

Strange Fruit Incorporated

Understanding Anti-Black Violence and Discrimination, 1619-2010

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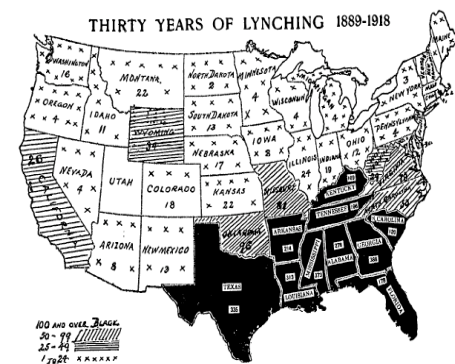
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Lynching & Strange Fruit

- Systematically evaluated for decades
- Diverse Explanatory factors examined
 - fear
 - criminality
 - labor competition
 - alternative control

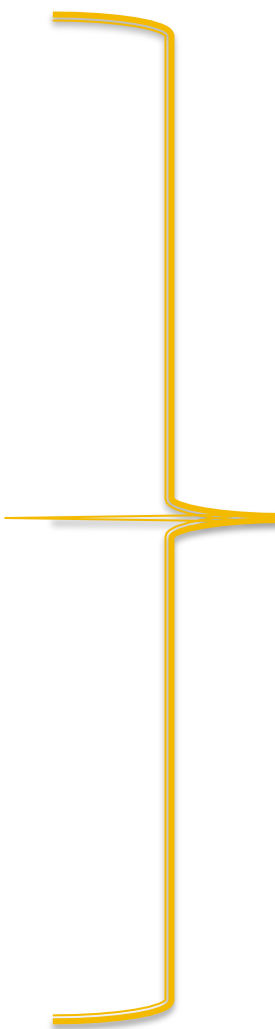
Temporally Bound

- begins and ends
- migration, no longer needed



What Happened Next/Before? Connections? Implications?

- Slavery
- Outrages
- Executions
- Race riots
- Arrests
- Police Brutality
- Sentencing
- Driving While Black
- Protesting While Black



What's in a
name?

What's in
not naming?

Specificity & Division of labor “killed”/disappeared racism

- Ignores repertoire
- Ignores substitution
- Ignores evolution
- Ignores outcome/aftereffect
- Prompts us to miss as well as undervalue role & persistence of anti-black violence and discrimination in American life

Punishment and Discipline

- Not Obscured and hidden
- One of the most publicized and open coercive treatments of any group
- Signals **power** held or not held by authorities to blacks (as well as others); **protects** unequal distribution; **produces** generational victims

Studying the **incorporation** of anti-black coercive activity

- Identification
- Collection
- Distribution
- Analysis
- Why?
 - To explore and understand variation across time and space
 - To explore and understand outcomes of violence/discrimination

Preceded by

Slavery

Voyages

%embarked
died
midpsg
deaths
middlepsg
dys
outcome of voyage for slaves
resistance
outcome of voyage
total slaves embarked
Killings (?)
Beatings/Torture (?)
Rape (?)

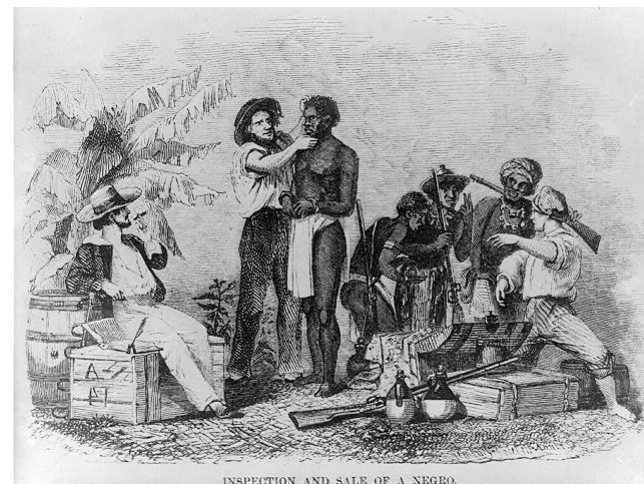


Census

Started/Ended
Number of slaves
Abuses (?)

Slave Codes

Types of restrictions (?)



Accompanied by

Execution/Legal Homicide (Bowers)

