

BDS Project

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Hypotheses:

After walking through each of the deliverables during this semester, I have honed my hypothesis and research question:

I am interested in what factors predict a prior record, age of offense, and years on death row of an executed Texas inmate using the following variables as predictor variables: * countyorCountry * educationYears * codefsYes * totalVictims * femaleVictim * foreignNational * race2

Exploratory Data Analysis

Data Import & Review

```
#load libraries
library(tidyverse)
```

```
## — Attaching packages —————
————— tidyverse 1.2.1 —
```

```
## ✓ ggplot2 3.1.0      ✓ purrr  0.2.5
## ✓ tibble  1.4.2      ✓ dplyr  0.7.8
## ✓ tidyr   0.8.1      ✓ stringr 1.3.1
## ✓ readr   1.1.1      ✓ forcats 0.3.0
```

```
## — Conflicts —————
————— tidyverse_conflicts() —
## ✖ dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
## ✖ dplyr::lag()     masks stats::lag()
```

```
library(corrplot)
```

```
## corrplot 0.84 loaded
```

```
library(reshape)
```

```
##
## Attaching package: 'reshape'
```

```
## The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':  
##  
##   rename
```

```
## The following objects are masked from 'package:tidyr':  
##  
##   expand, smiths
```

```
library(data.table)
```

```
##  
## Attaching package: 'data.table'
```

```
## The following object is masked from 'package:reshape':  
##  
##   melt
```

```
## The following objects are masked from 'package:dplyr':  
##  
##   between, first, last
```

```
## The following object is masked from 'package:purrr':  
##  
##   transpose
```

```
library(ggplot2)  
library(ggcorrplot)  
library(caret)
```

```
## Loading required package: lattice
```

```
##  
## Attaching package: 'caret'
```

```
## The following object is masked from 'package:purrr':  
##  
##   lift
```

```
library(rpart)  
library(randomForest)
```

```
## randomForest 4.6-14
```

```
## Type rfNews() to see new features/changes/bug fixes.
```

```
##  
## Attaching package: 'randomForest'
```

```
## The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':  
##  
##      combine
```

```
## The following object is masked from 'package:ggplot2':  
##  
##      margin
```

```
library(rminer)  
library(partykit)
```

```
## Loading required package: grid
```

```
## Loading required package: libcoin
```

```
## Loading required package: mvtnorm
```

```
options(warn=-1)
```

First I will import the original data set and view it as a whole to get a feel for the variables.

```
#load data  
texas <- read.csv("~/Google Drive/ND MS Data Science/Fall 2018: Behavioral Data Science/  
Project/BDS-W13-TexasExecution.csv", header=T)  
  
#review data as a whole  
head(texas)
```

```

##      executionNumber inmateNumber      lastName firstName      fullName
## 1                1          592 Brooks, Jr.   Charlie Brooks, Charlie Jr.
## 2                2          670      Autry     James Autry, James David
## 3                3          529    O'Bryan    Ronald ronald o'bryan
## 4                4          621   Barefoot    Thomas thomas barefoot
## 5                5          518   Skillern    Doyle doyle dkillern
## 6                6          712     Morin    Stephen stephen morin
##      fullName2 dateofExecution dateofExecution2 executionDecade
## 1 Charlie Brooks      12/7/1982      12/7/1982      80s
## 2 James Autry        3/14/1984      3/14/1984      80s
## 3 Ronald O'Bryan     3/31/1984      3/31/1984      80s
## 4 Thomas Barefoot    10/30/1984     10/30/1984      80s
## 5 Doyle Skillern     1/16/1985      1/16/1985      80s
## 6 Stephen Morin      3/13/1985      3/13/1985      80s
##      dateReceived dateofOffense ageatDateofOffense dateofOffense2
## 1      4/25/1978      12/14/1976          34      12/14/1976
## 2     10/10/1980      4/20/1980          25      4/20/1980
## 3          <NA>          <NA>          NA          <NA>
## 4          <NA>          <NA>          NA          <NA>
## 5          <NA>          <NA>          NA          <NA>
## 6          <NA>          <NA>          NA          <NA>
##      methodofExecution dateofBirth dateofBirth2 ageatExecution
## 1 Lethal Injection      9/1/1942      9/1/1942          40
## 2 Lethal Injection      9/27/1954     9/27/1954          29
## 3 Lethal Injection          <NA>          <NA>          39
## 4 Lethal Injection          <NA>          <NA>          39
## 5 Lethal Injection          <NA>          <NA>          49
## 6 Lethal Injection          <NA>          <NA>          34
##      ageatExecution2 ageReceived yearsonDeathRow countyTDCJMain
## 1                40          35          5      tarrant
## 2                29          26          3      jefferson
## 3                39          31          8      harris
## 4                39          34          5      bell
## 5                48          NA          NA      lubbock
## 6                37          NA          NA      jefferson
##      countyorCountry nativeCounty county2 nativeState nativeCountry sex
## 1      tarrant      tarrant      tarrant      texas      <NA> Male
## 2      jefferson      potter jefferson      texas      <NA> Male
## 3          <NA>          <NA>      harris          <NA> united states <NA>
## 4          <NA>      new iberia      bell      louisiana united states <NA>
## 5          <NA>          <NA>      live oak          <NA> united states <NA>
## 6          <NA>          <NA>      jefferson          <NA> united states <NA>
##      sex2 hairColor      eyeColor victimRaceGender race
## 1      m      black mar (according to dps records)      White Male Black
## 2      m      brown      brown      female White
## 3      m      <NA>          <NA>      white male White
## 4      m      <NA>          <NA>      white male White
## 5      m      <NA>          <NA>      male White
## 6      m      <NA>          <NA>      white female White
##      race2 victimRaceMatch height weight educationYears priorOccupation
## 1 Black      No      69      150      12      Laborer
## 2 White      No      68      137      6      Laborer
## 3 White      No      NA      NA      NA      <NA>

```

## 4 White	No	NA	NA	NA	<NA>
## 5 White	No	NA	NA	NA	<NA>
## 6 White	No	NA	NA	NA	<NA>

##

priorRecord

1 Federal Prison, Leavenworth, Illegal Possession of Firearms, Discharged 1968

2 5 year sentence for Assault and Attempted Robbery - 1972; 8 year sentence for Burglary - 1975

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None

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<NA>

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priorRecordYes juvenile federal volunteer foreignNational

1 Yes No No No No

2 Yes No No No No

3 No No No No No

4 Yes No No No No

5 <NA> No No No No

6 Yes No No Yes No

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summaryofCrime

1 Brooks went to a car lot under the pretense of wanting to test drive a car. A mechanic accompanied him on the drive. Brooks stopped to pick up a co-defendant. The mechanic was put in the trunk of the car. Brooks and his co-defendant went to a motel. The mechanic was brought out of the trunk and taken into a motel room. The mechanic was bound with coat hangers, gagged with adhesive tape, and shot in the head, causing his death. Brooks and the co-defendant fled the scene.

2 On April 20, 1980, Autry shot a 43 year old female convenience store clerk between the eyes with a .38 caliber pistol causing her death. Autry had been arguing with the clerk about the price of a six pack of beer. Two witnesses were also shot in the head. One witness was a 43 year old former Roman Catholic priest, who died instantly. The other witness was a Greek seaman who survived the gunshot, with serious injuries.

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<NA>

4

<NA>

5

<NA>

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<NA>

##	codefendants	codefsYes	totalVictims	victims2orMore	femaleVictim
## 1	Woody Loudres	Yes	1	No	No
## 2	John Alton Sandifer	Yes	1	No	Yes
## 3	None.	No	1	No	No
## 4	None.	No	1	No	No
## 5	1	Yes	1	No	No
## 6	None.	No	1	No	Yes

##	totalWhite	totalBlack	totalLatino	totalAsian	totalNativeAmerican
## 1	1	0	0	0	0
## 2	1	0	0	0	0
## 3	1	0	0	0	0
## 4	1	0	0	0	0
## 5	1	0	0	0	0
## 6	1	0	0	0	0

##	totalOther	totalMale	totalFemale
## 1	0	1	0
## 2	0	0	1
## 3	0	1	0
## 4	0	1	0
## 5	0	1	0
## 6	0	0	1

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tement to the Media: I, at this very moment, have absolutely no fear of what may happen to this body. My fear is for Allah, God only, who has at this moment the only power to determine if I should live or die... As a devout Muslim, I am taught and believe that this material life is only for the express purpose of preparing oneself for the real life that is to come... Since becoming Muslim, I have tried to live as Allah wanted me to live.

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This offender declined to make a last statement.

3 What is about to transpire in a few moments is wrong! However, we as human beings do make mistakes and errors. This execution is one of those wrongs yet doesn't mean our whole system of justice is wrong. Therefore, I would forgive all who have taken part in any way in my death. Also, to anyone I have offended in any way during my 39 years, I pray and ask your forgiveness, just as I forgive anyone who offended me in any way. And I pray and ask God's forgiveness for all of us respectively as human beings. To my loved ones, I extend my undying love. To those close to me, know in your hearts I love you one and all. God bless you all and may God's best blessings be always yours. Ronald C. O'Bryan P.S. During my time here, I have been treated well by all T.D.C. personnel.

4 When asked if he had a last statement, he replied, "Yes, I do." I hope that one day we can look back on the evil that we're doing right now like the witches we burned at the stake. I want everybody to know that I hold nothing against them. I forgive them all. I hope everybody I've done anything to will forgive me. I've been praying all day for Carl Levin's wife to drive the bitterness from her heart because that bitterness that's in her heart will send her to Hell just as surely as any other sin. I'm sorry for everything I've ever done to anybody. I hope they'll forgive me. "Sharon, tell all my friends goodbye. You know who they are: Charles Bass, David Powell" Then he coughed and nothing else was said.

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I pray that my family will rejoice and will forgive, thank you.

