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Just kind of like Starting things off. Have you ever seen anything like that, like a predictive policing algorithm? Like this? Never kind of used like not even just like predictive policing just algorithms in general? No, no, never. So it's completely new to you. Yeah.

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No idea.

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That's okay. Yeah, we're trying to figure out just how people from different backgrounds kind of interact with stuff like that. So that's more than acceptable that you've never seen it before. Okay. So moving to the first question is, before today, before actually coming into this session, here today? How have you ever felt that crime analyses have directly impacted you, if at all?

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What do you mean by crime analysis?

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Like something just like the squares? Okay. Well, I think

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depending on what area I would be in, that would have a huge impact. Like, being on a college campus. I'm sure that that makes it a lot safer. And like, the crime analysis would be stronger, like they would do more to protect that area. But like, in other areas, like I volunteered, like, Northwest last semester, and it was like an area where you could tell there was like, absolutely, no, like, they didn't pay attention to it at all. I'm sure. So I think like, the area that I'm in would make a difference.

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You said you volunteered Northwest northwest of Milwaukee? Yeah,

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I think it was Northwest. It was I don't know if you would know it but McCann and browns homeless sanctuary. It was I can like find out where it was, if you want me to,

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but it's still like Milwaukee area. Yeah, yeah,

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like ricardas minutes hoping it was like a homeless? Yeah,

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kind of like, it's called a doorway ministry. And what they do is this woman McKennon

Brown, she turned an empty warehouse into like, a place for people that are in need to get like clothes, fresh produce, blankets, sleeping bags, hats, gloves, bikes, furniture, and she's like working on expanding the whole thing. So I worked out, or I work to like giving out clothes and like organizing all the clothes. And then the person that I volunteered with did like the whole Produce Section. So people like donate all this stuff, and she gives it away for free. Okay,

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so I personally haven't done like something like this. It kind of sounds like a from using the right term, like a shelter kind of thing.

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It's not a shelter. It's more like a one stop shop where you get what you need. And then you go back to your home. Okay. Yeah,

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just for profit, nonprofit, nonprofit, nonprofit. Okay. How would you say like the area there was?

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The area was, I would definitely call it like a food desert. Honestly, that was like the first thing that came to my mind. I did it for like, while I was taking a social welfare and justice class. And we were learning about food deserts around the time that I started it. So like, the first thing that I noticed was total food desert, like, you're not going to find anything that would be nutritious at all, like they get their food from like convenience stores on the corner. And just like total poverty, like houses are in terrible condition. And it just total.

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Yes, exactly. And you're also saying that just because of that area, you haven't really noticed like the police?

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scary to hear Yeah. Now, experience to

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I was there for two hours every week and like I never once but see a police car. Yeah,

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you still feel safe at all. Or

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I did just because like, the warehouse that we were in was like such a well known it like her little like organization was so well known in that area that like, everybody seemed to, like really respect her and like, really love her. So I just felt safe, like being in that. Yeah,

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good, perfect. And kind of shifting a little bit back to crime analyses and maybe have some places that are more noticed for crime analyses and even the unnoticed with regards to the crime analysis algorithms, how important is it to you to understand like how a crime analysis algorithm or software actually works?

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I think it's pretty important now knowing what it is. I mean, I had never really heard of that before. But knowing what it is, it kind of shows me like, what areas seemed to be more in need and what areas like will probably get more help.

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You say areas more than me. What do you mean by the? Like,

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like with this, like more in need of like, having more police people around? Like? Like,

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the more resources in there. Yeah, like, yeah, police traffic. Yeah.

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And then like, protected? Yeah, yeah,

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definitely, definitely. Is there any kind of like important information you want to know about the crime analysis algorithms or software? And

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I don't really like fully understand it, if you can just think explain it a little bit more like, what it's used for. And like,

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it's you. In this case, we're taking previous data. So the data we're taking from this is all available on the walkie Police Department websites, and they're all crime events that made it to court. So they made it to court, and they're in the Milwaukee Police Department database, we can take that, put them into a statistical models, and predict where crime is more likely to happen. Okay. All right.

