Section 2: Week 4: Analyze Statistical Output

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# Analyze Statistical Output

NCU-Cares (NCU-C) is a politically neutral non-profit that seeks to improve the work through targeted lobbying efforts. The death of George Floyd has risen the debate of police violence and reform to the national stage (Crary & Morrison, 2020). While the topic rests on American’s hearts and minds, it has also become highly partisan with many efforts to undermind the conversation (McCaskill, 2020). It can be challenging to find complete records as federal regulators do not mandate data collection policies. The Washington Post attempts to fill this gap with its dataset based on news events, exposing the location, context, and several demographic markers for each fatality (Washington Post, 2020). Researchers can use these results to help determine if the solution to police violence comes from racial issues or another aspect better explains the national issues.

# Section I: Describe the Problem and Hypothesis

Annually nearly one thousand citizens die from police violence, which raises the central question, why? The collective perspective of the Black Lives Matter movement is that police exert disproportionate force against people of color (BLM, 2020). This perspective often comes with the quote that “Black civilians were more than twice as likely as White civilians to be unarmed (Nix, Campbell, Byers, & Alpert, 2017)” during the fatality. Nevertheless, others argue the brutality victims are experiencing a mental health crisis, and this is the actual reason (Lamb, Weinberger, & DeCuir, 2014). While these perspectives effectively drive media headlines, are they both missing the forest among the trees? Does another factor more accurately explain the challenges that are occurring? Instead, NCU-C hypothesizes that neither sanity nor race is the driving cause of police violence. Alternatively, provocation might better explain the need for forceful escalations that result in death.

# Section II: Describe the Data Set

# Section III: Limitations and Findings

# Conclusion