

When thinking about how I wanted to approach this project I knew I was going to have troubles with the technicalities (using leaflet) so I wanted to use data that could be adapted into something else if I wanted to expand on it. These last few months there has been a lot of tension on the new Secure DC Omnibus Crime Bill presented by DC Mayor Muriel Bowser. In the last few years, DC has experienced a dramatic increase in crimes like theft and gun violence and this is Bowser's solution to this. The issue is that it allows for Black communities to further be disproportionately affected allowing for more arrests and not providing a solution for the root causes. In the last 15 years, DC has gone through intense gentrification. Once the first majority Black city, an extensive amount of Black native Washingtonians have been experiencing the effects of this. I had first chosen the 2023 reported crime data set but realized that I was not able to filter thing data into categories that were meaningful to me. That was when I ran into the Report Bias Crime data. The first thing that came to mind when I saw this set was "How is this being classified as bias crime? Under who's jurisdiction?" Then I saw this data set and the 2023 Crimes data set come directly from the mpd which automatically makes the set skewed. I really enjoyed comparing the density of the bias data and the 2023 crime data based on each ward. One detail that was super funny to me was that in the bias data, the points in predominantly Black neighborhoods had many threats towards white people when in other areas of DC it was the complete opposite. It was also interesting that in the biased data the majority of the density was in downtown DC (where the white house and monuments are located as well as where protests are held). As far as issues I came across it was all technical. It helped that we had the leaflet examples but since I was working with large geojson files it took some tweaking and time to work with the material. Although I was pretty stressed about the project most of the time I did end up having fun with it by the end.