	State	State Race of Vic	Month	Day	Year	FIPS	Race	Gender	Offense
■	AL	41	09	09	1927	001	1	1	1
■	AL	41	07	08	1904	003	1	1	1
■	AL	41	03	09	1883	005	1	1	1
■	AL	41	04	08	1887	005	1	1	1
■	AL	41	07	20	1888	005	1	1	1
■	AL	41	01	03	1902	005	1	1	1
■	AL	41	06	12	1903	005	1	1	1
■	AL	41	06	29	1905	005	1	1	1
■	AL	41	08	23	1929	005	1	1	1
■	AL	41	08	04	1899	007	1	1	1
■	AL	41	04	24	1903	007	1	1	1
■	AL	41	08	13	1910	007	1	1	1
■	AL	41	12	22	1911	007	1	1	2
■	AL	41	05	17	1912	007	1	1	1
■	AL	41	06	26	1914	007	1	1	1
■	AL	41	09	15	1921	007	1	1	1
■	AL	41	09	01	1922	007	1	1	3
■	AL	41	10	08	1886	011	1	1	2
■	AL	41	11	04	1887	011	1	1	1
■	AL	41	10	12	1888	011	1	0	1
■	AL	41	03	30	1894	011	1	1	1
■	AL	41	10	14	1894	011	1	1	1
■	AL	41	10	14	1894	011	1	1	1
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Followed by

Outrages (Freedmen's Bureau)

- "1867 Report of Names of Freed People who have been assaulted with intent to kill, in the sub Dist. of Rome, GA in 1867.
- *"Name of Person Assaulted: SYLVANUS LUMPKIN. When: 3d. August. Attacker: RACHEL LUMPKIN (col'd). Where: Floyd County; Cause: Jealousy. Injuries Received: Struck with an axe inflicting wound above left eye causing wound four inches in length and penetrating the frontal brow causing death. Disposition: Referred to civil authorities, who had already arrested her. Tried and convicted of Involuntary Manslaughter. Sentenced July 2d. 12 mos Penitentiary.*
- *Name of Victim: ALBERT MONTGOMERY When: October 14th Name of Attacker: CHARLES DENT (white). Where: Cave Spring Cause: Cruelty to a Mule. Injuries Received: Stabbed with a pen knife in the abdomen below the sternum the knife penetrated half way through the abdominal wall. Disposition: Referred to Civil Authorities. Warrant issued at request of S. A. Com. * two days after when they went to serve it he had escaped. (*Sub Assistant Commissioner).*
- *Name of Victim: ALONZO REESE When: May 6th. Name of Attacker: THOMAS BLACK (white). Where: Calhoun. Cause: none whatever. Injuries Received: Fired two shots and missed him. Threw his pistol at him cutting him severely. The freedman escaped further injury by running. Disposition: none.*
- *Name of Victim: LAMUEL DONALDSON When: August 19. Name of Attacker: CHARLES SMITH (white). Where: Euhalie, Cass, Co. Cause: went to SMITH's house to see his child which was living with SMITH at the time. Injuries Received: Shot him in the thigh with a shot gun, wounding him very severely. Has since recovered. Disposition: Had SMITH arrested turned over to the Civil Authorities, the parties compromised the affair. SMITH paying Doctors bill 75cts per dollar for lost time and \$25.00 for additional cost &c.*

Jim Crow (Pauley)

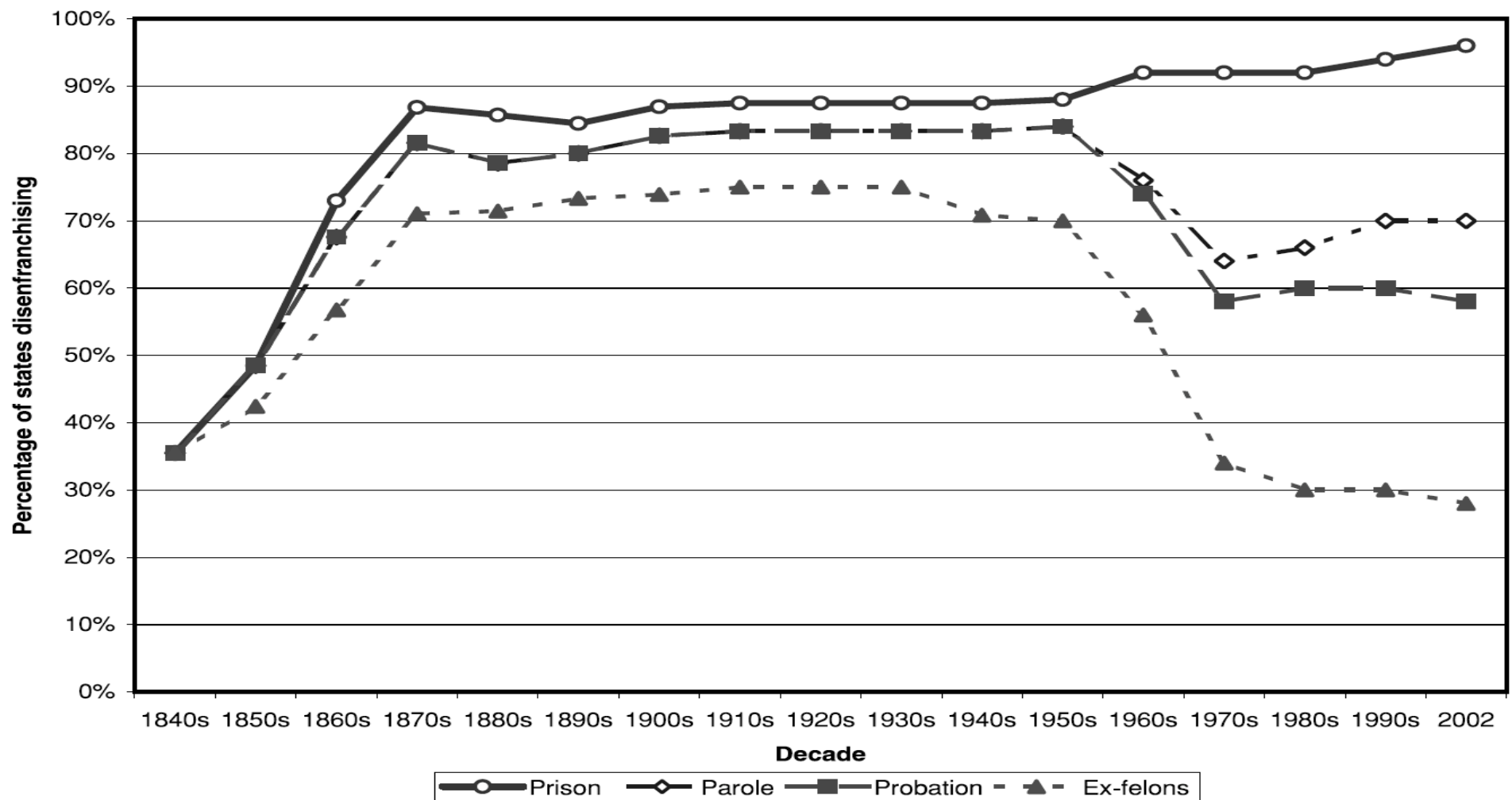
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Disenfranchisement (Uggens and Manza?)

