# The Social Impact Forum

**Hate Crimes in California** 

#### Hate Crimes Timeline

**February 8, 1990** 

**September 21, 1993** 

October 28, 2009

Hate Crimes Statistics Act Hate Crimes
Sentencing
Enhancement Act

The Local Law
Enforcement Hate
Crimes Prevention Act



# Problem Statement

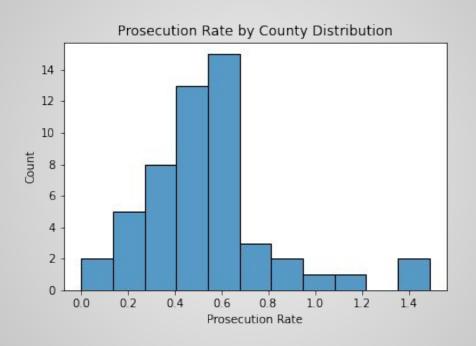
"How likely is it that a hate crime will face prosecution given the specific characteristics and the demographics of the county where it occurred?

# **Data Exploration**

#### **OPENJUSTICE**

"A transparency initiative led by the California Department of Justice that publishes criminal justice data so we can understand how we are doing, hold ourselves accountable, and improve public policy to make California safer."

#### Hate Crime Prosecution Rates in California



#### Prosecution Rates by County in California, 2004 - 2020

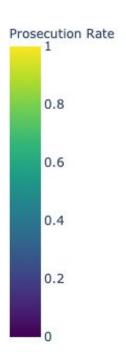
#### Top 5:

- 1. Kern
- 2. Glenn
- 3. Inyo
- 4. Calaveras
- 5. Contra Costa

#### Bottom 5:

- 1. Plumas
- 2. Mariposa
- 3. Nevada
- 4. Humboldt
- 5. Placer





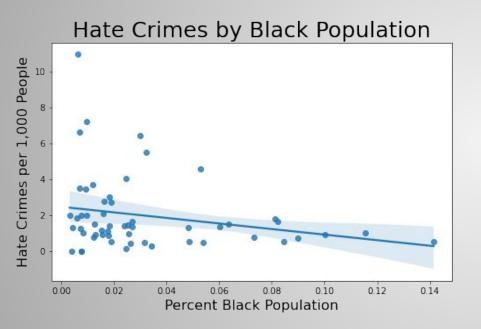
#### Most Common Hate Crime Bias by County in California, 2004 - 2020

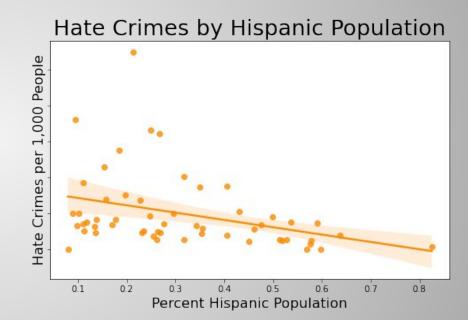


#### Most Common Bias

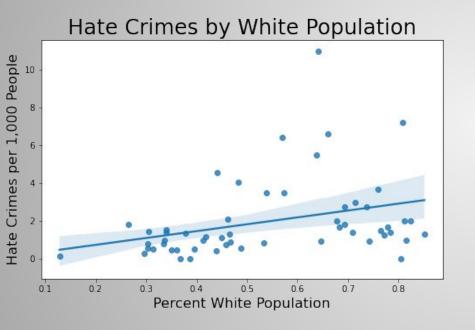
- Anti-Black or African American
- Anti-Asian
- Anti-Gay (Male)
- Anti-Hispanic or Latin
- Anti-Other Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry

### Hate Crimes By Population

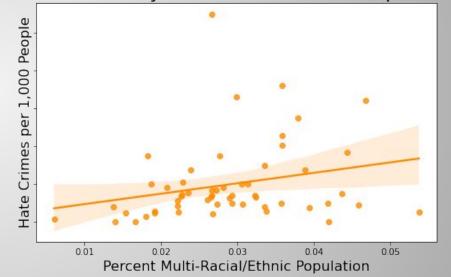




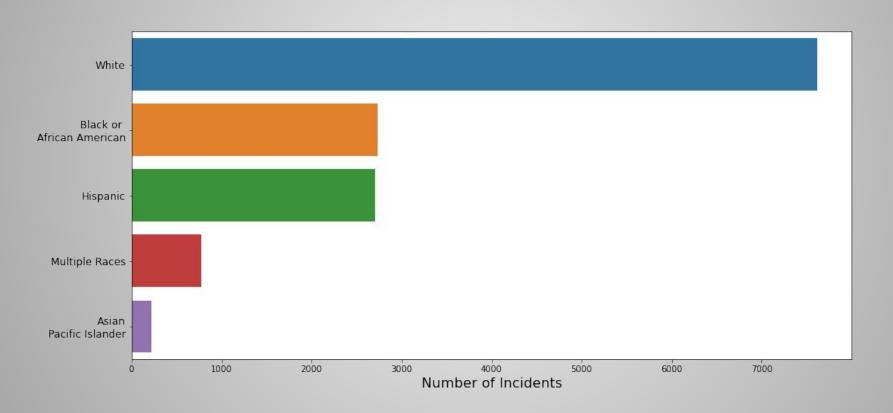
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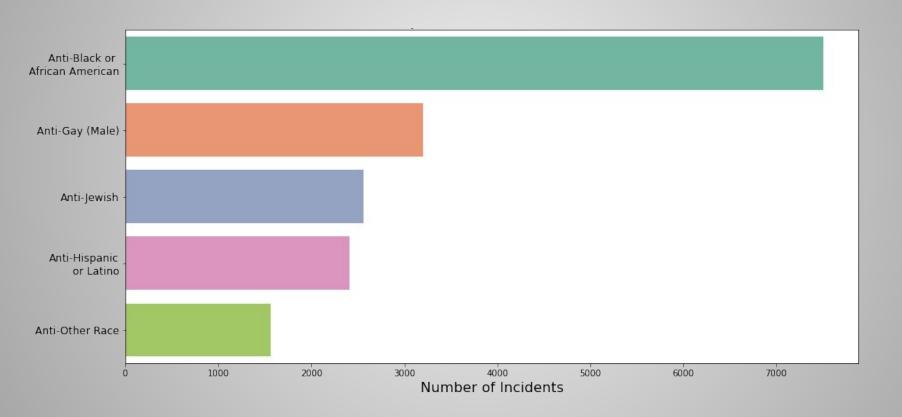




