

With the Armed Conflict and Event dataset, we were given a list of protests and acts of violence over the last two years. We were asked about the change in total events over time, regional changes over time, change in types of events over time, and notable locations where events occurred. We found that spikes in protests in response to controversial events were widespread and often were not localized to particular metropolitan areas. For instance, the largest spike in June 2020 came as a result of the death of George Floyd in Minnesota, but the effects were not stronger in Minnesota compared to the rest of the country. We also noticed how violent acts rise at the fastest rate after an event like George Floyd's death; however, they also fall at the fastest rate as time goes on. Hopefully, in the future we are able to learn more about this data so we can better understand trends of public discourse in the United States and perhaps beyond.