

Identifying Anti-immigration movements: Mapping Hate Crimes and Groups in the US

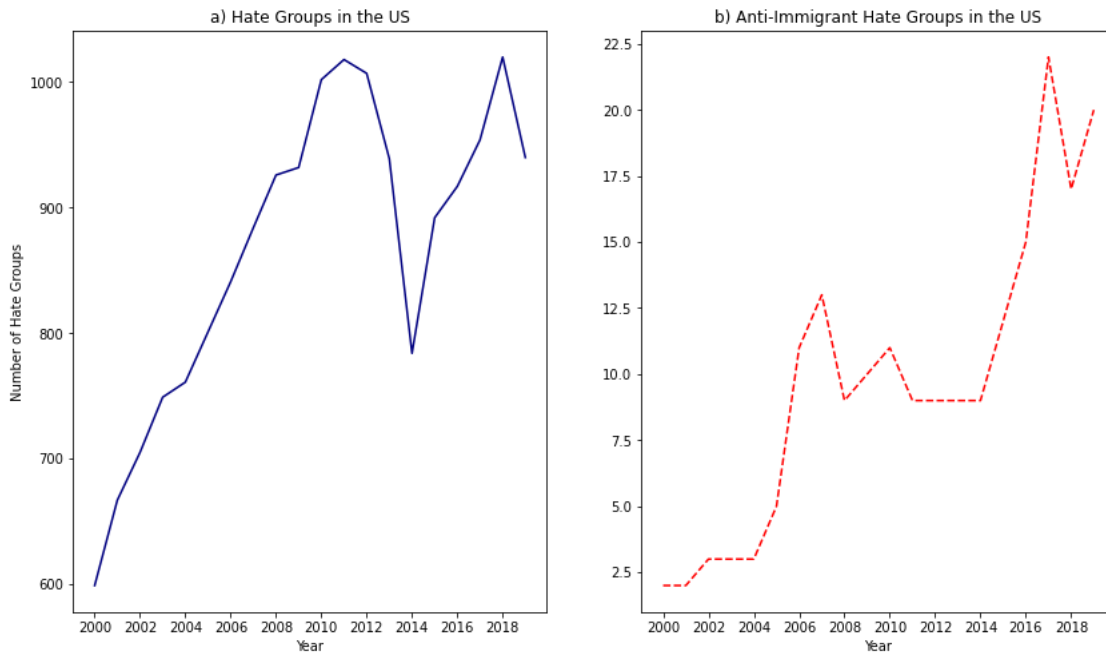
In the last two decades, there has been a significant rise of anti-immigrant sentiment in the U.S.¹ The severe economic recession following the financial crisis in 2008, the terrorist attacks, in particular the 9/11 attacks, and the growing number of foreign residents and undocumented immigrants are some of the factors that have fueled the rise of anti-immigrant movements (i.e. policies, groups, ideologies) and xenophobic actions (e.g. hate crimes, hate propaganda).

Additionally, in the last years, the anti-immigrant rhetoric of President Trump has served as a bridge to criminalize immigrants and promote anti-immigrant policies: ending the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program (attempted but unsuccessful), banning of people from several Muslim countries, family separation at the border, reducing refugee admissions, and recently, the temporal suspension of foreign work visas (labeled by the Trump administration as an “effort” to preserve US jobs). Also, it is worth noting that

In this report, we briefly study how anti-immigrant sentiment has evolved in the U.S. in the last decade through two sources of data: hate groups (from the Southern Poverty Law Center) and hate crimes (from the Uniform Crime Report).

Hate Groups in the US

Figure 1. Number of Hate Groups in the US
(Total and Anti-Immigrant Groups)



¹ [The Rise of Anti-Immigrant Sentiments in the U.S.: Arizona and Alabama, emblematic cases](#). Mónica Vereá.

