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## Brady Rankings And Violent Crime

The Brady Bunch came out with their state gun-control rankings about six weeks ago, and I downloaded their rankings, then the FBI violent crime rankings for each state. I got as far as editing the state labels so I could use vlookup() to get both sets of data in one file, but then I got distracted by something else and until just a few minutes ago, forgot about them.

The higher the ranking, the more gun control — hence, the higher Brady rank. I opened the data in SPSS and ran Spearman correlations (Spearman because the Brady rank is, well, ranked data). Here are the results:

		BRADY POINTS	Violent crime (total)	
Spearman's rho	BRADY POINTS	Correlation Coefficient	1.000	.050
		Sig. (2- tailed)	.	.733
		N	50	50
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So here is the evidence, using Brady's own data, that the more gun control a state implements, the higher the violent crime rate. The r-squared is 0.5975, so the variation in gun control measures accounts for 59.75% of the variation in violent crime rates.

Do you suppose Brady ever bothers to, you know, actually analyze their own data?

Now if you'll excuse me, I have a hot appointment to get a haircut, which I badly need.