

Sanctuary Cities in the United States:

*Causal Factors and Variation among
the States*

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Research Question

“What kind of states are more or less likely to have a large number of sanctuary cities?”



Background

“Limited cooperation between local police and federal immigration enforcement”

History : The Sanctuary Movement in the early 1980s to protect unauthorized immigrants from El Salvador and Guatemala

Social : Public Safety – unauthorized immigrants are criminal or unauthorized immigrants are targeted

Political : President Trump’s executive order in 2017 to take away the funding

Economic : Challenging the labor market, low wage for unauthorized immigrants



Motivation for Research

- Ongoing debate whether sanctuary cities should be supported or not
- The statewide varying number of sanctuary cities/counties
- Controversy towards immigration raids and detention
- Better public understandings



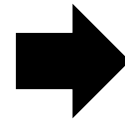
Methodology

Type of Study	Quantitative, Empirical
Source of Data	MicroCase (2013) - STATES file Center for Immigration Studies
Type of Data	Aggregate Data
Number of Cases	50 states
Time Period	2000 – 2019
Statistical Significance	Prob < 0.05
Measure of Association	Eta Squared and Cramer's V

Variables

Independent Variable

1. Political Partisan Beliefs
2. Index Crime Rates
3. Hispanic Population
4. Immigrant Population
5. Region
6. Wealth
7. Religious Beliefs
8. Education
9. Urbanization



Dependent Variable

The Number of
Sanctuary Jurisdictions



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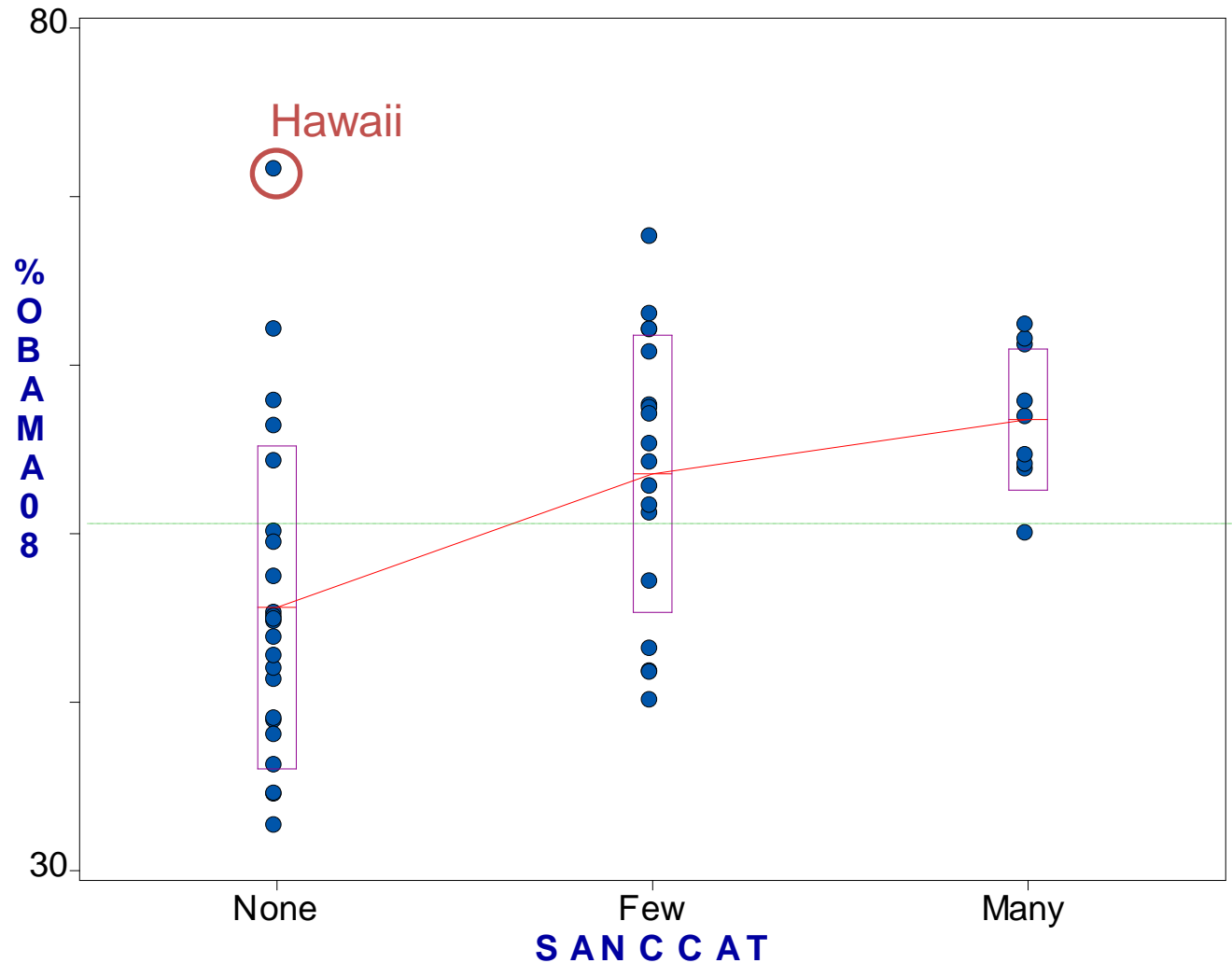
“***Sanctuary jurisdictions*** include counties and cities which have laws, ordinances, regulations, or other practices that obstruct immigration enforcement and shield criminals from ICE” (CIS)