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From this whole process, though, would you want to know, like,

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how it works, or like the data? Is there, I want to know, I

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feel like knowing the data would be helpful to like, people like me that have no idea about any of this. Okay, yeah,

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that's fine.

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It sounds kind of like

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you came into here, not really knowing like, what's going on, but after seeing it, yeah, yeah,

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exactly. And

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I just moved into my apartment a few weeks ago, and I literally watched an arrest happen outside my window two nights ago. So the window? Yeah, like, so. right outside my window? Yeah. So that was a little nervous. A little shaky. Yeah, definitely. And, like, I've never seen anything like that. Also,

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was this job like, you live like on campus? Yeah.

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So I live on wells, right in between 17th and 18th. Okay, so, yeah,

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it's kind of like the frontier there.

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Exactly. Exactly what

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you're saying. I'm like, right in that area. Yeah.

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So Monte Cristo apartments.

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You said like, this was scary. It was kind of like the first time you saw this. Yeah. Yeah. And it was, like,

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I heard a bunch of yelling, and then the sirens outside my window. So I checked what was going on. And I just saw, like, a cop trying to tackle a guy to a crowd to the ground and three more Shut up. And

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it was just very overwhelming. I mean, it's overwhelming, but points like you can want to watch. But

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you said you haven't experienced anything like this before? Like, I'm assuming you're coming from like a small town. Yes.

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Small suburb of Chicago. Lamont. Yeah,

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like 20 minutes away from

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really wait for the park. Oh, my best friends.

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Okay. But back there is like the law enforcement. It's more, everyone kind of knows each other. And so yeah, like, say for

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the police, the most action they have is like some kids speeding. Yeah. And that's about it. Definitely.

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So I assume that specific process for crime analysis was implemented in your area, either where you live, where you work here, where you go to school or anywhere, such that it's used to directly impact you? How important would it be that you think to have some kind of understanding of how it works? I think it's very important, very important.

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Definitely. I mean, I would love to understand it more and have a better knowledge of it.

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Is there like others specific information you would want to know about it?

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I think just like understanding, I don't know, like, being able to, like access it. Like how I could access that for myself, like I wouldn't even know where to start to find that kind of information. And like understanding how to actually, like use that tool. Just like very basic stuff.

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You say access, like I was was,

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I wouldn't have even thought to like, go to the Milwaukee Police Department and find all that data.

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Okay. So like having the resources to discover Yeah,

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like knowing exactly what steps to take to get there. Definitely, definitely.

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So assume someone with more expertise than you vouched for, like the advocacy, the efficiency and the fairness of a given crime analysis algorithm or software? How important would it then be for you to have some kind of understanding of how it works?

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I think it would be very important,

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still important. Definitely.

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With this guy saying that it's very fair, it works very well. With him saying this. Is there still other information you'd want to know about that whole situation?

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I mean, no, other than what I said earlier, probably not

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still have an access to it. Yeah. Figuring out

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maybe like, how he determined that it was very fair and ethical, like what his sources are,

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what his sources like, where he got the information? Yeah, like,

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what he's basing it off to say that it is fair and correct information?

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No, definitely. Definitely.

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So do you believe that whether data was source like ethically, legally or fairly, if that actually impacts the quality of the data?

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Yes, I think credibility is super important. Because I mean, if it's not credible, then it's not true.

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That's not true. So how would you feel if hack data was used by professionals? Like what kind of context? Would you condone this

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very concerning? I think concern? Yeah, if professionals were using hacked data? I mean, I don't know how I will feel like that's ethical

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to say just don't use it at all. Yeah, yeah. What if playing like a hypothetical kind of situation? what it feels like a law enforcement agency who hacked this data? Would you condone the usage of it? Or is it still very unethical? You shouldn't touch it,

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I guess that would be circumstantial, like what kind of data are they?

