



Faculty Awards Celebration

September 12, 2023

Mayer Theatre



Promotion to Senior Lecturer

- Jeffrey Bracco, Theatre & Dance
- Laura Callahan, Modern Languages & Literatures
- Ryan Carrington, Art & Art History
- Dawn Hart, Biology
- Jacquelyn Hendricks, English
- Natalie Linnell, Mathematics & Computer Science
- Pauline Locsin-Kanter, Theatre & Dance
- Sandy Piderit, Management & Entrepreneurship



Promotion to Clinical Professor of Law

- **Devin Kinyon**
- **Laura Lee Norris**



Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

- **Maya Ackerman**
Computer Science & Engineering
- **Christopher Hadley, S.J.**
Jesuit School of Theology
- **Lindsay Halladay**
Psychology
- **Michael Hartglass**
Mathematics & Computer Science
- **Maryam Khanbaghi**
Electrical & Computer Engineering
- **Sara Krehbiel**
Mathematics & Computer Science
- **Samuel Lee**
Finance
- **Kirstyn Leuner**
English
- **Bachana Lomsadze**
Physics
- **Karen Peterson-Iyer**
Religious Studies
- **Kirsten Read**
Psychology
- **Katherine Sun**
Education



Promotion to Professor

- **John Birmingham, Physics**
- **Rohit Chopra, Communication**
- **Linda Garber, Women's & Gender Studies**
- **Christian Helmers, Economics**
- **Brian Love, Law**
- **Haibing Lu, Information Systems & Analytics**
- **Lee Panich, Anthropology**
- **Guy Ramon, Physics**
- **Jennifer Woolley, Management & Entrepreneurship**



New Endowed Professor

Yuling Yan, Bioengineering

Phil and Bobbie Sanfilippo Professor



25 Years of Service

- **Aldo Billingslea**
Theater and Dance
- **Silvia Figueira**
Computer Science & Engineering
- **Susan Parker**
Accounting



50 Years of Service

Philip Jimenez, School of Law



We welcome all new faculty to the Santa Clara community of teaching scholars, and we look forward to working with you in the coming year!