Operational Measurement

1752) SANCCAT	The # of Sanctuary Jurisdictions	The # of States
None	0	23
Few	1 - 4	18
Many	6 – 33	9

Data extracted from Center of Immigration Studies

H1. The states with higher democratic party support have more sanctuary jurisdictions.

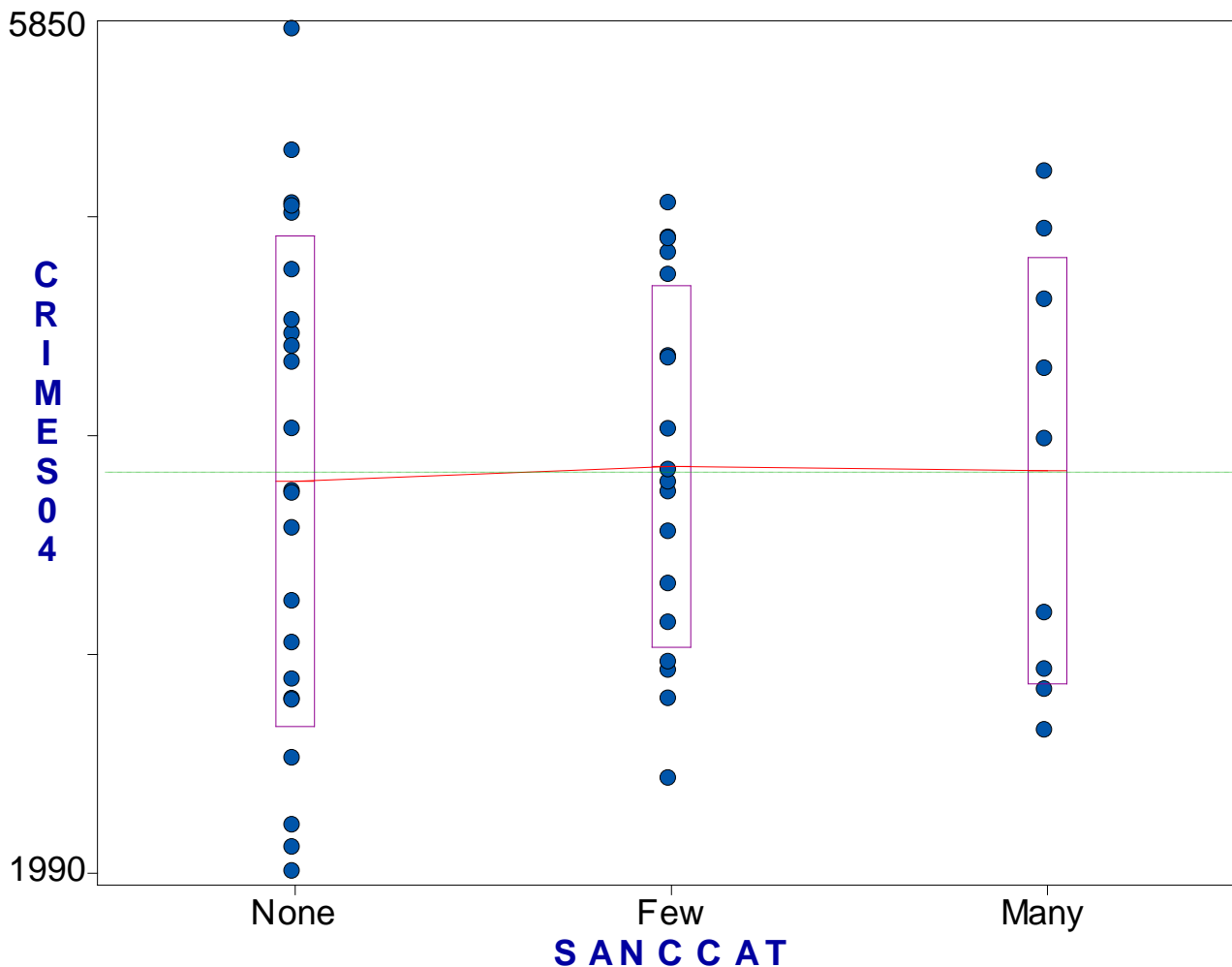


Prob = 0.001
