

AHRC Staff Seminar July 2014: Well Sorted Materials

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Dear participant,

Thank you for submitting two titles and reasons as response to the following question:

'What is your favourite TV program, and why?'

This document contains your answers, grouped by the average of your online sorts.

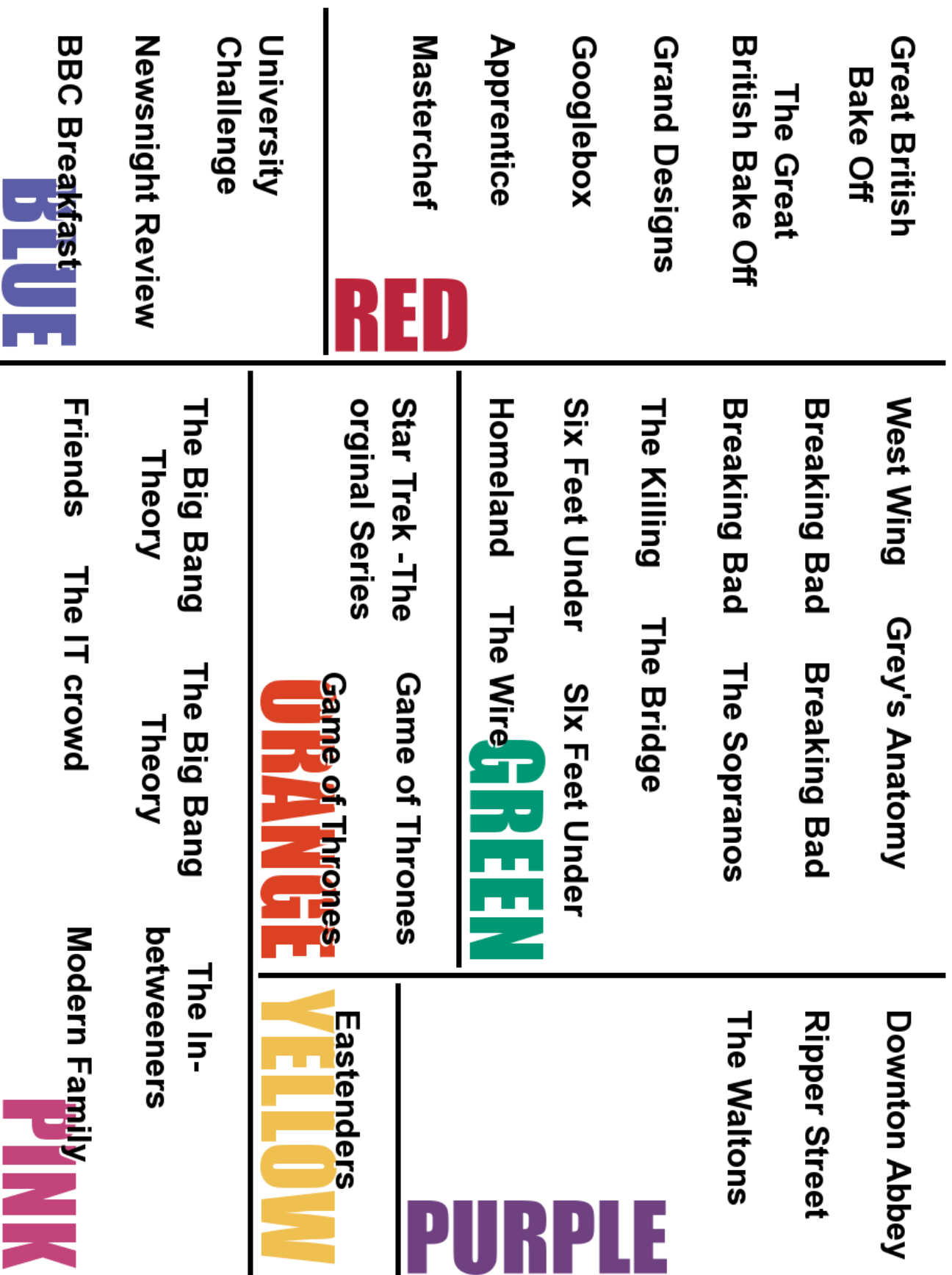
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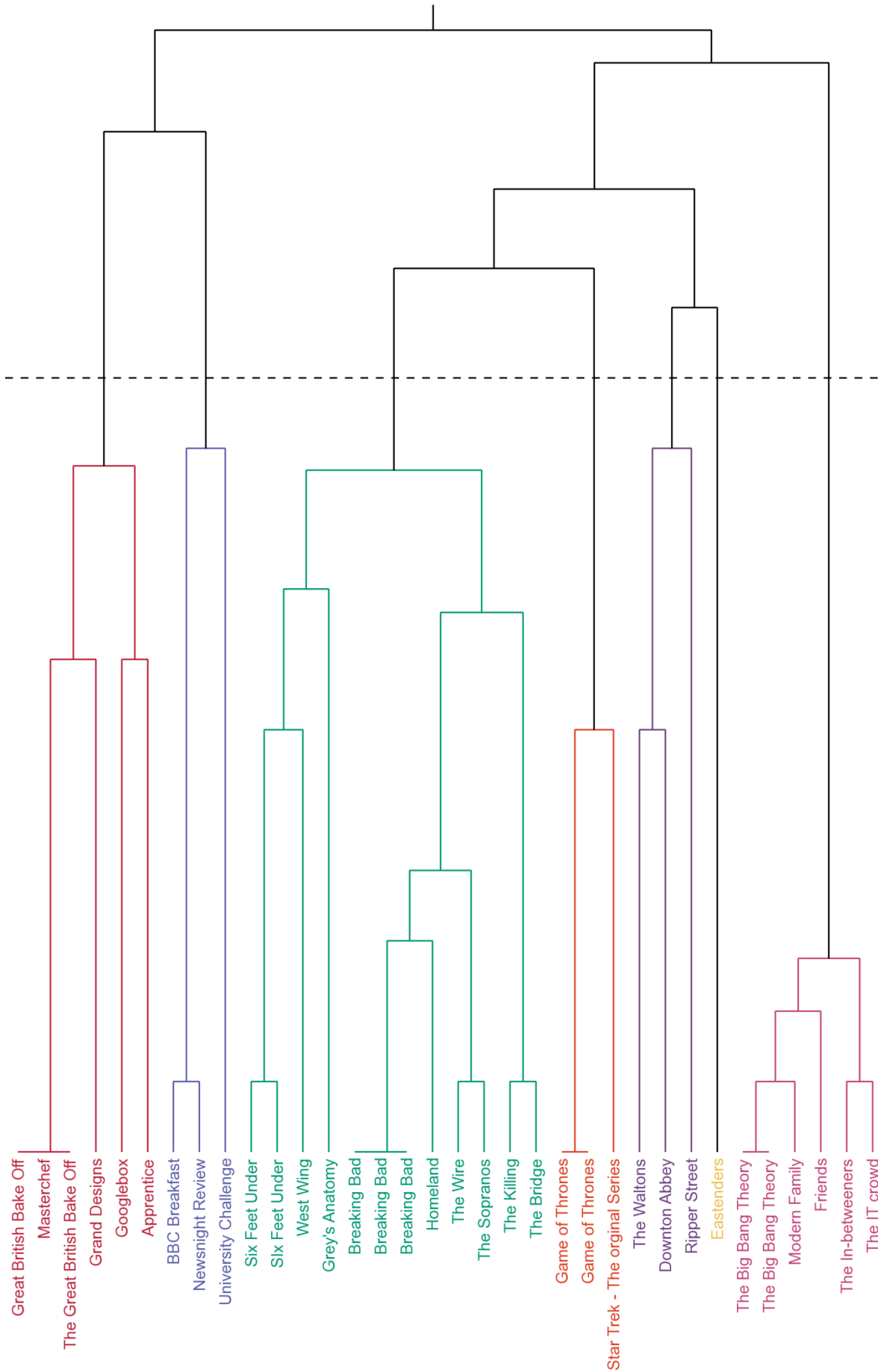
For an interactive, online version of the Tree Map and a PDF version of this document, go here:

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Tree Map - titles of all 34 TV programs grouped by 'averaging' all participants' groupings



Dendrogram - showing similarity between TV programs



Favourite TV Program titles and reasons ordered by group

	Group Members	Description
Red	Great British Bake Off	I love baking so this programme is good for tips.
	Masterchef	It's a bit like a soap opera with yummy food and it's fun to predict who might win.
	The Great British Bake Off	This is one of my favourite TV shows because it is easy to watch, it is educational and provides lots of useful baking advice. The show encourages and inspires myself, my family and colleagues to bake and try new recipes.
	Grand Designs	I love watching other people's creativity and design ambitions become a reality. It's something I would love to do myself if only I had the money!
	Googlebox	It's genuinely funny, often surprising and gives an insight into people's lives that feels real, in contrast to so much so-called 'reality tv' that overcrowds tv screens with sub-quality viewing
	Apprentice	Watching self obsessed competitors committing career suicide.
Blue	BBC Breakfast	Daily, on early when I am up, fast moving but always respectful, interesting articles, background news
	Newsnight Review	Magazine type format of reviews of Cultural events, short interesting if not absurd critics, like film, books, dance, theatre, music and cinema.
	University Challenge	It's a traditional thing I have watched it for years, I like quizzes, I feel good if I can answer a question, it's quite short and I liked Bamber Gascoine and like Jeremy Paxman.
Green	Six Feet Under	It was something completely different when it came out. Strong characters. Innovative. Well written and engaging.
	Six Feet Under	This show has it all, great male and female characters that you care about, despite their flaws, great acting, great writing and moments of great humour and of emotion. The ending after 70 or so episodes didn't disappoint.
	West Wing	Brilliant, witty script. Great characters. Thought-provoking story lines.
	Grey's Anatomy	I like the characters and the developing relationships between them. There is a good balance of dramatic medical storylines alongside humorous romantic storylines.
	Breaking Bad	It was nail biting and I couldn't wait to watch the next episode!
	Breaking Bad	It was hugely compelling and exciting. Interesting characters (though a lack of female ones). It examines the moral justifications people use for their actions. Very dark and violent, but also has some very funny moments.
	Breaking Bad	Every episode has me at the edge of my seat with a perfect mix of crime, action, drama, comedy and deception. Plus you want to bad guy to win.
	Homeland	It's fast paced and keeps your attention.
	The Wire	It's one of the only programs I can think of that doesn't assume the viewer is a raging moron that needs to be constantly reminded what is going on, or what to think. It was political without needing to sledgehammer the viewer with rhetoric. Watched twice!
	The Sopranos	It took many of the tropes of the gangster film and subtly subverted them. It's incredibly well written and had characters with real depth, including the female leads, which was/is quite rare for TV in a traditionally macho genre.
	The Killing	Well written and well plotted Scandi crime drama with lots of twists and turns and a good woolly jumper!
The Bridge	Scandinavian crime noir tv series with highly engaging and slightly odd=ball characters, brilliant plot lines and settings that have kept me hooked. Best thing on British tv screens for a long time, apart from the Killing - of course!	

Orange	Game of Thrones	It has great characters and dramatic storylines. A whole fantasy world is created and there are some great twists in the plot. I also like the humour.
	Game of Thrones	It's an epic fantasy with amazing characters, an interesting and compelling story, and dragons. Need I say more?
	Star Trek - The original Series	It is a polished production, interesting stories, and was something completely different for the time.
Purple	The Waltons	Ideal family life where despite the dramas, love brings them all through
	Downton Abbey	This is a great high quality period drama and provides an interpretation of history and society in Britain in the late 19th and early 20th Century. I particularly enjoy and like the dramatic storylines, the believable characters, and exquisite costumes.
	Ripper Street	I love the fact that it doesn't pull any punches and shows the grit rather than a sanitised period drama. The plots can be a bit bonkers but it has some fantastic and often very flawed characters and the language/speech feels authentic.
Yellow	Eastenders	The best comedy on television unbelievable plots, appalling scripts, shameful exploitation of 'issues' and the whole piece is an anti-masterclass in acting. Priceless
Pink	The Big Bang Theory	The main characters are even geekier than I am, and it's fun to see some of my geeky interests being exposed to a wider audience.
	The Big Bang Theory	A comedy that combines humour, science and university research. An unusual idea for a series but one that really works. Hilarious characters and storylines.
	Modern Family	I like the humour, it is half an hour of indulgent nonsense and escapism.
	Friends	I've seen every episode way too many times but if it comes on the TV, I can't seem to turn it off! It never fails to make me smile.
	The In-betweeners	A biting satire on the folly of youth. Like holding up a mirror to our own insecurities and finding relief in the fact that we are no longer like that. Or are we?
	The IT crowd	Brilliant nuggets of escapist entertainment adding some edge to the familiarity of everyday

Heat Map - showing a similarity matrix between TV programs