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Heavenly Father, I give thanks for this time, for the time that we have been together, the fellowship in your world, the Christian family presented to me (He called the names of the personal witnesses.). Allow your holy spirit to flow as I know your love as been showered upon me. Forgive them for they know not what they do, as I know that you have forgiven me, as I have forgiven them. Lord Jesus, I commit my soul to you, I praise you, and I thank you.

gaveLastStatement externalStatementCheck

## 1	Yes	No
## 2	No	No
## 3	Yes	No
## 4	Yes	No
## 5	Yes	No

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Yes

No

##

correctedStatements

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Statement to the

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##	uniqueWords	typeTokenRatio	sentenceCount	sentenceLength	syllableCount
## 1	56	0.6321839	3	29.0	1.402299
## 2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
## 3	96	0.6000000	10	15.5	1.335484
## 4	79	0.6320000	10	12.5	1.336000
## 5	11	0.9166667	1	12.0	1.333333
## 6	48	0.6000000	4	20.0	1.312500

##	characterCount	letterCount	FOG	flesch	measTextLexDiversity
## 1	446	343	14.358621	58.76552	55.16418
## 2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
## 3	777	598	9.296774	78.12056	83.13483
## 4	620	477	7.240000	81.12190	76.81081
## 5	64	50	8.133333	81.85500	12.00000
## 6	408	314	11.500000	75.49750	40.50000

str(texas)

```

## 'data.frame':    518 obs. of  72 variables:
## $ executionNumber      : int  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
## $ inmateNumber        : int  592 670 529 621 518 712 713 628 551 555 ...
## $ lastName            : Factor w/ 421 levels "Adams","Adanandus",...: 54 16 290 24
360 272 105 264 306 341 ...
## $ firstName           : Factor w/ 249 levels "Aaron","Adolph",...: 32 114 211 229 6
7 224 127 31 104 31 ...
## $ fullName            : Factor w/ 505 levels "aaron fuller",...: 39 20 434 463 127
455 249 58 189 60 ...
## $ fullName2           : Factor w/ 515 levels "Aaron Foust",...: 61 191 448 476 127
468 236 54 180 57 ...
## $ dateofExecution      : Factor w/ 515 levels "1/10/2007","1/12/2000",...: 153 211 2
35 74 9 210 287 372 420 477 ...
## $ dateofExecution2     : Factor w/ 515 levels "1/10/2007","1/12/2000",...: 153 211 2
35 74 9 210 287 372 420 476 ...
## $ executionDecade      : Factor w/ 4 levels "00s","10s","80s",...: 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
3 ...
## $ dateReceived         : Factor w/ 130 levels "1/18/2001","1/20/1999",...: 68 10 NA
NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
## $ dateofOffense        : Factor w/ 127 levels "1/11/2003","1/16/2003",...: 26 66 NA
NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
## $ ageatDateofOffense   : int   34 25 NA NA NA NA 20 NA 34 18 ...
## $ dateofOffense2       : Factor w/ 127 levels "1/11/2003","1/16/2003",...: 26 66 NA
NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
## $ methodofExecution    : Factor w/ 1 level "Lethal Injection": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
...
## $ dateofBirth          : Factor w/ 134 levels "04/24/0976","1/11/1974",...: 124 130
NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
## $ dateofBirth2         : Factor w/ 134 levels "1/11/1974","1/13/1979",...: 124 130 N
A NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
## $ ageatExecution       : int   40 29 39 39 49 34 24 34 43 28 ...
## $ ageatExecution2      : int   40 29 39 39 48 37 24 34 43 28 ...
## $ ageReceived          : int   35 26 31 34 NA NA 22 27 35 19 ...
## $ yearsonDeathRow      : int    5 3 8 5 NA NA 2 7 8 9 ...
## $ countyTDCJMain       : Factor w/ 89 levels "anderson","aransas",...: 77 42 36 7 54
42 8 77 77 67 ...
## $ countyorCountry      : Factor w/ 48 levels "anderson","bailey",...: 43 24 NA NA NA
NA NA NA NA NA ...
## $ nativeCounty         : Factor w/ 201 levels "alameda","albany",...: 180 154 NA 131
NA NA NA NA 14 NA ...
## $ county2              : Factor w/ 95 levels "anderson","aransas",...: 83 46 37 8 55
46 9 83 83 72 ...
## $ nativeState          : Factor w/ 44 levels "alabama","alberta",...: 37 37 NA 16 NA
NA NA NA NA NA ...
## $ nativeCountry        : Factor w/ 11 levels "canada","dominican republic",...: NA N
A 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 ...
## $ sex                  : Factor w/ 2 levels "Female","Male": 2 2 NA NA NA NA NA NA
NA NA ...
## $ sex2                 : Factor w/ 2 levels "f","m": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ hairColor            : Factor w/ 7 levels "black","blonde",...: 14 NA NA NA NA NA
1 NA NA ...
## $ eyeColor             : Factor w/ 8 levels "black","blue",...: 7 3 NA NA NA NA NA 3
NA NA ...

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## $ victimRaceGender      : Factor w/ 131 levels " male"," white female",...: 112 32 12
5 125 55 120 55 32 55 55 ...
## $ race                  : Factor w/ 4 levels "Black","Hispanic",...: 1 4 4 4 4 4 2 1
2 4 ...
## $ race2                 : Factor w/ 5 levels "Asian","Black",...: 2 5 5 5 5 5 3 2 3 5
...
## $ victimRaceMatch       : Factor w/ 2 levels "No","Yes": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 ...
## $ height                : int   69 68 NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
## $ weight                : int   150 137 NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
## $ educationYears        : int    12 6 NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
## $ priorOccupation        : Factor w/ 190 levels "accounting","air conditioner repairman",...: 108 108 NA NA NA NA NA NA 137 NA ...
## $ priorRecord            : Factor w/ 72 levels "#1090018 on a 2 year sentence from Hidalgo County for escape.",...: 30 26 37 22 NA 22 22 NA 22 22 ...
## $ priorRecordYes        : Factor w/ 2 levels "No","Yes": 2 2 1 2 NA 2 2 NA 2 2 ...
## $ juvenile              : Factor w/ 2 levels "No","Yes": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 ...
## $ federal               : Factor w/ 1 level "No": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ volunteer             : Factor w/ 2 levels "No","Yes": 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 2 ...
## $ foreignNational        : Factor w/ 2 levels "No","Yes": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ summaryofCrime        : Factor w/ 134 levels "Awaiting Information",...: 5 93 NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
## $ codefendants            : Factor w/ 60 levels "1","Adams, Beunka",...: 60 30 44 44 1
44 44 NA 44 NA ...
## $ codefsYes             : Factor w/ 2 levels "No","Yes": 2 2 1 1 2 1 1 NA 1 NA ...
## $ totalVictims          : int    1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ victims2orMore        : Factor w/ 2 levels "No","Yes": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ femaleVictim          : Factor w/ 2 levels "No","Yes": 1 2 1 1 1 2 1 2 1 1 ...
## $ totalWhite            : int    1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 ...
## $ totalBlack            : int    0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 ...
## $ totalLatino           : int    0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ totalAsian            : int    0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 ...
## $ totalNativeAmerican   : int    0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ totalOther            : int    0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ totalMale             : int    1 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 ...
## $ totalFemale           : int    0 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 ...
## $ statementTDCJ         : Factor w/ 444 levels " \"I've got one thing to say, get your Warden off this gurney and shut up. I am from the island of Barbados. I \"|__truncate
d__,...: 348 367 384 91 249 197 169 82 262 171 ...
## $ gaveLastStatement     : Factor w/ 2 levels "No","Yes": 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ externalStatementCheck : Factor w/ 2 levels "No","Yes": 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 ...
## $ correctedStatements    : Factor w/ 423 levels "\"I've got one thing to say, get your Warden off this gurney and shut up. I am from the island of Barbados. I a\"|__truncate
d__,...: 254 NA 305 374 121 52 18 279 142 21 ...
## $ uniqueWords           : int    56 NA 96 79 11 48 16 21 137 34 ...
## $ typeTokenRatio        : num    0.632 NA 0.6 0.632 0.917 ...
## $ sentenceCount         : int    3 NA 10 10 1 4 3 2 23 3 ...
## $ sentenceLength        : num    29 NA 15.5 12.5 12 ...
## $ syllableCount         : num    1.4 NA 1.34 1.34 1.33 ...
## $ characterCount        : int    446 NA 777 620 64 408 134 136 1390 228 ...
## $ letterCount           : int    343 NA 598 477 50 314 104 104 1089 170 ...
## $ FOG                   : num    14.36 NA 9.3 7.24 8.13 ...
## $ flesch                : num    58.8 NA 78.1 81.1 81.9 ...
## $ measTextLexDiversity  : num    55.2 NA 83.1 76.8 12 ...

```

The variables look to be in the correct format and class for the time being. Based on the variables I'm interested in, I will select the variables I need for analysis before continuing to review the variables. For the time being, I will leave in only executionNumber variable as an identifier since this will have no bearing on analysis besides as identification for the offenders.

```
#select only the needed variables for hypothesis testing
texas_analysis <- texas %>% select(executionNumber, priorRecordYes, ageatDateofOffense,
  yearsonDeathRow, countyorCountry, educationYears, codefsYes, totalVictims, femaleVictim,
  race2)

#review the limited dataset
str(texas_analysis)
```

```
## 'data.frame': 518 obs. of 10 variables:
## $ executionNumber : int 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
## $ priorRecordYes : Factor w/ 2 levels "No","Yes": 2 2 1 2 NA 2 2 NA 2 2 ...
## $ ageatDateofOffense: int 34 25 NA NA NA NA 20 NA 34 18 ...
## $ yearsonDeathRow : int 5 3 8 5 NA NA 2 7 8 9 ...
## $ countyorCountry : Factor w/ 48 levels "anderson","bailey",...: 43 24 NA NA NA NA
NA NA NA NA ...
## $ educationYears : int 12 6 NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
## $ codefsYes : Factor w/ 2 levels "No","Yes": 2 2 1 1 2 1 1 NA 1 NA ...
## $ totalVictims : int 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ femaleVictim : Factor w/ 2 levels "No","Yes": 1 2 1 1 1 2 1 2 1 1 ...
## $ race2 : Factor w/ 5 levels "Asian","Black",...: 2 5 5 5 5 5 3 2 3 5 ...
```

All the variables are confirmed to be in the correct format. Then I'll create a table to count the missing values in each variable.

```
#obtain a table with the number of missing values
sapply(texas_analysis, function(d) sum(is.na(d)))
```

```
## executionNumber priorRecordYes ageatDateofOffense
## 0 18 59
## yearsonDeathRow countyorCountry educationYears
## 17 384 44
## codefsYes totalVictims femaleVictim
## 21 0 0
## race2
## 0
```

Note that only the countyorCountry variable is missing a significant amount of data. This may skew results; further analysis will be done later in this EDA.

Next I will view a summary of all mean and standard deviation values for the numeric variable totalVictims.

```
#view all numeric variable means
texas_analysis %>% select(ageatDateofOffense, yearsonDeathRow, educationYears, totalVictims) %>%
  na.omit() %>%
  summarize_all(c("mean"))
```

```
##      ageatDateofOffense yearsonDeathRow educationYears totalVictims
## 1          26.89041          11.29452          10.17352          1.3379
```

```
#view all numeric variable standard deviations
texas_analysis %>% select(ageatDateofOffense, yearsonDeathRow, educationYears, totalVictims) %>%
  na.omit() %>%
  summarize_all(c("sd"))
```

```
##      ageatDateofOffense yearsonDeathRow educationYears totalVictims
## 1          7.741643          4.223452          2.106334          0.8636982
```

In reviewing these calculations, I have a few observations:

- It seems the offenders' average age is relative low at 26.4 but there is a large standard deviation of almost 8 years, which means the offenders' ages are probably pretty varied.
- The average years on death row is 11.1 years but with a smaller deviation than age at 3.9.
- The mean years of education for offenders is 10 years with a 2 year standard deviation, putting most offenders with a high school education or lower.
- The total victim average is just above 1 with a standard deviation less than 1, so there's minimal variation between how many victims each executed prison had.

