

The Gun Violence Database

New Bedford, 4 events

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Goals of the GVDB

Collect data about gun violence in the US to facilitate **public health research**

Draw sample from local newspapers and television stations that publish online

Use machine learning and crowdsourcing to **extract structured data from text**



An engraving of the Mechanical Turk, the 18th century chess-playing automaton

Crowdsourcing and human computation are emerging fields that sit squarely at the intersection of economics and computer science. They examine how people can be used to solve complex tasks that are currently beyond the capabilities of artificial intelligence algorithms. Online marketplaces like [Mechanical Turk](#) and [CrowdFlower](#) provide an infrastructure that allows micropayments to be given to people in return for completing human intelligence tasks. This opens up previously unthinkable possibilities like people being used as function calls in software. We will investigate how crowdsourcing can be used for computer science applications like machine learning, next-generation interfaces, and data mining. Beyond these computer science aspects, we will also delve into topics like the sharing economy, prediction markets, how businesses can capitalize on collective intelligence, and the fundamental principles that underlie democracy and other group decision-making processes.

Course number

[NETS 213](#) - students from all majors are welcome!

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[Chris Callison-Burch](#) and [Ellie Pavlick](#)

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Discussion Forum

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Time and place

Spring 2016, MWF 2-3PM, LRSM Auditorium

Office Hours

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Prerequisites

[CIS 120](#) or prior programming experience

Course Readings

Each lecture has an accompanying set of [academic papers](#)

Grading

This is a project-based course. Instead of exams, you will do a series of hands-on assignments and a final project.

- Weekly assignments (45%)
- Final project (45%)
- Peer grading (5%)
- Participation (5%)

<http://crowdsourcing-class.org>



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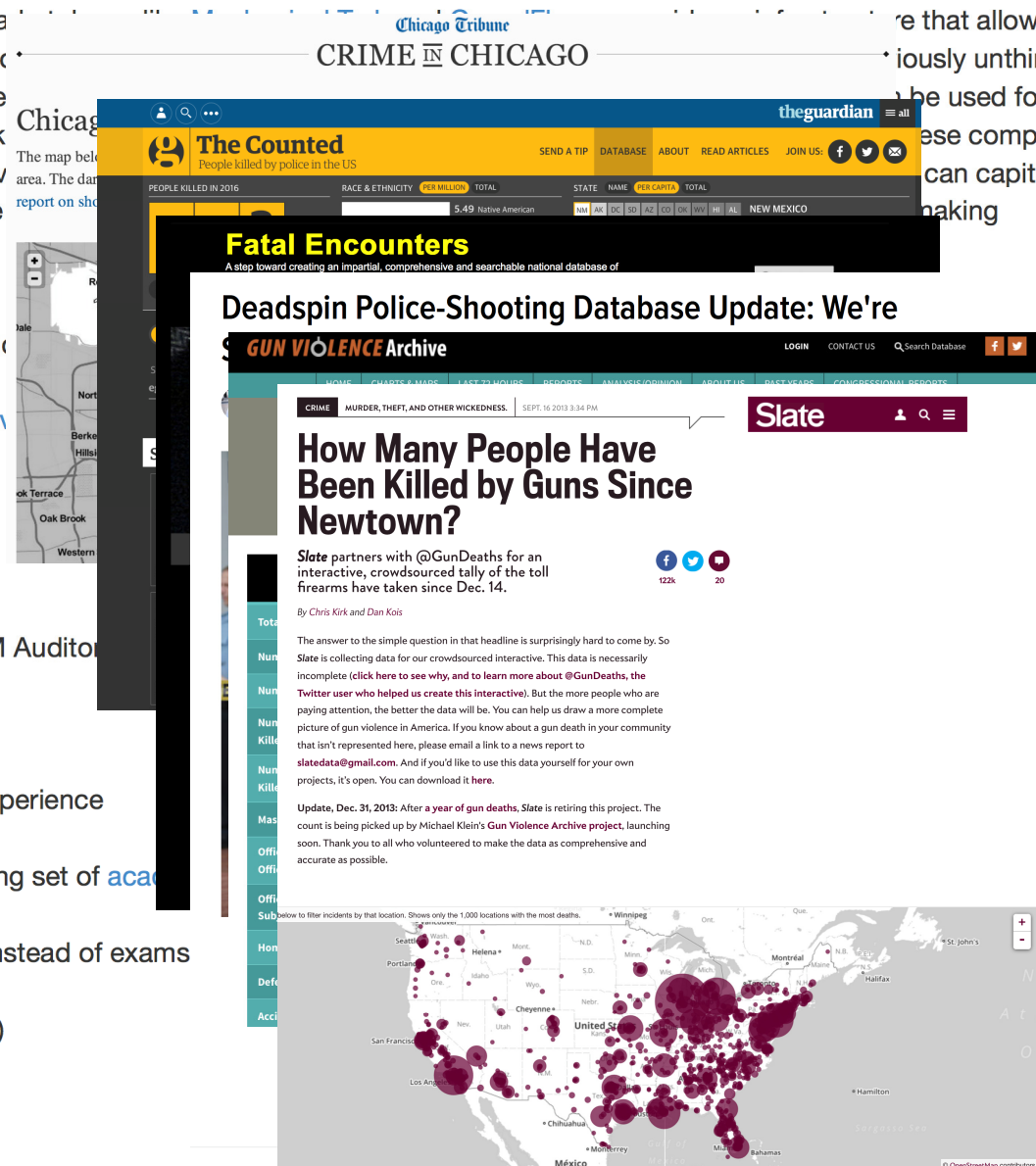
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Chicago Tribune CRIME IN CHICAGO

