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Update to American Lynchings

Table 1: African American Lynching Victims by State, 1877-1950	
Alabama	326
Arkansas	503
Florida	331
Georgia	586
Kentucky	154
Louisiana	540
Mississippi	576
North Carolina	102
South Carolina	164
Tennessee	225
Texas	376
Virginia	76
Total	3959

Table 2: Number of African Americans Lynched Annually Per 100,000 Residents in Southern States, 1880 to 1940	
State	Per capita rate
Florida	0.594
Mississippi	0.556
Arkansas	0.545
Louisiana	0.475
Georgia	0.378
Alabama	0.256
South Carolina	0.180
Tennessee	0.165
Texas	0.154
Kentucky	0.111
Virginia	0.072
North Carolina	0.068

According to researchers at the [Equal Justice Initiative](#), we've underestimated the number of lynchings in the South by about 700 which is about about 20%. Here's the [new report](#). I've keep tabs of this mortality for a while. My current information [is here](#).

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[Trimegistus](#) said...

So the total number of lynchings in the US was about the same as the number of black men killed in gang violence during Obama's administration.

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Eric Blair said in reply to [Trimegistus](#)...

Pretty sure that the number is higher than that, seeing as how about half the murders in the US annually are blacks.

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[vanderleun](#) said...

Rimshot.

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Eric Blair said...

Why stop at the old Confederacy?

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[unclesmrgol](#) said in reply to Eric Blair...

Perhaps because lynchings in the Northern States were notable for their rarity.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lynching_of_Thomas_Shipp_and_Abram_Smith

<http://www.greatblacksinwax.org/Exhibits/lynching.htm>

<http://www.press.uchicago.edu/Misc/Chicago/317749.html>

[Reply October 20, 2015 at 09:02 PM](#)

The Sanity Inspector said...

Hey Cobb, how about adding a Twitter button to your blog posts?

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The Sanity Inspector said in reply to The Sanity Inspector...

Eh, disregard that. I see it now, was looking for the birdie.

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