All other variables are factor or identifier values, which will be more analyzed in other ways moving forward. Next let's review these variables in a table to see the count of each response.

```
table(texas_analysis$priorRecordYes)
```

```
##
## No Yes
## 225 275
```

This variable is quite evenly distributed.

```
table(texas_analysis$countyorCountry)
```

```
##
##
##      anderson
##      1
##      bailey
##      1
##      bandera
##      1
##      bee
##      1
##      bell
##      2
##      bexar
##      14
##      bowie
##      3
##      brazoria
##      1
##      brazos
##      1
##      brazos (on a change of venue from jasper)
##      1
##      cherokee
##      2
##      clay (change of venue from montague)
##      1
##      collin
##      1
##      collin - change of venue from hutchinson county
##      1
##      dallas
##      19
##      denton
##      3
##      el paso
##      3
##      fort bend
##      2
##      gregg
##      1
##      harris
##      18
##      hidalgo
##      1
##      hopkins
##      1
##      hunt
##      2
##      jefferson
##      2
##      kaufman
##      1
##      kerr
##      1
```

```
##          lamar
##          1
##      leon c/v from walker
##          1
##          liberty
##          1
##      llano (on change of venue from hood county)
##          1
##          lubbock
##          4
##      matagorda
##          2
##      mclennan
##          1
##      montgomery
##          4
##      nacogdoches
##          1
##      navarro
##          1
##      nueces
##          3
##      pecos
##          1
##      polk
##          2
##      potter
##          3
##      refugio
##          2
##      smith
##          2
##      tarrant
##          14
##      tom green
##          1
##      travis
##          1
##      val verde
##          1
##      victoria
##          1
##      williamson
##          1
```

There are a significant number of counties and these will be dealt with in a moment.

```
table(texas_analysis$codefsYes)
```

```
##
##      No  Yes
## 275 222
```

This variable is quite evenly distributed.

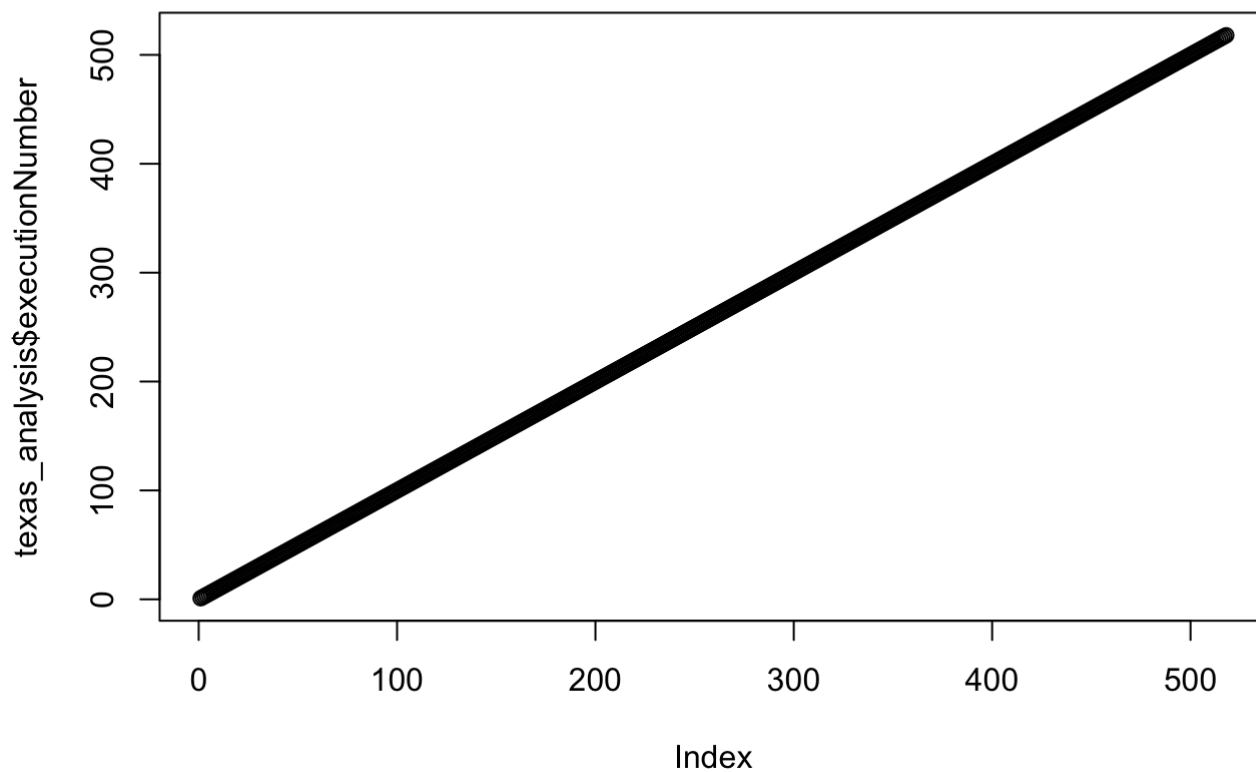
```
table(texas_analysis$race2)
```

```
##
##      Asian      Black      Latino Native American
##          2        193          93          2
##      White
##        228
```

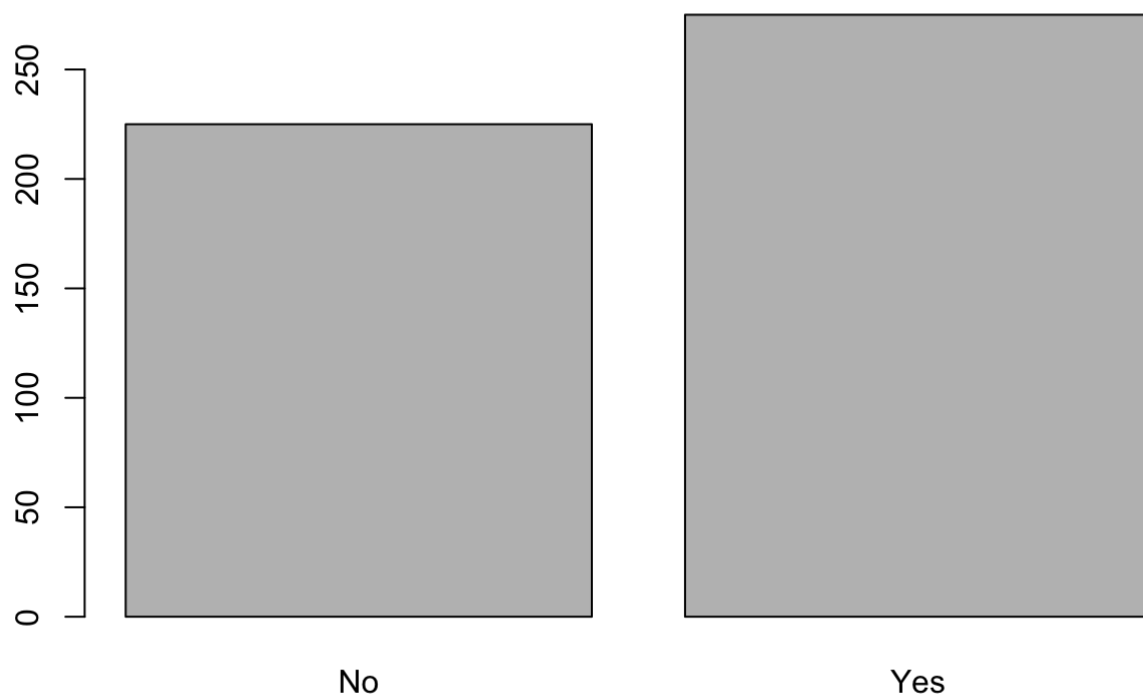
This variable has some weight towards black and white races, but this should not disturb the analysis.

Plots of All Variables

```
#execution number
plot(texas_analysis$executionNumber)
```

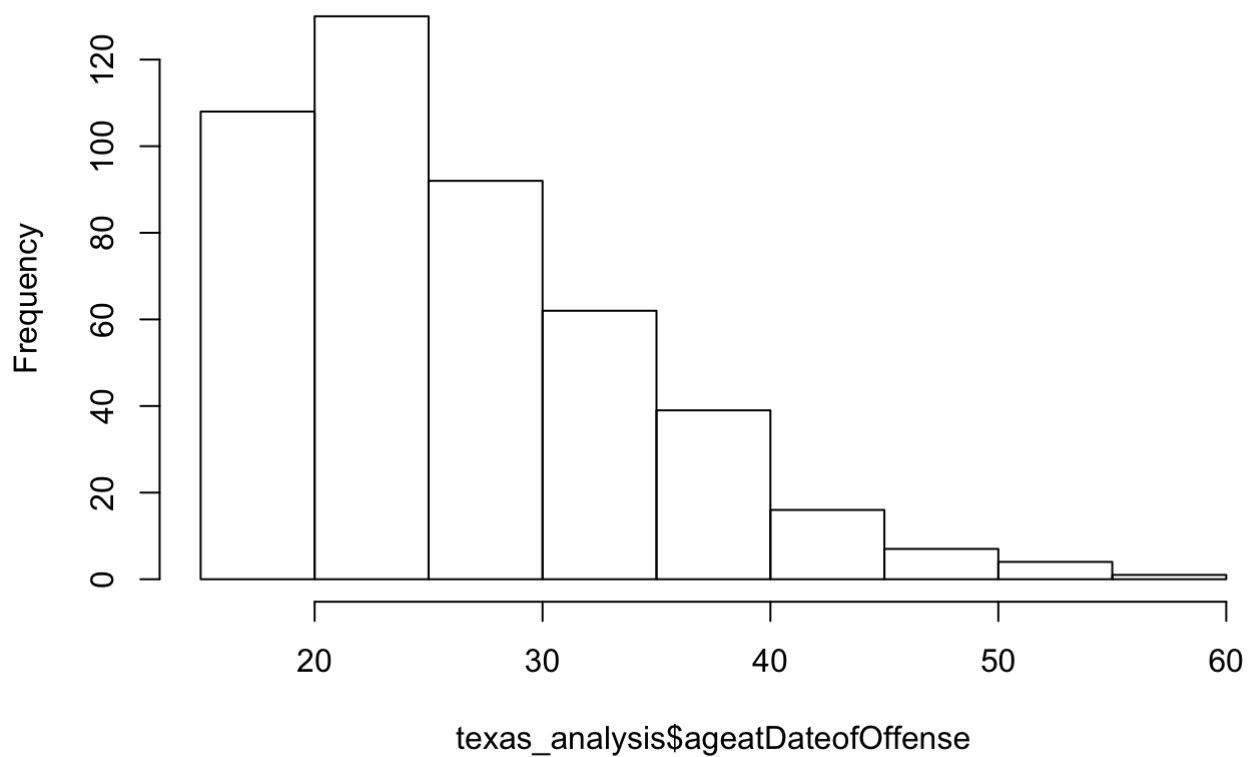


```
#prior record
plot(texas_analysis$priorRecordYes)
```

