

In Loco Parentis

US Universities and Hate Crimes

'in loco parentis' and the modern era



Tensions

- White, male elite to mass education
- Young wards / independent individuals

What kind of role should a university play?
Are they doing the job well?



Hate crimes in US Universities

“The function of the university is not simply to teach breadwinning...it is, above all, to be the organ of that fine adjustment between real life and the growing knowledge of life, an adjustment which forms the secret of civilization.”

-- W. E. B. DuBois

Sources

- New US University Score Card (2013)
- Dept. of Education crime statistics for US universities

Definitions

- Any crime is motivated by hatred of another group
- Gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, race, religion

Can we predict whether a university is likely to experience a hate-crime?

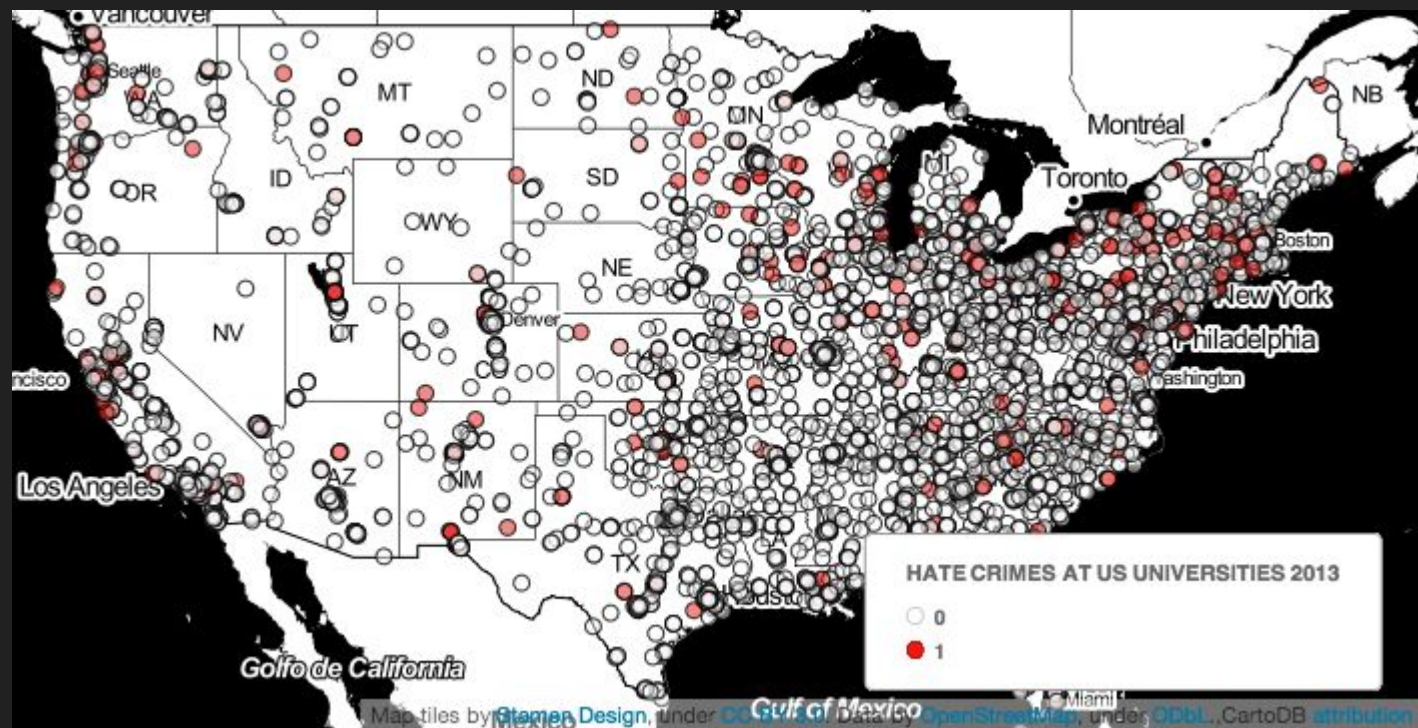
Logistic Regression

Obs 4,399

Accuracy Scores 0.932

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0.0	0.93	1.00	0.96	4099
1.0	0.50	0.01	0.03	300
avg / total	0.90	0.93	0.90	4399

	Predict True	Predict False
Actually True	296	4
Actually False	4	4095



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Caveat 1: Poor Reporting

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Caveat 2: Poor Collection

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u'ROBBE_DIS11',.....

Time to take action

- Improve reporting
- Identify troubled universities and colleges
- Location is an issue, use federal funds to exert pressure on states
- Target resources

Ways to improve the metric

- Hate by crime and type of hate
- Look at the worst offenders
- Look at how the data is recorded
- Focus on a particular type of institution
- Better feature selection