Men's and Women's Jobs, Working Conditions and Hours of Work: When Occupational Gender Segregation is More Important Than Your Own Sex

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This paper uses data visualization to pick apart the effects of an employee's own sex, social class and the gendering of the occupation to get a detailed understanding of their impact on hours of work and working conditions. In many cases being female has less impact on job quality than working in a feminized environment. Hidden and complex patterns in the data are discovered through careful graphing of the data.

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