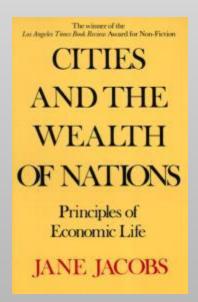
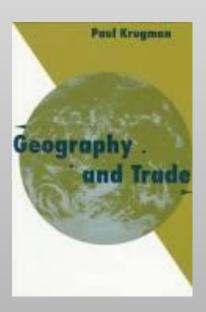
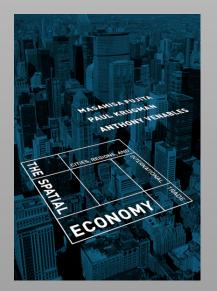
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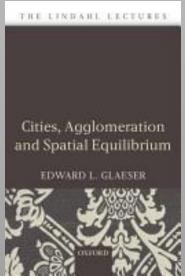
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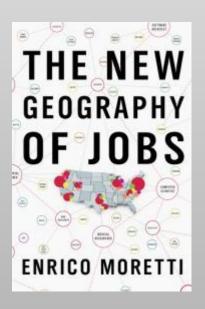


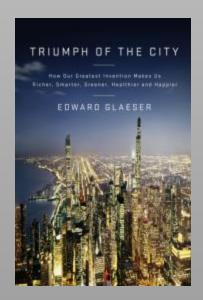






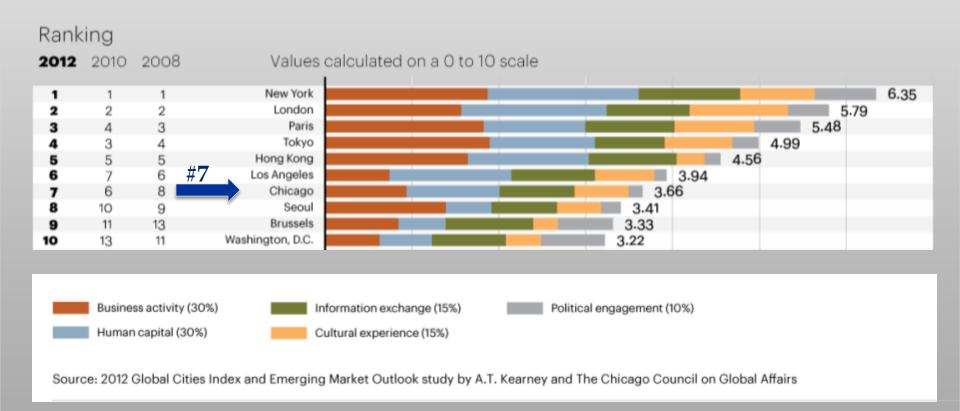






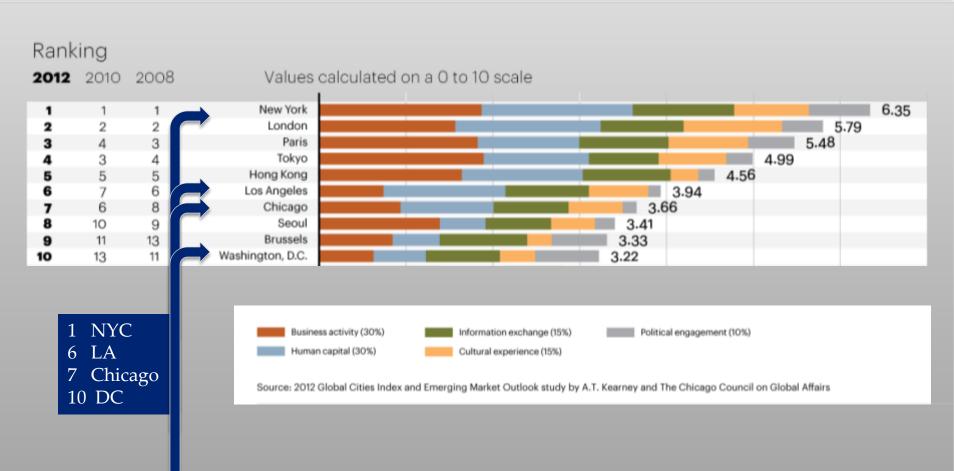


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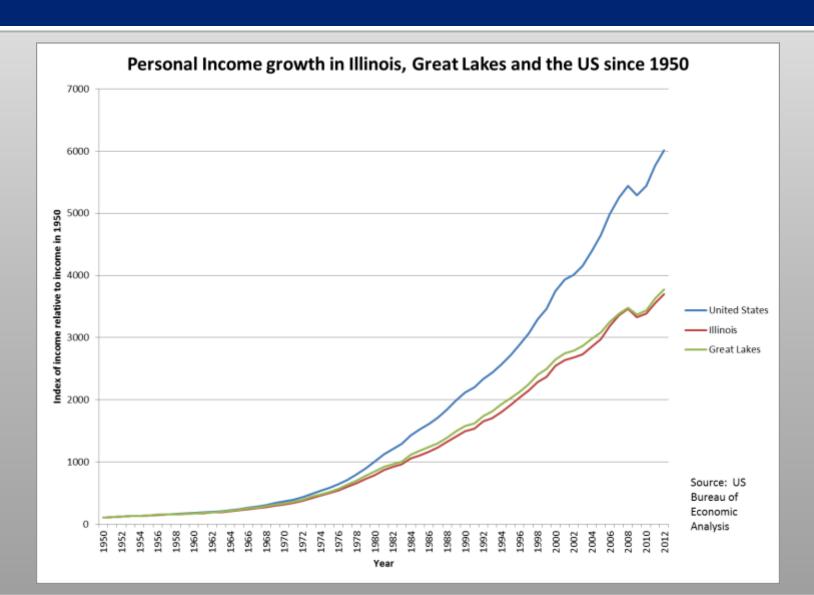