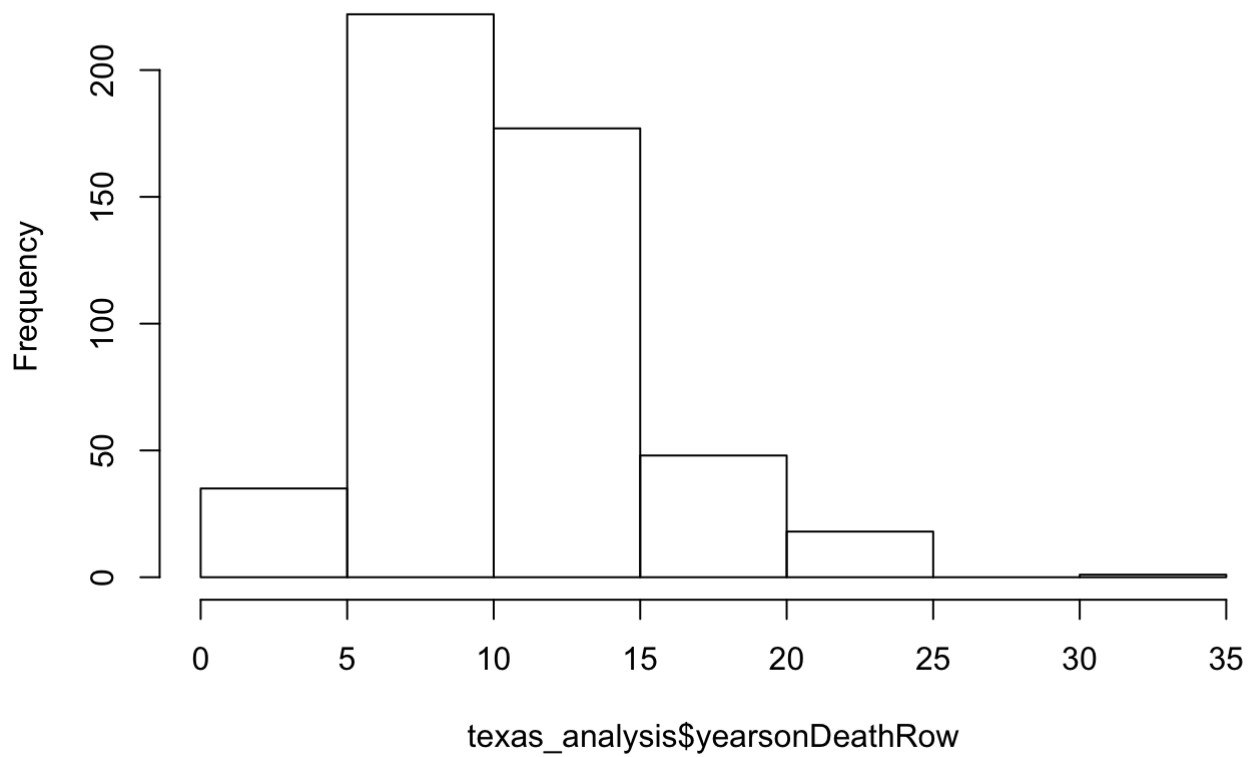
```
#age at date of offense  
hist(texas_analysis$ageatDateofOffense)
```

Histogram of texas_analysis\$ageatDateofOffense



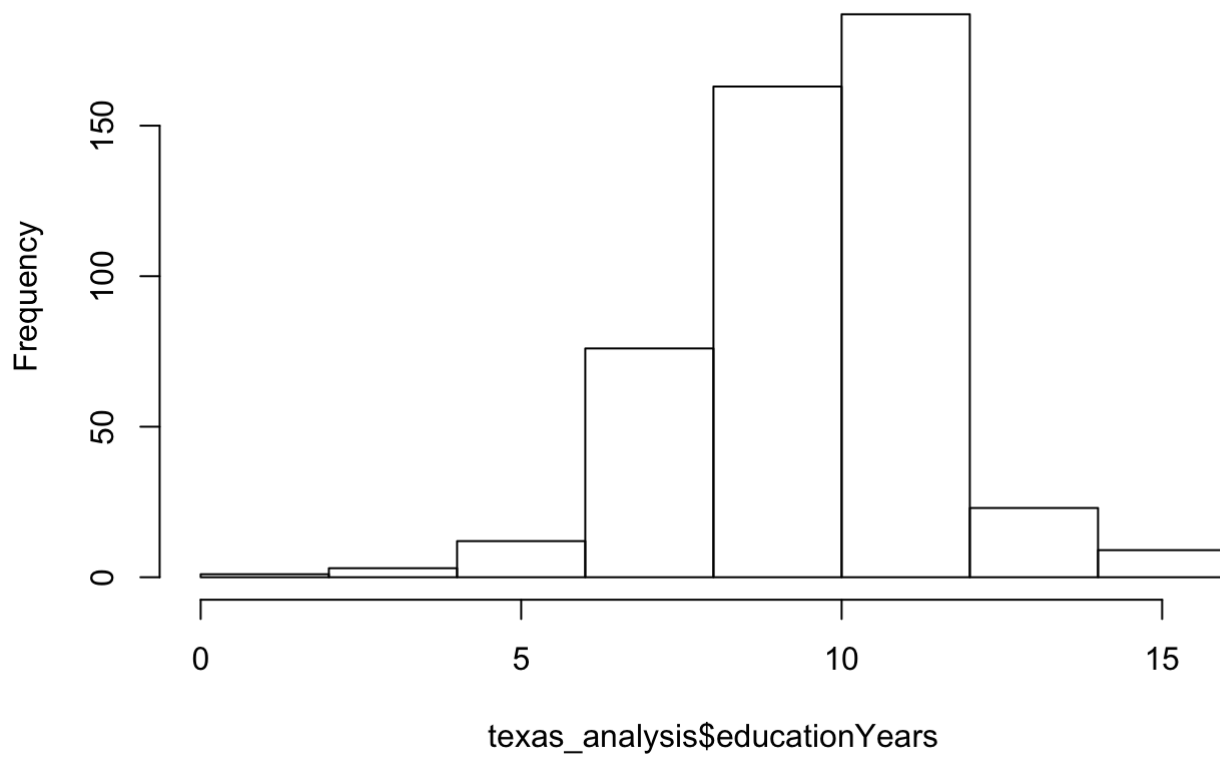
```
#years on death row  
hist(texas_analysis$yearsonDeathRow)
```

Histogram of texas_analysis\$yearsonDeathRow

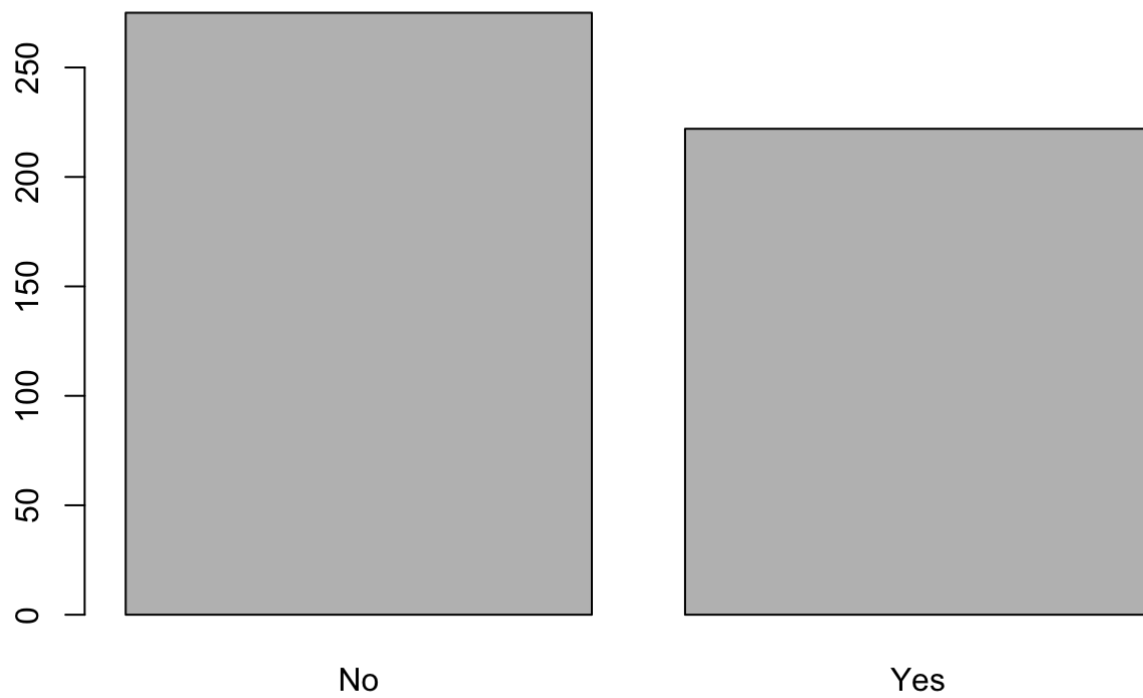


```
#education years  
hist(texas_analysis$educationYears)
```

Histogram of texas_analysis\$educationYears

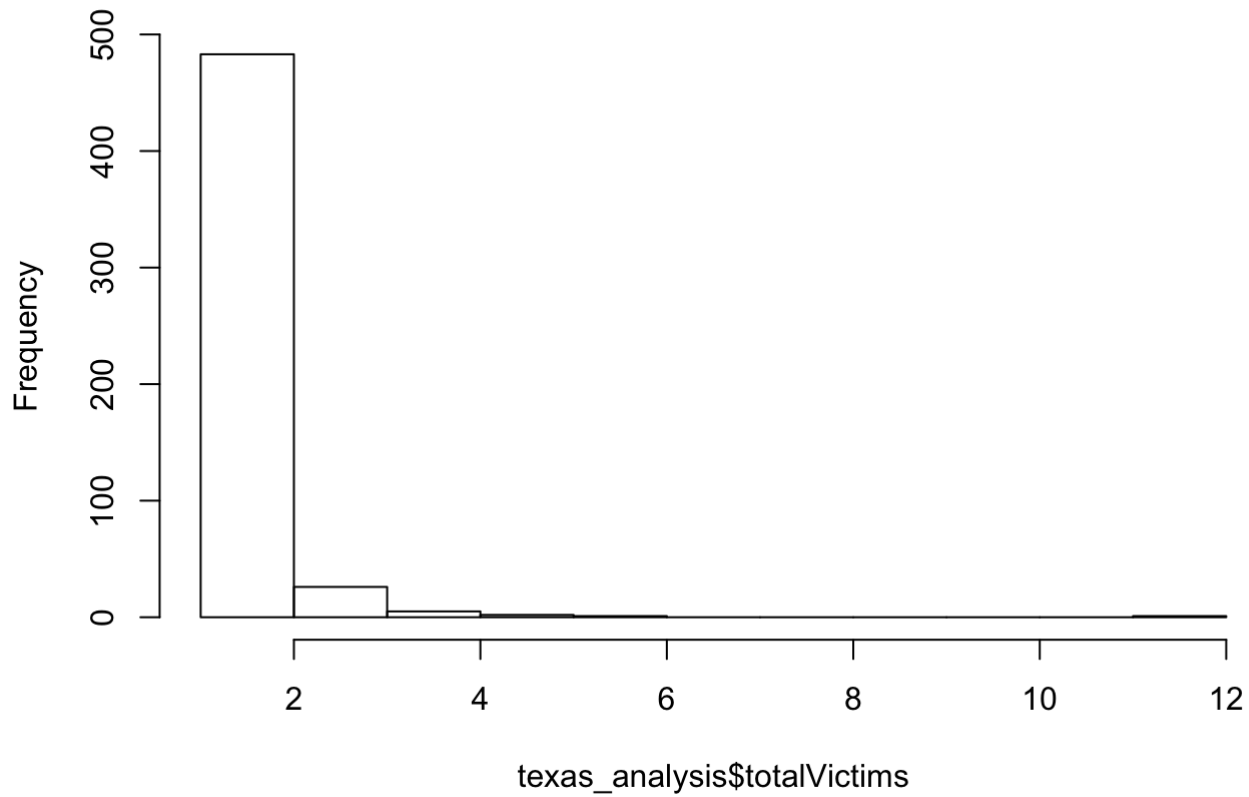


```
#codefendanats  
plot(texas_analysis$codefsYes)
```