Eta Squared = 0.244
Moderate relationship

Overall
Mean
50.486

Hypothesis is supported.

H2. The states with higher index crime rates have fewer sanctuary jurisdictions.

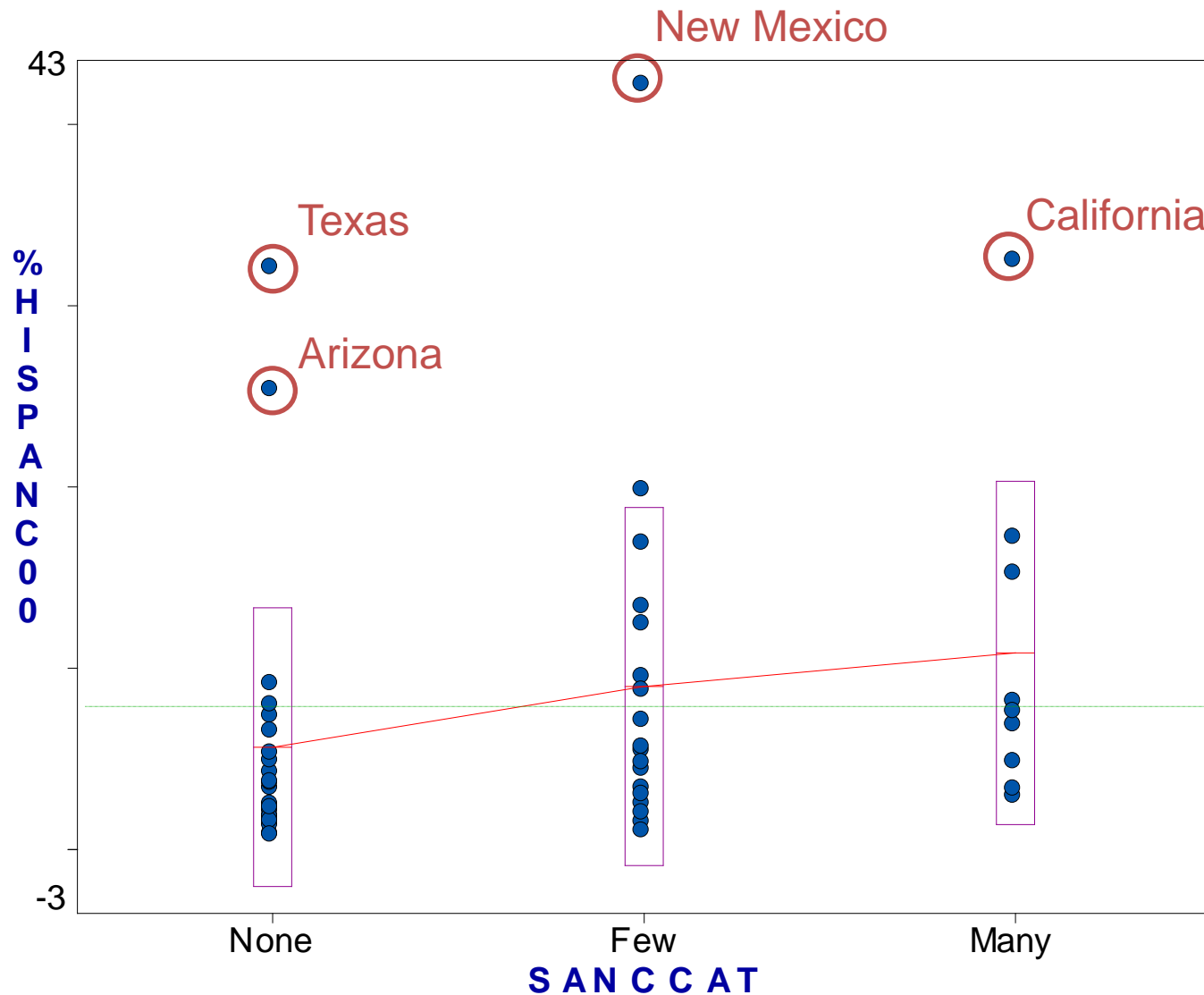


Prob = 0.976
Eta Squared = 0.001
No relationship

Overall
Mean
3824.338

Hypothesis is not supported.

