How did local health infrastructure and socio-political factors within different states and counties in the United States affect the disparities in COVID-19 outcomes, and what lessons can be learned for more targeted public health preparedness and response strategies in future pandemics?\*

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<sup>\*</sup>Code and data are available at: https://github.com/hannahyu07/US-Covid-Analysis.git

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# 1 Introduction

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# 2 Data

#### 2.1 Source

The datasets utilized throughout this paper was obtained from the original paper (Nuzzo and Ledesma 2023).

# 2.2 Methodology

R (R Core Team 2022) was the language and environment used for the bulk of this analysis, alongside tidyverse (Wickham et al. 2019), sf (Pebesma 2018), readx1 (Wickham and Bryan 2023), knitr (Xie 2014), janitor (Firke 2023), lubridate (Grolemund and Wickham 2011), dplyr (Wickham et al. 2023), data.table (Barrett et al. 2024), RColorBrewer (Neuwirth 2022), ggpubr (Kassambara 2023), ggplot2 (Wickham 2016), here (Müller 2020), and scales (Wickham, Pedersen, and Seidel 2023).

### 2.3 Data Measurement

### 2.4 Data cleaning

# 3 Results

Our results are summarized in Figure 1.

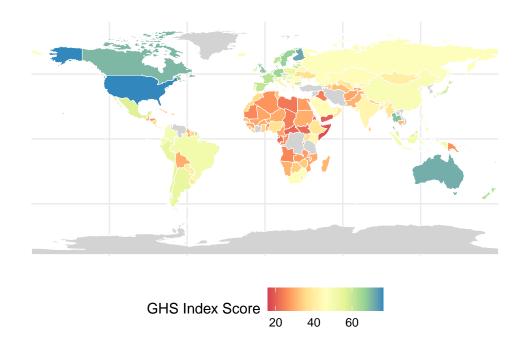


Figure 1: Global Health Security Index Scores by Country

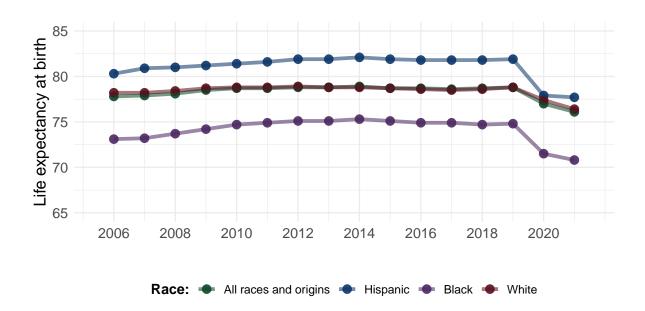


Figure 2: Estimates of Life Expectancy at Birth, by Race 2006-2021

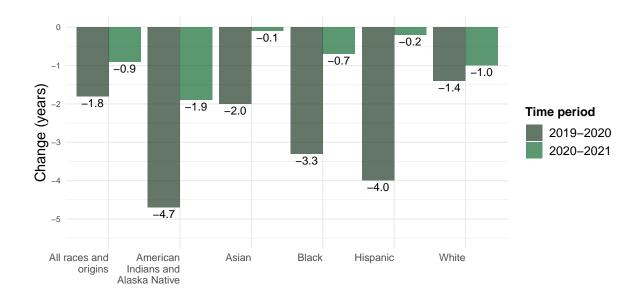


Figure 3: Change in Life Expectancy at Birth from the Previous Year

# 4 Discussion

- 4.1 Influence of political polarization on adherence to health guidelines.
- 4.2 Impact of government transparency and consistent communication on public trust.
- 4.3 Role of social vulnerabilities and healthcare access disparities in pandemic impact.
- 4.4 Strategies for improving real-time data collection and sharing for public health decisions.

# 4.5 Weaknesses and next steps

Weaknesses and next steps should also be included.

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