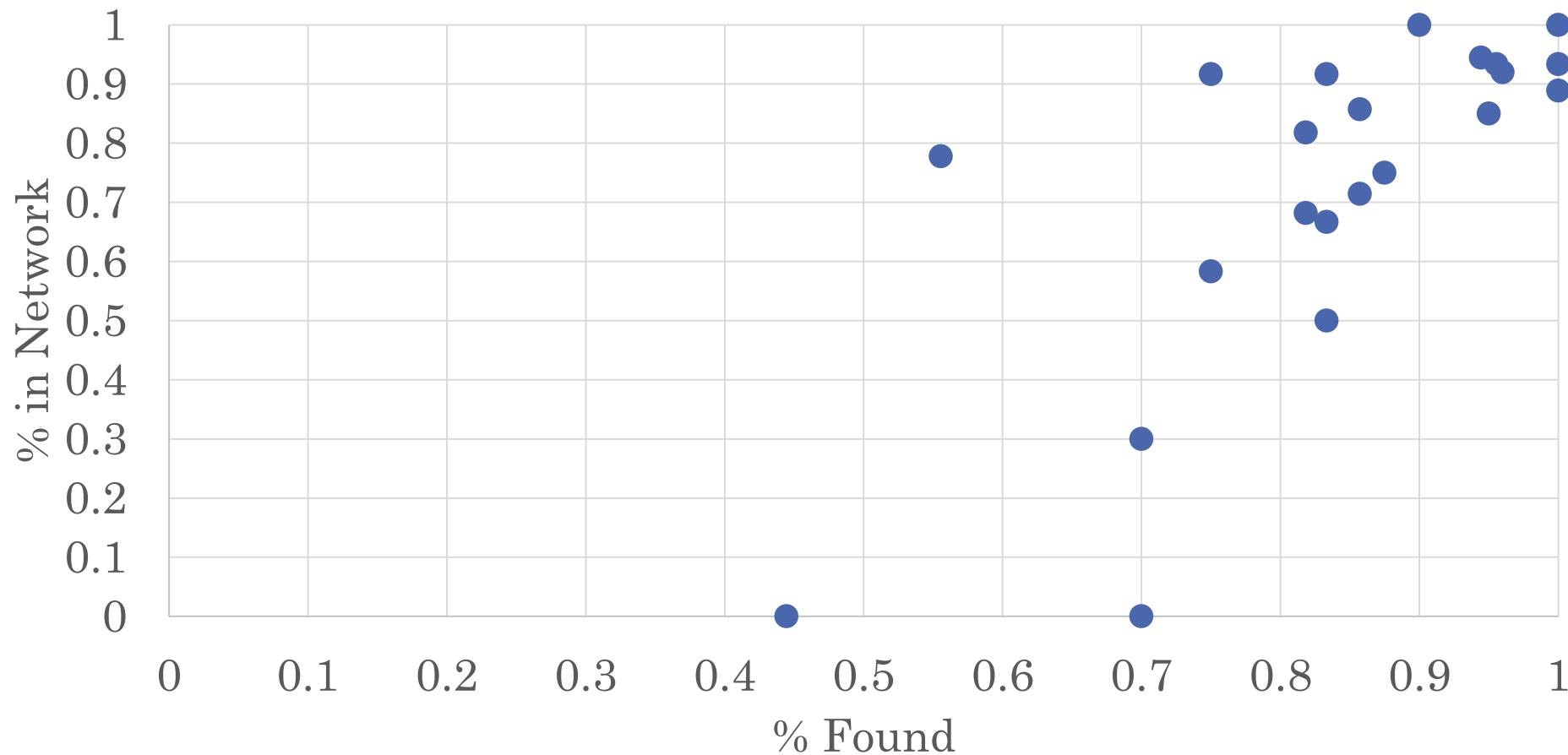
Part Two: Example

Steps 0 and 1

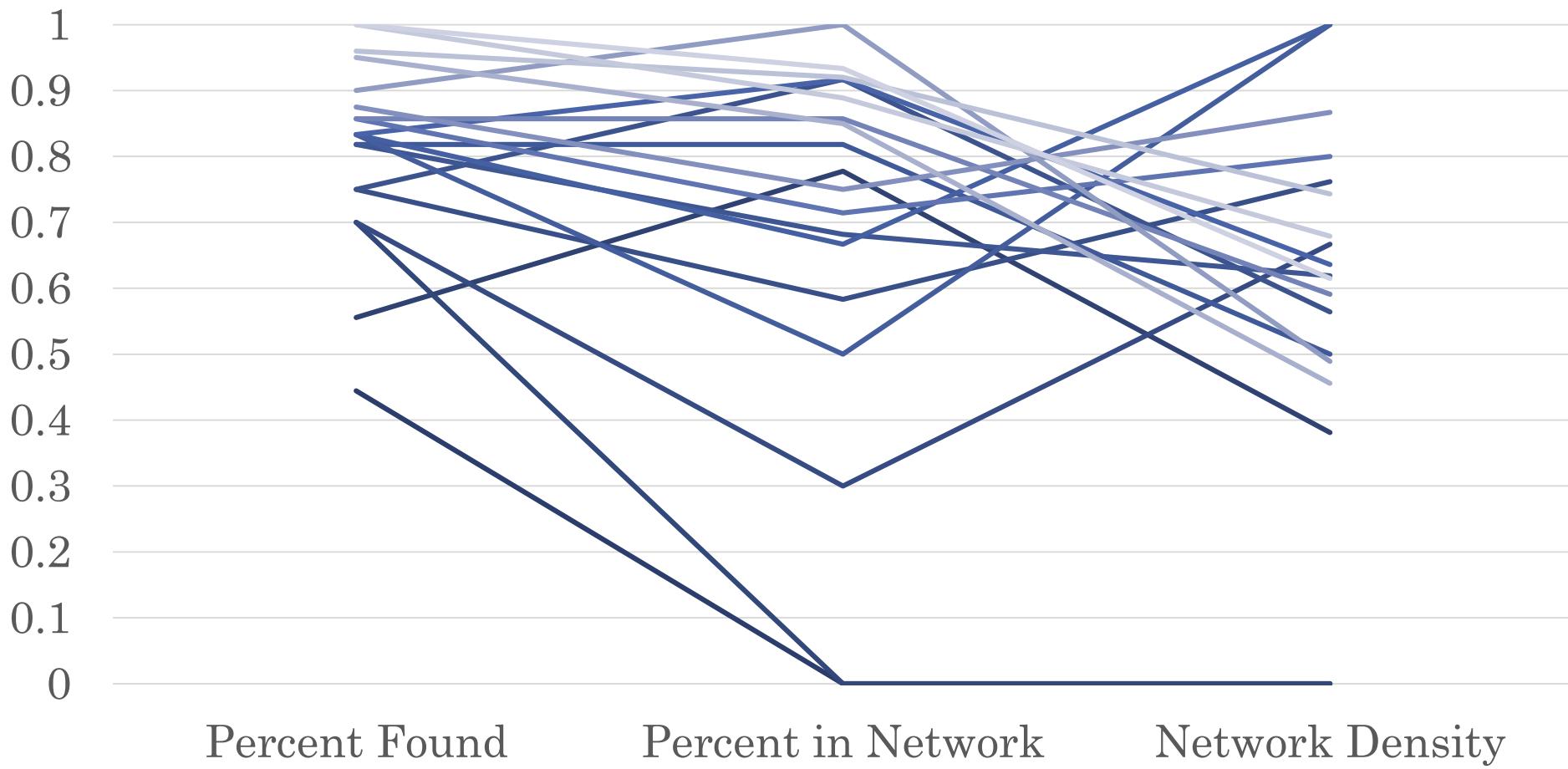
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Story: recall increases as paper coherence increases