Figure 1

Changes in state disenfranchisement law by class of felons disenfranchised



Race Riots (?)

- Riots of 1919 (Red Summer)
 - 26 separate riots with whites attacking African Americans, 43 blacks lynched & black resistance
- Tulsa riot of 1921



Sundown Towns (Loewen?)



Protest Policing (Soule et al)

Figure 2. The Proportion of Events With Police Present

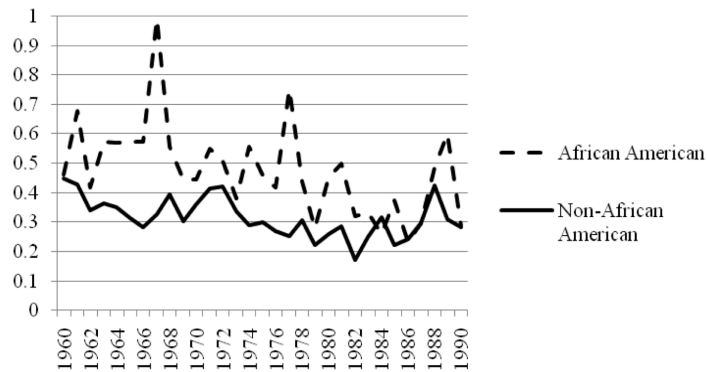


Figure 4. The Proportion of Events With Arrests

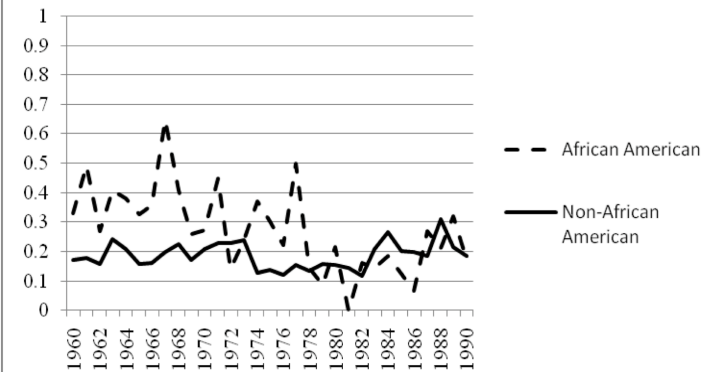
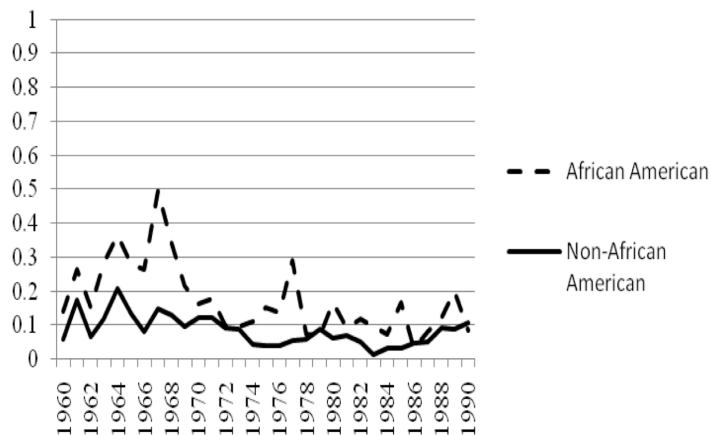
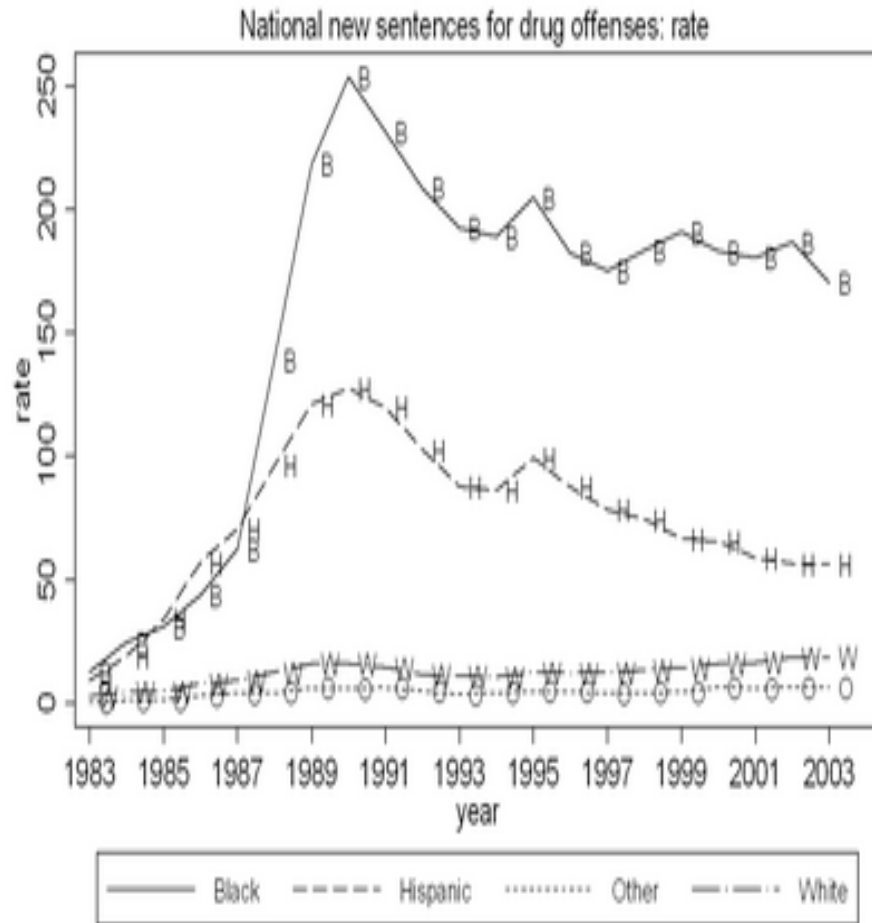


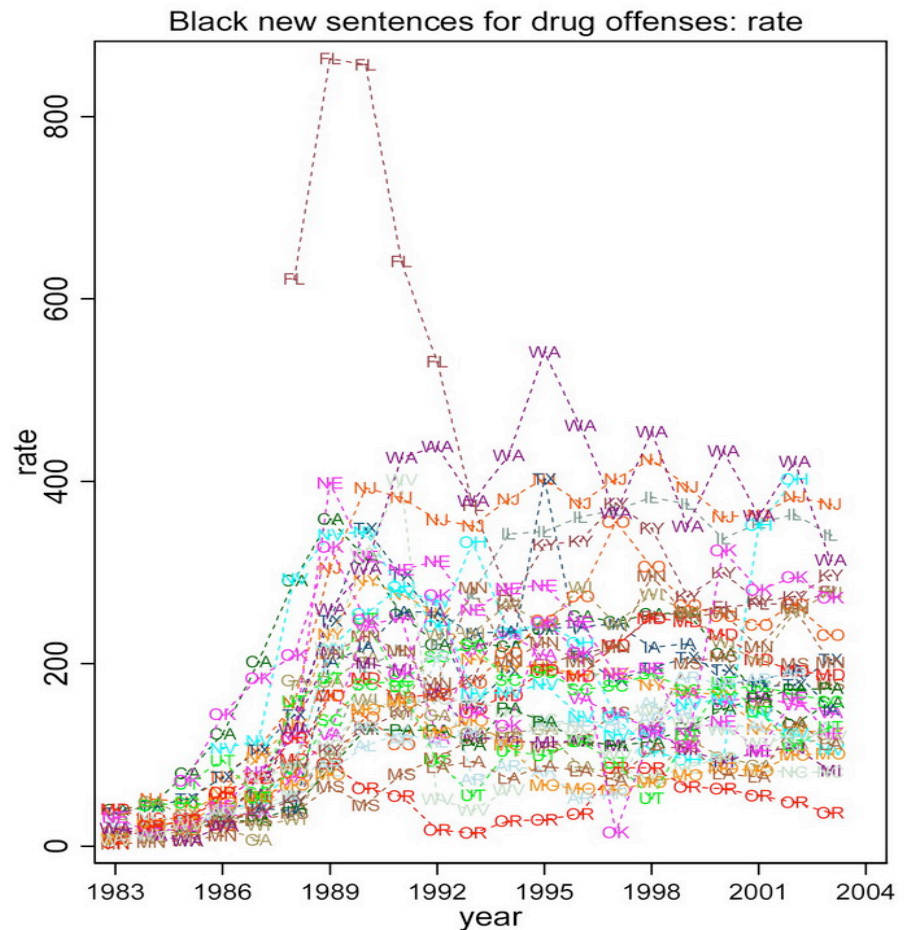
Figure 3. The Proportion of Events Met with Police Force and/or Violence



