Chicago, Illinois Case Study
Period of Performance: 12 to 16 October, 2019

Practice Area: Community Policing Data-Mapping

Donor/Client: ADL

Partner: ADL

Location: Chicago, Illinois
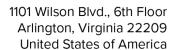
Enumerators: 19

Surveys: 1,400

Project Objectives

IMPL. Project partnered withThe American Defamation League for a data mapping project in the Austin and North Lawndale neighborhoods of Chicago, Illinois.

- ***Project Objective 1:*** Determine the Community's perception as to what the largest drivers of insecurity and inequality are.

- ***Project Objective 2:*** Establish what entities, government or otherwise, the Community trusts, and what entities are perceived as untrustworthy, or that do not have the people's best interests at heart.

Key Findings

After almost 1,400 surveys, residents of Chicago responded that the most significant problems facing the community were gang violence, drugs and lack of livelihoods. Respondents also believed the best way to remedy these issues were education and work programs. However, the vast majority of residents believed that the police were a major impediment to progress, and that they were not held accountable for their racist policing practices. Regardless of the state of their community, respondents still retained trust in their state and federal governments. In many instances, the mistrust for the police ran so deep that citizens turned to gangs for security, denoting them as an alternate governing apparatus.

Methodology

- ***Community Perception Surveys***
  A team of 19 enumerators collected data from residents of the Austin and North Lawndale neighborhoods using mobile survey software. Questions included demographics, as well as questions regarding respondent's perceptions on the greatest drivers of instability as well as levels of trust in legitimate governance nodes. This data was then collated and assessed using state-of-the-art analytical tools.

- ***Vet Systematic Causes***
  (forgot to ask Justin his take on this and didn't want to be presumptuous)
- ***Establish Baselines***
  With a sufficient number of surveys completed, the team was able to establish a baseline, or starting point, from which all future interventions and potential solutions could be measured against.

Programming Recommendations

Based on the initial results from just two neighborhoods, another survey that encompasses more neighborhoods would be able to provide more insight into how ubiquitous these results are. After broader data mapping, the most vulnerable communities can be identified and injected with educational and vocational opportunities.