Faculty Research Awards



Michelle Bezanson

Anthropology

Award for

Recent Achievement in Scholarship



David Sloss

John A. and Elizabeth H. Sutro
Professor of Law

**Award for
Sustained Excellence in Scholarship**



The Brutocao Family Foundation Award for Curriculum Innovation



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Eric Goldman & Laura Norris

School of Law

**The Brutocao Family Foundation Award
for Curriculum Innovation**



The Brutocao Award for Teaching Excellence



Brian Thorstenson

Theatre & Dance

**The Louis and Dorina Brutocao Award for
Teaching Excellence**



President's Special Recognition Awards



Ruth Davis

School of Engineering

President's Special Recognition



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Lee Panich & Amy Lueck

Anthropology & English

President's Special Recognition



Faculty Senate



Faculty Senate Professor Award



Kristin Kusanovich

Theatre & Dance

**Faculty Senate Professor Award
2023-2024**



Faculty Senate Professor 22-23

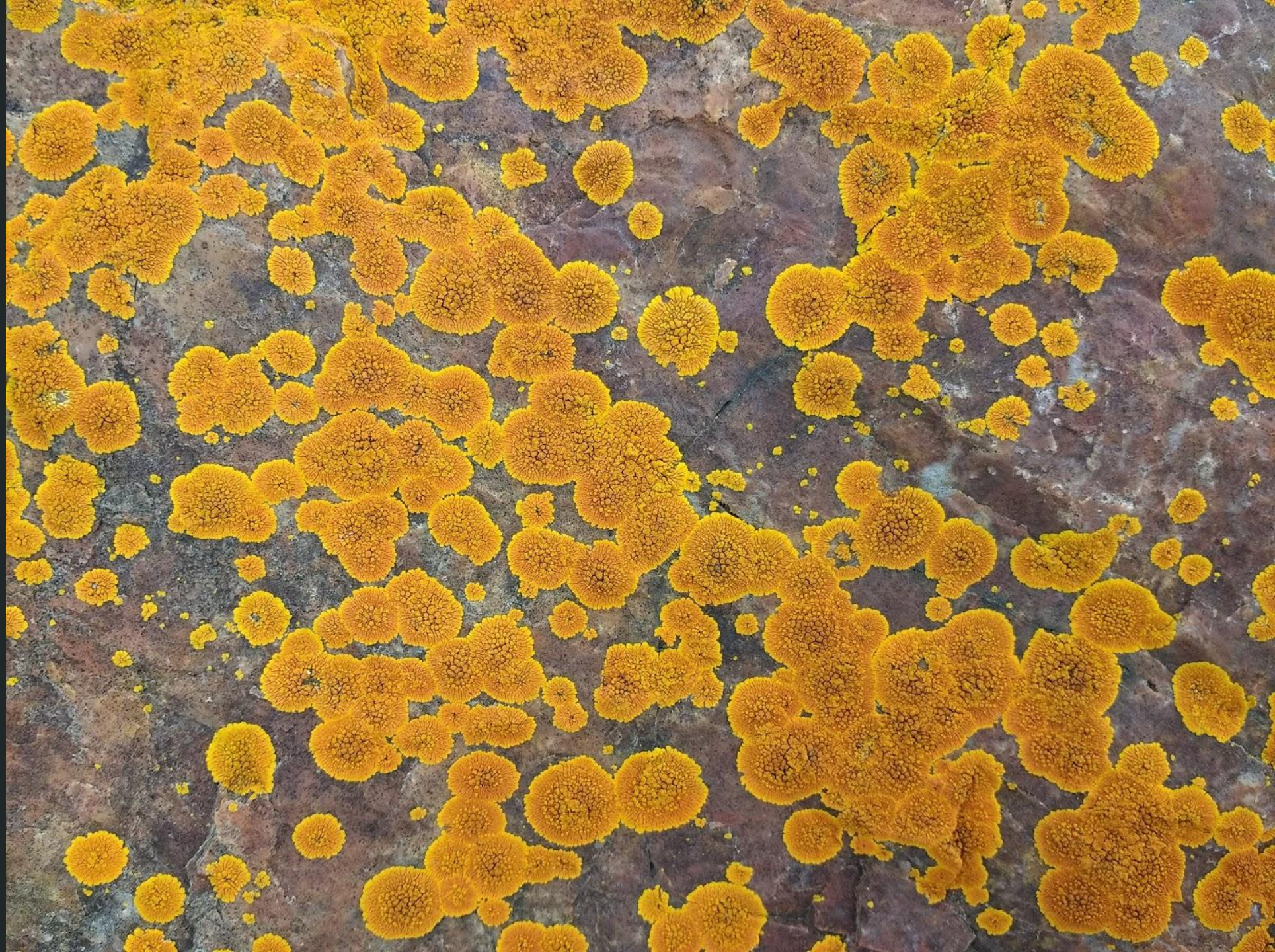
Bill Sundstrom
Economics

Just Numbers?
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**Bill Sundstrom, Economics, Faculty Senate Professor
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Motivated reasoning

“This says something uncomfortable about the economics profession: We’re supposed to be doing dispassionate analysis, but the fact that most economists are consistently either inflation optimists or inflation pessimists whatever the circumstances suggests that somebody is suffering from motivated reasoning. (But not me. I, of course, am totally objective. OK, I do sometimes catch myself engaging in motivated reasoning. But I try to fight it.)”