Chicago shooting victims

The map below shows where people were shot in Chicago, broken down by community area. The darker the shade of blue, the larger the number of victims. [Read our special report on shootings](#). This data was last updated July 2.



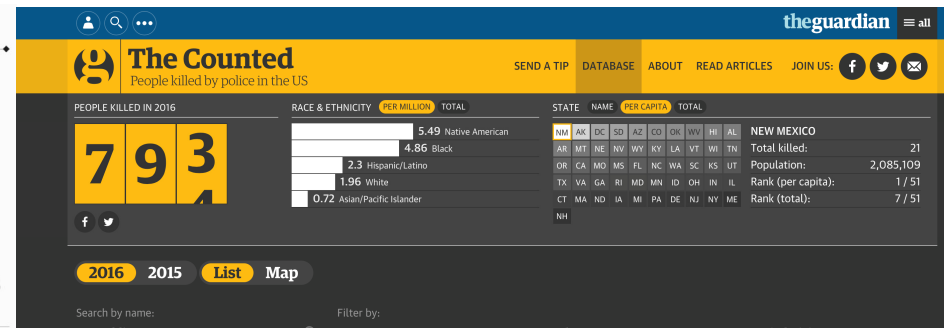
1,043 shooting victims in 2013

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A step toward creating an impartial, comprehensive and searchable national database of people killed during interactions with law enforcement

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Deadspin Police-Shooting Database Update: We're Still Going

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How Many People Have Been Killed by Guns Since Newtown?

Slate partners with @GunDeaths for an interactive, crowdsourced tally of the toll firearms have taken since Dec. 14.

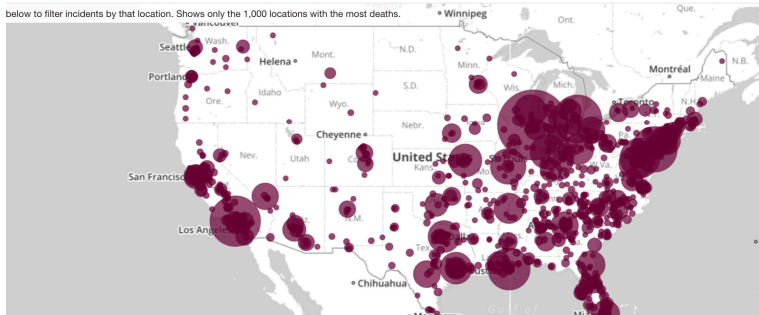
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By Chris Kirk and Dan Kois

The answer to the simple question in that headline is surprisingly hard to come by. So Slate is collecting data for our crowdsourced interactive. This data is necessarily incomplete (click here to see why, and to learn more about @GunDeaths, the Twitter user who helped us create this interactive). But the more people who are paying attention, the better the data will be. You can help us draw a more complete picture of gun violence in America. If you know about a gun death in your community that isn't represented here, please email a link to a news report to slatedata@gmail.com. And if you'd like to use this data yourself for your own projects, it's open. You can download it here.

Update, Dec. 31, 2013: After a year of gun deaths, Slate is retiring this project. The count is being picked up by Michael Klein's Gun Violence Archive project, launching soon. Thank you to all who volunteered to make the data as comprehensive and accurate as possible.

below to filter incidents by that location. Shows only the 1,000 locations with the most deaths.



GUN VIOLENCE Archive

LOGIN CONTACT US Search Database

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GUN VIOLENCE Archive 2016

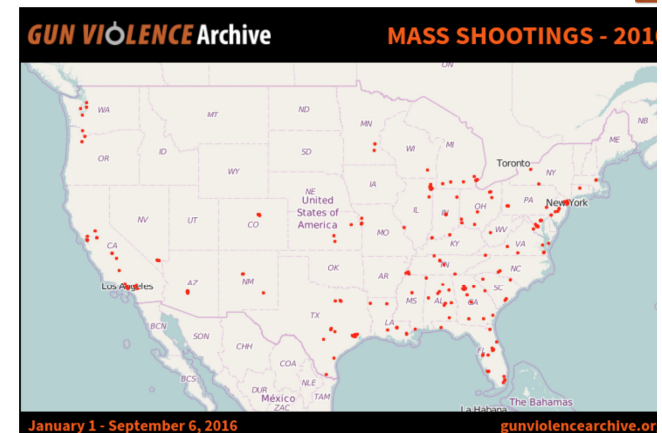
Total Number of Incidents	41,309
Number of Deaths ¹	10,599
Number of Injuries ¹	22,023
Number of Children (age 0-11) Killed or Injured ¹	477
Number of Teens (age 12-17) Killed or Injured ¹	2,252
Mass Shooting ²	285
Officer Involved Incident Officer Shot or Killed ²	233
Officer Involved Incident Subject-Suspect Shot or Killed ²	1,359
Home Invasion ²	1,724
Defensive Use ²	1,288

