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## Political Affiliation to Blame for Crime Rates?

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A while back, the Bay Area Center for Voting Research enumerated the most conservative and the most liberal cities in the United States.

They did this by studying the 2004 presidential choice of American cities. All the ballots for George W. Bush were regarded a conservative response and all the ballots for John F. Kerry were regarded as a liberal response. The ballots for the Libertarian Party and the Constitution Party were regarded as conservative and the ballots for the Green Party , Peace and Freedom Party, and Ralph Nader were regarded as liberal.

The cities that had the most conservative ballots were weighed in as conservative and the cities that had the most liberal ballots were weighed in as liberal. The conservative and liberal cities were compared for their rates of violent crime. The national average for violent crime is four crimes per 1,000 inhabitants. Of the top fifteen liberal cities, two cities have six times the violent crime rate than the national average. Twelve cities of the top fifteen, have double or more rates of violent crimes . Each city has a higher rate of violent crime than the national average.

Of the top fifteen conservative cities, eight cities have a violent crime rate matching or below the national average. There are only two cities that have double the violent crime rate as the national average. Cities that have lots of violent crime are prone to vote for the Democratic Party while cities with less violent crime are prone to vote Republican. Do the conservative cities have stronger anti-crime rules than liberal cities? Do the conservatives possibly have more arms that stops crime? Are the Democrats more prone to perpetrate violent crimes themselves compared to Republicans? These are all questions that can easily provoke thoughts on the matter, and lead to more research being conducted on the matter.

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