Paul Krugman, NYT, 7/14/2023

California's Racial Justice Act

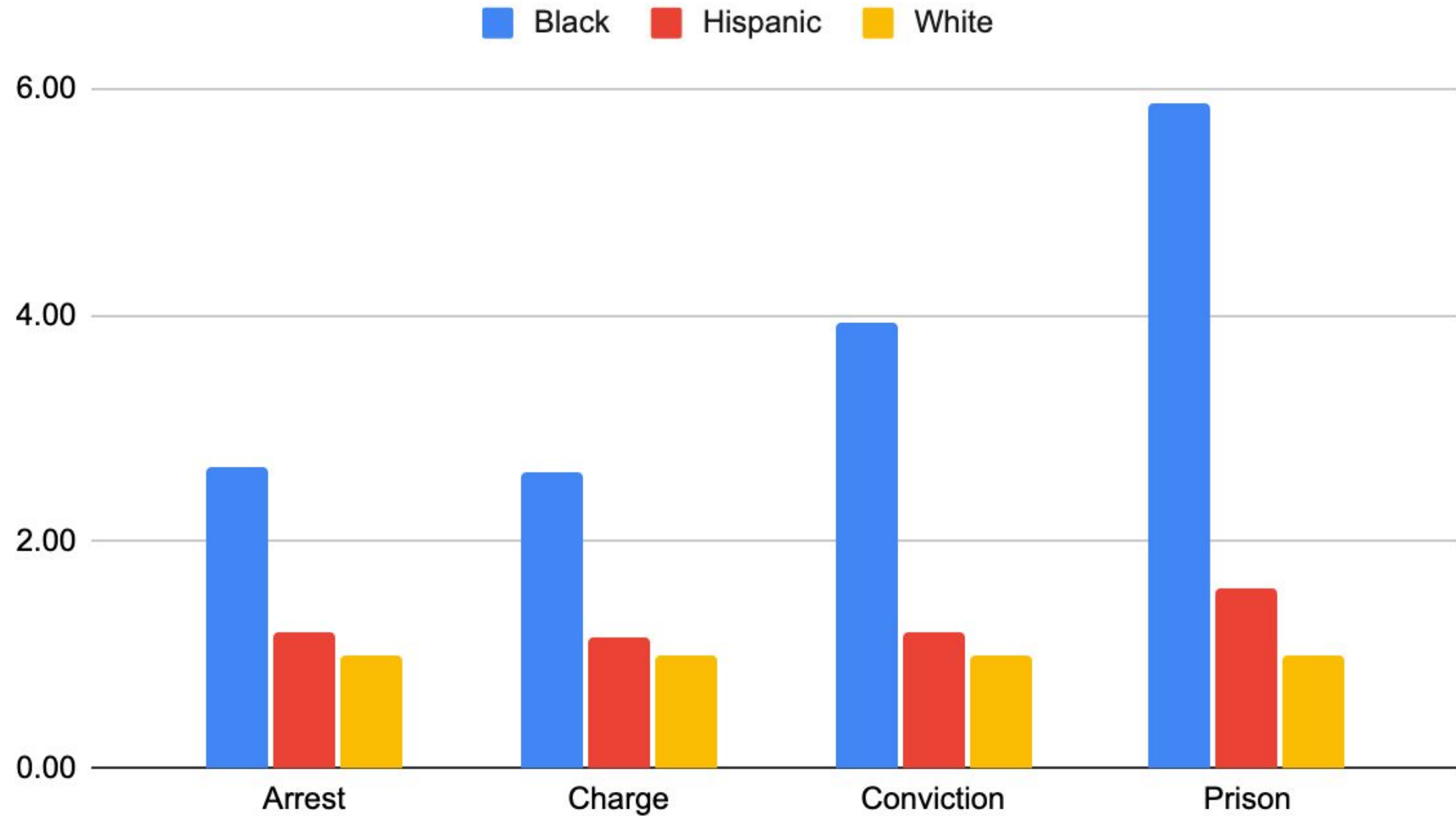
Drawing from...

Colleen V. Chien, W. David Ball, and William A. Sundstrom, "Proving Actionable Racial Disparity Under the California Racial Justice Act," *UC Law SF Journal* (forthcoming).

If you want a link to the paper, just send me an email (wsundstrom@scu.edu)!

Views expressed here are my own.

Representation relative to population at key events in criminal justice system, California (White = 1.00)



California Racial Justice Act: What is it?

“The California Racial Justice Act (CRJA), enacted in 2020 and further amended in 2022, introduced a first-of-its kind test for actionable racial disparity even in the absence of a showing of intent, allowing for relief when the ‘totality of the evidence demonstrates a **significant difference**’ in charging, conviction, or sentencing across racial groups when compared to those who are ‘**similarly situated**’ and who have engaged in ‘**similar conduct.**’” [emphasis added]

