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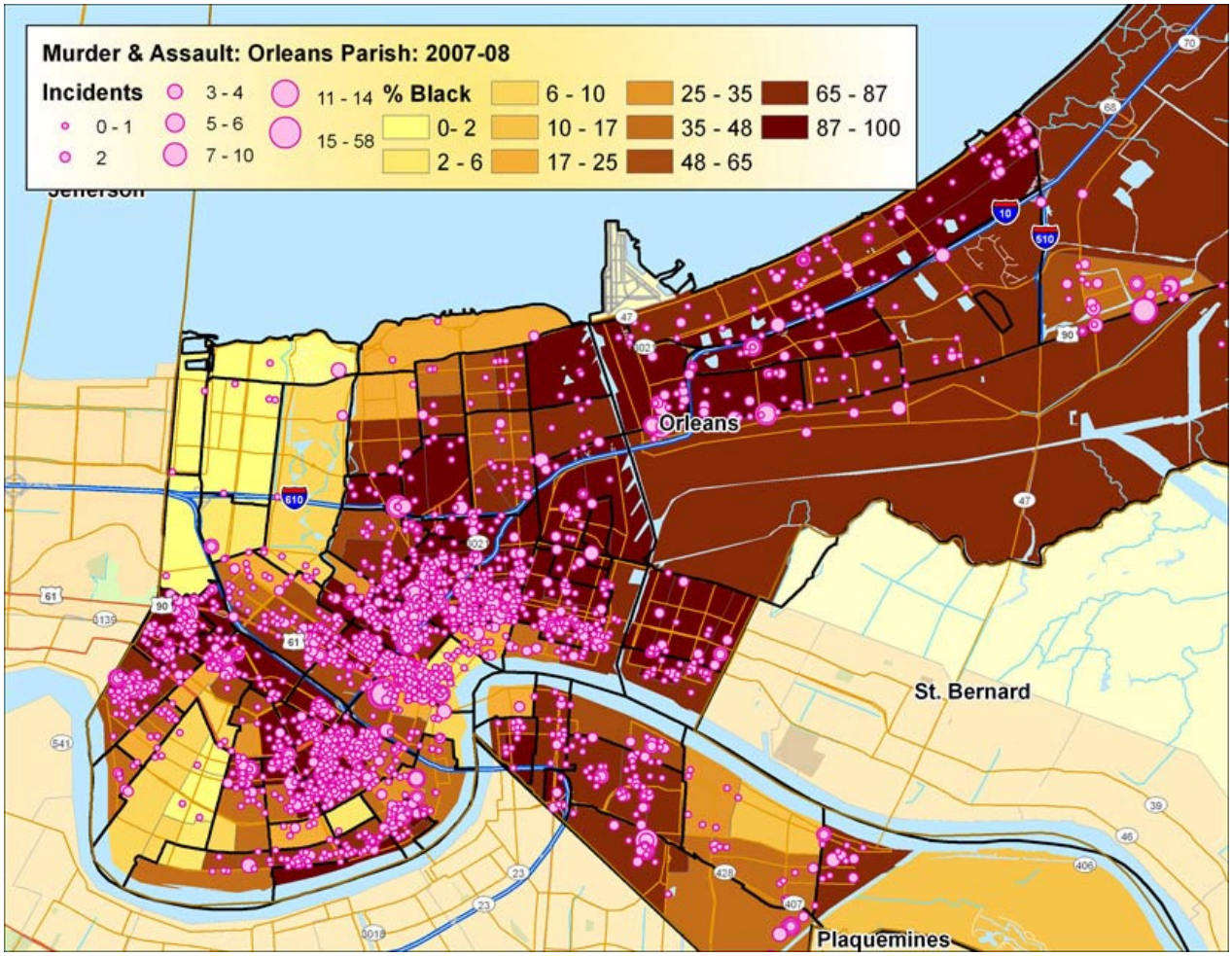
Crime & Race: Crime is concentrated in predominantly black neighborhoods

- Orleans Parish



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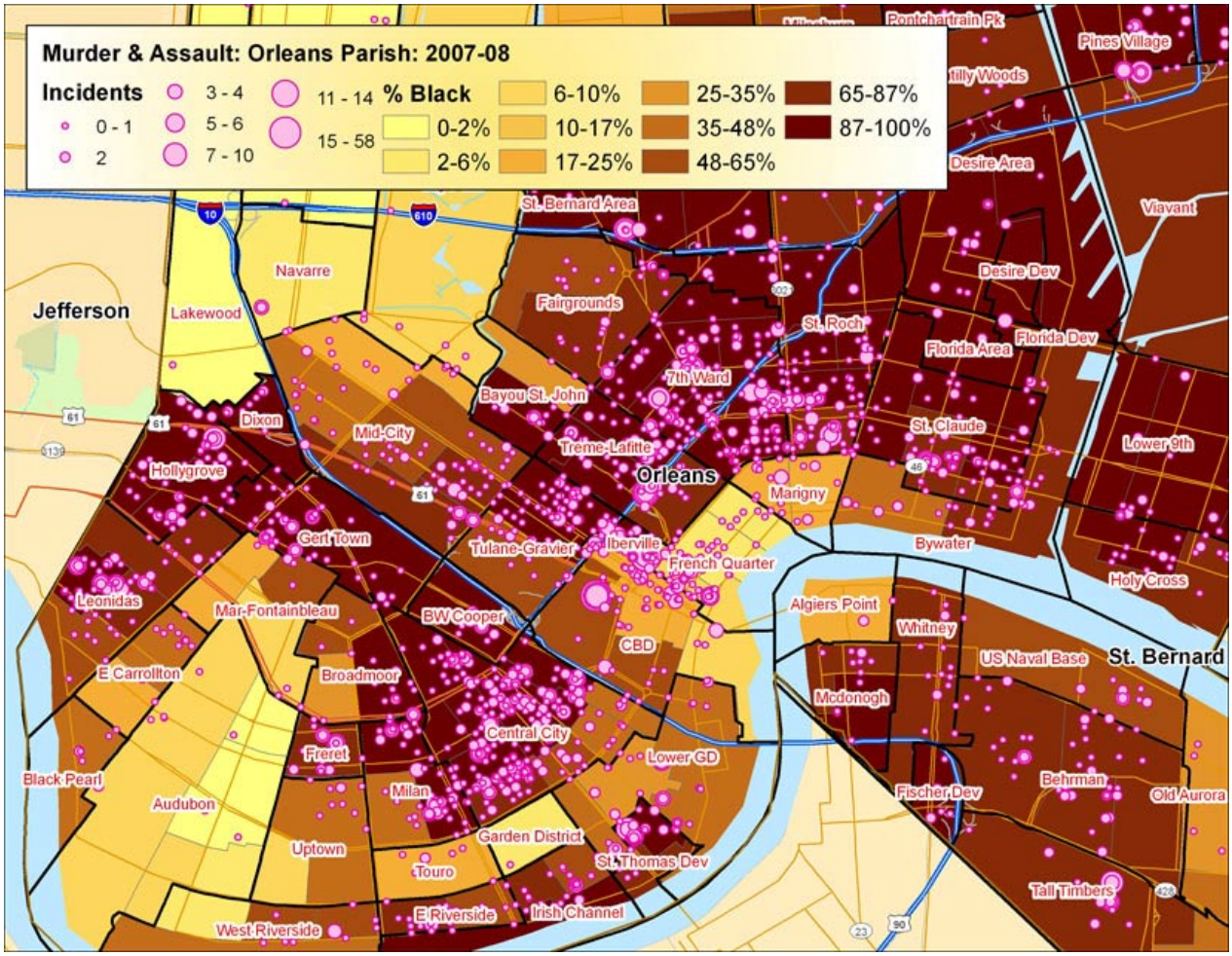

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What factors reduce Violent Crime?