MISSION

Gun Violence Archive (GVA) is a not for profit corporation formed in 2013 to provide free online public access to accurate information about gun-related violence in the United States. GVA will collect and check for accuracy, comprehensive information about gun-related violence in the U.S. and then post and disseminate it online.

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CHARTS AND MAPS



HEALTH | VITAL SIGNS: CAUSE AND EFFECT

VITAL SIGNS: CAUSE AND EFFECT; Linking Guns and Gun Violence

By ERIC NAGOURNEY MAY 27, 2003



People with guns in their homes are almost twice as likely to be killed by guns as people who do not keep them at home, researchers reported yesterday in *The Annals of Emergency Medicine*.

And, the researchers found, people with guns are 16 times as likely to commit suicide using guns.

The explanation may lie in the unforgiving nature of firearms, said the author of the study, Dr. Douglas J. Wiebe, who conducted the research at the University of California at Los Angeles and is now at the University of Pennsylvania.

"People who are shot are substantially more likely to die than people injured with nongun weapons," Dr. Wiebe said.

The study was based on a review of the deaths of 1,720 homicide victims and 1,959 suicide victims and a sampling of American adults.

It found that most of the victims, over 56 percent, knew their assailants. A fifth of the homicides occurred during robberies, 6 percent during drug deals and about 15 percent during family arguments.

The study also found that women were significantly more likely than men to be victims of gun homicides. "This likely reflects the singular danger faced by women in abusive relationships," Dr. Wiebe wrote.



Douglas Wiebe
Professor of Epidemiology
University of Pennsylvania
Perelman School of Medicine

Congressman Who Restricted Gun Violence Research Has Regrets



The politics of gun control were as divisive in the 1990s as they are today. Republicans had won big in the '94 elections by campaigning against President Bill Clinton's gun control legislation. And in the spring of 1996, the National Rifle Association and its allies set their sights on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for funding increasingly assertive studies on firearms ownership and the effects on public health. The gun rights advocates claimed the research veered toward advocacy and covered such logical ground as to be effectively useless.

At first, the House tried to close down the CDC's entire, \$46 million National Center for Injury Prevention. When that failed, Dickey stepped in with an alternative: strip \$2.6 million that the agency had spent on gun studies that year. The money would eventually be re-appropriated for studies unrelated to guns. But the far more damaging inclusion was language that stated, "None of the funds made available for injury prevention and control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention may be used to advocate or promote gun control."

Dickey proclaimed victory — an end, he said at the time, to the CDC's attempts "to raise emotional sympathy" around gun violence. But the agency spent the subsequent years petrified of doing *any* research on gun violence, making the costs of the amendment clear even to Dickey himself

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“Compared to five years ago, the funding picture for a few of us who have done this work for a long time is rosy,” Wintemute said. “Compared to what it requires, it is still bleak. We have lost 20 years of concentrated effort.”

Others have found the field fairly difficult to traverse. Dr. Douglas Wiebe, an associate professor of epidemiology at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, worked on [a 2009 study](#) on the link between gun possession and gun assault that is believed to have sparked Congress’ interest in applying the Dickey amendment to the NIH. He called the restriction of funds “not fatal” to his field, “but very close to it.” Investigators, he explained, are being forced toward less-politically contentious studies, which makes it close to impossible to conduct sound epidemiological research.



Why the CDC Hasn't Launched a Comprehensive Gun Study in 15 Years

By JULIE BARZILAY, DR. LAURA JOHNSON and GILLIAN MOHNEY ·

Jun 16, 2016, 4:37 PM ET

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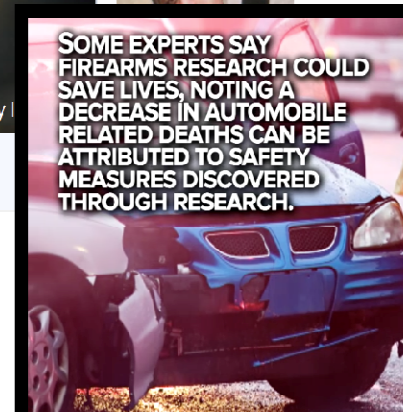
'I Did the
Orlando |

WATCH | American Medical Association Calls Gun Violence a 'Public Health Crisis'

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The U.S. [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) studies a variety of public health threats every year, from infectious diseases to automobile safety. But for 15 years, the CDC has avoided comprehensive research on one of the top causes of death in the U.S.: firearms.





