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Group Activity Instructions

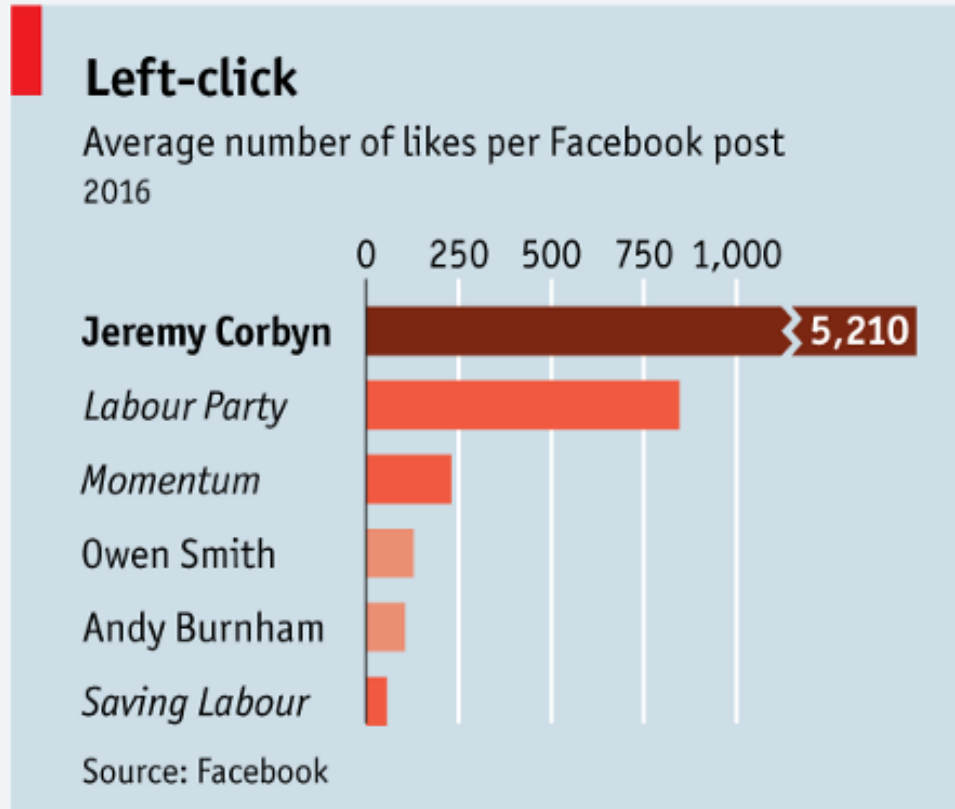
- Split class into groups of 2-4 people
- Each group will receive a chart
- Answer the following questions about the chart:
 - What message is the chart trying to get across?
 - What is misleading about this chart or preventing the message from getting across?
 - With the above questions in mind, how would you redesign the chart? Sketch out or use your preferred visualization software to redesign the chart.
- Share redesigns and discuss.



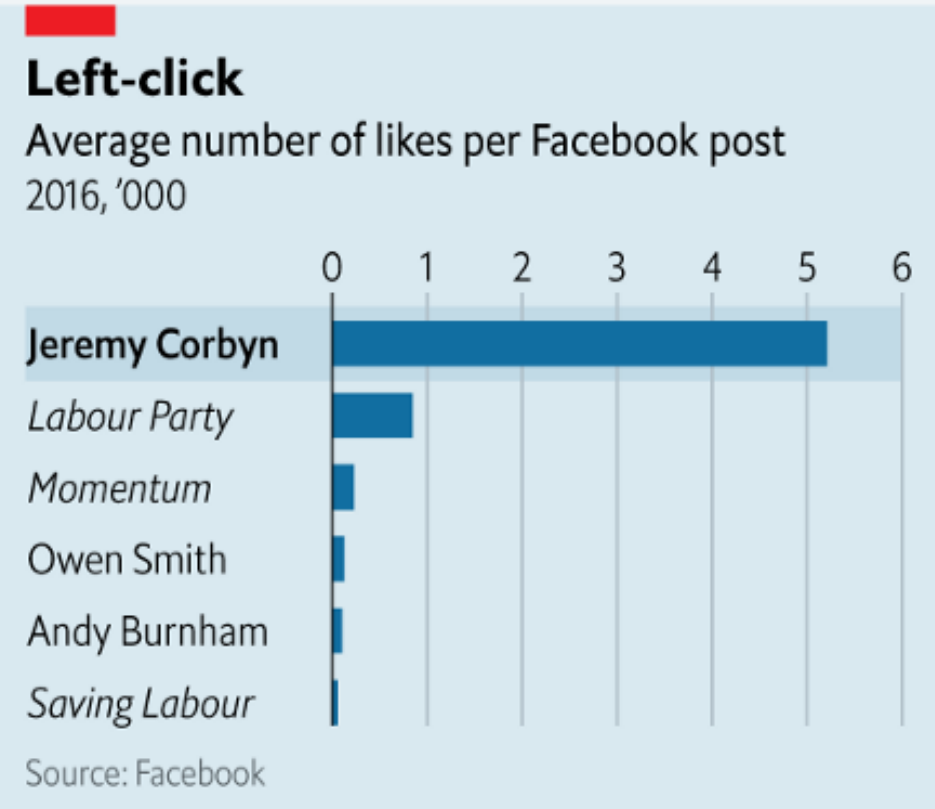
What were the solutions from
The Economist?