Factors Influencing Violent Crime in New Orleans, 2007-2008
Correlations
Survey Data (N = 2,648) & Police Reports,
Aggregated to Neighborhood Level (N = 62)

	Combined Rate of Violent Crime		
	All	**White**	**Black**
Social Capital			
Networks			
Associational Involvement	**-.408****	-.249	**-.399***
Informal Socializing	-.035	-.059	.200
Civic Leadership	**-.363****	-.184	-.294
Trust			
Social Trust	**-.568****	**-.568****	-.344
Inter-Racial Trust	-.194	-.024	.128
Faith-Based			
Church Membership	**-.321***	**-.404***	**-.661****
Faith-Based Engagement	-.130	-.302	**-.566****
Demographic			
Status			
Education	**-.636****	-.216	**-.461****
Income	**-.604****	-.349	**-.512****
Unemployed Now	**.519****	.179	**.432***
Family			
Married with Children	**-.588****	**-.454***	**-.636****

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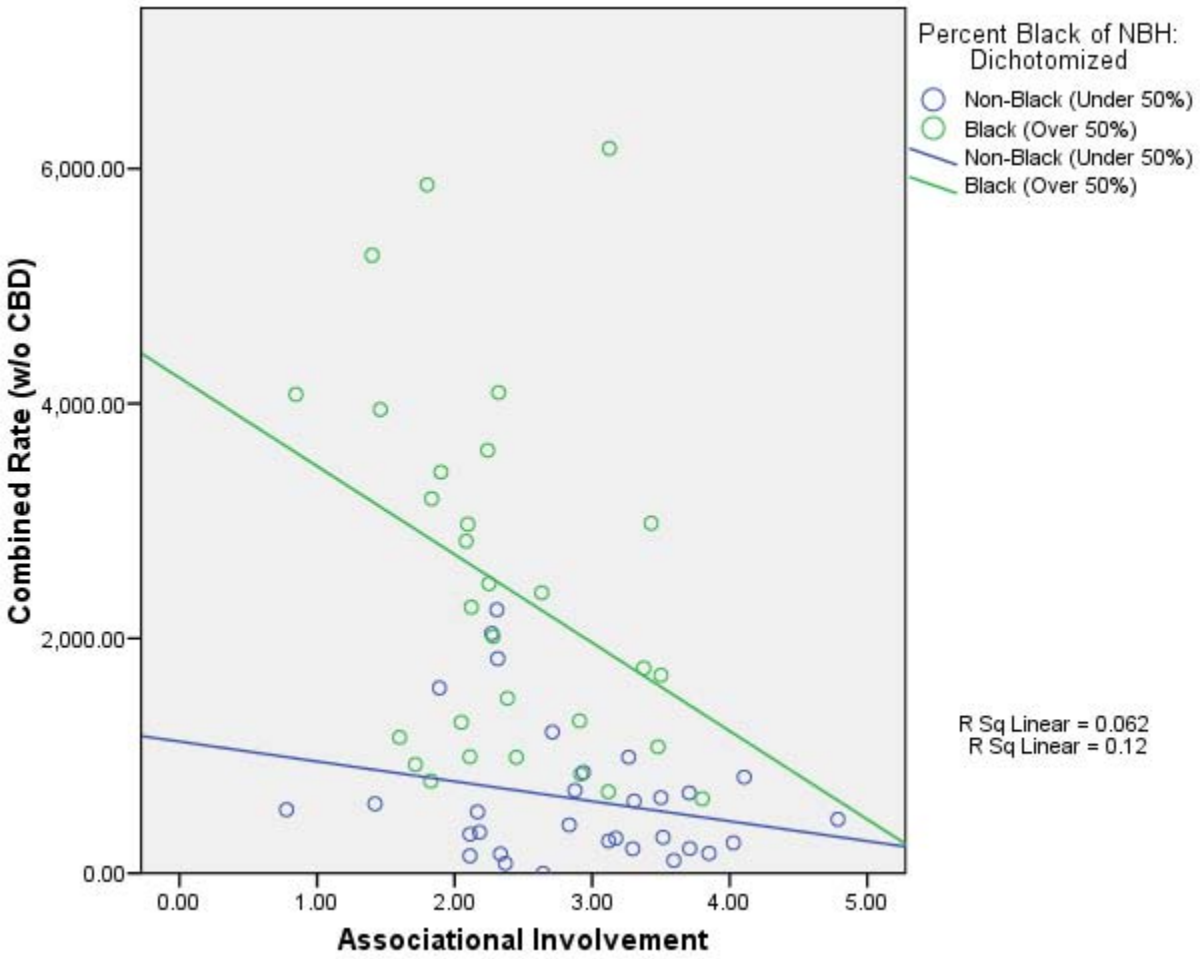
Social Capital – Associational Involvement

- Has a large effect on reducing violent crime in black neighborhoods
- Has little effect in white neighborhoods, where there is much less violent crime to begin with



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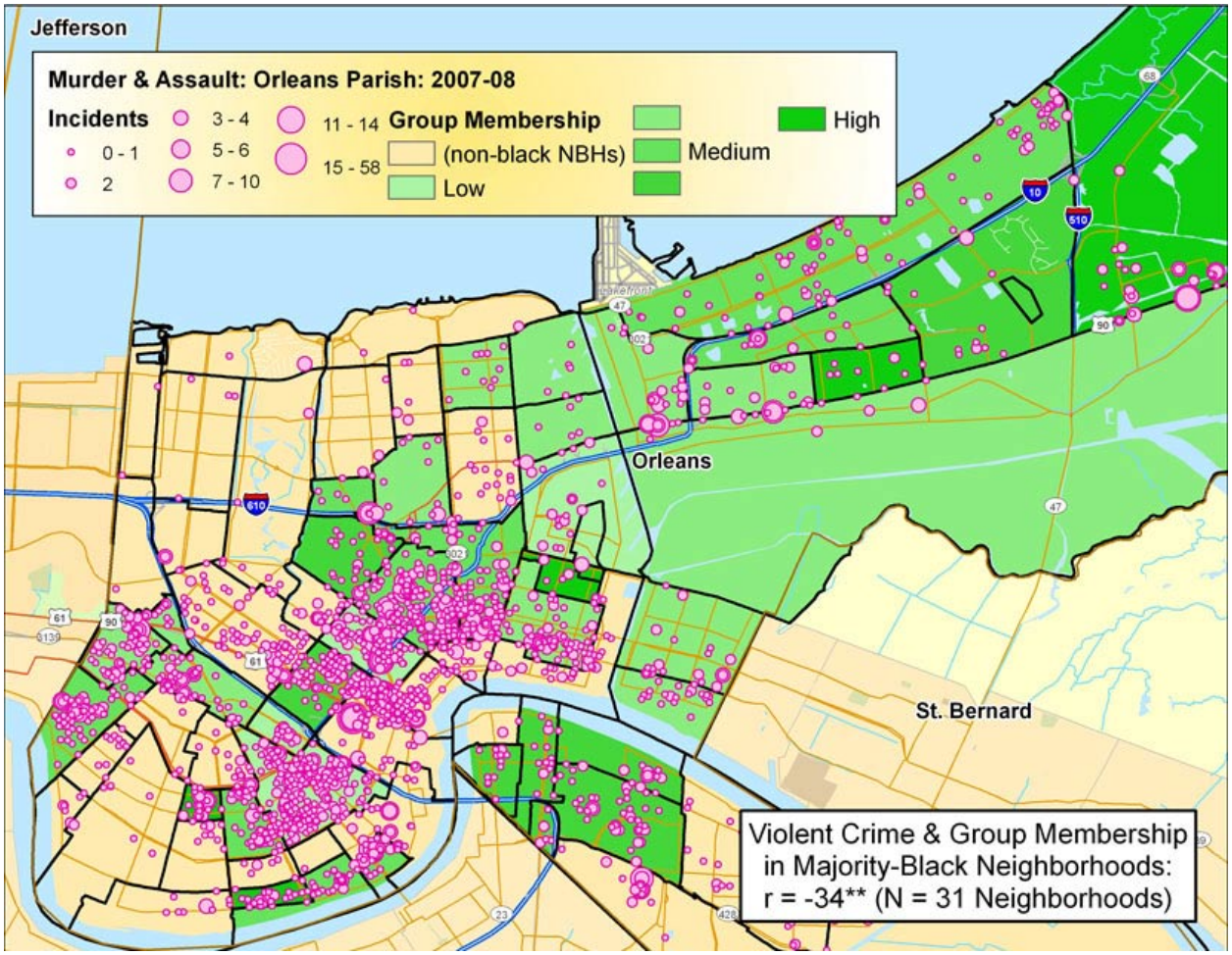
Social Capital – *Associational Involvement* in predominantly black neighborhoods