Figure 2. Number of Hate Groups in the Top 3 Ideologies of Each Year

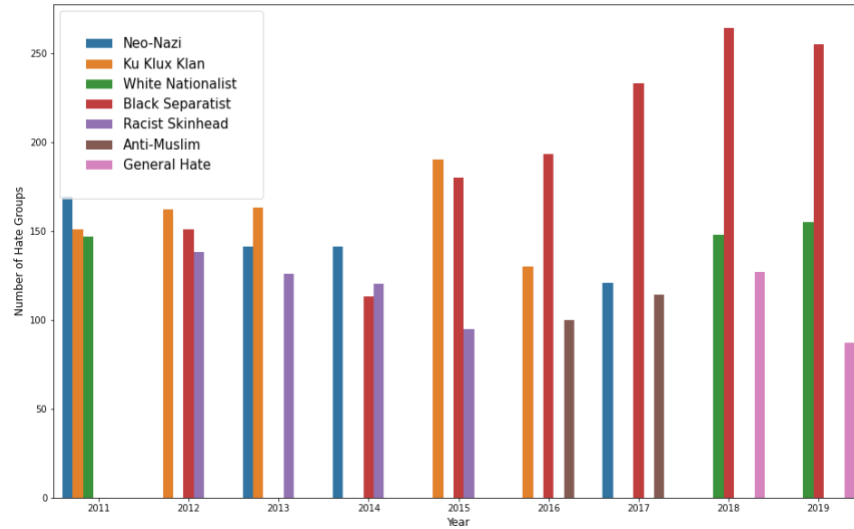


Figure 3. Number of Hate Groups per Million People in 2019

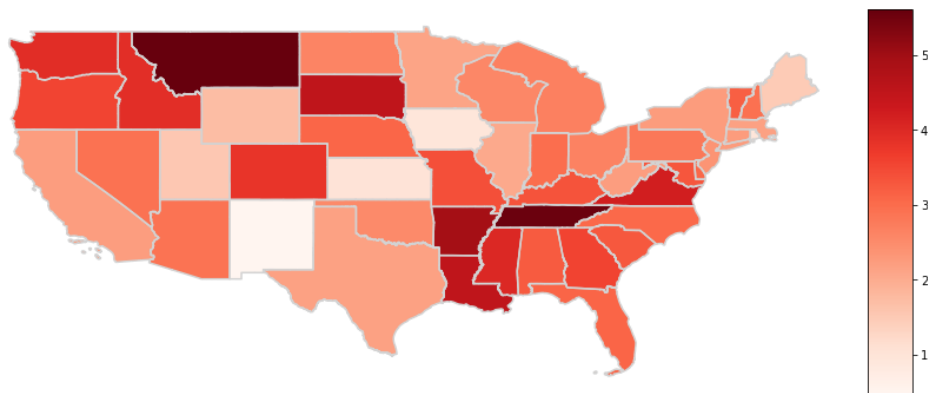
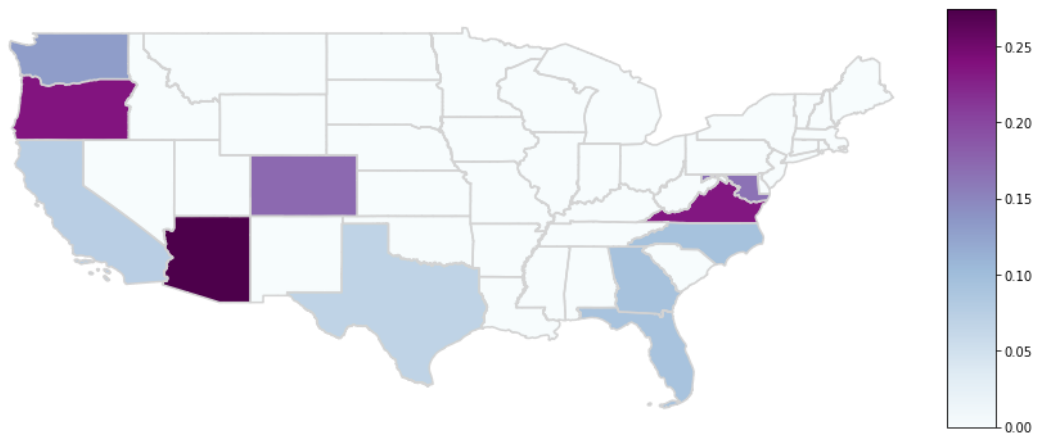


Figure 4. Number of Anti-Immigrant Hate Groups per Million People in 2019



Hate Crimes