In the 1980’s, Mercer L. Sullivan conducted an ethnographic study in which he collected data from three different Brooklyn neighborhoods. Present day, with the help of APPLE Corps, we have returned to the three neighborhoods to attempt to recreate the original study. With the data that we have collected we have come to see new patterns in these communities.

According to our data:
1. more young people are moving into Greenpoint;
2. more Caucasian people are moving into Brownsville; and
3. Sunset Park has become more ethnically diverse in general.

According to our open-ended interviews and quantitative data collected, crime has generally decreased in all three neighborhoods.

These communities have seen improved housing conditions and less people hanging out on the streets.

Another significant finding is the role of technology: with the advent of new technologies such as smartphones, the ways in which crimes are committed have evolved.

"The young people moving in are driving out the older people." – White male, 65, living in Greenpoint his whole life.

"More white people are moving into the area." – White Female, 50, living in Brownsville 25 years.

"The neighborhood is more diverse because the rent is going up and more white people are moving in." – Black male, 40, living in Brownsville 2 years.

"People that lived here their whole lives are so nice, the new people moving in don’t even say hi." – White male, 24, living in Greenpoint his whole life.

"We are being kicked out of our neighborhood." – Latino male, 37, living in Sunset Park his whole life.

"You were either selling drugs, in a gang or doing both." – Latino male, 42, living in Sunset Park his whole life.