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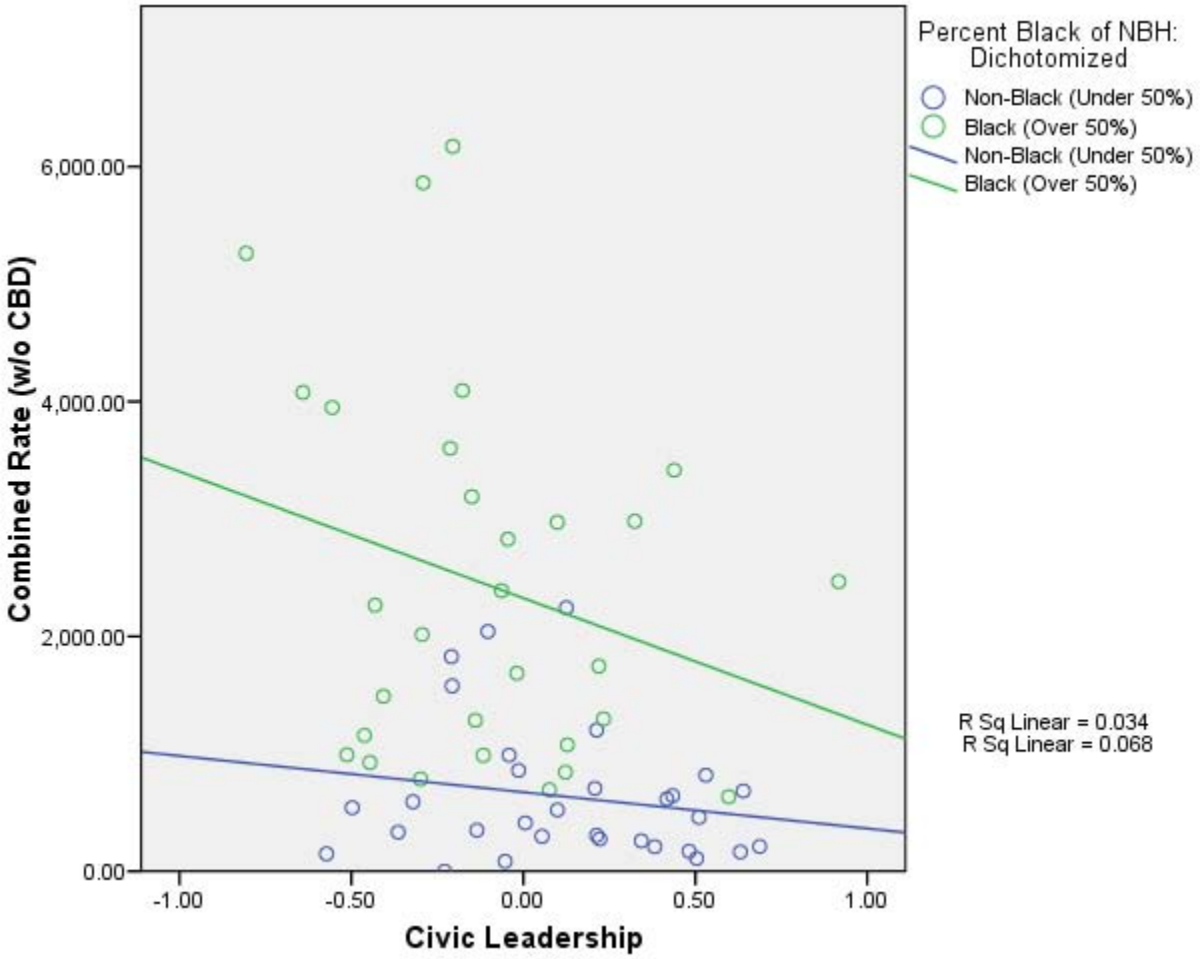
Social Capital – Civic Leadership

- Has a moderate effect on reducing violent crime in black neighborhoods
- Has little effect in white neighborhoods, where there is less violent crime to begin with



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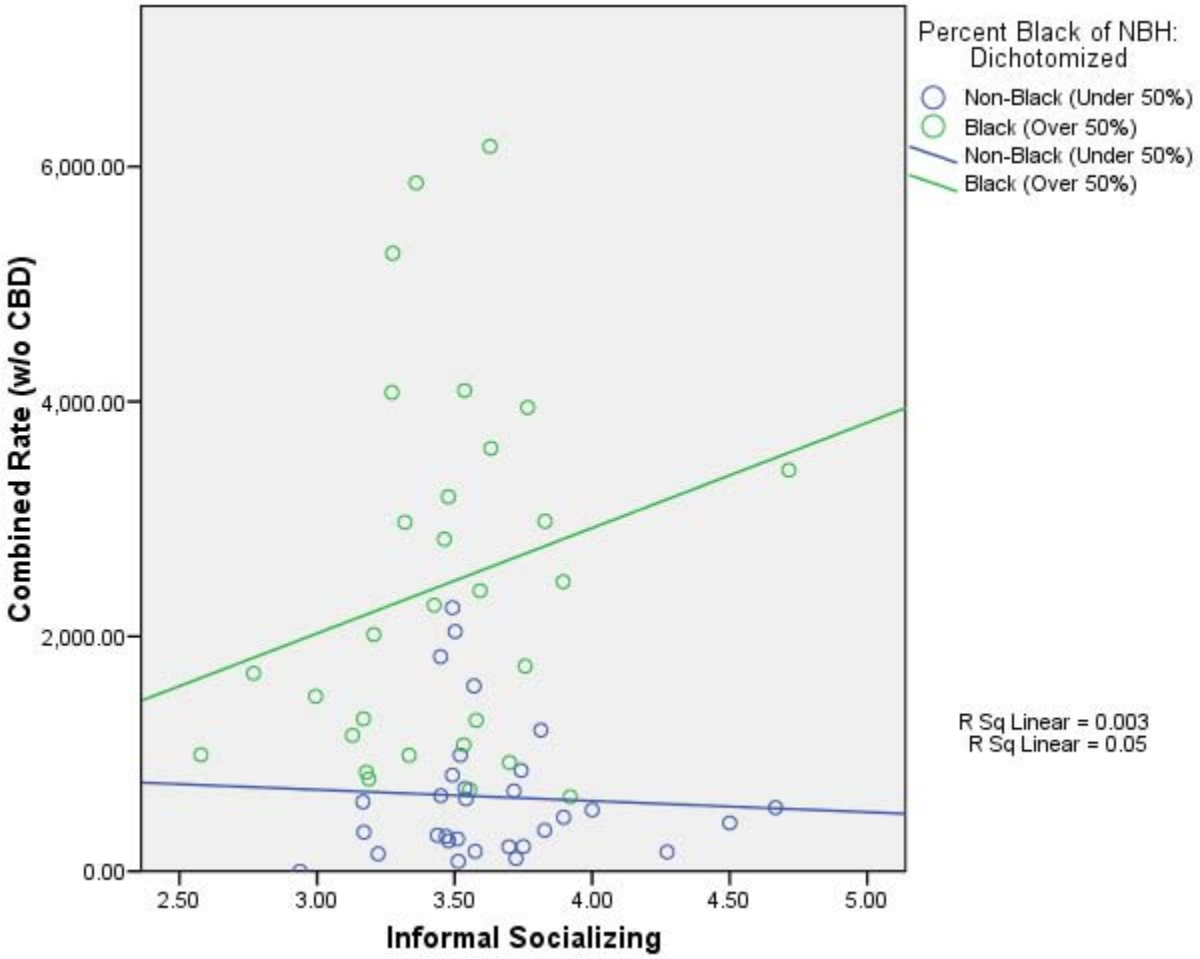
Social Capital – Informal Socializing

- Has a substantial effect on *increasing* violent crime in black neighborhoods
- Has little effect in white neighborhoods, where there is less violent crime to begin with



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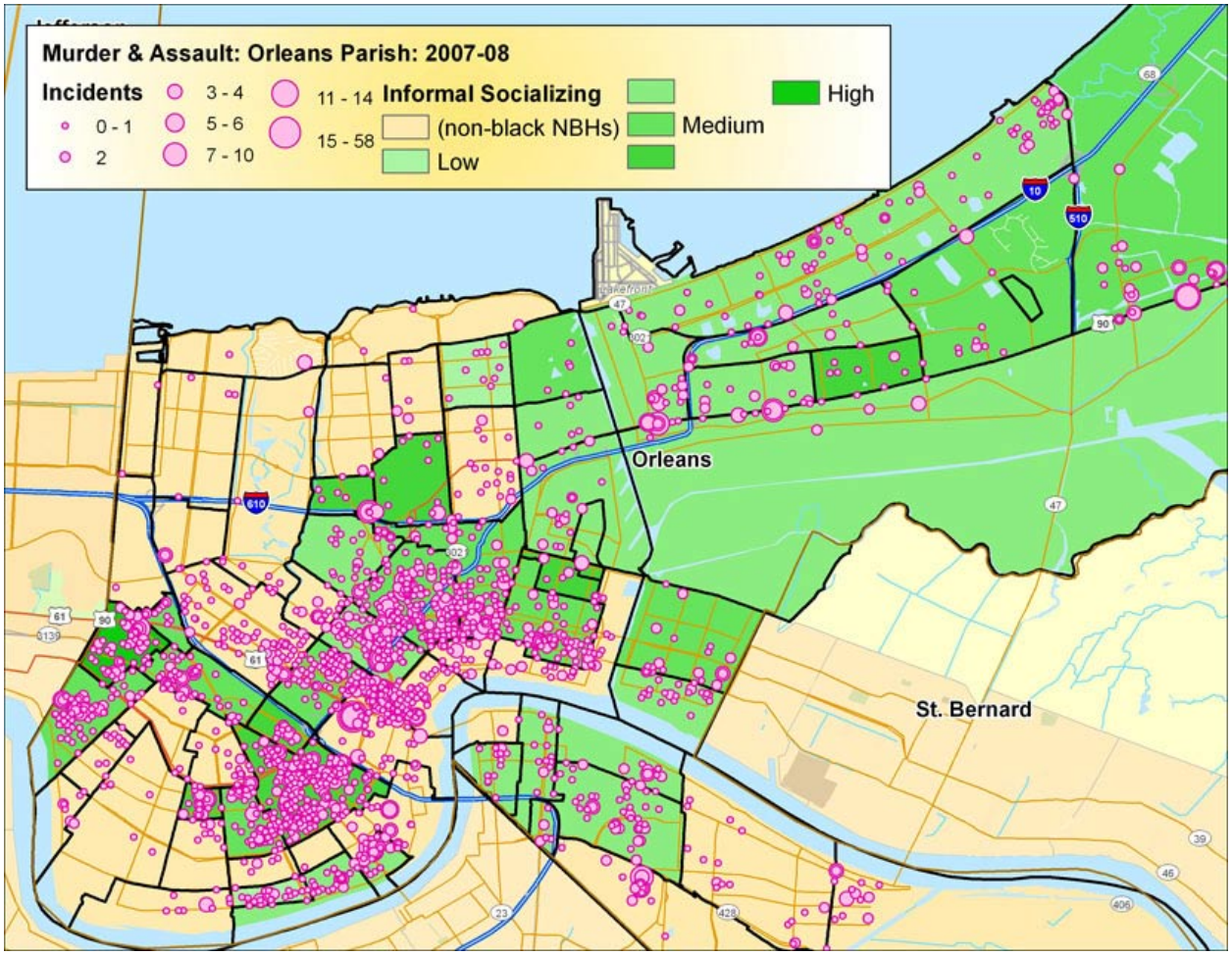
Social Capital – *Informal Socializing* in predominantly black neighborhoods