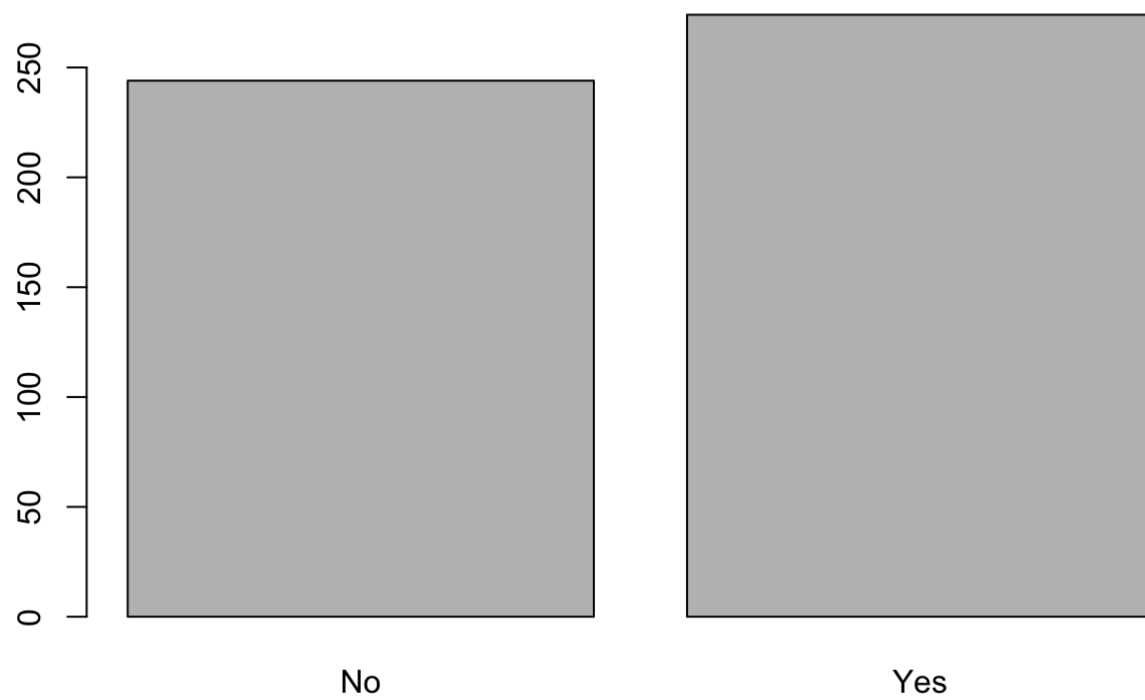


```
#total victims  
hist(texas_analysis$totalVictims)
```

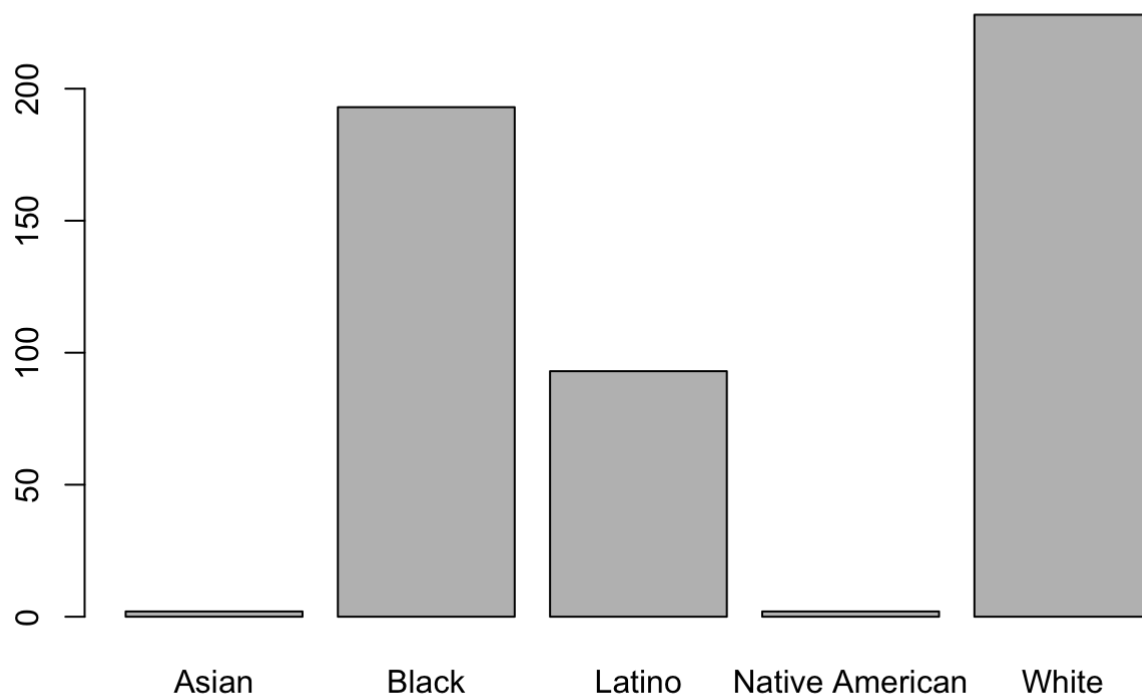
Histogram of texas_analysis\$totalVictims



```
#female victims  
plot(texas_analysis$femaleVictim)
```



```
#race  
plot(texas_analysis$race2)
```



Note that the age at date of offense and years on death row variables are skewed to the right, while the years of education is skewed to the left.

Pre-Processing

Since the counties are listed as factors, but my goal will be comparing offenders from metropolitan v. rural counties, this variable needs to be turned into a binary variable. Based on geographic research done online, I looked at the top 10 metropolitan areas (in order of decreasing size) and matched them to the following counties:

1. Dallas county = Dallas
2. Tarrant county = Fort Worth
3. Harris county = Houston
4. Bexar county = San Antonio
5. Travis county = Austin
6. N/A = Mission
7. El Paso = El Paso
8. Nueces = Corpus Christi
9. N/A = Brownsville
10. Bell County = Temple
11. N/A = Beaumont

Dallas and Fort Worth are considered the same metropolitan area but are in separate counties, hence they are both listed in the #1 spot here. The N/A counties are ones not listed in the data set. The code below creates a new variable in the `texas_analysis` subset of data to use in hypothesis testing; it will be a binary variable marking if

the county is rural or metropolitan. For the counties that are listed here, I will add them into the new 'metroArea' variable as 'yes' in the below code.

```
#create the metroArea variable
texas_analysis$metroArea <- ifelse(
  texas_analysis$countyorCountry == 'dallas' |
  texas_analysis$countyorCountry == 'tarrant' |
  texas_analysis$countyorCountry == 'harris' |
  texas_analysis$countyorCountry == 'bexar' |
  texas_analysis$countyorCountry == 'travis' |
  texas_analysis$countyorCountry == 'el paso' |
  texas_analysis$countyorCountry == 'nueces' |
  texas_analysis$countyorCountry == 'bell',
  'yes', 'no')
texas_analysis$metroArea <- as.factor(texas_analysis$metroArea)

#review breakdown
table(texas_analysis$metroArea)
```

```
##
## no yes
## 60 74
```

Now it is clear that the amount of offenders from a metropolitan county are only a bit more prevalent than those from rural counties. This will make analysis easier. Before moving on, we'll remove the countyorCountry variable from the dataset.

```
#remove county variable
texas_analysis <- texas_analysis %>% select(-countyorCountry)

#review dataset
glimpse(texas_analysis)
```

```
## Observations: 518
## Variables: 10
## $ executionNumber    <int> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, ...
## $ priorRecordYes     <fct> Yes, Yes, No, Yes, NA, Yes, Yes, NA, Yes, Y...
## $ ageatDateofOffense <int> 34, 25, NA, NA, NA, NA, 20, NA, 34, 18, NA,...
## $ yearsonDeathRow    <int> 5, 3, 8, 5, NA, NA, 2, 7, 8, 9, 6, 4, NA, N...
## $ educationYears     <int> 12, 6, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, ...
## $ codefsYes          <fct> Yes, Yes, No, No, Yes, No, No, NA, No, NA, ...
## $ totalVictims       <int> 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1...
## $ femaleVictim       <fct> No, Yes, No, No, No, Yes, No, Yes, No, No, ...
## $ race2              <fct> Black, White, White, White, White, White, L...
## $ metroArea          <fct> yes, no, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA...
```

Finally, the identifier variable remains: executionNumber. It will not be reviewed in this analysis as it has no bearing on the hypothesis testing besides identifying an inmate from another.

Finally, we check for zero variance in the data, which could alter the models.

```
#original data
nearZeroVar(texas_analysis)
```

```
## integer(0)
```

```
#no zero variance variables found
```

There are no variables with near zero variance, so the dataset is ready for analysis. First, however, we'll visualize the variables.

Analysis

Create a dataset that does not include the three identifier variables.

```
#remove identifying variables
texas_noid <- texas_analysis %>% select(-executionNumber)
head(texas_noid)
```

```
##      priorRecordYes ageatDateofOffense yearsonDeathRow educationYears
## 1             Yes             34             5             12
## 2             Yes             25             3             6
## 3             No             NA             8             NA
## 4             Yes             NA             5             NA
## 5             <NA>             NA             NA             NA
## 6             Yes             NA             NA             NA
##      codefsYes totalVictims femaleVictim race2 metroArea
## 1          Yes             1          No Black      yes
## 2          Yes             1          Yes White     no
## 3          No             1          No White    <NA>
## 4          No             1          No White    <NA>
## 5          Yes             1          No White    <NA>
## 6          No             1          Yes White    <NA>
```