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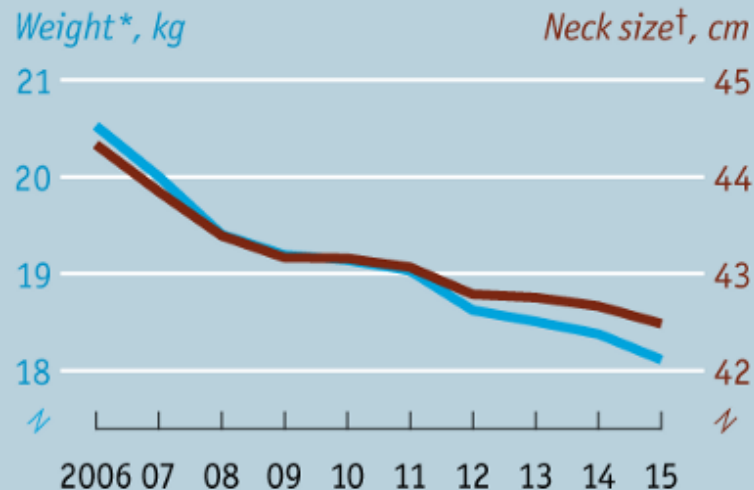


Fit as a butcher's dog

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Characteristics of dogs registered with the UK's Kennel Club, average when fully grown