- Chien, Ball, and Sundstrom

The “statistical” language of the RJA

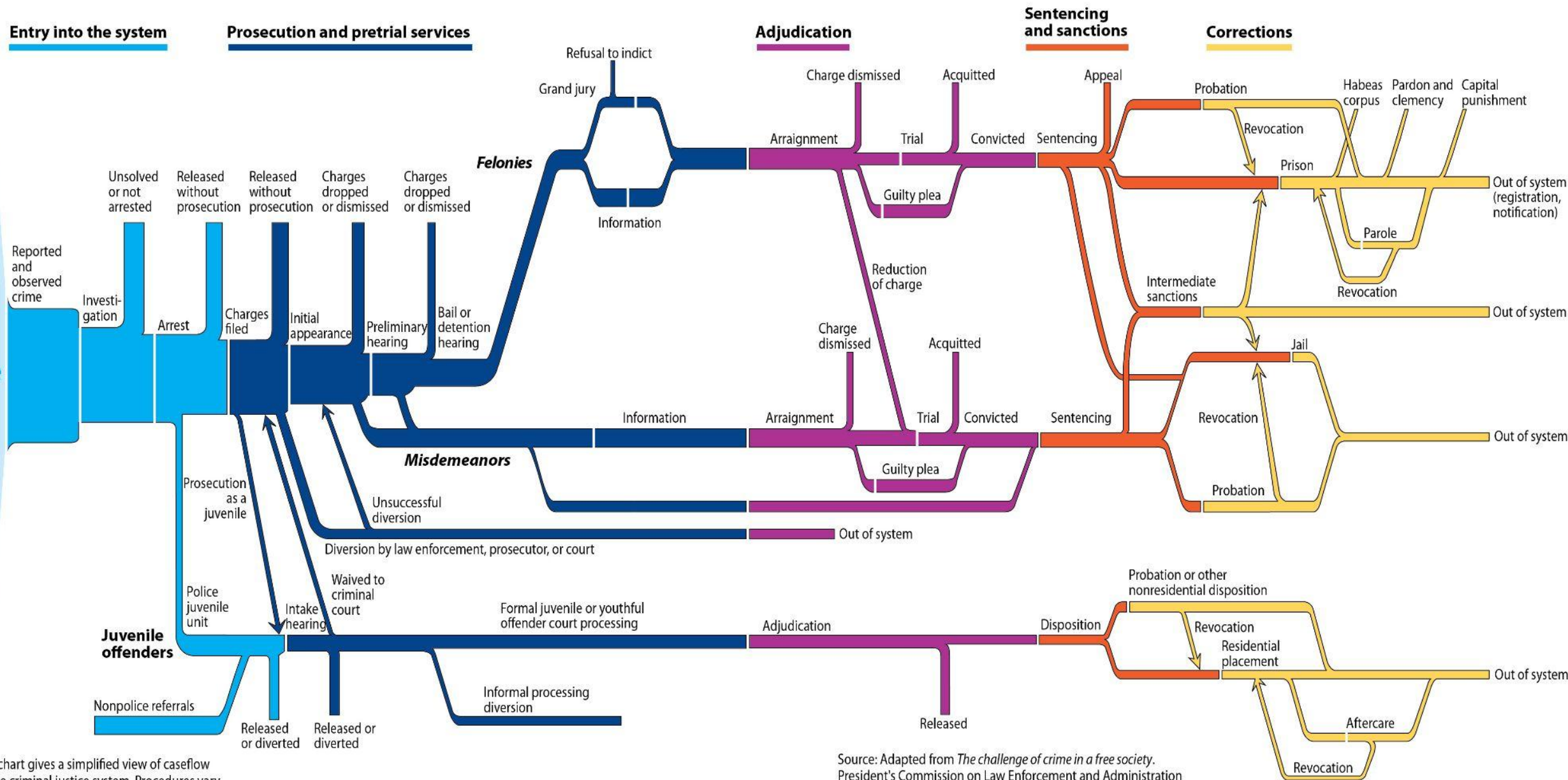
- “statistical evidence,” “aggregate data”
- “significant difference”
- “similarly situated,” “similar conduct”
- “Statistical significance is a factor the court may consider, but is not necessary to establish a significant difference.” (RJA)

Criminal records data from California DOJ

- Calculating the incidence of sequential steps in the criminal justice system, by race, California, 2010-2021
- Representation relative to CA population
- Probabilities conditional on prior steps
- Note: I use the racial categories from the data source

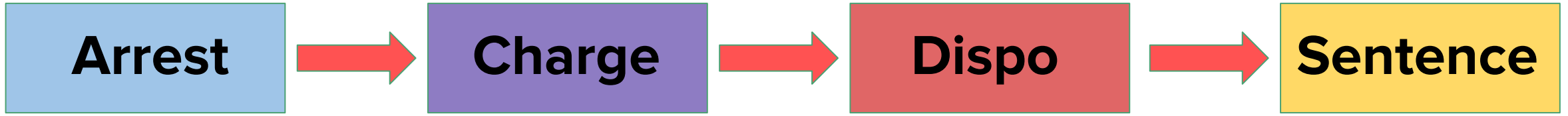
What is the sequence of events in the criminal justice system?