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Taking? It depends on like, what they have.

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If it's like, for like, life threatening, very important. circumstances, then? Yes. But I don't

know if they're like, hacking for like, little piddly things that aren't super important

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than I guess now. What do you think is like a little? Like?

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Okay, for example, just because this is like the first thing that came to my head, like, cookies on your phone? How, like, they can use your search history and like, give you ads on Instagram or Facebook, based on what you said, searching? I think that's kind of unethical.

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Where they're kind of like, saving your search

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yesterday. Yeah. I mean, they're like,

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watching what you're doing on your phone and what you're searching. And that freaks me out.

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And that fine. incognito mode? But I mean, I'm not, I can't tell you what to do. choices.

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So if you were asked to voluntarily give personal information, such as like your location more specific on like, where you live, or where you work, and more specific demographic information to the law enforcement only for the purpose of better training their data and their algorithms. Would you voluntarily go in and do this? Or what would your response be for those? Yeah, yeah.

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If it's towards better training, and yeah,

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I would only if it's better, for better training, you would go in and just give away your information.

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I mean, I supposed to trust our law enforcement, right.

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Think so it's for the better of the community, as I

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seen it, if it's for bettering the community, I would definitely.

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Is there any kind of information that you would kind of withhold or want to not give up? I probably

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wouldn't want to give some credit card numbers and social security number. Yeah.

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I don't know. I mean, I would give like the location of where I work or live? Sure.

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Sure. I can't really think of anything that I would withhold.

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Definitely, yeah. What if it was more of a situation that was mandatory, where the police came to you? And they were saying that they want your location services, they want to kind of track your phone, see where you are, but still, for the better of the community, just to kind of track the crimes? What would your response be?

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I feel like because it's mandatory, I would feel a little like, it would feel invasive a little bit. But if I knew the exact reasons, like it was for bettering the community, and I knew exactly what they were doing with it, I would probably be okay with it. I mean, much to hide, but I feel like the fact that it's mandatory would feel invasive.

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So if it was, what if it was like voluntary? Yeah,

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if I'm volunteering to do it, then like I've said, this is okay. Yes, I'll do it. And I would feel better about that, because it's my decision. But if someone's coming in and saying, you have to give us your location, how not be too comfortable

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with that. Yeah. If you see the reasons Yeah. Yeah.

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If I had it all laid out, then I would feel a lot better.

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If it was voluntary. Would you still give up? Like the location services haven't tracked you?

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If I were able to see like what they were doing with it? Yeah,

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definitely. So kind of both goes back to see their motives.

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And definitely, definitely.

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So then, how would you feel if data from traffic tickets was used to systematically kind of place police along the highway?

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No, I wouldn't really like that. Why not?

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Because I think a lot of people tend to speed in the same area, and sometimes I speed so I would probably get pulled over.

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So it's just a matter of, yeah,

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that's kind of a selfish I don't want to be pulled over into the

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fold over a few times. And it sucks.

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It just from like speeding. Yeah, yeah. Yeah,

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exactly. I mean, what else would they use? Like, what else would that benefit having the

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maybe stopping people from running red lights? Yeah, stop signs. Yeah. Reckless Driving or something like this? Like, yeah, just a matter of finding a way to kind of like, allocate those resources on the highway. But yeah. And then also, you're saying that you would kind of volunteer, I'm kind of jumping back and forth. But you're saying that you would kind of voluntarily give up your information. If it was good for the community? Is that what you're saying? Yeah, yeah. Why do you think some people may want to like, withhold their information or just keep everything private?

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And I think some people just live private lives and don't want other people knowing what they're doing where they are any of their business. So and they also some people don't trust other people don't trust law enforcement. And those are two big reasons.

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They don't be all the questions I have to ask. Yeah. Well, good. Yeah. Again, yeah. Thank you for coming into it.