H3. The states with a higher Hispanic population have fewer sanctuary jurisdictions.

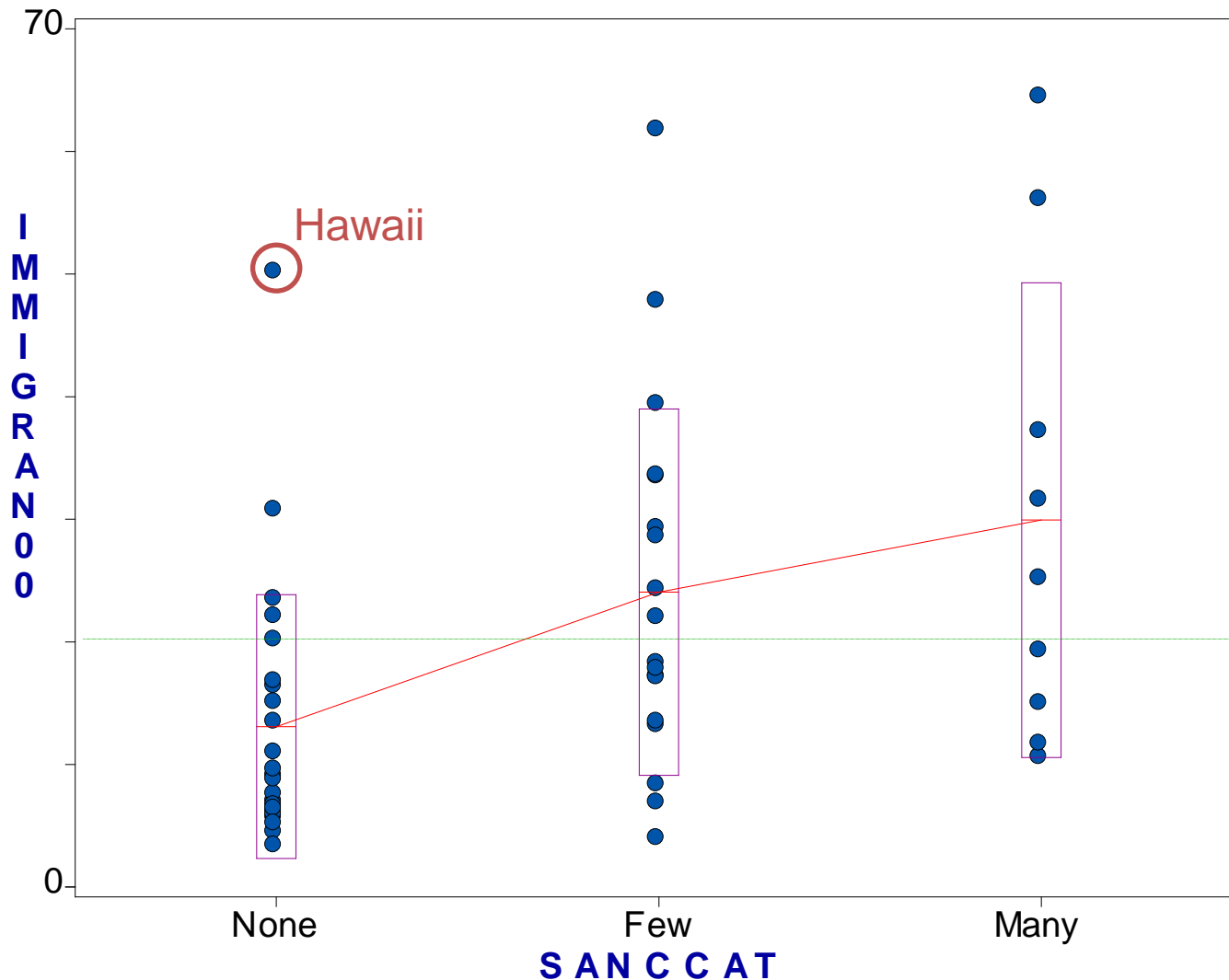


Prob = 0.261
Eta Squared = 0.056
Very weak relationship

Overall
Mean
7.786

Hypothesis is not supported.

H4. The states with higher immigrant population have more sanctuary jurisdictions.