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Social Capital – Faith-Based Engagement

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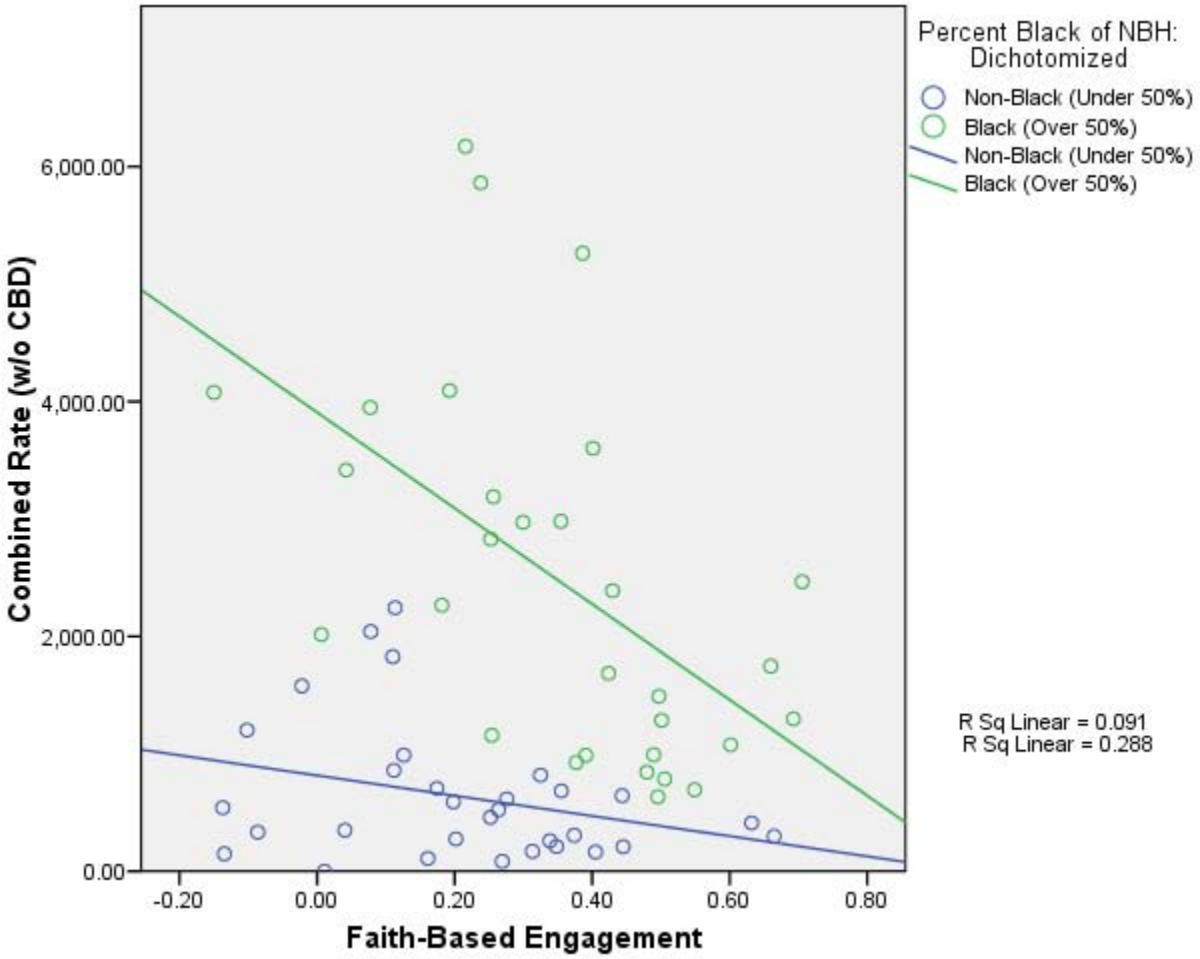
- Has little effect in white neighborhoods, where there is much less violent crime to begin with



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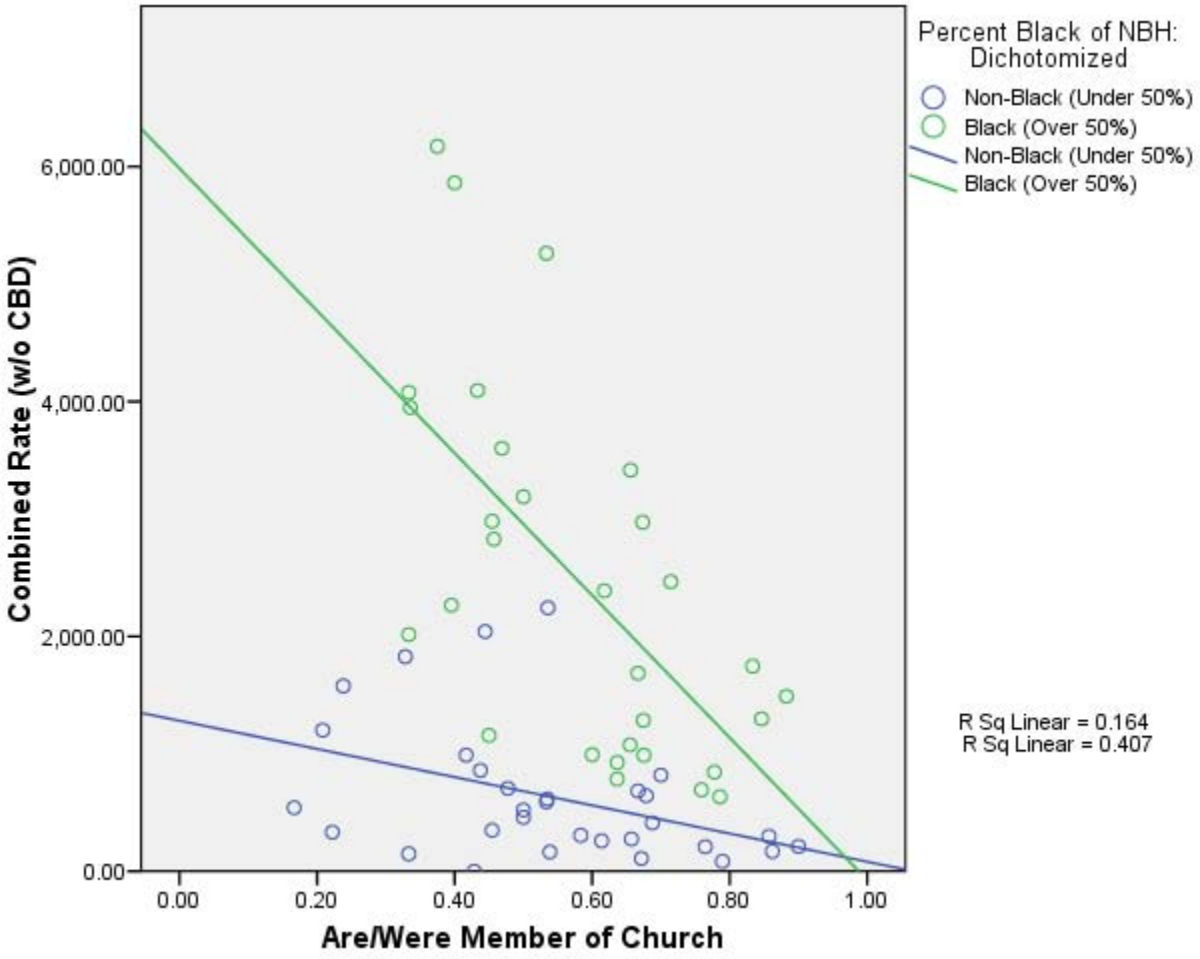
Social Capital – Church Membership