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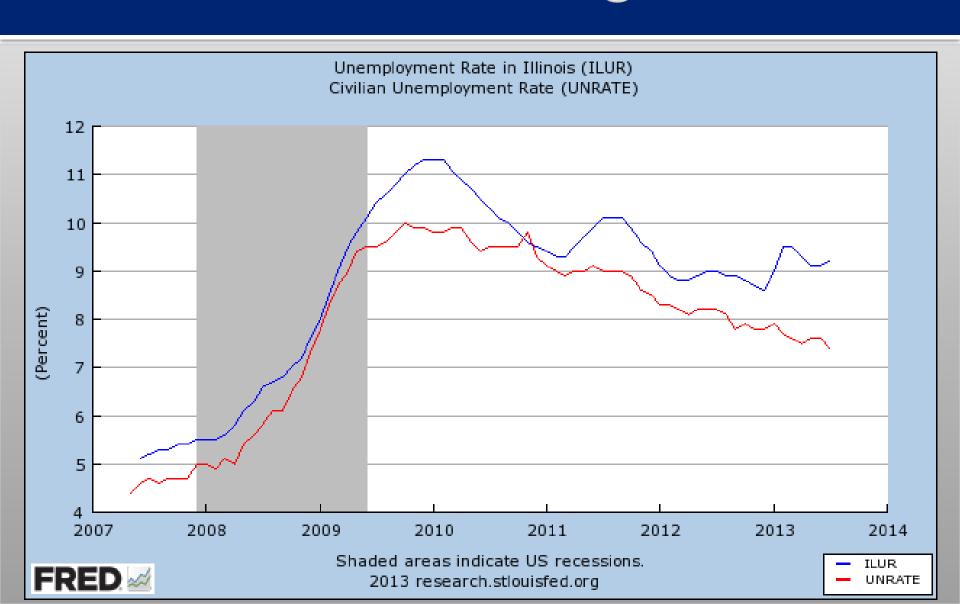
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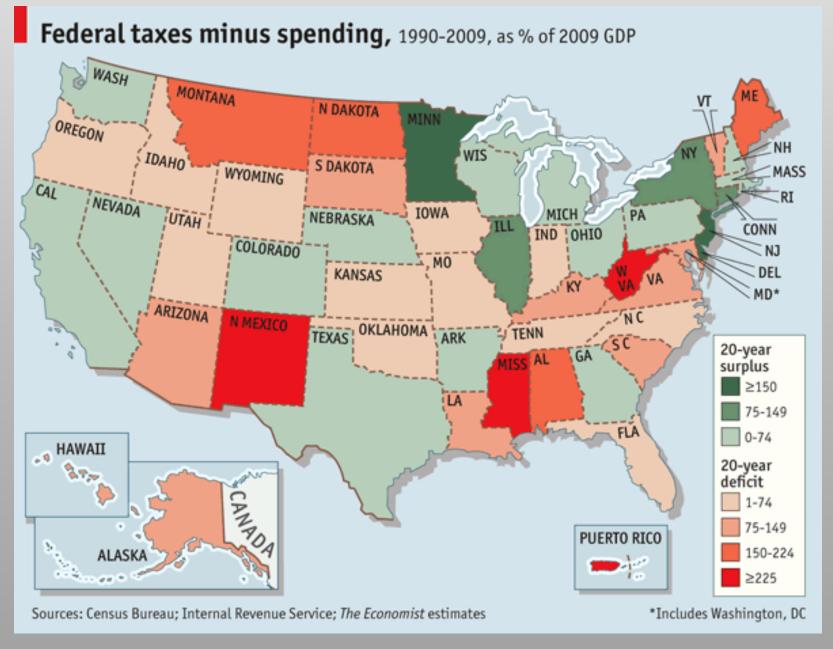