National Institutes of Health

Table 1 Major NIH research awards and cumulative morbidity for select conditions in the US, 1973–2002

Condition	Total cases	NIH research awards
Cholera	373	101
Diphtheria	1337	54
Polio	266	106
Rabies	55	59
Total of four diseases	2031	320
Firearm injuries	>3000000	3

Branas, Wiebe, Schwab, Richmond. Getting past the “f” word in federally funded public health research. *Injury Prevention* 2005; 11:191-192

Want to answer questions like

Gun control - a Guardian investigation

America's gun problem is so much bigger than mass shootings

Too much emphasis on mass shootings has a cost

How many deaths result from mass shootings compared to other gun crimes? How has this changed over time?

America's gun control debate continues to revolve around the exact circumstances of the shooting that is currently on the news. Is a new gun law worth it, or not? That depends on whether it might have prevented this particular shooting. Even if this is an understandable, human response, it is a little way to go about saving lives.

The shock and horror that follows mass shootings has led to an obsessive focus on the dangers of military-style rifles - although rifles of any kind were used in less than 3% of gun murders in 2014, according to FBI data.

A tunnel focus on mass shootings has also fueled the public

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THE UPSHOT | The Science Behind Suicide Contagion

PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH

The Science Behind Suicide Contagion




Margot Sanger-Katz @sangerkatz AUG. 13, 2014

When Marilyn Monroe died in August 1962, with the cause listed as probable suicide, the nation reacted. In the months that followed, there was extensive news coverage, widespread sorrow, and a surge in suicides. According to one study, the suicide rate [jumped by 12 percent](#) compared with the same months the year before.


Mental illness is not a communicable disease, but there is a lot of evidence that [suicide is still contagious](#). Publicity about suicide has been repeatedly and definitively linked to an increase in suicide, especially among young people. Analysis suggests that at least 5 percent of youth suicides are influenced by contagion.


How strong is the effect of suicide contagion? Does it change with age, gender? Is it effected by the style of reporting?


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Racial Bias in Crime Reporting


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Jun 5, 2015

Summary Transcript

Does the media portray African-Americans differently than Whites in reporting on gun violence?

Research shows the media disproportionately depict African-Americans as criminals, and whites as victims. Brooke speaks with [Nazgol Ghandnoosh](#), research analyst at [The Sentencing Project](#), about her study, "[Race and Punishment: Racial Perceptions of Crime and Support for Punitive Policies](#)," which details how media distortions feed our own implicit biases. (And you can take Harvard's Implicit Association Test yourself [here](#).)

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Can we predict events that will become politically relevant touchstone events?

The New York Times

Freddie Gray Case Ends With No Convictions of Any Police Officers

Require detailed, local data

Time and Place

City

State

Other details (home, school, etc.)

Date

Clock Time

Time of day

Alleged Shooter(s)

Name

Gender

Age

Race

Victim(s)

Name

Gender

Age

Race

Was the victim injured?

Was the victim hospitalized?

Was the victim killed?

Circumstances of shooting

Type of gun

Number of shots fired

Answer Yes/No/Not able to determine

The shooter and the victim knew each other.

The incident was a case of domestic violence.

The firearm was used during another crime.

The firearm was used in self defense.

Alcohol was involved.

Drugs (other than alcohol) were involved.

The shooting was self-directed.

The shooting was a suicide or suicide attempt.

The shooting was unintentional.

The shooting was by a police officer.

The shooting was directed at a police officer.

The firearm was stolen.

The firearm was owned by the victim/victim's family

The Gun Report

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The Gun Report: May 30, 2014

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AK 74



АН-94 "Абакан"
AN 94 "Abakan"



AK-12
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The Kalashnikov family of assault rifles. Alexander Vasilkov/Wikimedia Commons

Recent shootings involving children have rocked two American cities.

Michael Day, 13, died after being caught in the crossfire between two groups in the Edison Neighborhood of Kalamazoo, Mich., on Memorial Day. This wasn't even the first time Day had been a victim of gun violence: On April 6, he was shot in the back while leaving a party. He told police he was walking when he heard a gunshot and realized he had been hit.

Victor Manuel Garay, 15, has been accused of firing the shot that killed Day. Police had been called earlier in the day to break up the large brawl, but as soon as they left, the fighting continued. If charged as an adult, Garay could face life in prison without the possibility of parole.