Sources: Kennel Club; *The Economist*

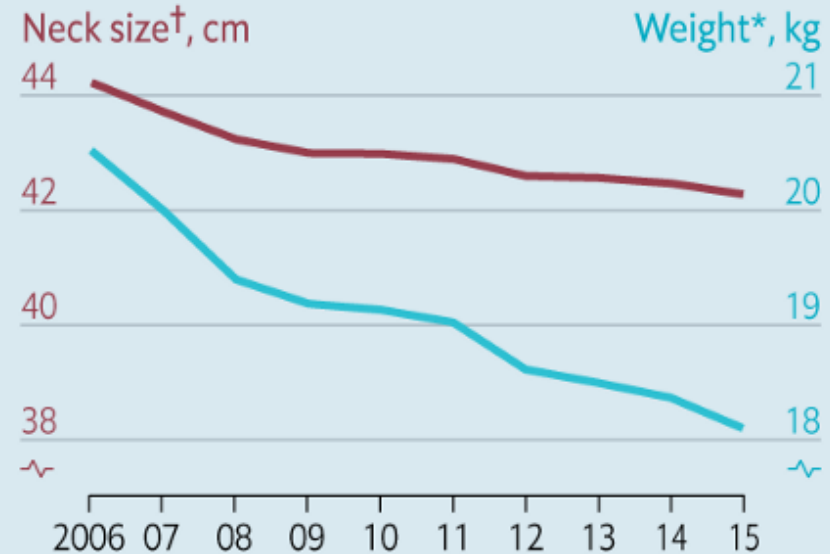
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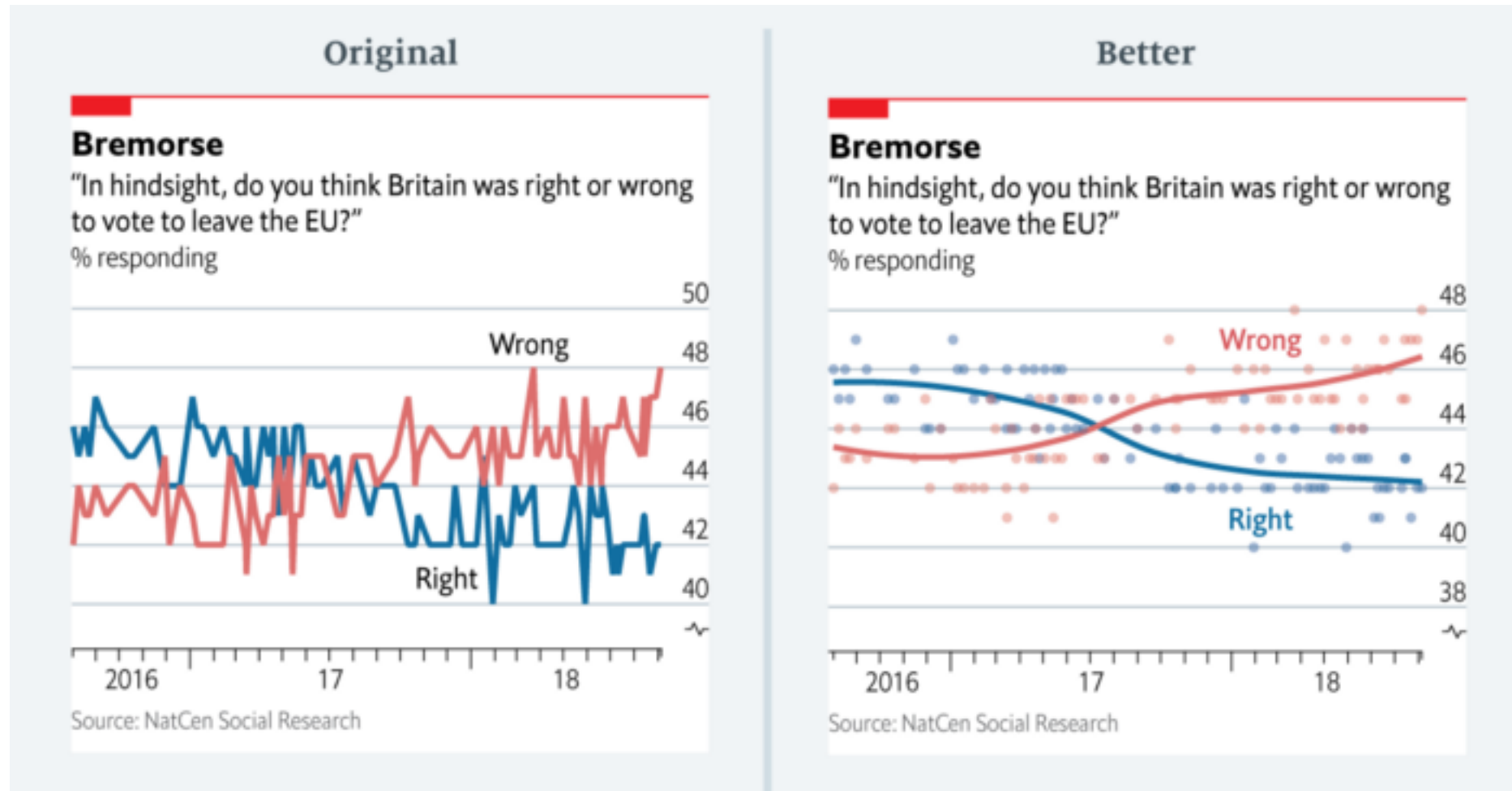