PriorRecordYes

Prep the dataset by setting the seed and splitting into test and training data.

```
#set the seed
set.seed(1842)

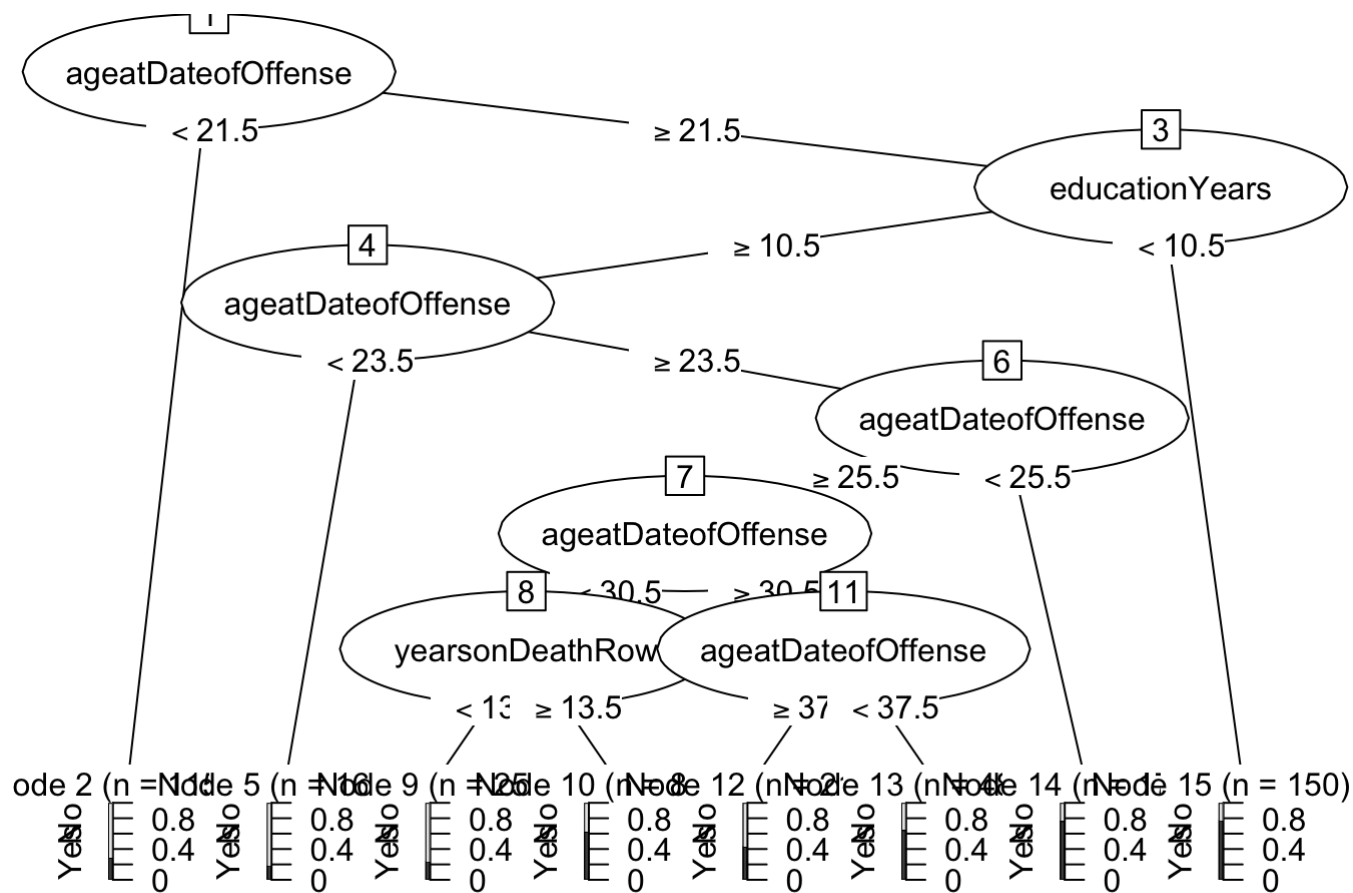
#save the number of rows in the dataset
n <- nrow(texas_noid)

#create the test_data dataset of 20% of the dataset number of rows
test_data <- sample.int(n, size = round(0.2*n))

#create the traning_data dataset as the remaining 80% of the dataset number of rows
training_data <- texas_noid[-test_data, ]
```

Build the first tree predicting priorRecordYes with all variables.

```
#first tree predicting variable with all the dataset variables
tree_prior_1 <- rpart(priorRecordYes~.,data=training_data)
plot(as.party(tree_prior_1))
```

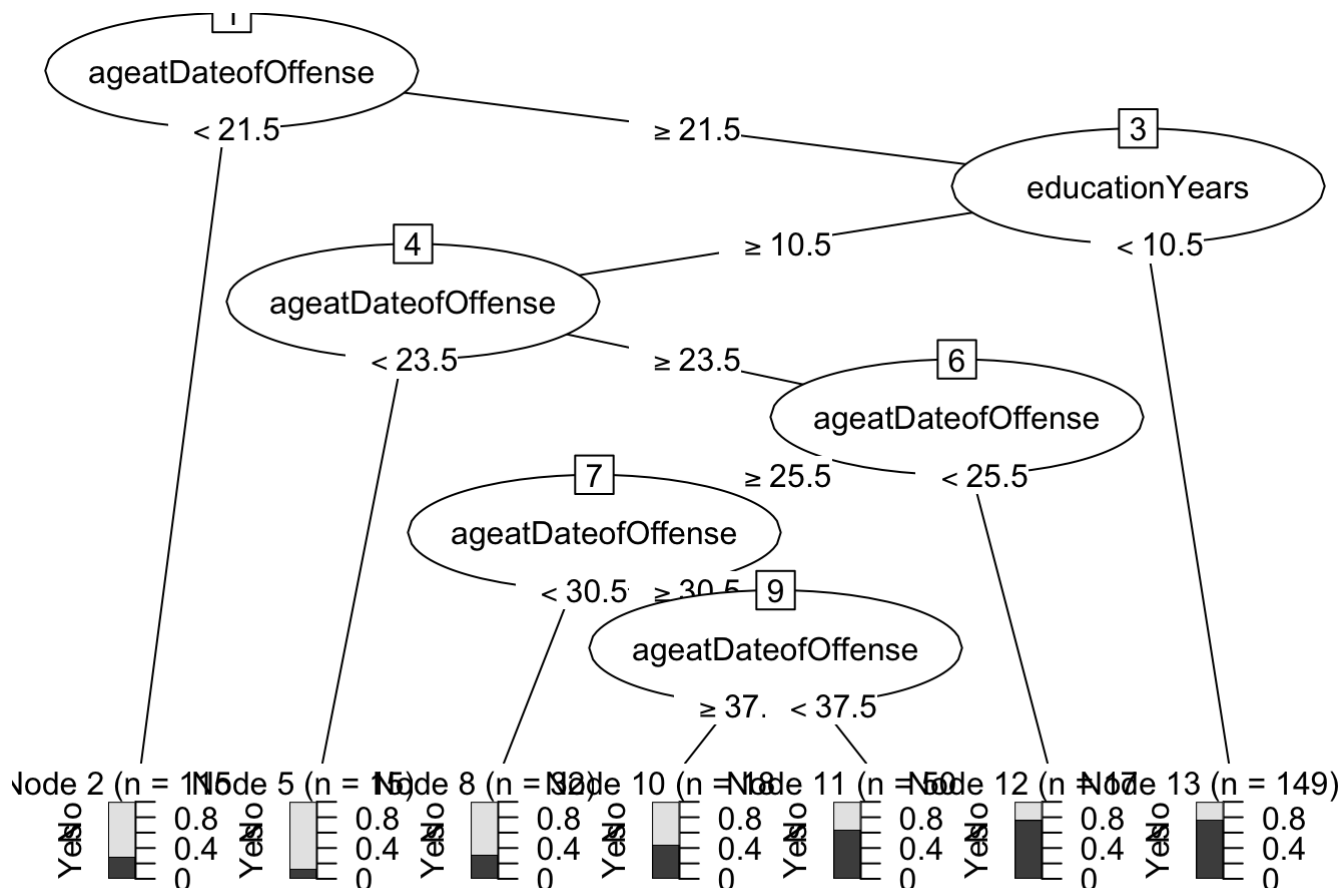


```
#CP / relative error of the first tree
printcp(tree_prior_1)
```

```
##
## Classification tree:
## rpart(formula = priorRecordYes ~ ., data = training_data)
##
## Variables actually used in tree construction:
## [1] ageatDateofOffense educationYears      yearsonDeathRow
##
## Root node error: 184/400 = 0.46
##
## n=400 (14 observations deleted due to missingness)
##
##          CP nsplit rel error  xerror    xstd
## 1 0.266304      0  1.00000 1.00000 0.054174
## 2 0.027174      1  0.73370 0.79348 0.052329
## 3 0.016304      5  0.61957 0.76087 0.051845
## 4 0.010870      6  0.60326 0.75000 0.051670
## 5 0.010000      7  0.59239 0.78261 0.052174
```

Build the second tree predicting priorRecordYes with just the top variables from the first tree.

```
#second tree predicting variable with the top predictor variables
tree_prior_2 <- rpart(priorRecordYes~educationYears+ageatDateofOffense,
                      data=training_data)
plot(as.party(tree_prior_2))
```



```
#CP / relative error of the second tree
printcp(tree_prior_2)
```

```
##
## Classification tree:
## rpart(formula = priorRecordYes ~ educationYears + ageatDateofOffense,
##       data = training_data)
##
## Variables actually used in tree construction:
## [1] ageatDateofOffense educationYears
##
## Root node error: 183/396 = 0.46212
##
## n=396 (18 observations deleted due to missingness)
##
##          CP nsplit rel error  xerror      xstd
## 1 0.267760      0   1.00000 1.00000 0.054215
## 2 0.030055      1   0.73224 0.73224 0.051452
## 3 0.010929      5   0.60656 0.67760 0.050431
## 4 0.010000      6   0.59563 0.67760 0.050431
```

Then create a random forest with all variables as predictors, creating 100 trees.

```
#create a formula with the variables being analyzed
prior_formula_1 <- as.formula(priorRecordYes~., data=texas_noid))

#bagged set of trees with mtry=10 predictors, ntree=100
prior_part3 <- randomForest(prior_formula_1, data=training_data, mtry=10,
                           ntree=100,
                           na.action = na.roughfix)

prior_part3
```

```
##
## Call:
## randomForest(formula = prior_formula_1, data = training_data,      mtry = 10, ntree
## = 100, na.action = na.roughfix)
##              Type of random forest: classification
##              Number of trees: 100
## No. of variables tried at each split: 8
##
##              OOB estimate of  error rate: 36.47%
## Confusion matrix:
##      No Yes class.error
## No  107  77   0.4184783
## Yes   74 156   0.3217391
```

```
#table of importance
importance(prior_part3)
```

```
##                               MeanDecreaseGini
## ageatDateofOffense           70.318379
## yearsonDeathRow              45.805566
## educationYears               35.468783
## codefsYes                    8.761624
## totalVictims                 11.428513
## femaleVictim                 8.064099
## race2                       18.243396
## metroArea                    4.917035
```

Create a random forest with the top variables from the first random forest as predictors, creating 100 trees.

```
#create a formula with the variables being analyzed
prior_formula_2 <- as.formula(priorRecordYes~ageatDateofOffense+educationYears+race2, data(texas_noid))

#bagged set of trees with mtry=10 predictors, ntree=100
prior_part4 <- randomForest(prior_formula_2, data=training_data, mtry=10,
                           ntree=100,
                           na.action = na.roughfix)

prior_part4
```

```
##
## Call:
## randomForest(formula = prior_formula_2, data = training_data,          mtry = 10, ntree
## = 100, na.action = na.roughfix)
##                               Type of random forest: classification
##                               Number of trees: 100
## No. of variables tried at each split: 3
##
## OOB estimate of error rate: 35.02%
## Confusion matrix:
##      No Yes class.error
## No  116  68   0.3695652
## Yes   77 153   0.3347826
```

```
#table of importance
importance(prior_part4)
```

```
##                               MeanDecreaseGini
## ageatDateofOffense           88.93478
## educationYears               47.97663
## race2                       26.84647
```