Prob = 0.006
Eta Squared = 0.196
Moderate relationship

Overall
Mean
20.072

Hypothesis is supported.

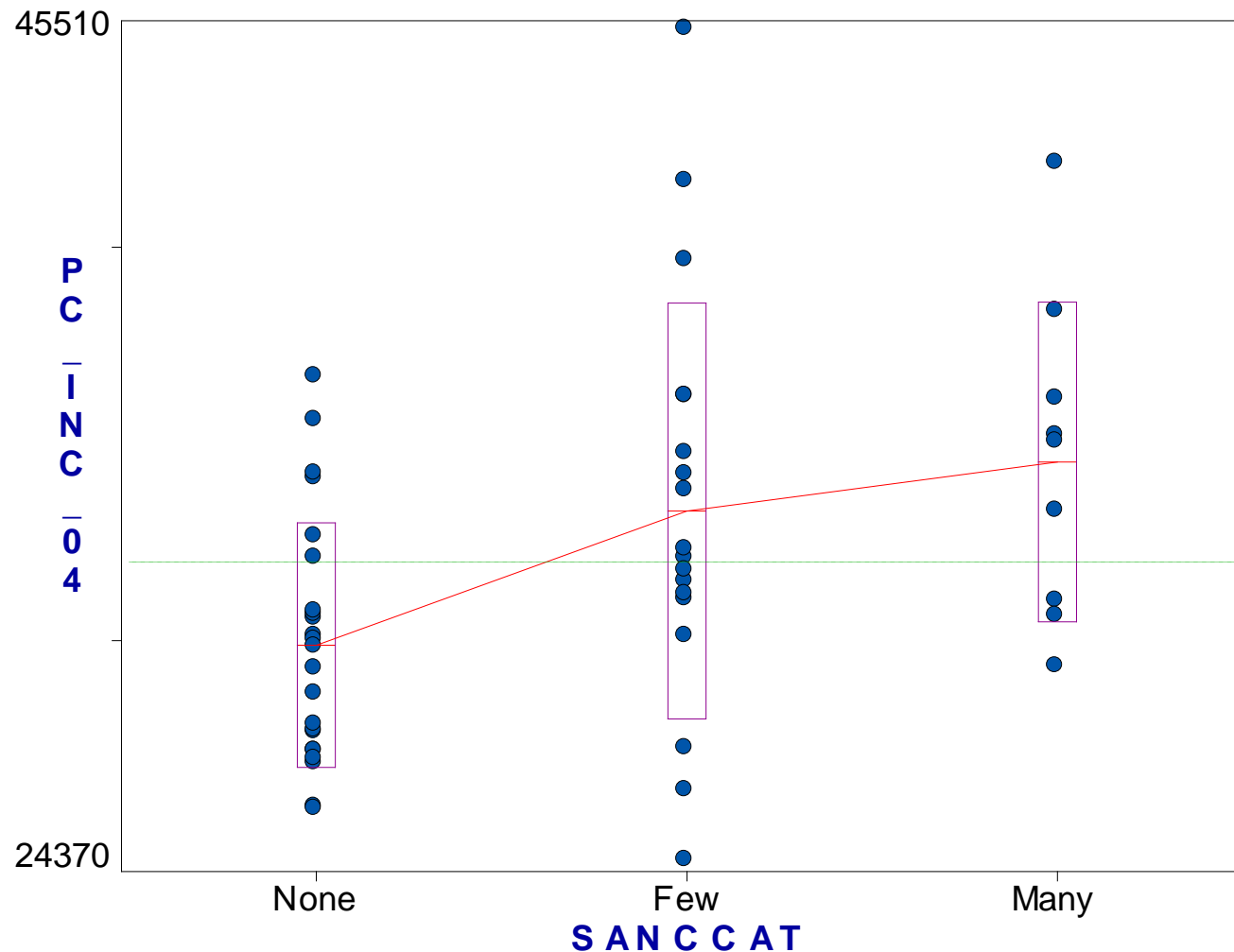


H5. The states in South have fewer sanctuary jurisdictions.

The Number of Sanctuary Jurisdictions by Region					
Sanctuary Jurisdictions	Region				
	West	South	Midwest	Northeast	Total
None	53.8% 7	56.3% 9	41.7% 5	22.2% 2	46.0% 23
Few	15.4% 2	37.5% 6	50.0% 6	44.4% 4	36.0% 18
Many	30.8% 4	6.3% 1	8.3% 1	33.3% 3	18.0% 9
Total	100.0% 13	100.0% 16	100.0% 12	100.0% 9	50

Prob = 0.219 Cramer's V = 0.288 Moderate relationship
Hypothesis is supported.