- Has a large effect on reducing violent crime in black neighborhoods
- Has some effect in white neighborhoods, where there is less violent crime to begin with



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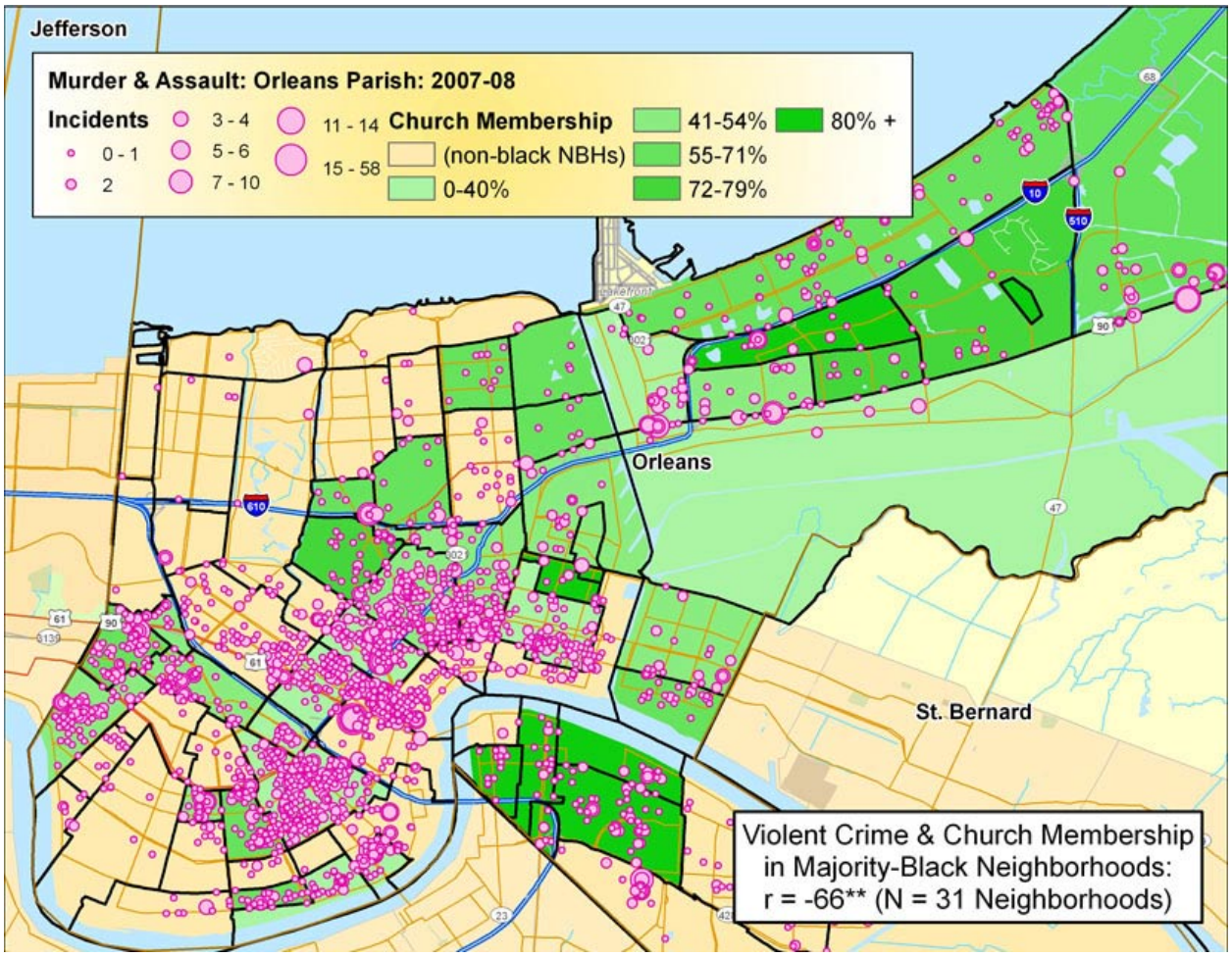
Social Capital – *Church Membership* in predominantly black neighborhoods



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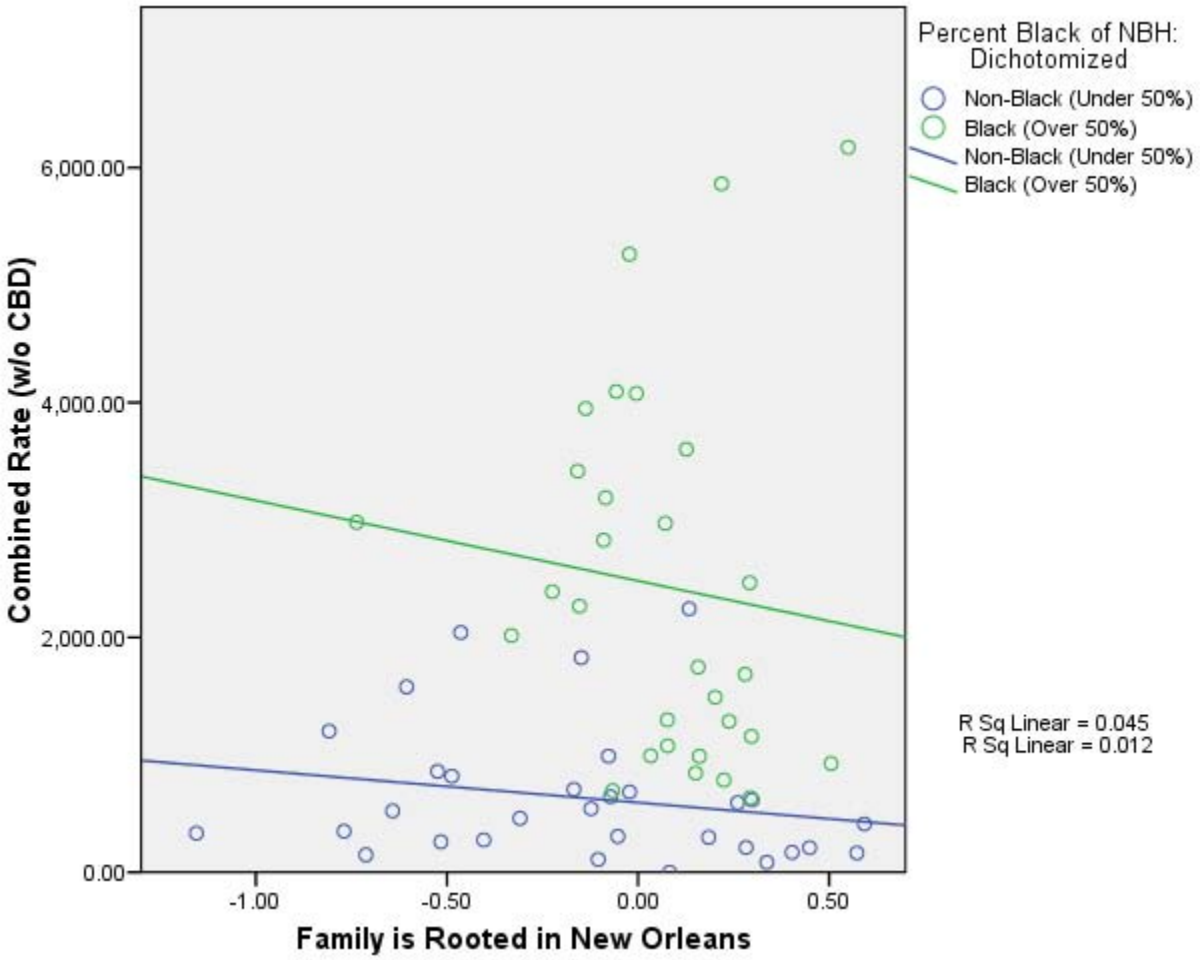
Social Capital – Family is Rooted in New Orleans

- Has slight effects on reducing violent crime in both black & white neighborhoods
- Absolute levels are lower in white neighborhoods