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On The Media

The End of the Gun Report

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Jennifer Mascia described how she wrote the Gun Report in an NPR interview

JENNIFER MASCIA: Well, I would google **“shooting,” “man shot,” “woman shot,” “child shot,” “teen shot”** and **“accidentally shot”**. You know, this was all day one coverage of shootings, so a lot of times the details aren't flushed out. If there was no name and scant details, I had to skip over those. So each day, there'd be about 35 to 40 shootings that I would present

Title	Description	Url	Source	Phrase
Man Shot Near Pierce Park in Coral Gables: Police	A man is in the hospital recovering after police say he was shot multiple times near a park in Coral Gables. The incident happened just before 3 a.m. Thursday outside Pierce Park, located at 101 Oak Avenue. Coral Gables police say the victim, a man in his ...	http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/local/Man-Shot-Near-Pierce-Park-in-Coral-Gables-Police-360424171.html	NBC Universal Media	man shot
I'm Voting for Hillary Clinton Because She's a Woman	"New drinking game: take a shot every time Hillary says 'as a woman' or 'as the first woman president,'" quips a straight white male on Facebook. This comment was part of a larger thread of young male Democrats discussing why Bernie Sanders is a better ...	http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jillian-gutowitz/im-voting-for-hillary-clinton-because-shes-a-woman_b_8684910.html	The Huffington Post	woman shot
Child attends school despite allegedly being stabbed by guardian - FOX10 News WALA	... police said a 12-year-old child ran away from home after originally saying the child had been abandoned. A suspect was killed by officers after police said he shot at them while trying escape authorities in downtown Atlanta. A suspect was killed by ...	http://www.fox10tv.com/story/30649388/child-attends-school-despite-allegedly-being-stabbed-by-guardian-mother	WALA-TV FOX10	child shot
Palestinian who attacked soldier shot dead	The organisation has not claimed responsibility for killing the Henkins, who were shot in front of their young children as they drove on a West Bank road between the northern colonies of Itamar and Elon Moreh. The October 1 shooting was followed two days ...	http://gulfnews.com/news/mena/palestine/palestinian-who-attacked-soldier-shot-dead-1.1631076	Gulf News	child shot
12-year-old child abandoned at Atlanta police station	A 6-year-old child is hospitalized after allegedly being stabbed in the face by his mother Wednesday morning. A suspect was killed by officers after police said he shot at them while trying escape authorities in downtown Atlanta. More >> A suspect was ...	http://www.walb.com/story/30654553/12-year-old-child-abandoned-at-atlanta-police-station	WALB 10 News	child shot

The Gun Report: Training data

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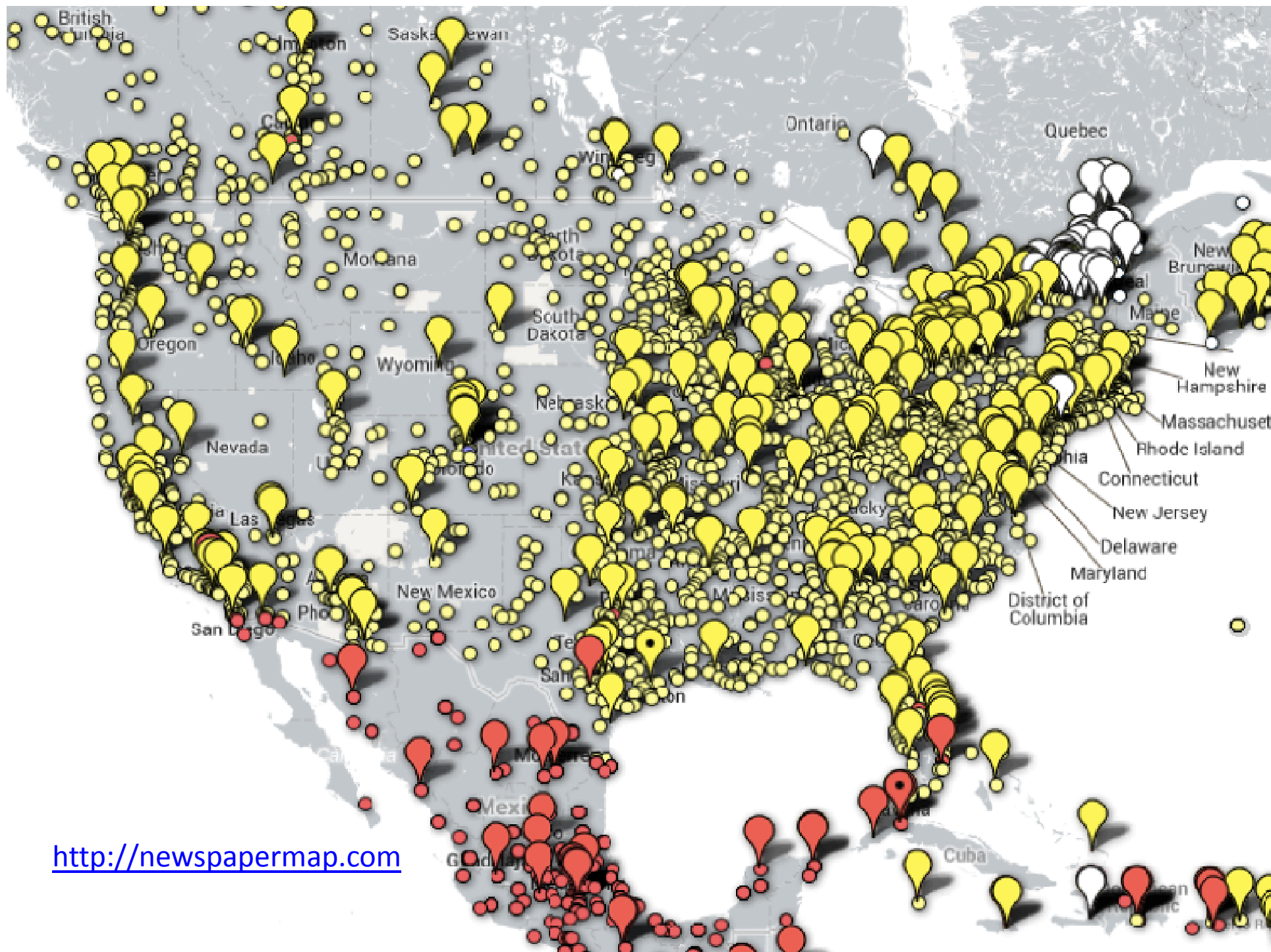
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1 #!/bin/python
2
3 import os
4 import sys
5 import string
6 import random
7 import operator
8 from sklearn.tree import export_graphviz
9 from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
10 from sklearn.naive_bayes import MultinomialNB
11 from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
12 from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
13 from sklearn.feature_extraction import DictVectorizer
14 from sklearn.cross_validation import train_test_split
15 from sklearn.externals.six import StringIO
16
17 #read in raw data from file and return a list of lines
18 def get_data(filename):
19     data = [line.strip().split('\t') for line in open(filename).readlines()]
20     random.shuffle(data)
21     return data
22
23 #this function builds the feature matrix for the data
24 def get_dtree_features(X):
25     features = []
26     feature_list = []
27     wordCounts = {}
28
29     for x in X:
30         f = {}
31         for w in [word.strip(string.punctuation) for word in x[1]]:
32             if not w in wordCounts:
33                 wordCounts[w] = 0
34             wordCounts[w] += 1
35     for w in wordCounts:
36         if wordCounts[w] > 5000:

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Statistical classification

2.891467	shooting
2.560138	accidentally
2.342422	shot
2.012679	gun
1.925938	accidental
1.706036	subscriber
1.673353	guns
1.626867	skip
1.597359	discharged
1.505322	rifle
1.449963	homicides
1.419679	hunting
1.418678	bullet
1.324652	ad
1.279014	log
1.225336	source
1.214517	chest
1.211558	reserved
1.204958	gunshot
1.147636	detroit
1.142863	innovative
1.136201	penny
1.117853	leg
1.108006	unlimited
1.098322	township
1.095423	update
1.094982	firearms
1.092020	marion



<http://newspapermap.com>

A map of North America, including parts of Canada, the United States, and Mexico, covered with numerous location pins. Most pins are yellow, but a significant number of pins in Mexico and Central America are red. The pins represent the locations of newspapers indexed by the GVDB crawler. A white rounded rectangle is overlaid on the map, containing the title and a list of statistics.

Current status of GVDB crawler

- Crawled pages: 307044
- Pages with extracted text: 128350
- Pages without extracted text: 178694
- Pages with parsed error: 0
- News sites to be indexed: 2762

<http://newspapermap.com>



Work on tasks

Read more about our tasks and select how you want to contribute.

Extract information

We want data that is easy for researchers to search and study. We need your help reading articles about gun violence and extracting key pieces of information (such as the location of the shooting or the name and age of the victim).

Total submitted tasks: 15526

Total available tasks: 5341

Go to task

Scan the Headlines

Read headlines and tell us which ones describe incidents of gun violence.

Total submitted tasks: 5408

Total available tasks: 882

Go to task

Combine records

We want to have as complete a database as possible. When there are multiple reports of the same incident, we want to combine the information from all the articles so nothing is left out. You can help by comparing two records and deciding which information is best to keep in the database.

Total submitted tasks: 297

Total available tasks: 7

Go to task

Identify articles

Compare Articles

Identify People



Woman stabbed in Ogden incident released from hospital

[Show full text](#)

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unclear

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☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unclear

Humans manually verify the predictions of the classifier.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unclear

Probe underway after man shot as marshals served warrant

[Show full text](#)

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unclear

POLICE KILL CAR THEFT SUSPECT

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☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unclear



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☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unclear

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<http://www.wranglernews.com/053108.htm>

If your kids are enrolled in the Hoops Star camp this summer at Kiwanis Park, you can expect they'll be learning basketball fundamentals and shooting skills from a pair of coaches who really know the game, namely the two Sam Duanes, senior and junior. Calendar | Classifieds | Contact Us | Home | Make a Payment | Media Kit | Online Advertising | Online Map | Online Pages | Previous Issues | Submit Your Ad Copyright ? 2008 Wrangler News