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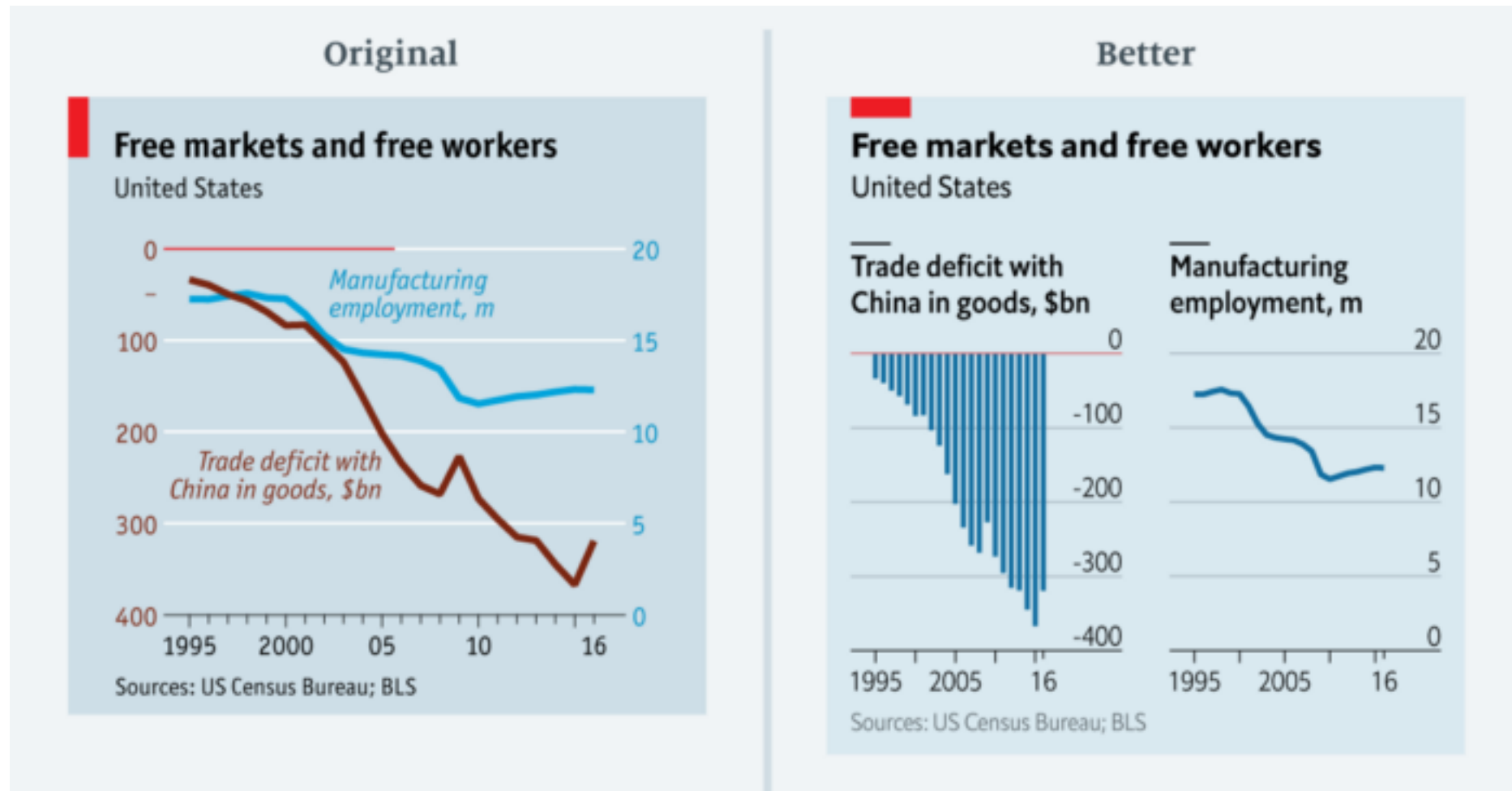
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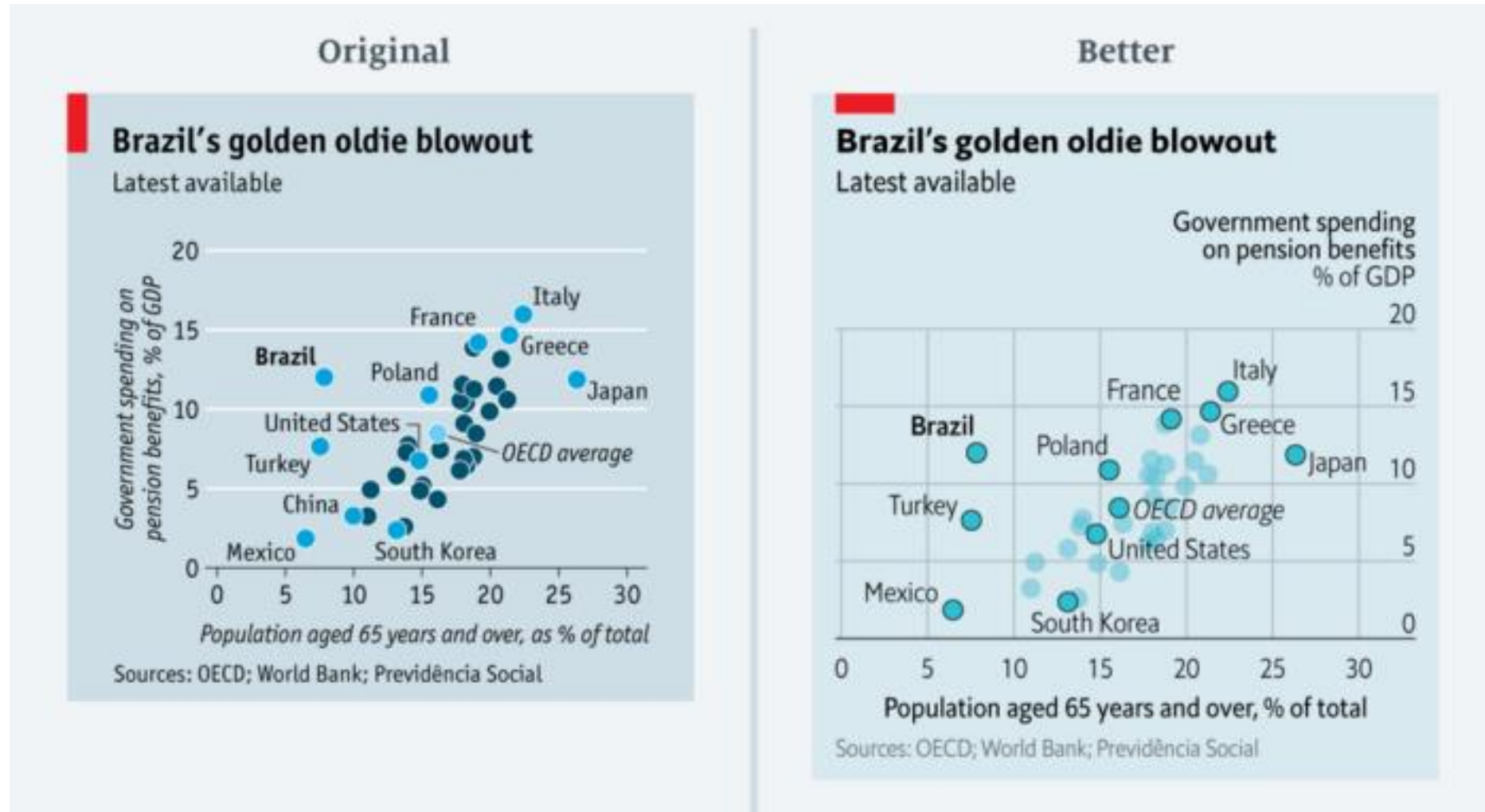




