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Amy’s note to Rebecca on data for lynch victims & targets of threatened lynchings

2020.06.23.Averted\_Cleaning.do

NOTE: This process is fairly straightforward because the original data for threatened/averted lynchings are organized by event rather than victim. The only “cummulation” we need to do

* Reads in Threats\_Database.xlsx
* Restricts to our 10 states (AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA)
* Cuts variables we won’t use and renames some that we will to conform to other data sets
* Creates a unique EVENT identifier that combines date of event with the unique FIPS geocode (state & county)
* Writes out data file: Averted\_Data.dta

2020.06.25.Lynch\_Counts.do

NOTE: This is a bit more challenging because the original data for lynch victims are organized by the person rather than the event. So we have to collapse observations by event and then do a second calculation by location. This has posed a particular challenge for me in identifying the number of events in each county that targeted black victims.

* Reads in Lynch\_Victims.xlsx
* Restricts to our 10 states (AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA)
* Restricts to only those cases that were confirmed or probable lynchings
* Creates unique event ID, based on a combination of the date and location (state/county).
* Creates streamlined racial variables for all victims
* Saves in Stata format: Lynch\_Counts.dta
* Saves only the first observation for each event, collapses to create a measure counting the events in each county and writes out Lynch\_Counts\_All.dta
* Reverting to Lynch\_Counts.dta, keeps only observations where the victim is black.
* TRIES TO collapse and count events with black victims, but somehow seems to count N of victims still…