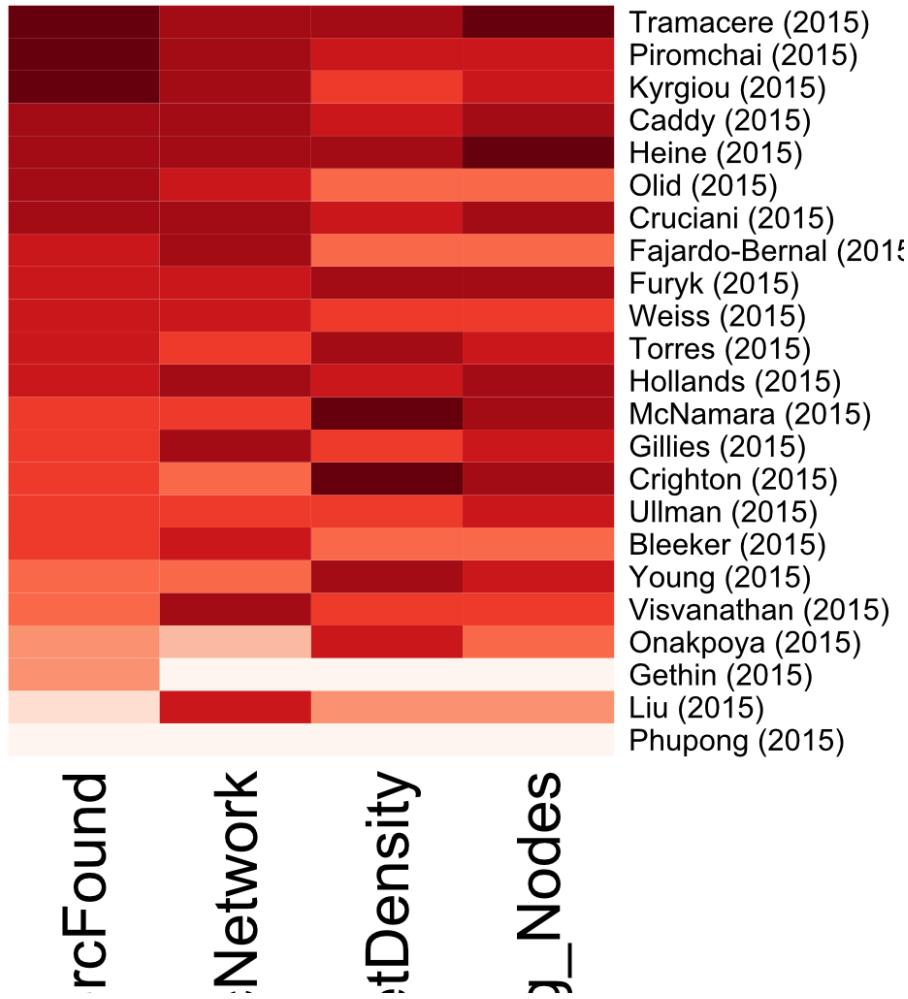
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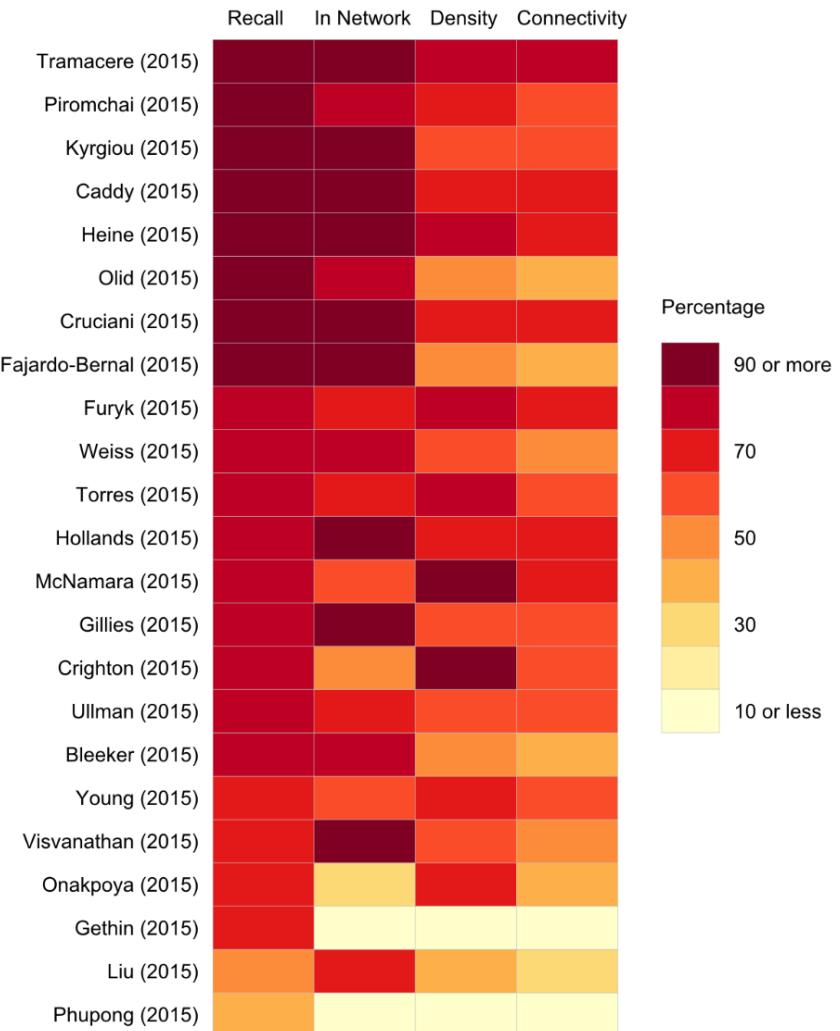
Step 2: trial two



Step 2: trial three



Step 3



Part Three: Resources

Online resources

Blogs and Galleries

- <https://flowingdata.com>
- <https://informationisbeautiful.net>
- <https://www.nytimes.com/section/upshot>

Color Palette Tools

- www.colorbrewer2.org
- <https://color.adobe.com>

Open-Source software

R: data cleaning, analysis, visualization, etc., etc., etc.

Sci2: network analysis and geospatial visualization

Gephi: network visualization

VOSviewer: network analysis and visualization

Inkscape: visualization polishing and editing

Questions?