Free markets and free workers



Brazil's golden oldie blowout



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Free exchange

More spend, less thrift

German budget surpluses are bad for the global economy

Germany compared to Greece, Netherlands, and Spain in the article

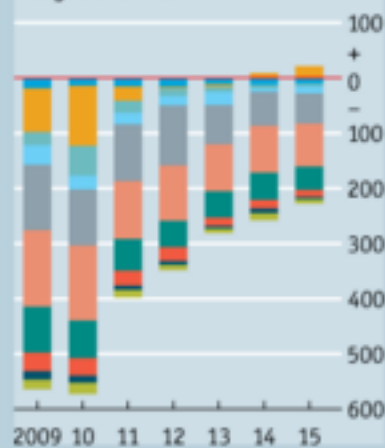
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Surfeit of surpluses

Selected euro-area countries, €bn

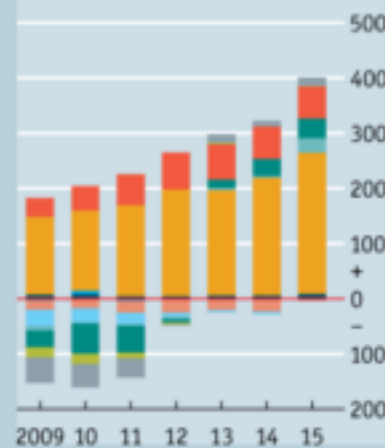
Austria Belgium France Germany Greece
Ireland Italy Netherlands Portugal Spain

Budget balances



Sources: Eurostat; National statistics

Current-account balances



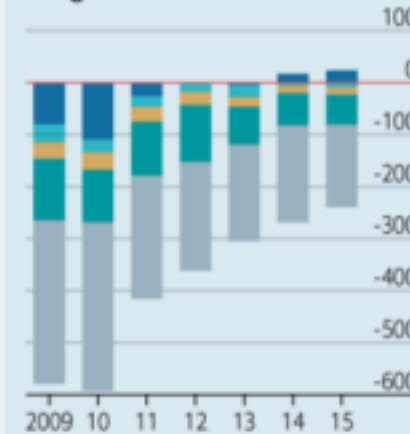
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Surfeit of surpluses

Euro-area, €bn

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Budget balance



Source: Eurostat

Current-account balance



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- chart by Setyo Ari Wibowo from the Noun Project