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PUBLICATION DATE: AUGUST 1, 2016

Police: Officer shoots, wounds shoplifting suspect outside Conroe Wal-Mart - Houston Chronicle

Conroe police say an officer shot and wounded a suspected shoplifter in the parking lot of a Wal-Mart store Monday - the second officer-related shooting of someone suspected of taking merchandise from a city Wal-Mart store in less than three years. According to investigators, Fillmore was observed concealing several items of merchandise and then leaving the store when a Wal-Mart employee attempted to stop him. A Conroe police officer who responded to the incident feared for the safety of the Wal-Mart employee and other citizens in the busy parking lot and fired one shot, wounding the suspect in his left shoulder. Fillmore has convictions dating to 1977 for various offenses including home burglaries, thefts and illegal drug possession, public records show.

First answer a series of binary questions about the circumstances of the shooting....

Please read the text carefully, and then select an answer for all questions. Please base your answers only on information that is explicitly stated or can be confidently inferred from the text of the article.

The shooting was unintentional.

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Not Mentioned

The shooting was by a police officer.

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not Mentioned

The shooting was directed at a police officer.

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Not Mentioned

The firearm was stolen.

☐ Yes

☒ No


☐ Not Mentioned



PUBLICATION DATE: JULY 26, 2016

Man shot in North Baltimore and checks himself into hospital

A 32-year-old man was shot in North **Baltimore** and checked himself into a hospital Wednesday **evening**, police said. Detectives determined the man was shot on the 4600 block of Midwood Ave. in the Winston-Govans neighborhood, police said. Officers had been called to the scene but did not release the man's condition. Anyone with information should call 396-2221.

Clear this highlight 

Clock Time (1p.m., 2:37a.m)

Additional Location Details

...then extract structured information from text to populate the database.

First, try to figure out the date of the described event, and select it by clicking on the calendar icon. The publication date and the day of week mentioned in article are helpful in determining the date of the shooting. Next, click on parts of the text that correspond to the other information listed below, if that information is present in the article. When you highlight a passage of text in the article, you will get a dropdown menu that lets you select which question it answers.