H6. The states with higher per capita personal income have more sanctuary jurisdictions.

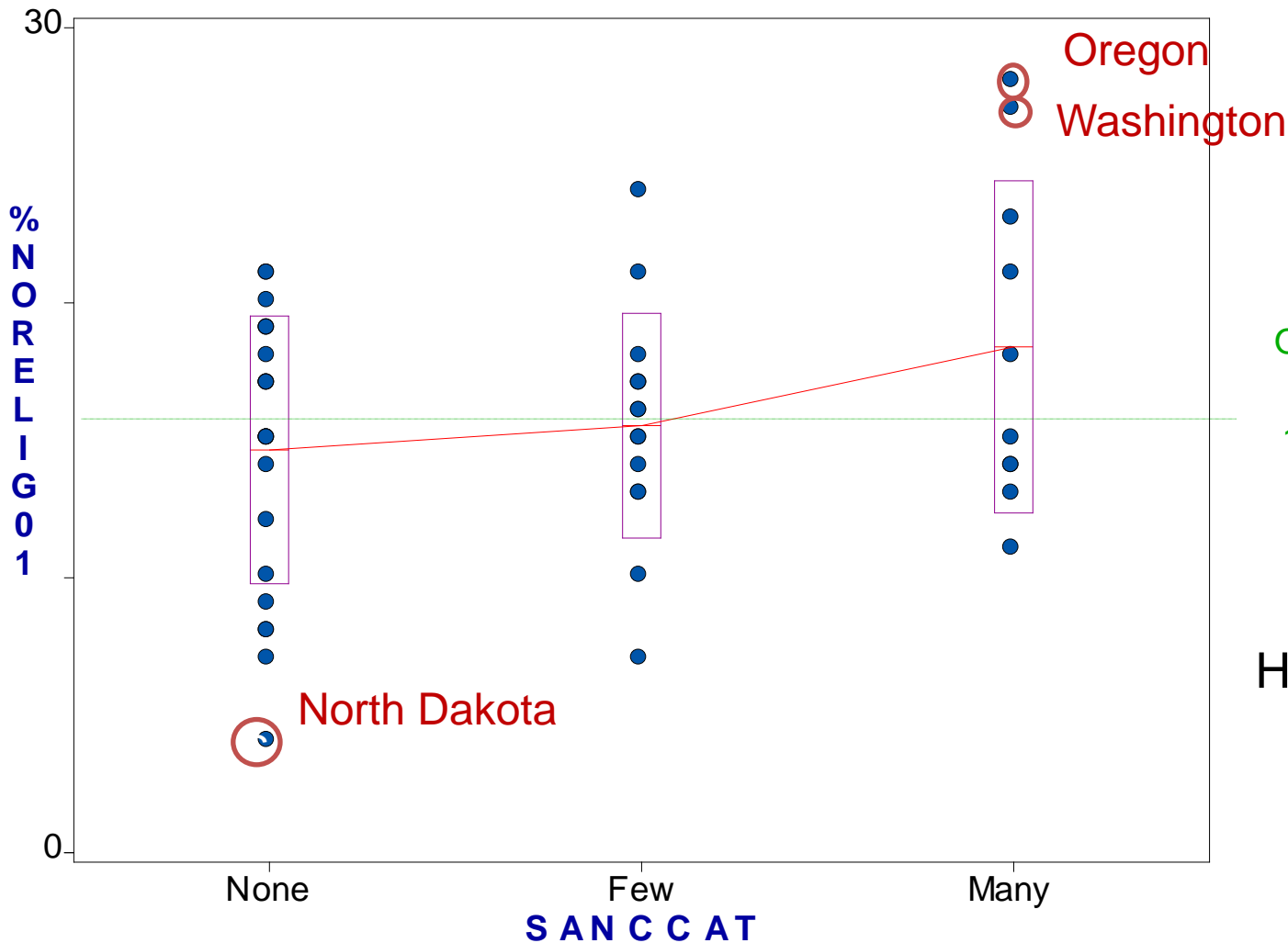


Prob = 0.007
Eta Squared = 0.189
Moderate relationship

Overall
Mean
31949.500

Hypothesis is supported.

H7. The states with a higher percentage of non-religious population have fewer sanctuary jurisdictions.