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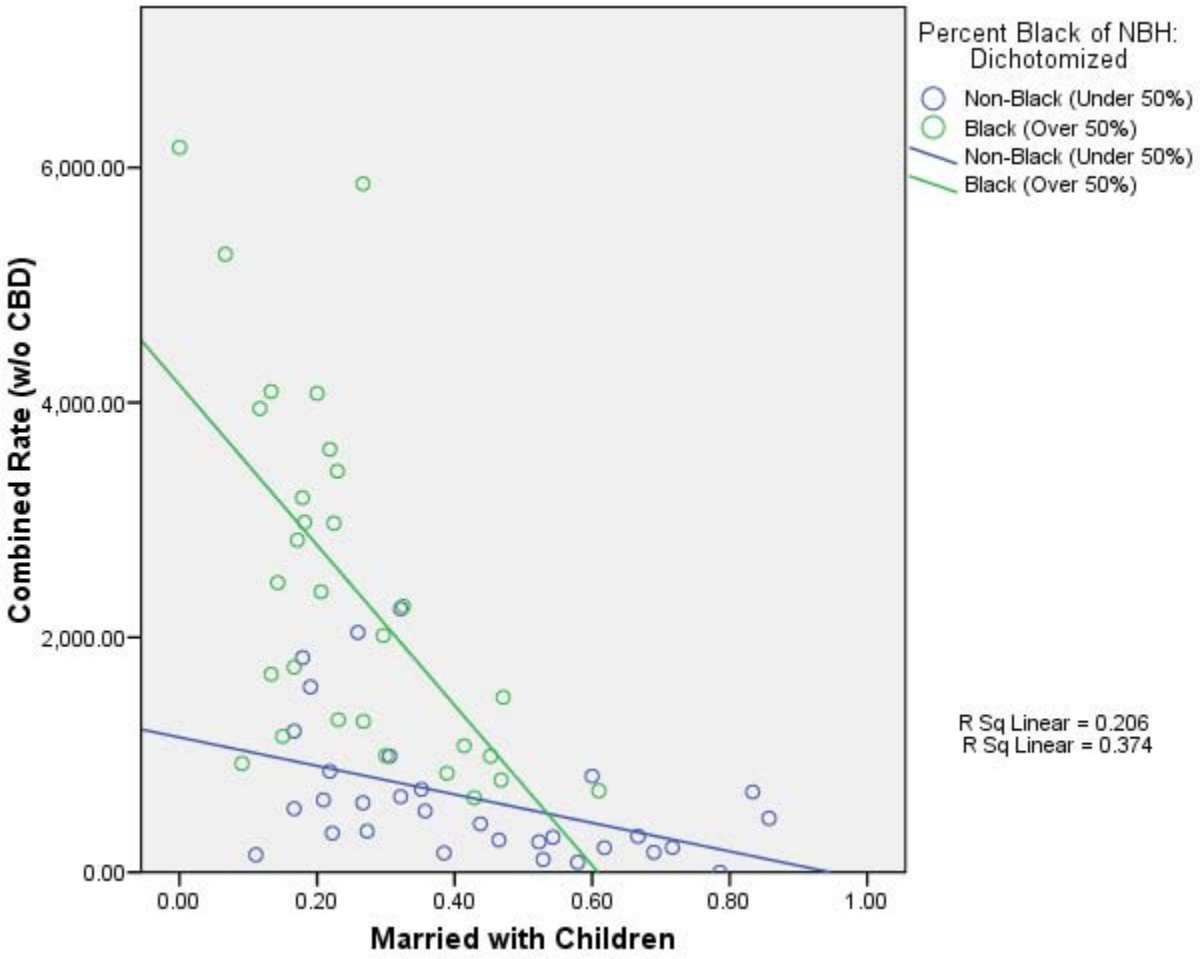
Social Capital – Married with Children

- Has a very large effect on reducing violent crime in black neighborhoods
- Also has a substantial effect in white neighborhoods



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Social Capital – Social Trust

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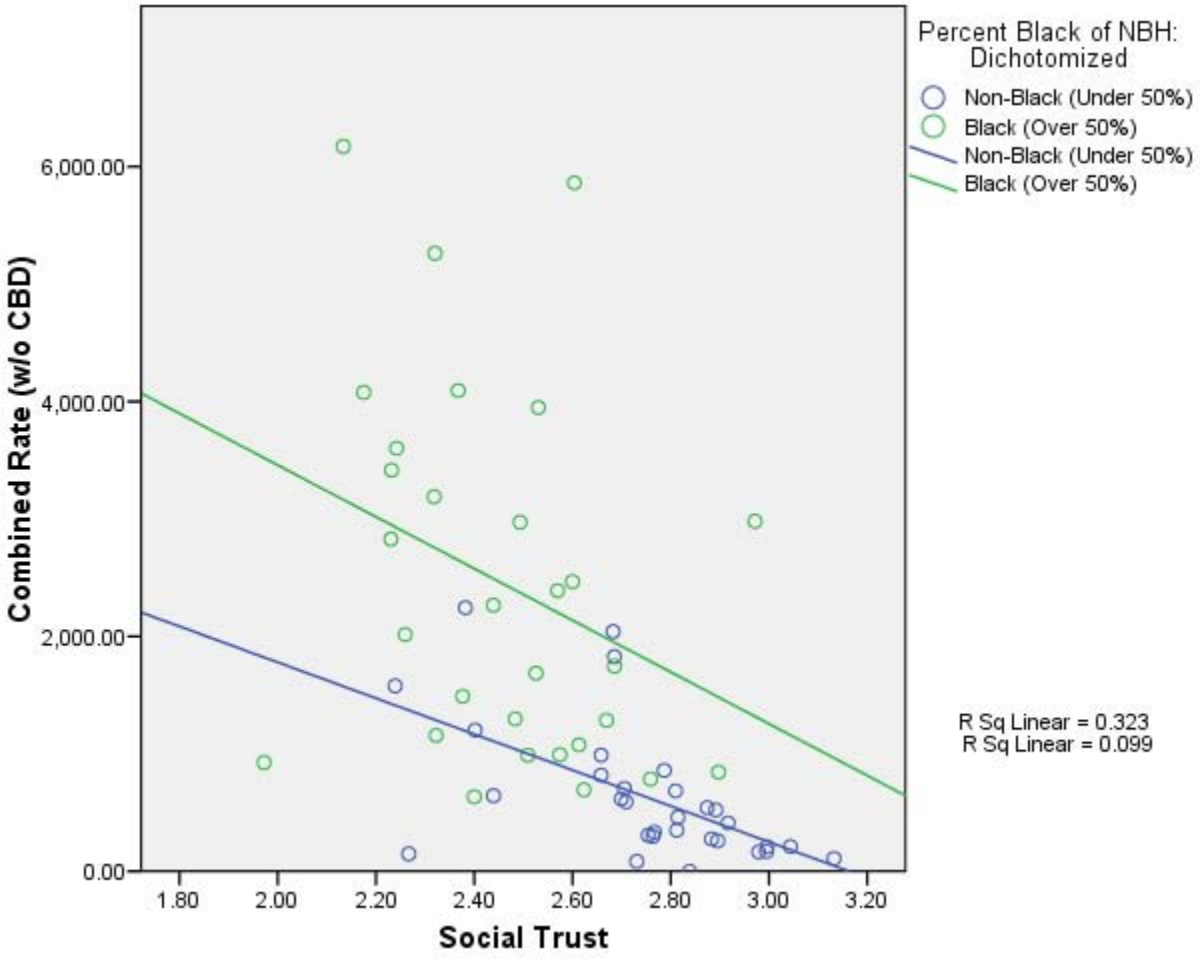
- Absolute levels are lower in white neighborhoods