Crime



Note: This chart gives a simplified view of caseload through the criminal justice system. Procedures vary among jurisdictions. The weights of the lines are not intended to show actual size of caseloads.

Source: Adapted from *The challenge of crime in a free society*. President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice, 1967. This revision, a result of the Symposium on the 30th Anniversary of the President's Commission, was prepared by the Bureau of Justice Statistics in 1997.



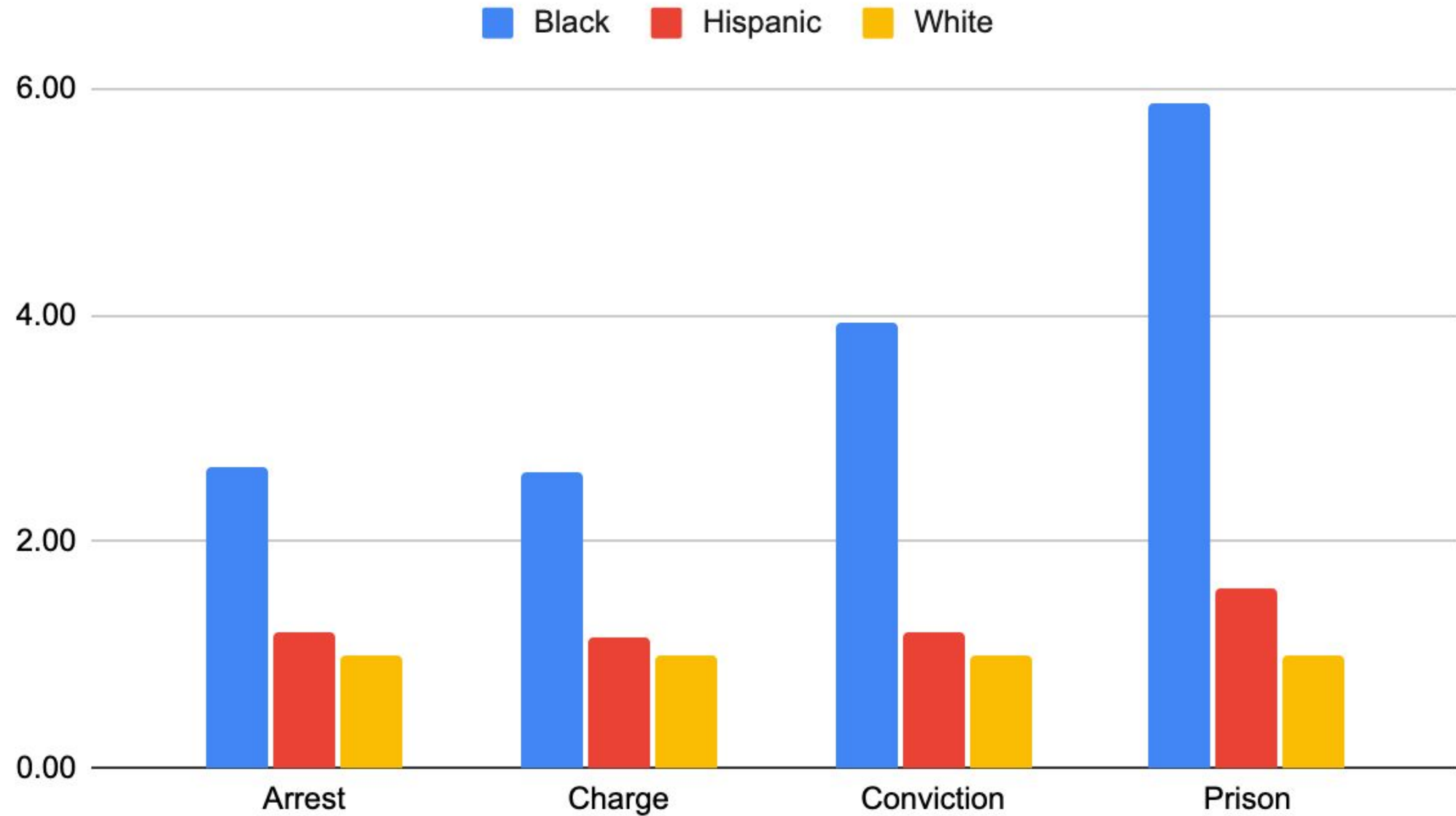
Arrest

Charge

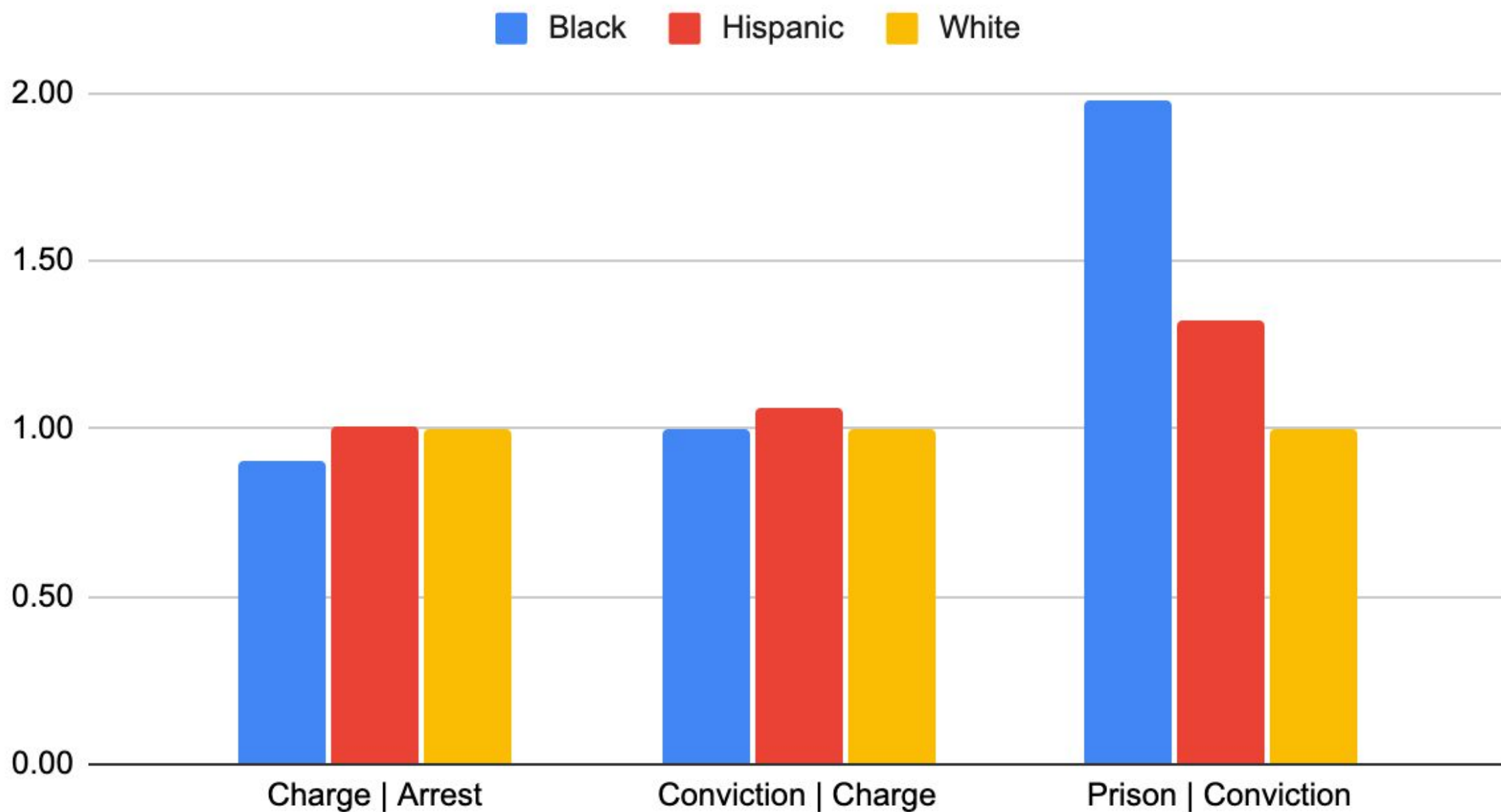
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Sentence