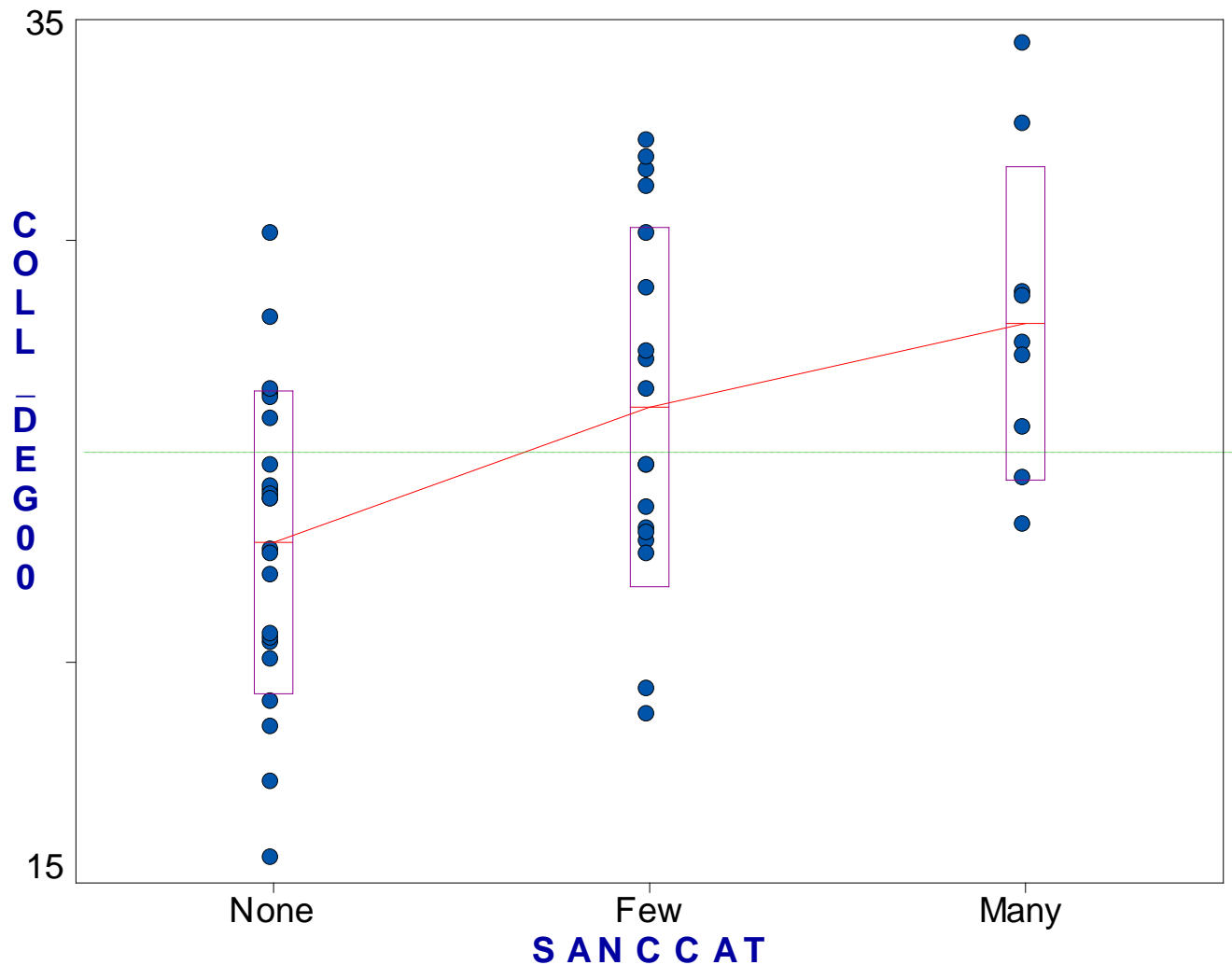


Prob = 0.102
Eta Squared = 0.097
Missing = 2
Very weak relationship

Overall
Mean
15.708

Hypothesis is not supported.

H8. The states with a higher percentage of higher education graduates have more sanctuary jurisdictions.