Date

2016-07-20



State

MD - Maryland

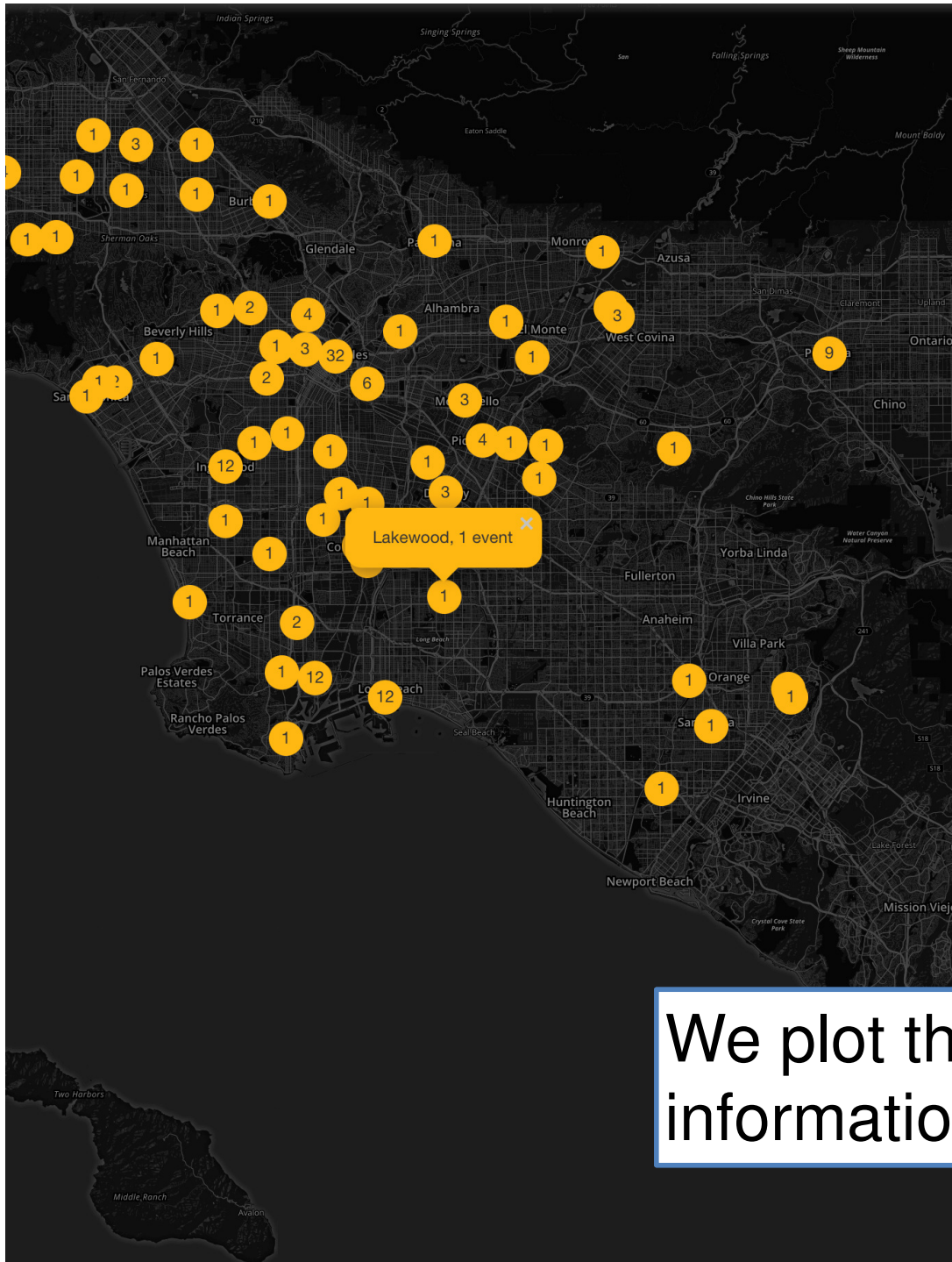


City

Baltimore



Clock Time (1p.m., 2:37a.m)



>> Lakewood

< 1 events

"Richard Wayne Van Heyningen, a 47-year-old white man, was shot and killed Tuesday, March 31 near Hardwick Street and Fanwood Avenue in Lakewood, according to the Los Angeles County coroner's office. The victim was riding his bicycle on Hardwick Street when a pickup truck driven by his brother came up behind him and ran into his bicycle, causing him to fall into the street, according to a news release from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department."

[Read the article](#)

Number of victims: 1

VICTIM #1

NAME: Richard Wayne Van Heyningen
AGE: 47
RACE: white
GENDER: Male
VICTIM WAS: killed

We plot the extracted information on a map

Work on task

Automating The Pipeline

Chicago Police release Laquan McDonald shooting video | National News

Three seconds. On a dashcam video clock, that's the amount of time between the moment when two officers have their guns drawn and the point when Laquan McDonald falls to the ground. The video, released to the public for the first time late Tuesday, is a key piece of evidence in a case that's sparked protests in Chicago and has landed an officer behind bars. The 17-year-old McDonald was shot 16 times on that day the video shows in October 2014. Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke was charged Tuesday with first-degree murder....

Incident #1053

City	
Date	
Shooter	
Victim	
Victim Killed	

Person #1014

Name	
Gender	
Age	
Race	

Automating The Pipeline

Named Entity

Recognition

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PUBLICATION DATE: JULY 26, 2016

Man shot in North Baltimore and checks himself into hospital

A 32-year-old man was shot in North **Baltimore** and checked himself into a hospital Wednesday **evening**, police said. Detectives determined the man was shot on the 4600 block of Midwood Ave. in the Winston-Govans neighborhood, police said. Officers had been called to the scene but did not release the man's condition. Anyone with information should call 396-2221.

Clear this highlight

Clock Time (1p.m., 2:37a.m)

Additional Location Details

Extracted data can provide training data for semantic parsing systems...

First, try to figure out the date of the described event, and select it by clicking on the calendar icon. The publication date and the day of week mentioned in article are helpful in determining the date of the shooting. Next, click on parts of the text that correspond to the other information listed below, if that information is present in the article. When you highlight a passage of text in the article, you will get a dropdown menu that lets you select which question it answers.

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MD - Maryland



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Read the texts below. Are both related to the same event?



Memphis Officer Shot During Traffic Stop | National News - WCVB Home

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Police Identify Suspect In Memphis Officer's Killing

CRAWLED DATE: 8/3/2015

Police in Memphis identified a 29-year-old convicted bank robber as the man who allegedly killed a city cop during a traffic stop on Saturday. Police director Toney Armstrong on Sunday evening told reporters that officer Sean Bolton apparently interrupted a drug deal and that after "some type of physical altercation," Bolton was shot and killed by a passenger in the car. Armstrong said police were searching for 29-year-old Tremaine Wilbourn and had issued a warrant for his arrest. Wilbourn had been free on supervised release by the U.S. Western

....event coreference...



Below you can see list of victims/shooter that we got from two different articles. Please match people from the first article with people from the second article.



Read the article 

Victim #1a

NAME: Sean Bolton

AGE: unknown

RACE: unknown

GENDER: Male

VICTIM WAS: killed



No match

Victim #2a Officer Sean Bolton

Read article 

Victim #2a

NAME: Officer Sean Bolton

AGE: 33

RACE: unknown

GENDER: Male

VICTIM WAS: killed

...and entity coreference.

The Gun Violence Database

- Use crowdsourcing to collect detailed local data to support research about gun violence in the United States
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