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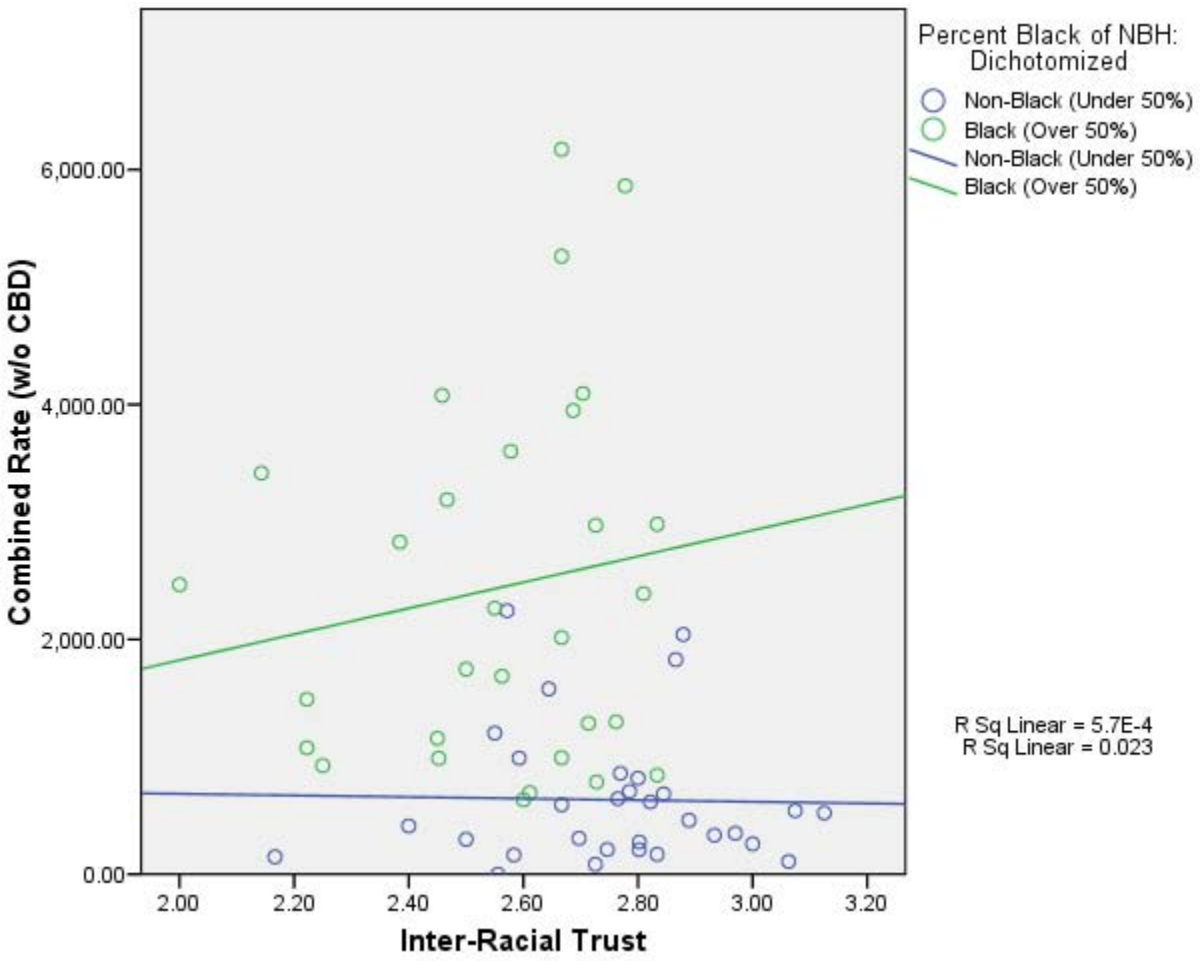
Social Capital – Inter-Racial Trust

- Has a slight, non-significant, effect on increasing violent crime in black neighborhoods
- Has little effect in white neighborhoods, where there is less violent crime to begin with



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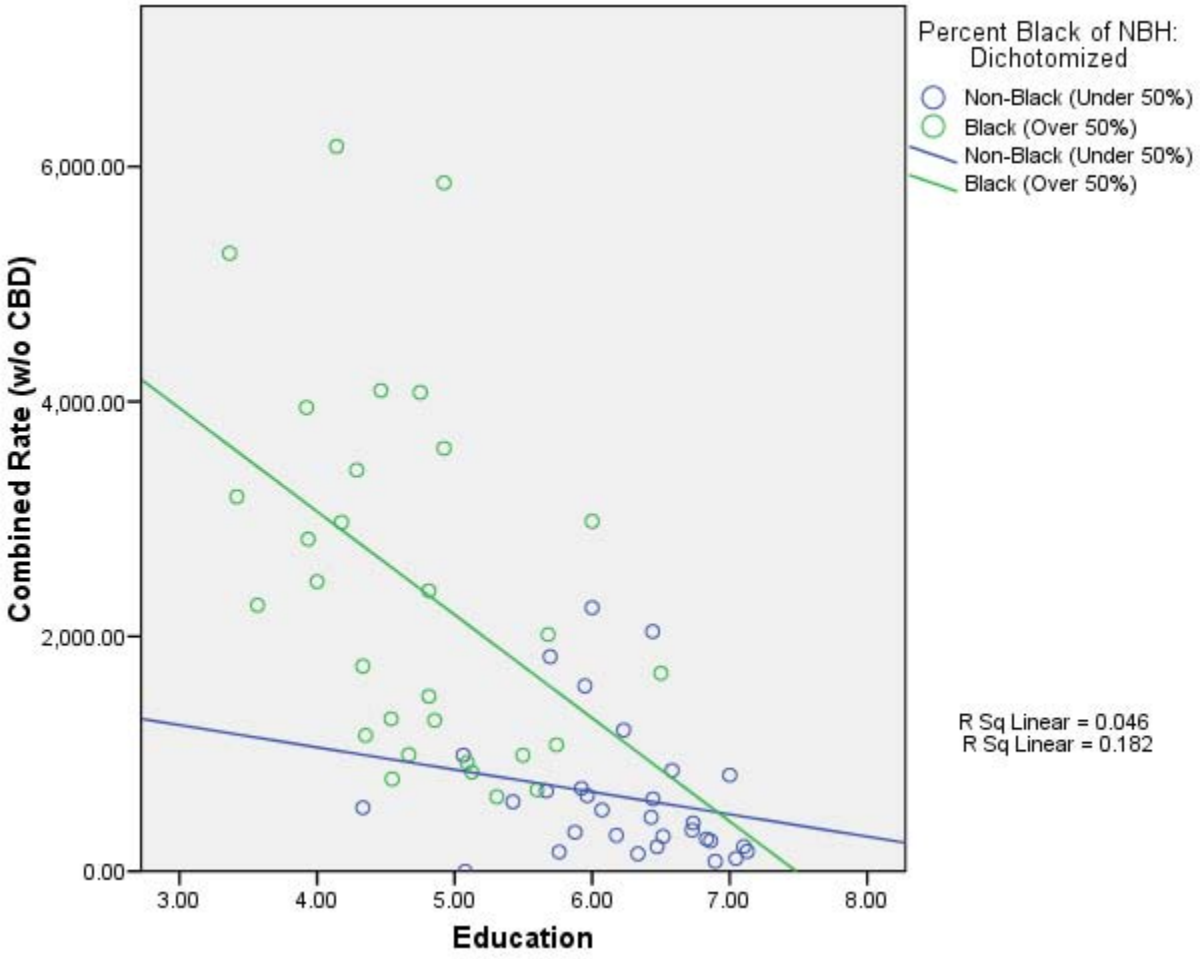
Socio-Economic Factors – Education

- Has a large effect on reducing violent crime in black neighborhoods
- Has a slight effect in white neighborhoods, where there is less violent crime to begin with



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Socio-Economic Factors – Income (ordinal categories)

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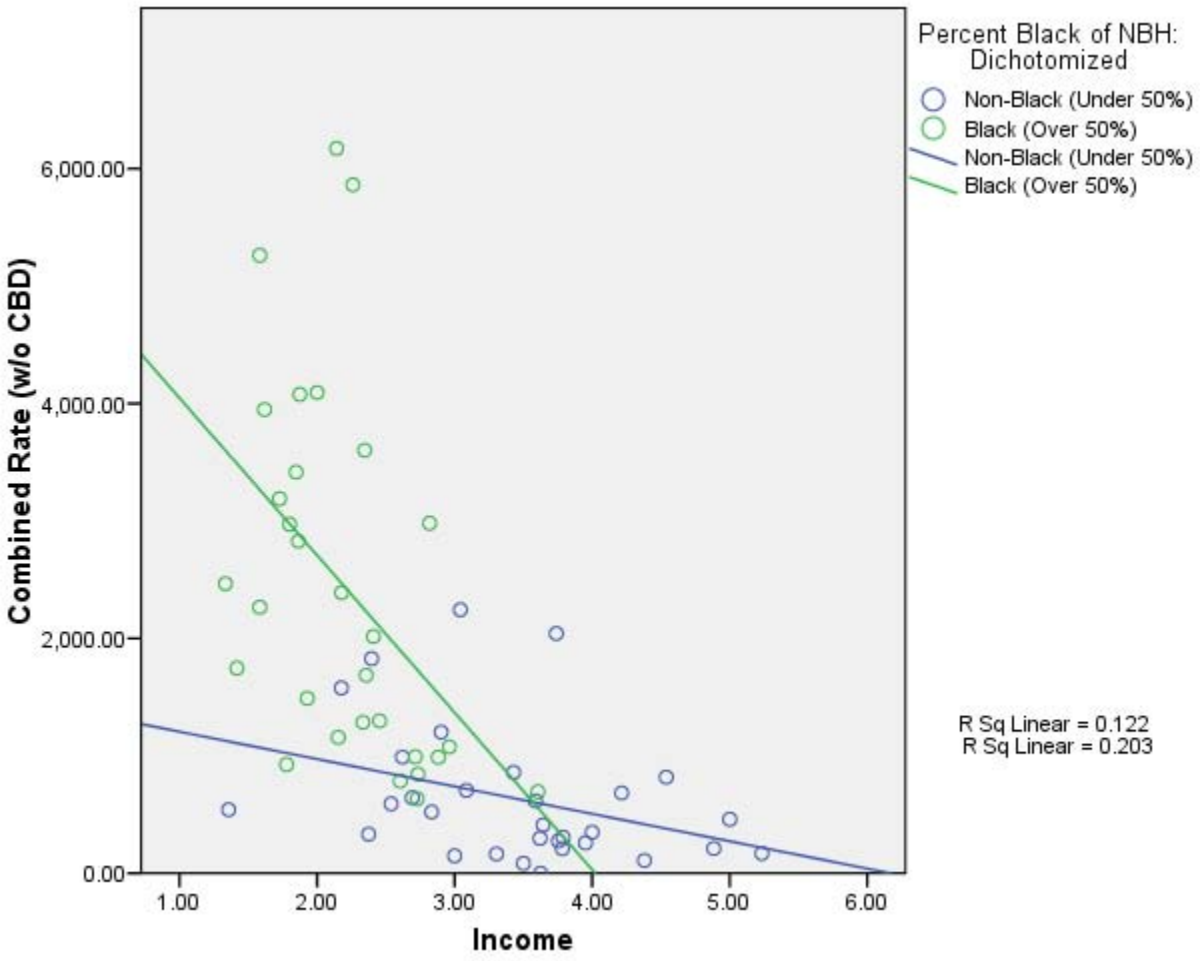
- Has a moderate effect in white neighborhoods, where there is less violent crime to begin with



