Review For Bo Yang

Bo, I enjoyed your report. Specifically, the aesthetics; it's quite pleasing to the eye. Related, I like that you've included so many visuals, and visuals of such variety. I get the sense that you are taking a "big picture" approach to the issue and trying to consider as many factors as possible. With that said, I think you will benefit from narrowing your focus (I think this probably good advice for me as well) and perhaps limiting your research to factors specifically related to the topic at hand: race and police violence.

I think your instinct to get a sense of the themes and trends common in police killing with bar plots was a smart one. Unrelated, I did the same thing. Even more, you provided some explanatory description below the bar plots (which I failed to do) and offered sensible ideas for things you might look at going forward. For example, underneath your bar plots of police killings for each race you cautioned that before formulating any conclusions you would need to look at the demographic data corresponding to the racial makeup of the counties. That seems like a good idea, and it could be a potential launching pad for you to really get into this project. How does the distribution on race of those killed by police differ from the distribution on race in a given county or a state?

I also think your idea of further examining police killings of armed and unarmed citizens is a good one and definitely worthy of further consideration. I think looking at differences between states is a smart idea as well. Maybe go further and look at how police killings change from state to state with regards to race. No doubt, economic factors will play a roll, so you've got a good start there.

Conclusion

First, great job and great visuals. I like that you explored so many different facets of the data, but I think narrowing your focus will ultimately make things easier for you. I also like that you provided detailed explanations of your graphs and plots, your final report you could provide even more (the same goes for me) and it might be easier for the reader if you give it a stronger structure with different sections each with its own introduction and conclusion paragraphs.

But, overall, great work! I look forward to reading the final product!

JG