Drug-Related Prison Admissions (Oliver)



Calculated from National Corrections Reporting Program and Census Population Data
Prison Admissions per 100,000 population over age 14



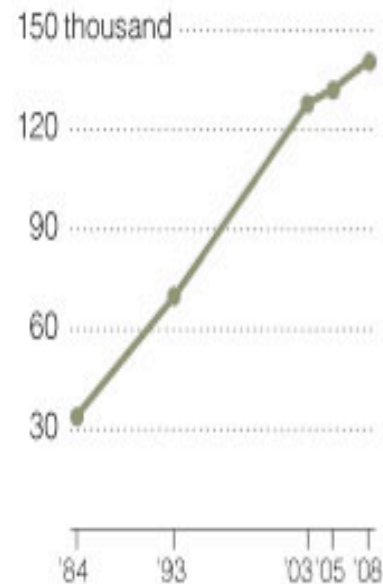
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Life Sentencing (The Sentencing Project)

Rise in Life Sentences

The number of prisoners serving a life sentence has quadrupled since 1984.

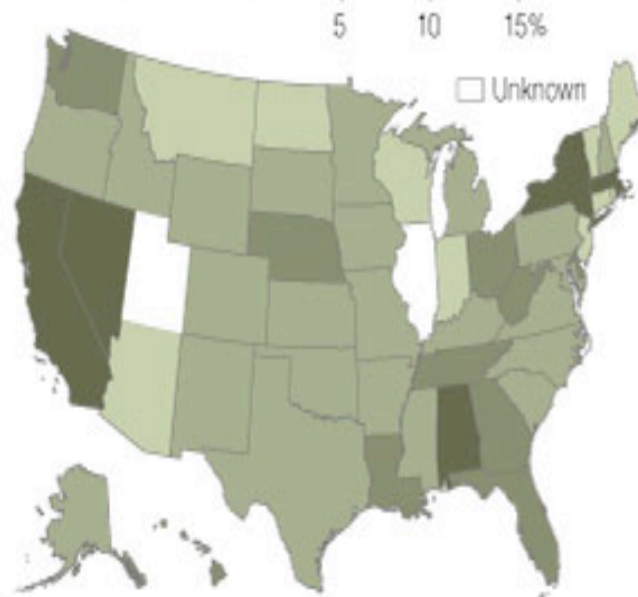
Prisoners with life sentences



Source: The Sentencing Project

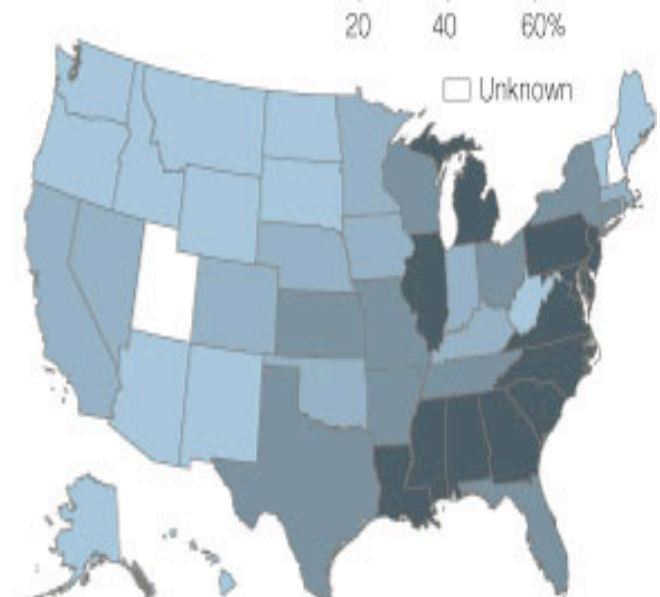
In Alabama, California, Massachusetts, Nevada, New York, at least 1 in 6 prisoners are serving a life sentence.

In state prisons



Nationally, nearly half of those serving a life sentence are black. In 13 states, blacks make up more than 60 percent of those with a life sentence.

