Introduction
Mercer Sullivan wrote *Getting Paid* in 1989, he studied three neighborhoods, Greenpoint, Brownsville, and Sunset Park to compare crimes and the effect it has on each community. Throughout the summer, we canvassed these precise neighborhoods in hopes of finding out if they have changed over the last decades. Throughout our journey we made a compelling discovery.

Methods & Materials

The Household Census collected data on:
- The address and location of each dwelling unit
- Number of children and adults in each apartment
- Their ages and genders
- The number of years they’ve lived there.

Anonymous Surveys
We interviewed random people on the streets of these neighborhoods and asked them a variety of questions based on their opinions comparing Boomers and Millennials.

Informal Surveys
This survey was about specific experiences the respondents had in that neighborhood.

Findings

Our research led to a very remarkable discovery. We found that perception of crime in the predominantly black neighborhood (Brownsville) was significantly higher (34%) than what it actually is statistically (15%). We also found that the perception of crime (33%) in the predominantly white neighborhood (Greenpoint) was much lower than the statistical reality (43%). This result was also similar to what we found in Sunset Park.

Discussion

Conclusion

Our research found that the crime perceptions did not match the crime reality.

References