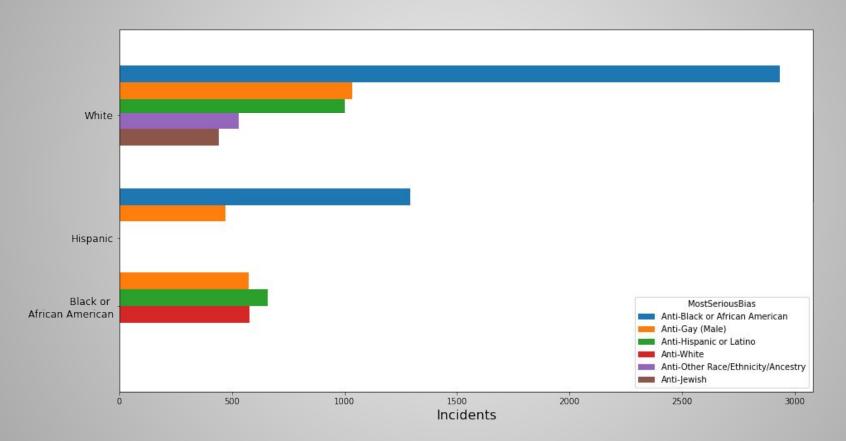
### Top 5 Suspect Races



### **Top 5 Bias Motivations**

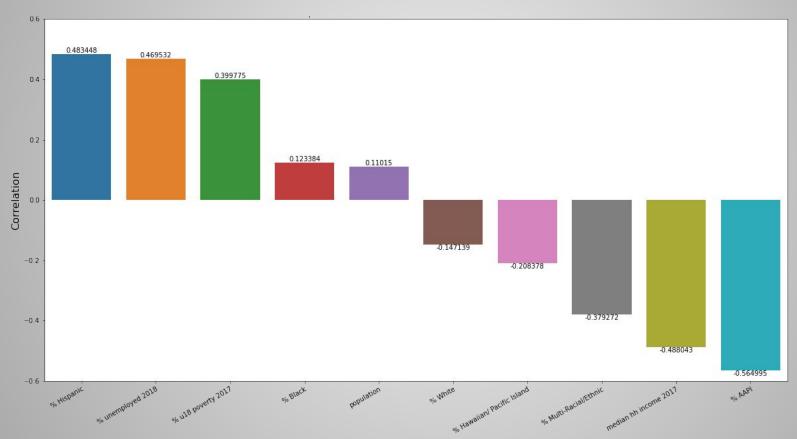


### Top 10 Bias Motivations by Suspect Race

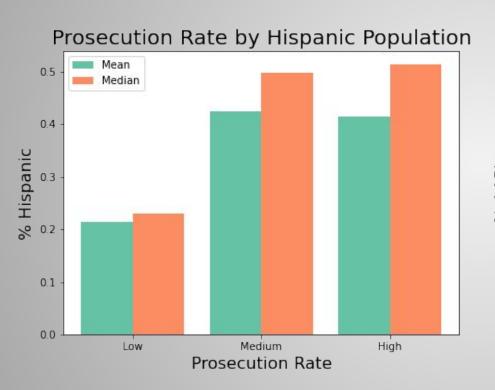


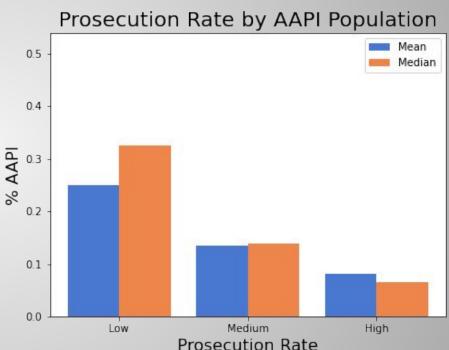
## **Feature Correlations**

### **Top 10 Prosecution Rate Correlations**

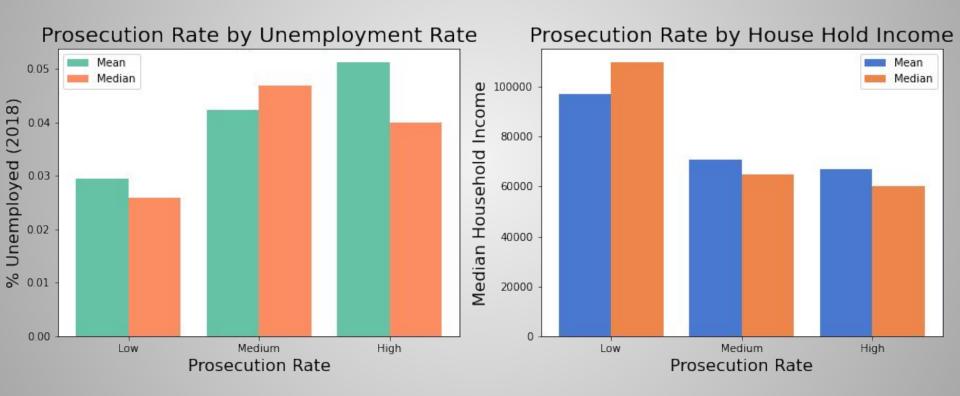


### Top Positive and Negative Correlations

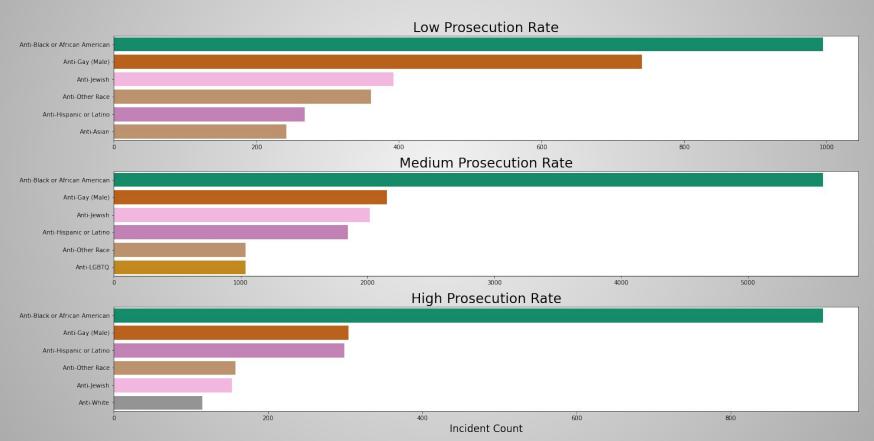




### Top Positive and Negative Correlations (2)

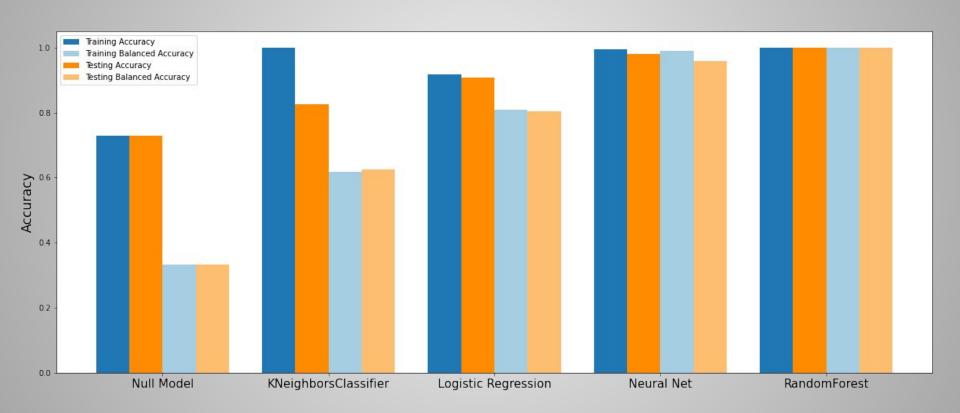


### Bias Motivation Counts by Label

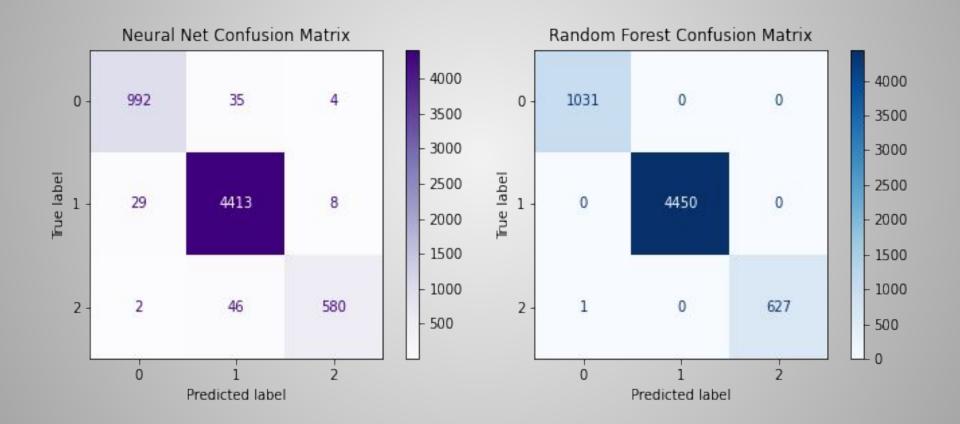


# Models

#### **Model Scores**



### Top Two Models

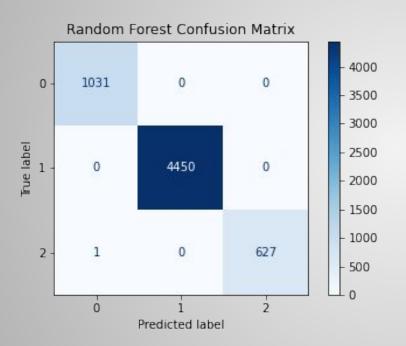


## Top Two Models

Score Metrics	Neural Net	Random Forest
Training Accuracy	99.57%	100%
Training Balanced Accuracy	98.95%	99.98%
Testing Accuracy	97.97%	100%
Testing Balanced Accuracy	95.91%	100%

# **Best Model**

#### Random Forest Model



#### Feature Importances:

- Population: 13.07%
- Percentage AAPI: 11.40%
- Median Household Income 2017: 10.29%
- Percentage Hispanic: 9.43%
- Percentage Asian: 9.16%
- Percentage Youth Poverty 2017: 8.84%

#### Conclusions

#### Location

Where you live (city or county) is a crucial feature in prosecuting your case.

#### Technology

Adapting our model will be the foundational design for all hate crimes reported.

Requesting more data from the district attorney's office with prosecution status of each case

#### The Future

Victims are more likely to report crimes if they know they will be prosecuted and pressuring prosecutors to have higher hate crime conviction rates.

## Thank You

Questions? Comments Concerns



#### **Data Labels**

**Prosecution Data** 

Hate Crimes Data

Demographics Data

Created Target for each County.

Added Target to each Case by County.

Added Demographics of each County.