Random forest using the pruned decision tree variables.

```
#create a formula with the variables being analyzed
prior_formula_3 <- as.formula(priorRecordYes~educationYears+ageatDateofOffense, data(tex
as_noid))

#bagged set of trees with mtry=10 predictors, ntree=100
prior_part5 <- randomForest(prior_formula_3, data=training_data, mtry=10,
                           ntree=100,
                           na.action = na.roughfix)

prior_part5
```

```
##
## Call:
## randomForest(formula = prior_formula_3, data = training_data,          mtry = 10, ntree
= 100, na.action = na.roughfix)
##              Type of random forest: classification
##              Number of trees: 100
## No. of variables tried at each split: 2
##
##              OOB estimate of  error rate: 36.23%
## Confusion matrix:
##      No Yes class.error
## No  107  77    0.4184783
## Yes   73 157    0.3173913
```

```
#table of importance
importance(prior_part5)
```

```
##              MeanDecreaseGini
## educationYears          45.02127
## ageatDateofOffense       82.87973
```

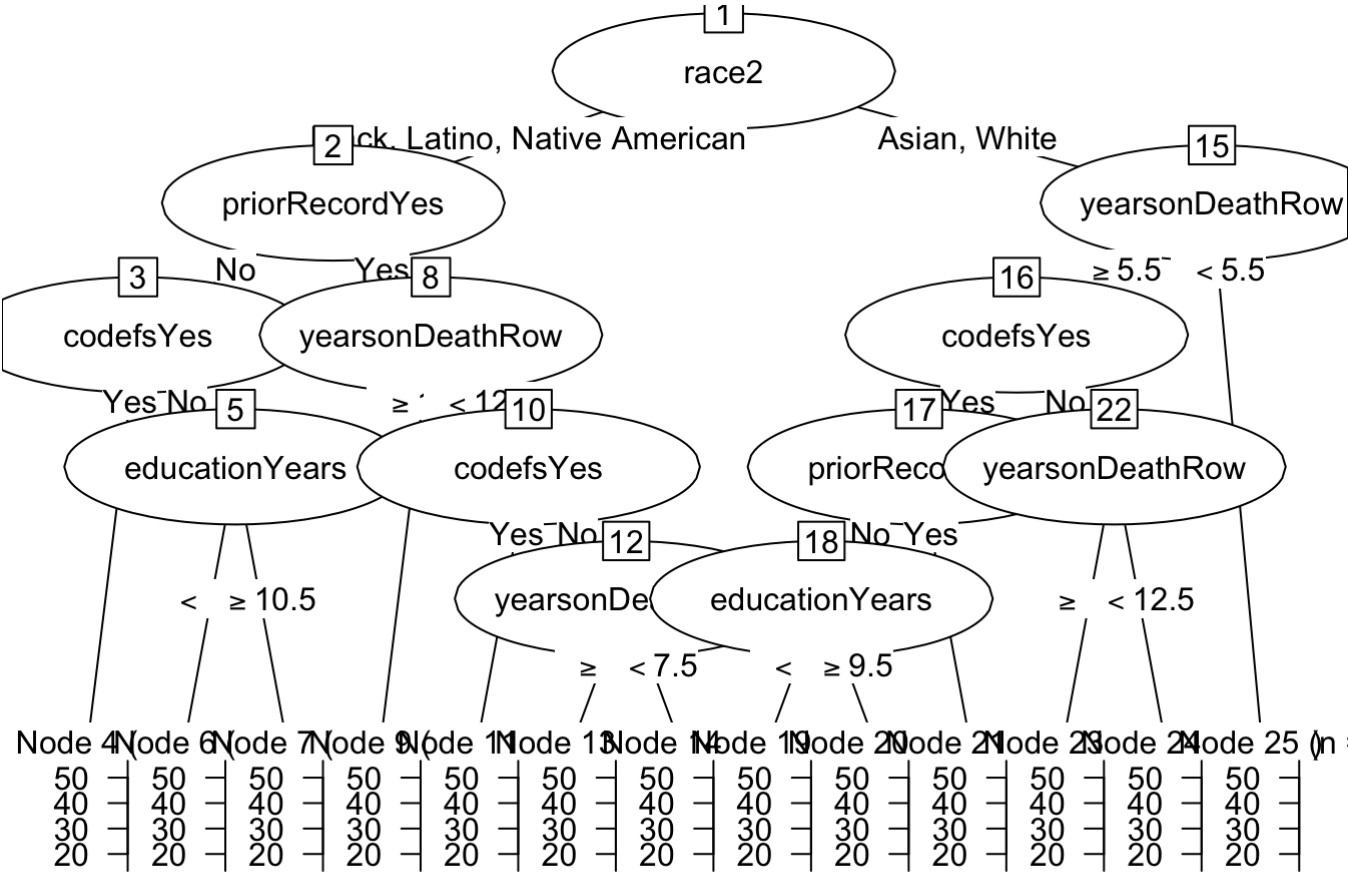
ageatDateofOffense

The training and test data have already been created.

```
#set the seed
set.seed(1842)
```

Build the first tree predicting AgeatDateofOffense with all variables.

```
#first tree predicting variable with all the dataset variables
tree_age_1 <- rpart(ageatDateofOffense~.,data=training_data)
plot(as.party(tree_age_1))
```



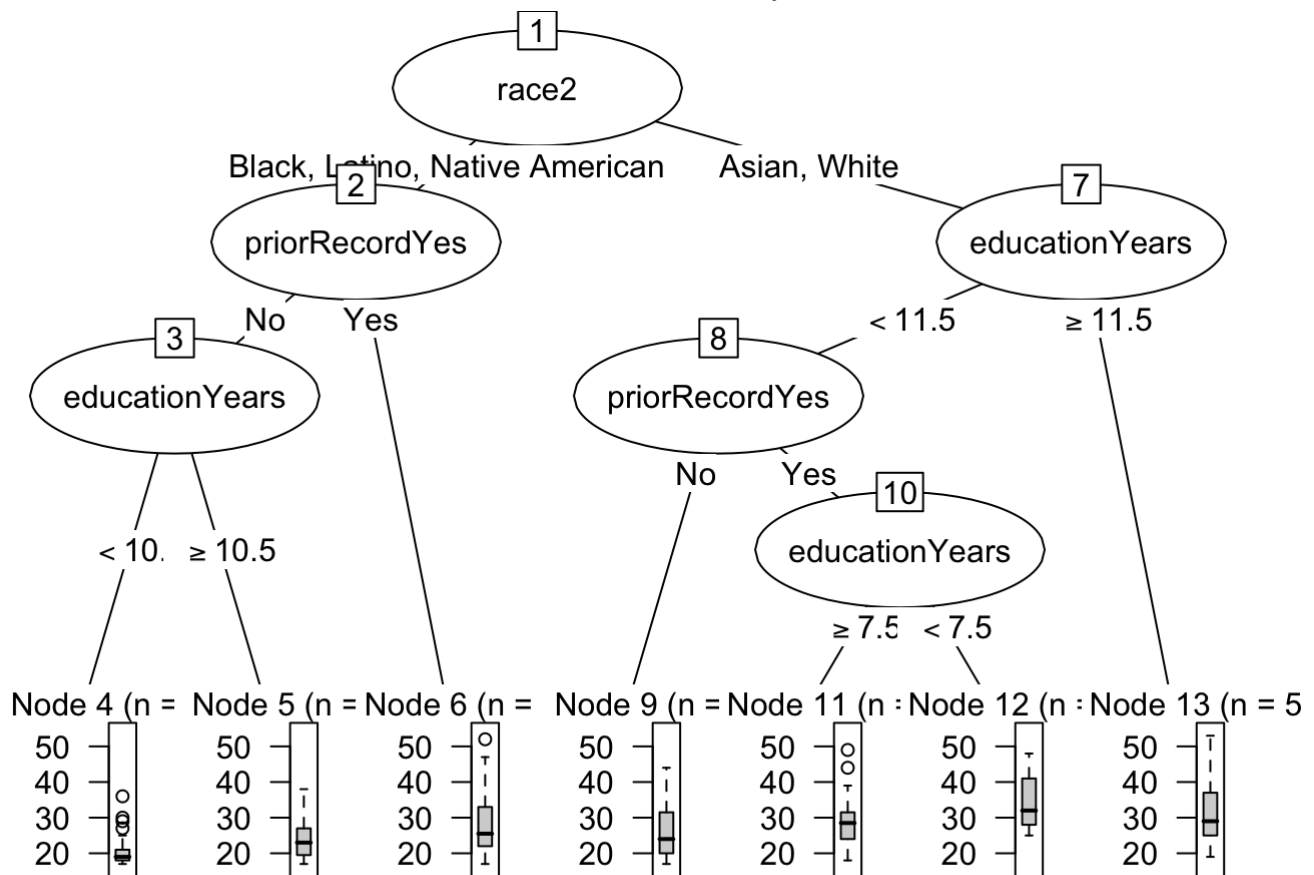
```
#CP / relative error of the first tree
printcp(tree_age_1)
```



```
##
## Regression tree:
## rpart(formula = ageatDateofOffense ~ ., data = training_data)
##
## Variables actually used in tree construction:
## [1] codefsYes      educationYears  priorRecordYes  race2
## [5] yearsonDeathRow
##
## Root node error: 21347/368 = 58.007
##
## n=368 (46 observations deleted due to missingness)
##
##          CP nsplit rel error  xerror    xstd
## 1  0.075196      0  1.00000 1.00668 0.079218
## 2  0.069706      1  0.92480 0.97534 0.077375
## 3  0.020499      2  0.85510 0.86651 0.069935
## 4  0.016044      3  0.83460 0.92908 0.073370
## 5  0.015458      4  0.81856 0.90437 0.072911
## 6  0.014004      6  0.78764 0.90411 0.072904
## 7  0.012772      7  0.77364 0.89102 0.073078
## 8  0.012745     10  0.73532 0.89595 0.073786
## 9  0.012508     11  0.72258 0.89595 0.073786
## 10 0.010000     12  0.71007 0.89072 0.073438
```

Build the second tree predicting AgeatDateofOffense with just the top variables from the first tree.

```
#second tree predicting variable with the top three predictor variables
tree_age_2 <- rpart(ageatDateofOffense~race2+priorRecordYes+educationYears,
                    data=training_data)
plot(as.party(tree_age_2))
```



```
#CP / relative error of the second tree
printcp(tree_age_2)
```

```
##
## Regression tree:
## rpart(formula = ageatDateofOffense ~ race2 + priorRecordYes +
##       educationYears, data = training_data)
##
## Variables actually used in tree construction:
## [1] educationYears priorRecordYes race2
##
## Root node error: 21347/368 = 58.007
##
## n=368 (46 observations deleted due to missingness)
##
##      CP nsplit rel error  xerror    xstd
## 1 0.075196      0  1.00000 1.00888 0.079593
## 2 0.069706      1  0.92480 0.99549 0.082998
## 3 0.015078      2  0.85510 0.88061 0.071310
## 4 0.010036      3  0.84002 0.94822 0.077029
## 5 0.010000      6  0.80991 0.92791 0.075588
```

