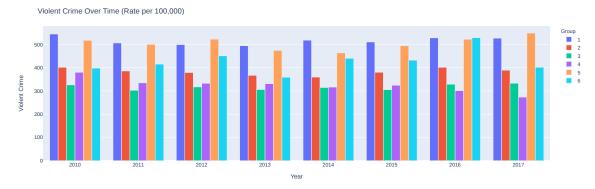


On Defunding Police

2020 was a pivotal year around the world within the context of the conversation around racial equity, justice, and equality. Specifically, in the United States, thousands of protestors and activists have taken to the streets to call for police reform and support for policies that effectively address the underlying factors that contribute to crime, poverty, and homelessness. One of the most poignant demands of these individuals has been a call for a complete reimagining of law enforcement in the United States. This project centers on one facet of this demand which is the reallocation of police budgets or more broadly "defunding the police." What does this call entail and is there merit to considering its implementation?

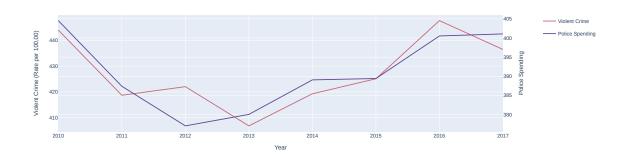


Specifically, our goal is to discover if a reallocation of city budgets will result in an improved quality of life for city residents. However before proceeding, what do we mean by an "improved quality of life?"









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