Black inmates



THE NEW YORK TIMES

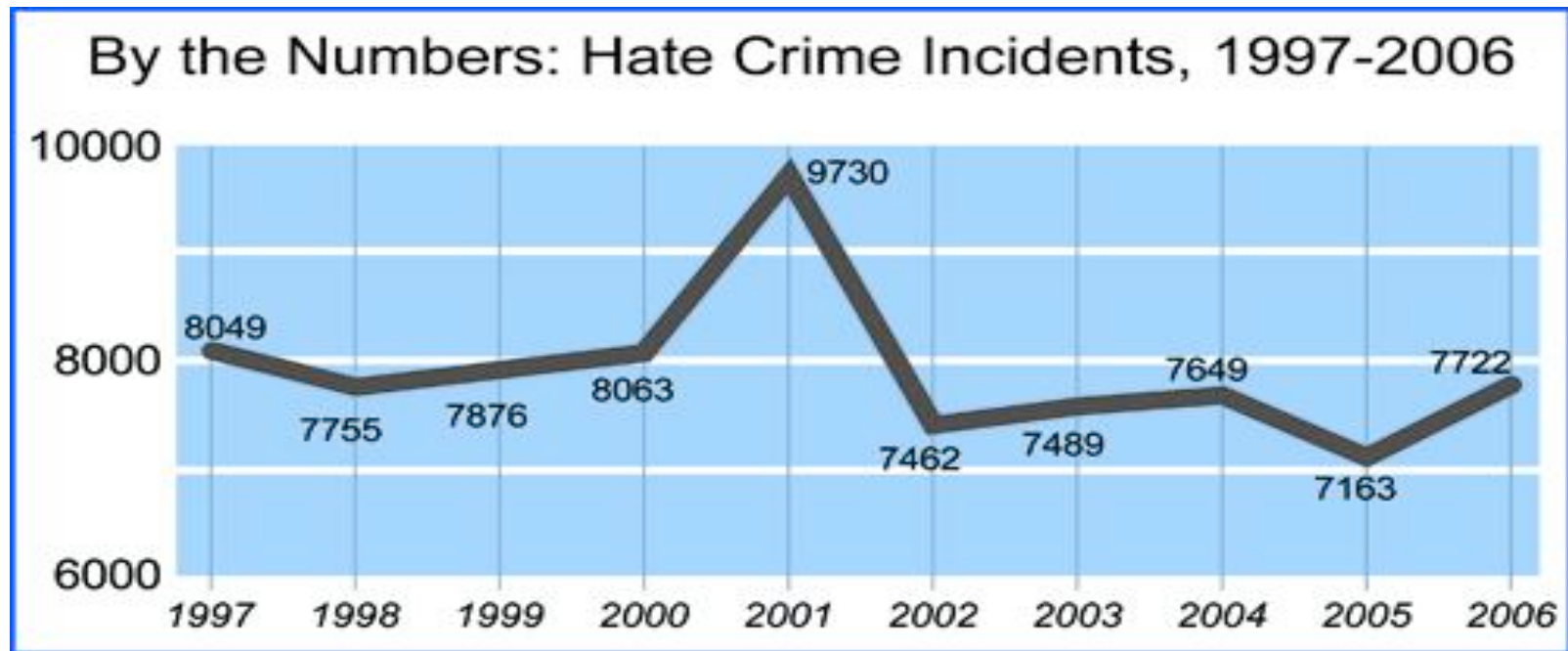
Church bombings (US Congress)

