

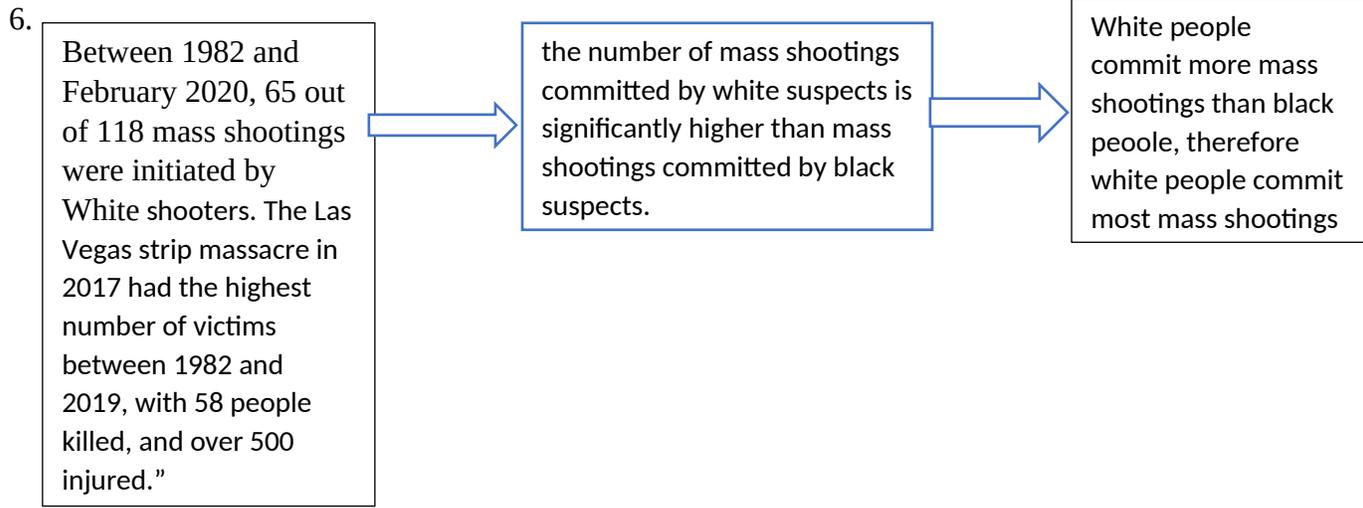
Research Proposal Overview

1. The number of mass shootings committed by white suspects is significantly higher than mass shootings committed black suspects. I chose this theory because of the tense societal climate today. In the media black people, especially men, are being portrayed as aggressive, uneducated, hood or ghetto and even deadly. Black men and women are dying everyday due to the aggressive behaviors of white people who hold positions of authority or who have adopted an attitude that they are in higher regard than people of color. People have been quoted as saying how do black lives matter when black on black crime is has been a distinct problem within the Black Community. There does not seem to be any value placed on the historical fact that white people have been killing and harassing black people since before slavery. In recent history one specific mass shooting that was racially charged is the shooting that occurred in Charleston, South Carolina in 2015.
2. I assumed that because media coverage has mostly shown mass shootings committed by white suspects, that only white people commit mass shootings which is not true. I also assumed that death and murder is always a terrible situation, the thought and purposeful anger of mass shootings is even more horrible than individually committed shootings and murder. I further assume that the treatment of the suspects vary between black and white suspects, with black suspects receiving harsher treatment from law enforcement through trial and incarceration as opposed to white suspects.
3. 1) Do more white people commit mass shootings than black people? ; 2) Does law enforcement treat suspects of different races differently when accused of the same or

similar crimes?; and 3) Do white people receive different sentences for committing the crimes of murder than do black people?

4. 4. The relationship between the concepts of white people in authoritative roles who use their positions to diminish the importance of black people who report to them, and the belief of some white people who feel that black people are inferior to them and should be treated as less important, is a right of all white people. Another relationship is that white people feel superior to black people because black people commit crimes against one another.
5. There is another interaction effect in the relationships between the law enforcement community and black people because of a perception that black people are unethical, poor, and aggressive. This relationship is evidenced in the way black people are arrested and charged with crimes that is obviously different than their white counterparts.
6. The other contingent relationship is how the Justice system handles cases with black versus white suspects. Charges against suspects vary, legal counsel differs based on economics and trying cases is different as well as sentencing the guilty. This concept has been proven to be drastically harder for black defendants. If this were not true, the Innocence Project would not have been created to correct where black defendants have been unjustly incarcerated.
5. mass shooting: an incident involving multiple victims of firearm violence.
media: the main means of mass communication (broadcasting, publishing, and the internet) regarded collectively.
climate: the prevailing trend of public opinion or of another aspect of public life.

suspect: a person believed to have committed a crime.



7. For years maybe even centuries white people have been involved in heinous crimes and getting away with it, but if a black person did the same thing the consequences would be totally different. The problem is that white people commit these major crimes such as mass shootings and they're still treated in higher regard than if a black person was to commit the same crime, why is that? The justice system unjustly handles crimes when race is involved which why this study is taking place. Mass shootings are nothing to make light of but that is what the police did with the 2015 Charleston church shooting, by taking the shooter to Burger King right after he senselessly killed 12 African Americans for no logical reason. This study is to educate white people who hold positions of authority but will not use it properly. Once this is conducted properly I believe that this will benefit everyone but mostly us of color who face adversity every day, especially when crime is involved.