Then create a random forest with all variables as predictors, creating 100 trees.

```
#create a formula with the variables being analyzed
age_formula_1 <- as.formula(ageatDateofOffense~., data(texas_noid))

#bagged set of trees with mtry=10 predictors, ntree=100
age_part3 <- randomForest(age_formula_1, data=training_data, mtry=10,
                          ntree=100,
                          na.action = na.roughfix)

age_part3
```

```
##
## Call:
## randomForest(formula = age_formula_1, data = training_data, mtry = 10,      ntree =
100, na.action = na.roughfix)
##              Type of random forest: regression
##              Number of trees: 100
## No. of variables tried at each split: 8
##
##              Mean of squared residuals: 51.66314
##              % Var explained: 0.43
```

```
#table of importance
importance(age_part3)
```

```
##              IncNodePurity
## priorRecordYes      1744.251
## yearsonDeathRow     5420.332
## educationYears      4174.053
## codefsYes           1384.494
## totalVictims        1004.059
## femaleVictim        1027.639
## race2               2411.062
## metroArea           623.000
```

Create a random forest with the top variables from the first random forest as predictors, creating 100 trees.

```
#create a formula with the variables being analyzed
age_formula_2 <- as.formula(ageatDateofOffense~educationYears+race2+priorRecordYes, data
(texas_noid))

#bagged set of trees with mtry=10 predictors, ntree=100
age_part4 <- randomForest(age_formula_2, data=training_data, mtry=10,
                          ntree=100,
                          na.action = na.roughfix)

age_part4
```

```
##
## Call:
## randomForest(formula = age_formula_2, data = training_data, mtry = 10,      ntree =
100, na.action = na.roughfix)
##              Type of random forest: regression
##              Number of trees: 100
## No. of variables tried at each split: 3
##
##              Mean of squared residuals: 51.0901
##              % Var explained: 1.53
```

```
#table of importance
importance(age_part4)
```

```
##              IncNodePurity
## educationYears      3174.170
## race2                2054.520
## priorRecordYes      1621.262
```

Random forest using the pruned decision tree variables.

```
#create a formula with the variables being analyzed
age_formula_3 <- as.formula(ageatDateofOffense~race2+priorRecordYes+codefsYes, data(texas_noid))

#bagged set of trees with mtry=10 predictors, ntree=100
age_part5 <- randomForest(age_formula_3, data=training_data, mtry=10,
                          ntree=100,
                          na.action = na.roughfix)

age_part5
```

```
##
## Call:
## randomForest(formula = age_formula_3, data = training_data, mtry = 10,      ntree =
100, na.action = na.roughfix)
##              Type of random forest: regression
##              Number of trees: 100
## No. of variables tried at each split: 3
##
##              Mean of squared residuals: 44.34038
##              % Var explained: 14.54
```

```
#table of importance
importance(age_part5)
```

```
##                               IncNodePurity
## race2                        1987.747
## priorRecordYes              1533.457
## codefsYes                   1001.323
```

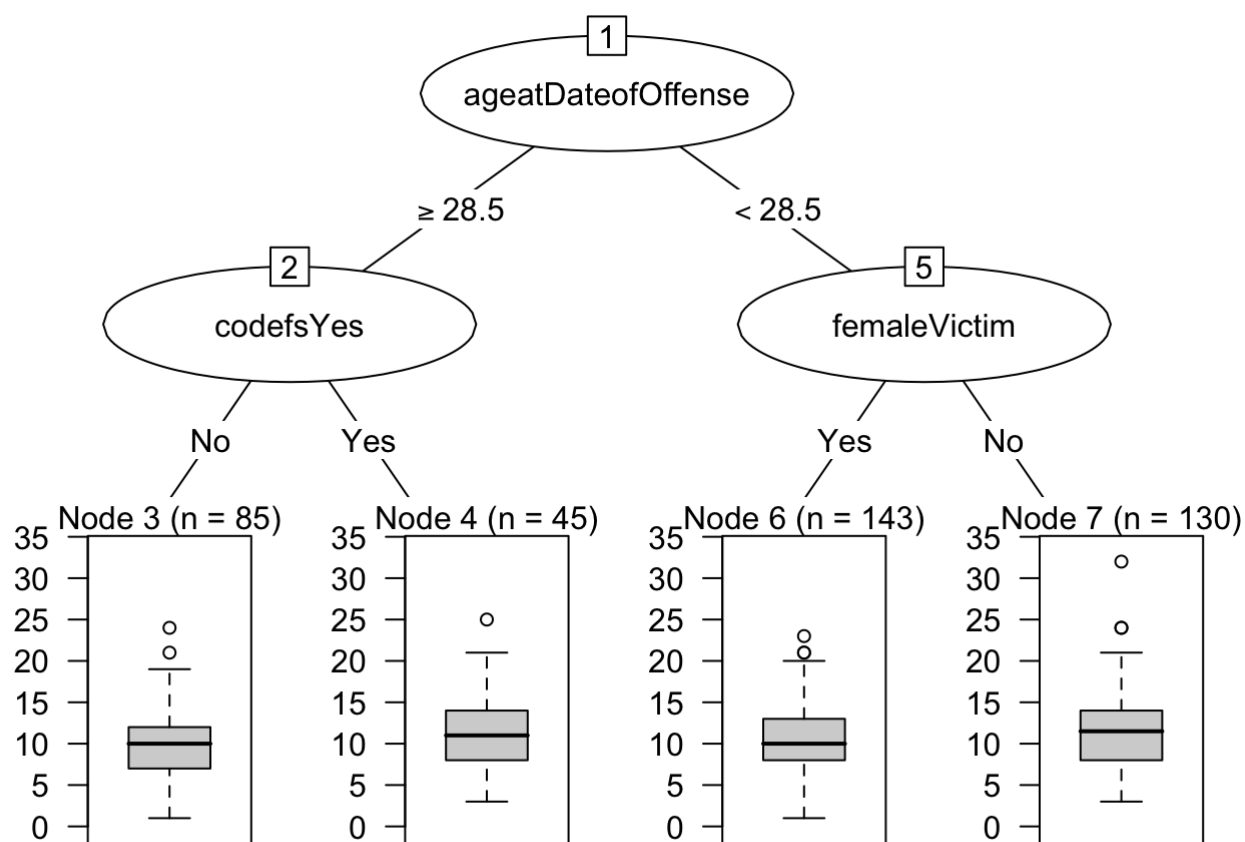
yearsonDeathRow

The training and test data have already been created.

```
#set the seed
set.seed(1842)
```

Build the first tree predicting sentenceCount with all variables.

```
#first tree predicting variable with all the dataset variables
tree_years_1 <- rpart(yearsonDeathRow~.,data=training_data)
plot(as.party(tree_years_1))
```



```
#CP / relative error of the first tree
printcp(tree_years_1)
```

```
##
## Regression tree:
## rpart(formula = yearsonDeathRow ~ ., data = training_data)
##
## Variables actually used in tree construction:
## [1] ageatDateofOffense codefsYes      femaleVictim
##
## Root node error: 7377.9/403 = 18.307
##
## n=403 (11 observations deleted due to missingness)
##
##          CP nsplit rel error xerror      xstd
## 1 0.010356      0  1.00000 1.0048 0.096232
## 2 0.010000      3  0.96893 1.1037 0.100807
```

Build the second tree predicting sentenceCount with just the top variables from the first tree.

```
#second tree predicting variable with the top three predictor variables
tree_years_2 <- rpart(yearsonDeathRow~ageatDateofOffense+codefsYes+femaleVictim,
                      data=training_data)

#CP / relative error of the second tree
printcp(tree_years_2)
```

```
##
## Regression tree:
## rpart(formula = yearsonDeathRow ~ ageatDateofOffense + codefsYes +
##       femaleVictim, data = training_data)
##
## Variables actually used in tree construction:
## [1] ageatDateofOffense codefsYes      femaleVictim
##
## Root node error: 7377.9/403 = 18.307
##
## n=403 (11 observations deleted due to missingness)
##
##          CP nsplit rel error xerror      xstd
## 1 0.011419      0  1.00000 1.0075 0.096843
## 2 0.010887      7  0.92007 1.0569 0.098340
## 3 0.010000      8  0.90918 1.0547 0.098572
```

Then create a random forest with all variables as predictors, creating 100 trees.

```
#create a formula with the variables being analyzed
years_formula_1 <- as.formula(yearsonDeathRow~., data=texas_noid))

#bagged set of trees with mtry=10 predictors, ntree=100
years_part3 <- randomForest(years_formula_1, data=training_data, mtry=10,
                           ntree=100,
                           na.action = na.roughfix)
years_part3
```

```
##
## Call:
## randomForest(formula = years_formula_1, data = training_data,      mtry = 10, ntree
## = 100, na.action = na.roughfix)
##              Type of random forest: regression
##              Number of trees: 100
## No. of variables tried at each split: 8
##
##              Mean of squared residuals: 18.84644
##              % Var explained: -5.65
```

```
#table of importance
importance(years_part3)
```

```
##              IncNodePurity
## priorRecordYes      289.4638
## ageatDateofOffense  2239.9106
## educationYears      1428.9110
## codefsYes           418.9085
## totalVictims         402.7893
## femaleVictim         344.7897
## race2                568.6063
## metroArea            258.0482
```

Create a random forest with the top variables from the first random forest as predictors, creating 100 trees.

```
#create a formula with the variables being analyzed
years_formula_2 <- as.formula(yearsonDeathRow~ageatDateofOffense+educationYears+race2, d
ata(texas_noid))

#bagged set of trees with mtry=10 predictors, ntree=100
years_part4 <- randomForest(years_formula_2, data=training_data, mtry=10,
                           ntree=100,
                           na.action = na.roughfix)
years_part4
```

```
##
## Call:
## randomForest(formula = years_formula_2, data = training_data,      mtry = 10, ntree
## = 100, na.action = na.roughfix)
##              Type of random forest: regression
##              Number of trees: 100
## No. of variables tried at each split: 3
##
##              Mean of squared residuals: 22.07825
##              % Var explained: -23.76
```

```
#table of importance
importance(years_part4)
```

```
##                                IncNodePurity
## ageatDateofOffense           2399.789
## educationYears               1782.550
## race2                        689.892
```

Random forest using the pruned decision tree variables.

```
#create a formula with the variables being analyzed
years_formula_3 <- as.formula(yearsonDeathRow~ageatDateofOffense+codefsYes+femaleVictim,
  data(texas_noid))

#bagged set of trees with mtry=10 predictors, ntree=100
years_part5 <- randomForest(years_formula_3, data=training_data, mtry=10,
  ntree=100,
  na.action = na.roughfix)
years_part5
```

```
##
## Call:
## randomForest(formula = years_formula_3, data = training_data,      mtry = 10, ntree
= 100, na.action = na.roughfix)
##              Type of random forest: regression
##              Number of trees: 100
## No. of variables tried at each split: 3
##
##              Mean of squared residuals: 19.36584
##              % Var explained: -8.56
```

```
#table of importance
importance(years_part5)
```

```
##                                IncNodePurity
## ageatDateofOffense           2357.2415
## codefsYes                   425.2537
## femaleVictim                396.6434
```