### More recent challenges



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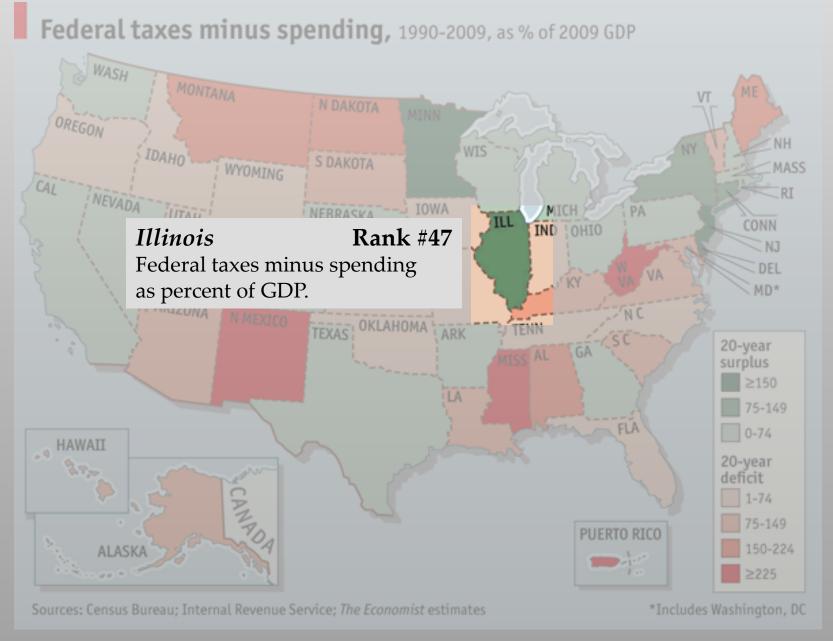




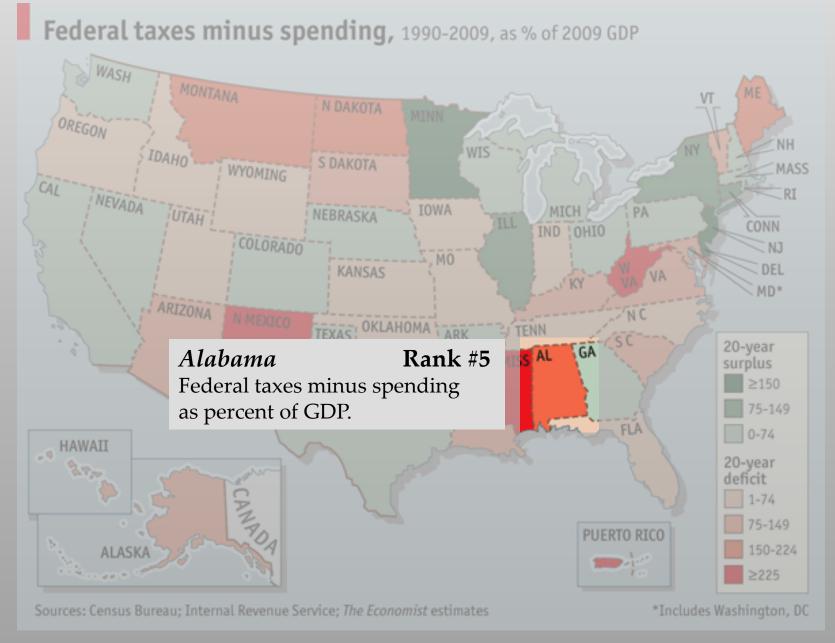
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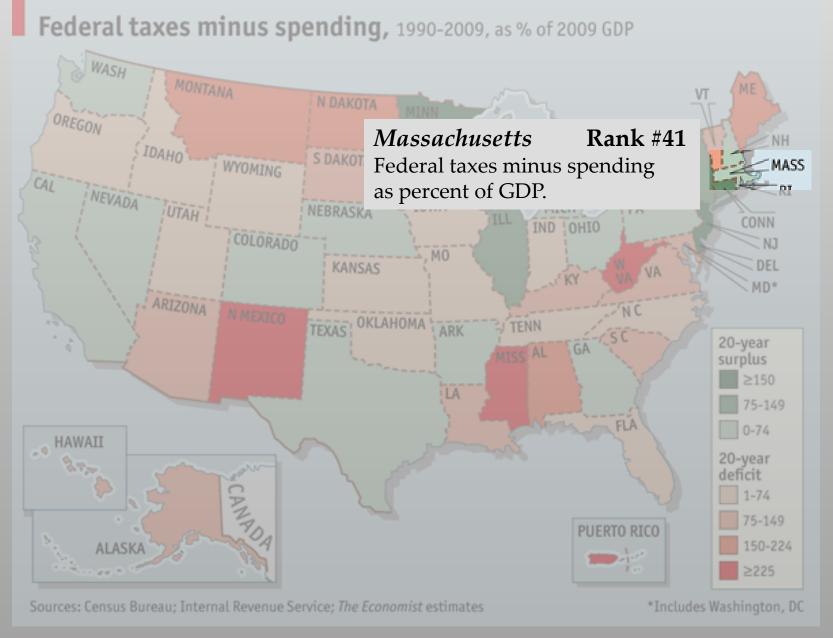


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### Defense spending

State	Defense Spending in State (in billions)	National Rank
Massachusetts	\$15.1	#9
Alabama	\$14.3	#11
Illinois	\$9.2	#20
United States	\$527.8	

### Defense spending

State	Federal Defense Spending as a percentage of GDP	National Rank
Alabama	8.6%	#4
Massachusetts	4.2%	#20
Illinois	1.5%	#48
United States	3.8%	

### Conclusion