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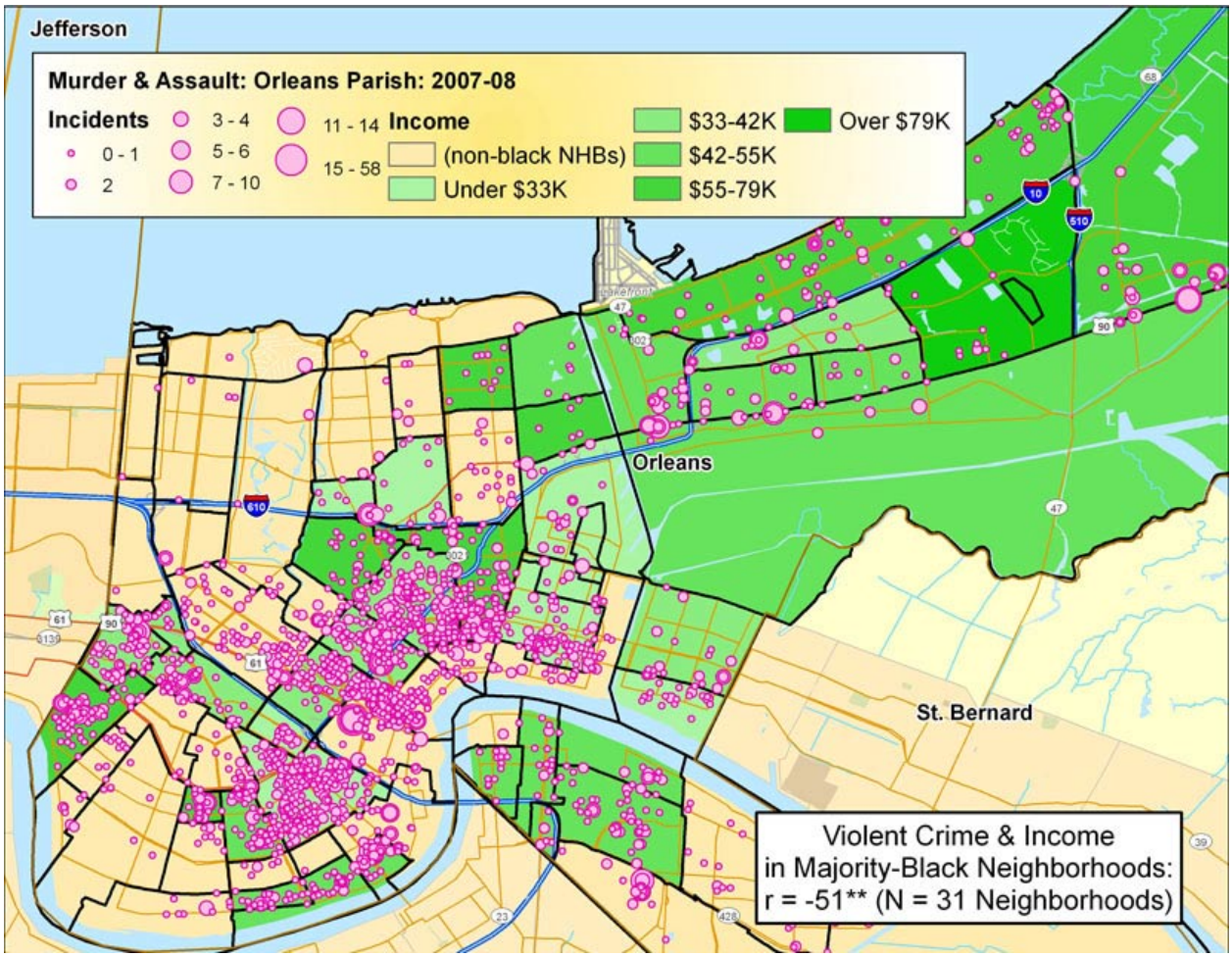
Socio-Economic Factors – *Income (dollar amounts)* in predominantly black neighborhoods



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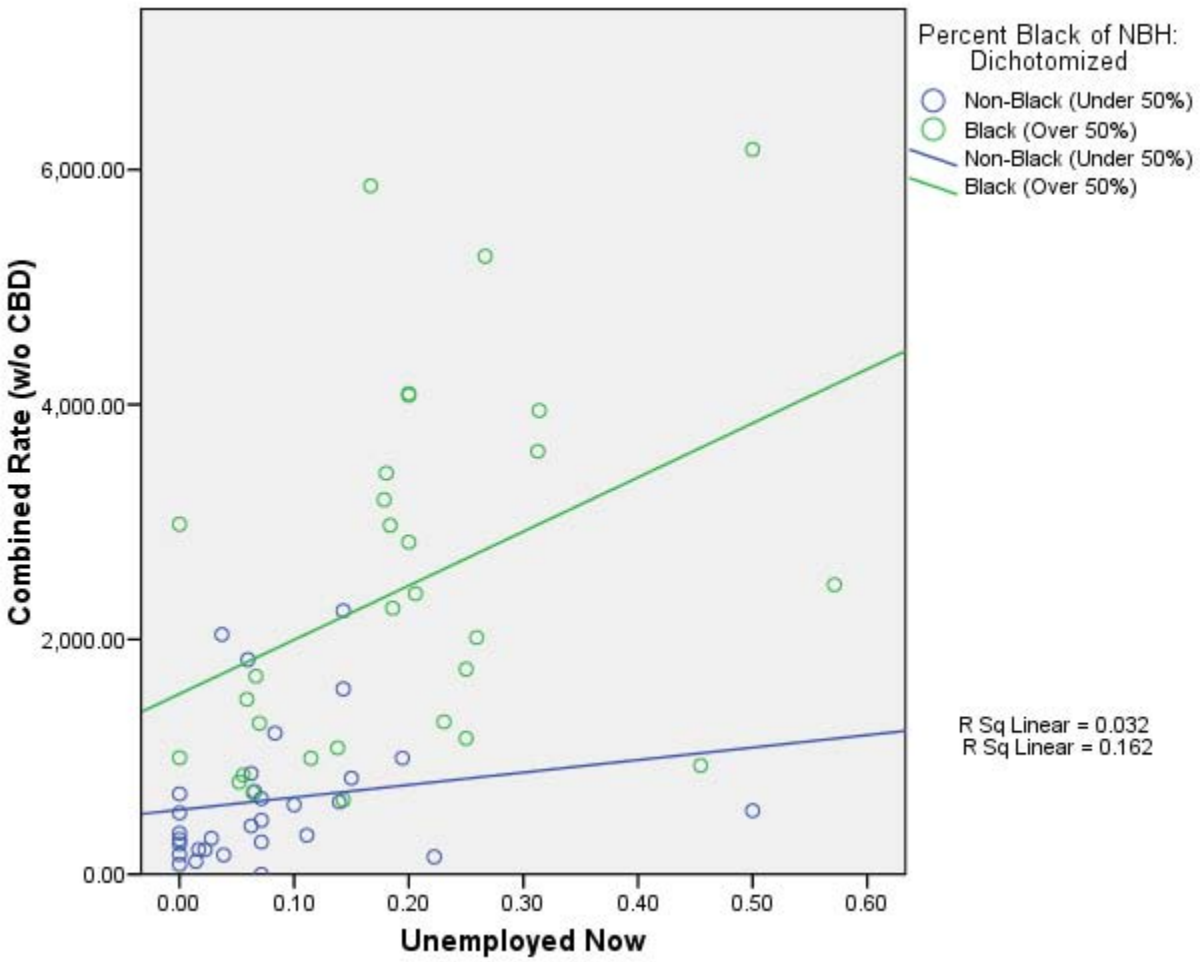
- Has a substantial effect on increasing violent crime in black neighborhoods
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