■ BLACK CHURCH BURNINGS, FIREBOMBINGS, VANDALISMS JANUARY 1990 - APRIL 1996

- 1. January 5, 1990--Apostolic Faith Assembly Church, Louisville, KY.
- 2. January 6, 1990--Asbury Chapel AME Church, Louisville, KY.
- 3. August 11, 1991--Thornwell Orphanage, Clinton, SC.
- 4. October 8, 1991--Sandhill's Freewill Baptist Church, Hemingway, SC.
- 5. December, 1991--Barren River Baptist Church, Bowling Green, KY.
- 6. February, 1992--Rock Springs Baptist Church, McDonough, GA.
- 7. October 21, 1992--Tucker Baptist Church, Union, SC.
- 8. April 4, 1993--Springhill Freewill Baptist Church, McComb, MS.
- 9. April 4, 1993--Rocky Point Missionary Baptist, McComb, MS.
- 10. April 19, 1993--Camp Welfare Baptist Church, Fairfield, SC.
- 11. May 19, 1993--St. Stephens Baptist Church, St. Stephen, SC.
- 12. January 17, 1994--Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
- 13. February, 1994--Bucks Chapel Church, Sumter County, AL.
- 14. February, 1994--Pine Top Baptist, Sumter County, AL.
- 15. February, 1994--Oak Grove Missionary Church, Sumter County, AL.
- 16. February 19, 1994--Rock Hill Baptist Church, Aiken County, SC.
- 17. February 25, 1994--Old Rosemary Baptist Church, Aiken County, SC.
- 18. June 6, 1994--Jerusalem Baptist Church, Aiken, S.C.
- 19. July 21, 1994--Springfield Baptist Church, Madison, GA.
- 20. July 21, 1994--Elam Baptist Church, Jones County, GA.
- 21. August 5, 1994--Greater Missionary Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN.
- 22. August, 1994--Benevolent Lodge #210, Clarksville, TN.
- 23. September 8, 1994--Rice's Chapel, Buffalo, SC.
- 24. September 8, 1994--New Wright's Chapel, Shelby County, TN.
- 25. September 8, 1994--Dec. 31, 1995--Five(5) churches, Memphis, TN.
- 26. October 8, 1994--Shrub Branch Baptist Church, Blackville, SC.
- 27. October 23, 1994--St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Cades, SC.
- 28. December 30, 1994--Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Fruitland, TN.
- 29. January 1, 1995--Bluff Road U.M.C., Columbia, S.C..
- 30. January 13, 1995--Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Crockett County, TN.
- 31. January 29, 1995--Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Columbia, TN.
- 32. January 29, 1995--Canaan AME, Mt. Pleasant, TN.
- 32. January 31, 1995--Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Bolivar, TN.
- 33. March 9, 1995--Hammond Grove Baptist Church, N. Augusta, S.C.
- 34. March 24, 1995--Sike Savannah Methodist Church, Ruffin, SC.
- 35. May 4, 1995--La Luz Del Mundo, Wahalla, SC.
- 36. May 21, 1995--Summer Grove Baptist Church, Aiken, SC.
- 37. June 20, 1995--Mt. Zion AME Church, Greeleyville, S.C.
- 38. June 22, 1995--Macedonia Baptist Church, Manning, S.C.
- 39. August 15, 1995--St. John's Baptist Church, Dixiana, S.C.
- 40. October 14, 1995--Zion Chapel AME, Sun, LA.
- 41. October 20, 1995--Sandy Grove, Bennettsville, SC.
- 42. October 1, 1995--Islamic Mosque, Greenville, SC
- 43. December 1, 1995--Mount Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Aiken County, SC.
- 44. December 11, 1995--Jerusalem Baptist Church, Boligee, AL.
- 45. December 13, 1995--Jesus Christ Holy Gospel, Laurens, SC.
- 46. December 22, 1995--Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Boligee, AL.
- 47. December 25, 1995--Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Hillsborough, NC.
- 48. January 8, 1996--Inner City Church, Knoxville, TN.
- 49. January 11, 1996--Little Zion Baptist Church, Boligee, AL..
- 50. January 11, 1996--Mt. Zoar Baptist Church, Boligee, AL..
- 51. January 22, 1996--New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Lee County, Ark.
- 52. February 1, 1996--Cypress Grove Baptist Church, Zachary, LA.
- 53. February 1, 1996--St. Paul Baptist Church, Baker, LA.
- 54. February 1, 1996--Sweet Home Baptist Church, Baker, LA.
- 55. February 1, 1996--Thomas Benevolent Society, Baker, LA.
- 56. February 21, 1996--Glorious Church of God and Christ, Richmond, VA.
- 57. February 28, 1996--New Liberty Baptist Church, Tyler, AL.
- 58. March 1996--Gays Hill Baptist Church, Millen, GA.
- 59. March 1996--Butler Chapel A.M.E., Orangeburg, SC.
- 60. March 5, 1996--St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Hatley, MS.
- 61. March 10, 1996--Falling Meadows Baptist Church, West Point, MS.
- 62. March 25, 1996--Central Baptist Church, Dallas County, AL.
- 63. March 30, 1996--El Bethel Church, Yazoo County MS.
- 64. April 7, 1996--St. Paul's Primitive Baptist Church, Lauderdale, MS.
- 65. April 11, 1996--St. Charles Church, Raincourtville, LA.
- 66. April 13, 1996--Rosemary Baptist Church, Barnwell, S.C.
- 67. April 26, 1996--Effingham Baptist Church, Florence County, S.C.
- 68. May 14, 1996--Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Tigrett, TN.
- 69. May 17, 1996--Three (3) African American Churches, Desha County, Ark.
- 70. May 23, 1996--Mount Tabor Baptist Church, Cerro Gordo, NC.
- 71. May 24, 1996--Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Lumberton, NC.
- 72. June 2, 1996--Rising Star Baptist Church, Greensboro, AL.
- 73. June 7, 1996--Matthews-Murkland Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC.