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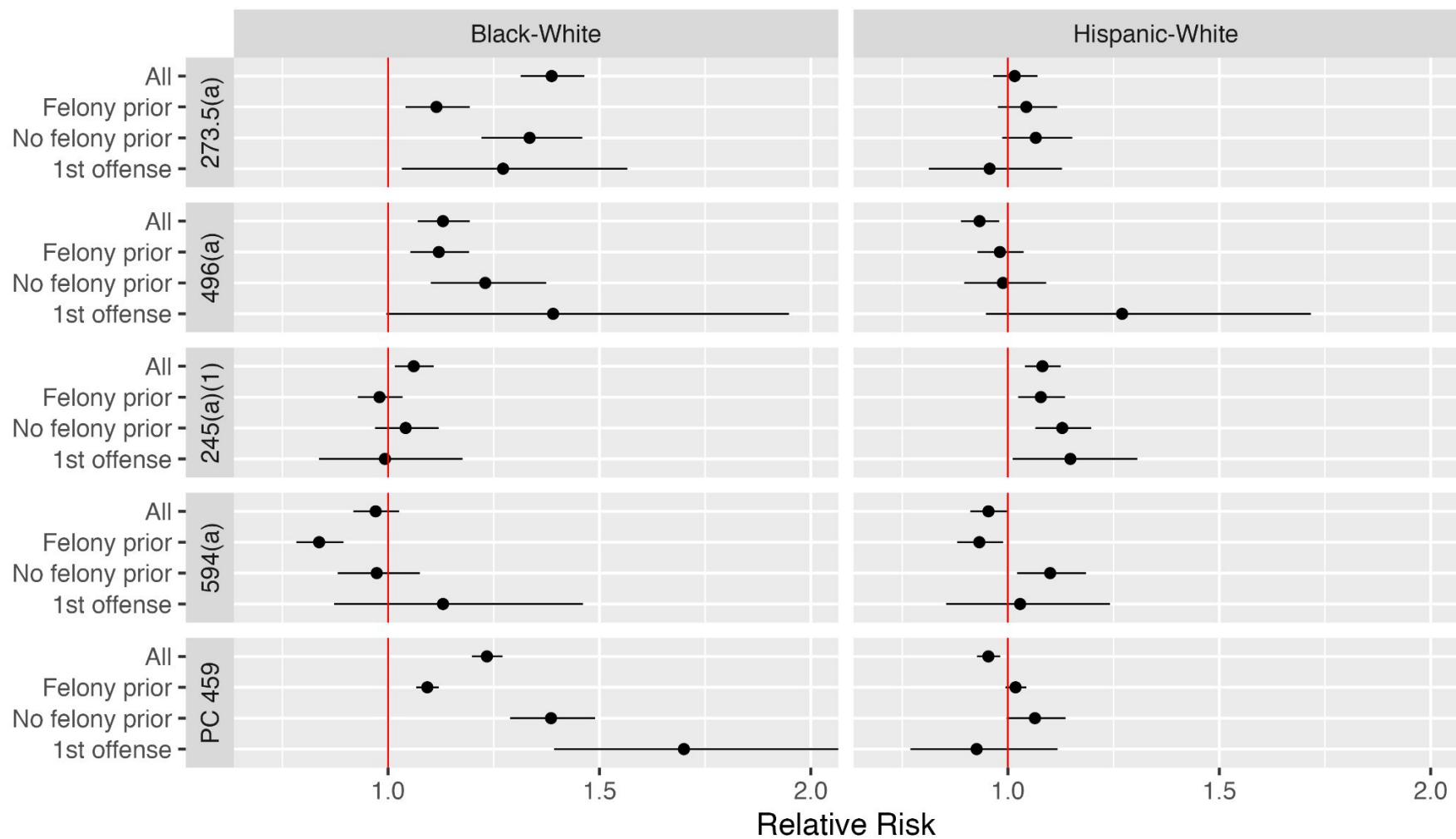


Relative risk conditional on preceding step (White = 1.00)



Relative risk of felony conviction on wobblers, LA County

Don't strain your eyes...



Controls can create invalid (dissimilar) comparisons

“... if more Black people are arrested per criminal activity, it may be that the evidence against Black defendants is, on average, weaker than that against Whites, and therefore observing identical or similar rates of prosecution or conviction per arrest would actually be consistent with disparate treatment of Black and White defendants. In this instance, the conditioning variable—arrests—is not itself race neutral, and does not provide a comparison of similarly situated individuals.”

- Chien, Ball, and Sundstrom

Lies, damned lies, and statistics...?



**Thank you, and
have a great 2023-24!**



THANK YOU

*Photos & Conversation
Outside, Please*

**University Convocation 3:30
Reception Immediately Following**