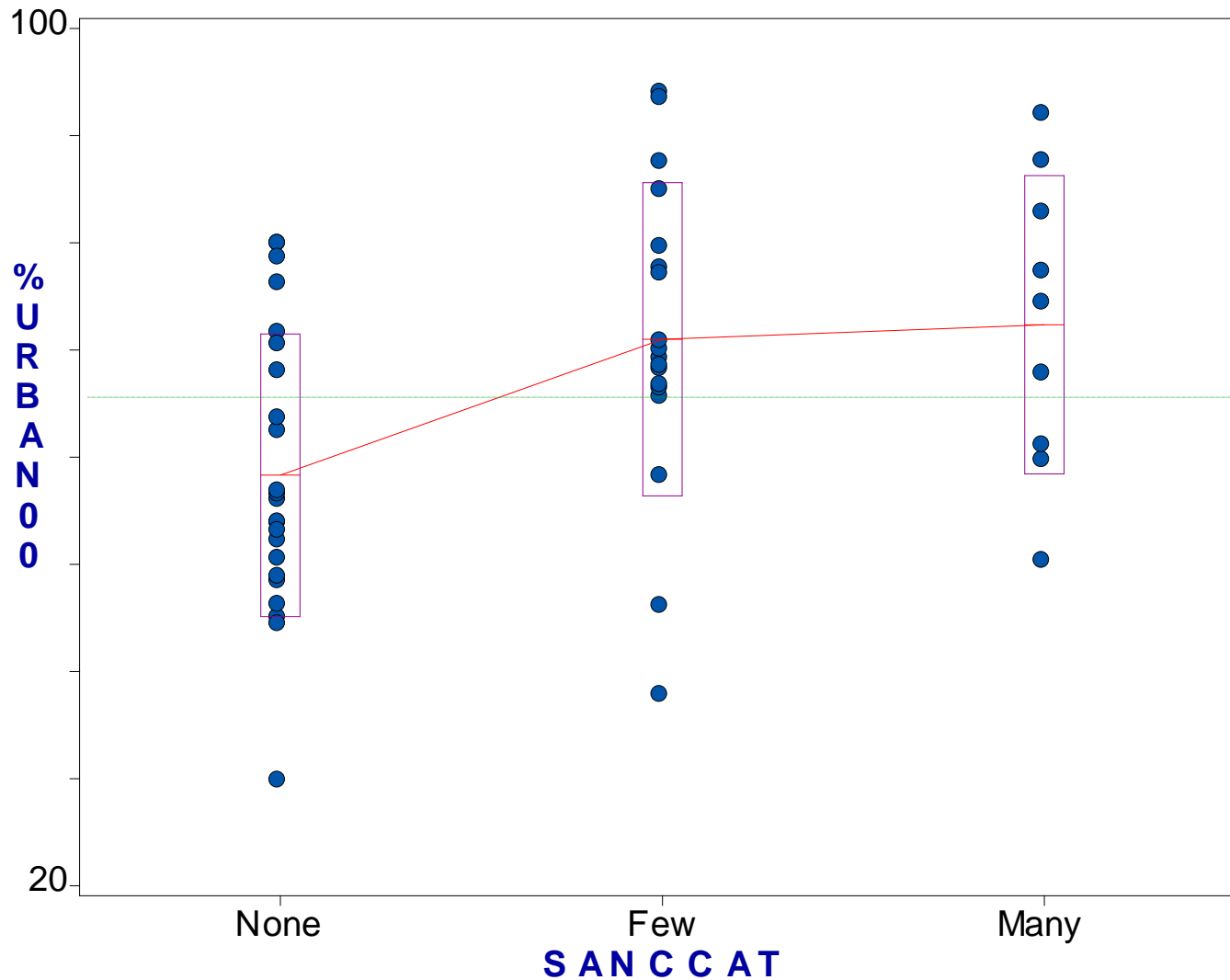


Prob = 0.002
Eta Squared = 0.230
Moderate relationship

Overall
Mean
24.932

Hypothesis is supported.

H9. The states with a higher percentage of urban area have more sanctuary jurisdictions.



Prob = 0.006
Eta Squared = 0.193
Weak relationship

Overall
Mean
65.416

Hypothesis is supported.



Findings and Analysis

Sanctuary Friendly States	Sanctuary Unfriendly States
Democratic Party Support	Republican Party Support
Higher immigrant population	Lower immigrant population
Wealthier	Poorer
Northeast	South
Less Religious	More Religious
More Educated Population	Less Educated Population
More Urbanized	Less Urbanized



Conclusion

- *Political Party Beliefs, Education and Region* have shown the strongest correlation to the number of sanctuary jurisdictions.
- *Race, especially Hispanic, and Religion* have the weakest correlation to the number of sanctuary jurisdictions.
- *Delinquency* is not a significant indicator of the number of sanctuary jurisdictions.



Future Recommendations

- Look at the relationship between crime rates and sanctuary cities in the states with high Hispanic or Latinx population
- Break down religious people into categories of specific faith identities
- Further research as the number of sanctuary jurisdictions fluctuates in the future



Questions?