Hate Crimes (FBI)

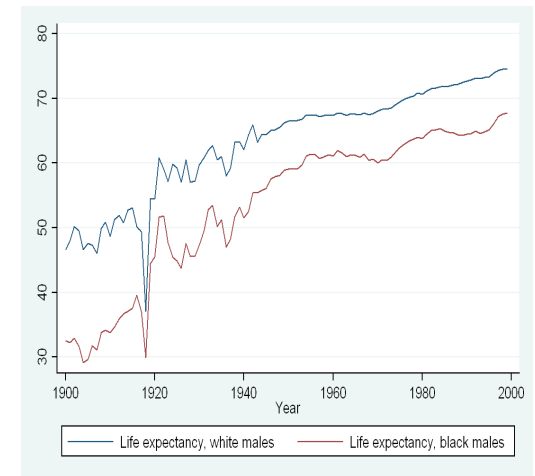
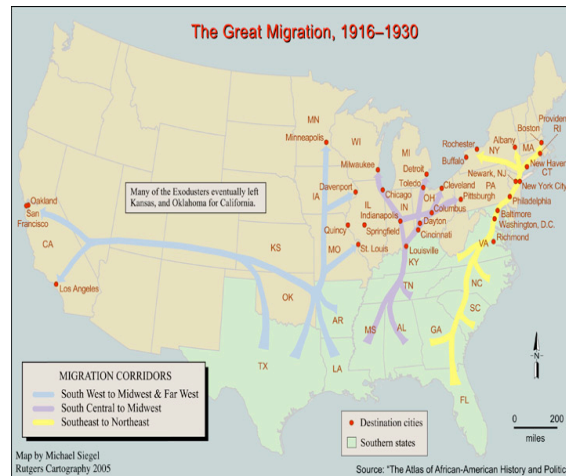
- 42% (1996), 65.5% (2000), 68% (2004), 72.9% (2008) against blacks



Conclusion

Tasks

- Identification
- Collection
- Distribution
- Analysis



■ Questions:

- **Onset, Magnitude/Severity, Termination, Change, Aftermath** (e.g., movement, life expectancy, political participation, mental health, happiness, employment, wealth)
- Determinants, across space and time

Parting Query: Mulattoes in the census

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SCHEDULE 2. Slave Inhabitants in

2nd District

in the County of

Worcester

State

of Massachusetts, enumerated by me, on the 11th day of

June, 1860.

Leicester and West

NAME OF SLAVE OWNER	No. of Slave	DESCRIPTION				Deaf & dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic	NAME OF SLAVE OWNER	No. of Slave	DESCRIPTION				Deaf & dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic
		Sex	Age	Color	Height				Sex	Age	Color	Height	
Leicester and West	1	M	55	F	11		2d M. H. H.	1	M	21	F	11	
	2	M	26	F	11		Elmer H. H.	1	M	20	F	11	
	3	M	17	F	11			1	M	11	F	11	
	4	M	18	F	11			1	M	6	F	11	
	5	M	18	F	11			1	M	18	F	11	
	6	M	8	F	11		John H. H.	1	M	35	F	11	
	7	M	8	F	11			1	M	25	F	11	
	8	M	4	F	11			1	M	1	F	11	
	9	M	5	F	11			1	M	5	F	11	
	10	M	7	F	11			1	M	4	F	11	
James H. H.	11	M	25	F	11			1	M	1	F	11	
John H. H.	12	M	21	F	11		5th J. H. H.	1	M	22	F	11	
	13	M	28	F	11		John H. H.	1	M	35	F	11	
	14	M	45	F	11			1	M	47	F	11	
	15	M	15	F	11			1	M	15	F	11	
	16	M	68	F	11			1	M	10	F	11	
	17	M	45	F	11		John H. H.	1	M	35	F	11	
	18	M	25	F	11			1	M	11	F	11	
	19	M	48	F	11		Frederick H. H.	1	M	66	F	11	
	20	M	28	F	11		John H. H.	1	M	20	F	11	
	21	M	15	F	11			1	M	10	F	11	
	22	M	45	F	11			1	M	5	F	11	
	23	M	40	F	11			1	M	2	F	11	
	24	M	18	F	11		John H. H.	1	M	40	F	11	
	25	M	8	F	11			1	M	9	F	11	
	26	M	6	F	11		William H. H.	1	M	23	F	11	
	27	M	2	F	11		John H. H.	1	M	17	F	11	
	28	M	1	F	11		James H. H.	1	M	18	F	11	
	29	M	9	F	11		John H. H.	1	M	17	F	11	
	30	M	7	F	11		John H. H.	1	M	20	F	11	
	31	M	5	F	11			1	M	14	F	11	
	32	M	8	F	11		John H. H.	1	M	25	F	11	
	33	M	1	F	11			1	M	10	F	11	
	34	M	11	F	11		John H. H.	1	M	10	F	11	
	35	M	9	F	11			1	M	25	F	11	
	36	M	2	F	11			1	M	9	F	11	
	37	M	5	F	11		John H. H.	1	M	23	F	11	
	38	M	2	F	11			1	M	25	F	11	
	39	M	12	F	11		John H. H.	1	M	40	F	11	
John H. H.	40	M	57	F	11			1	M	4	F	11	

No. of males
No. of females

No. of male slaves
No. of female slaves
Total slaves

No. fugitive
No. manumitted

No. deaf and dumb
No. blind

No. insane
No. idiotic

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