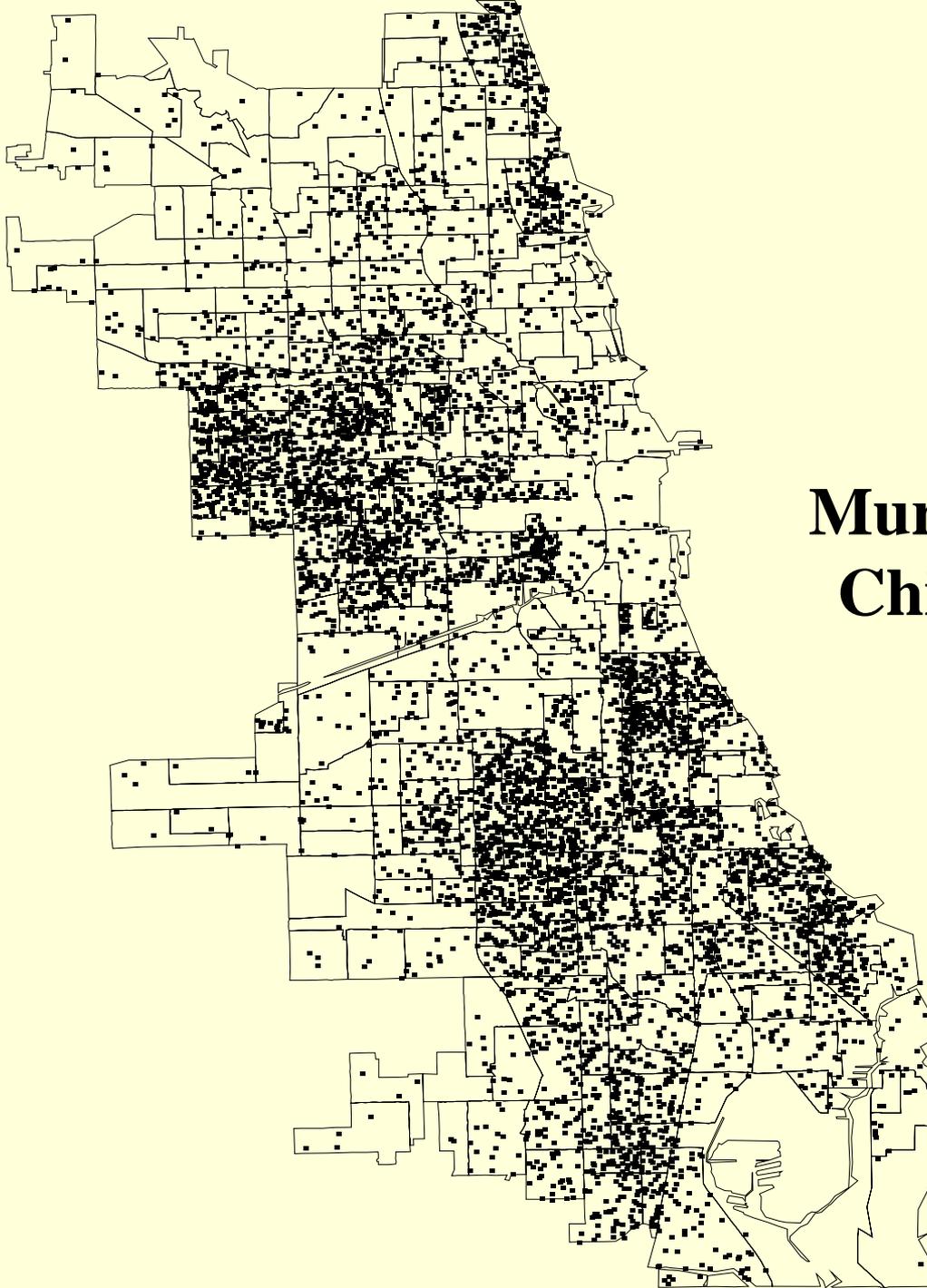


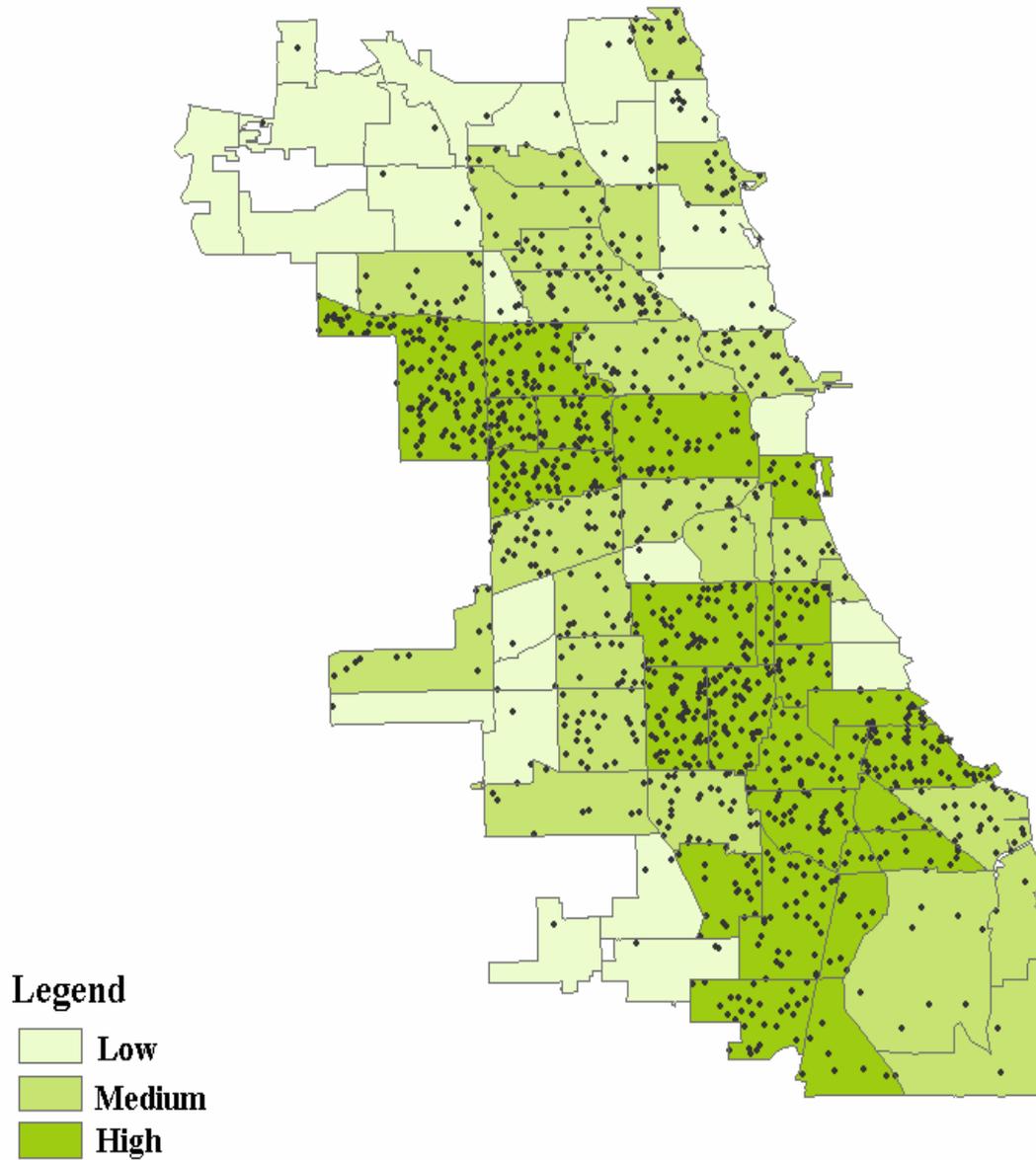
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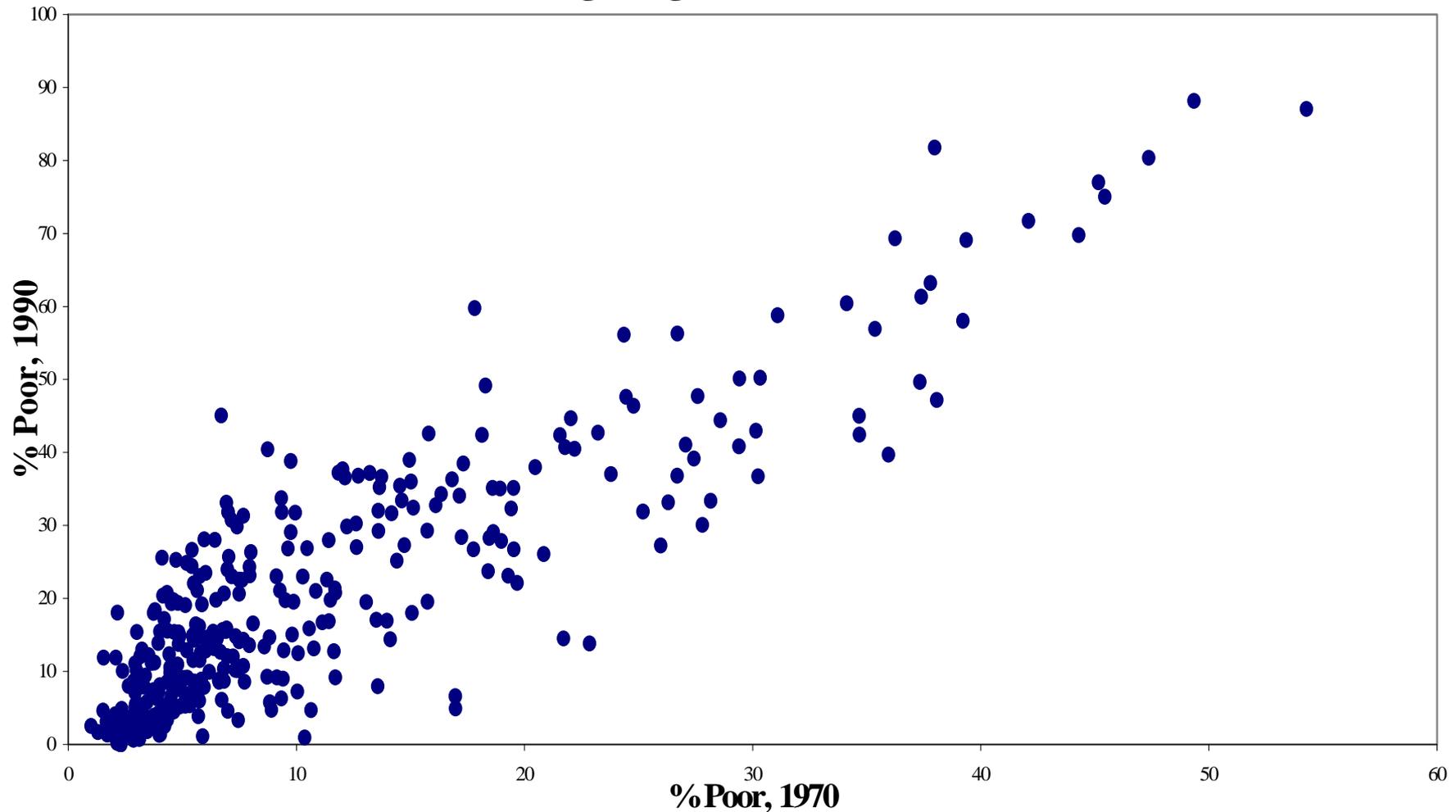
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Present Concerns

- *Stability and Change in Inequality*
 - especially concentrated poverty and racial inequality; ethnic/cultural diversity and immigration
- *Stability and Change in Social Fabric*
 - e.g., cohesion, trust, collective efficacy, density of social networks, organizational participation

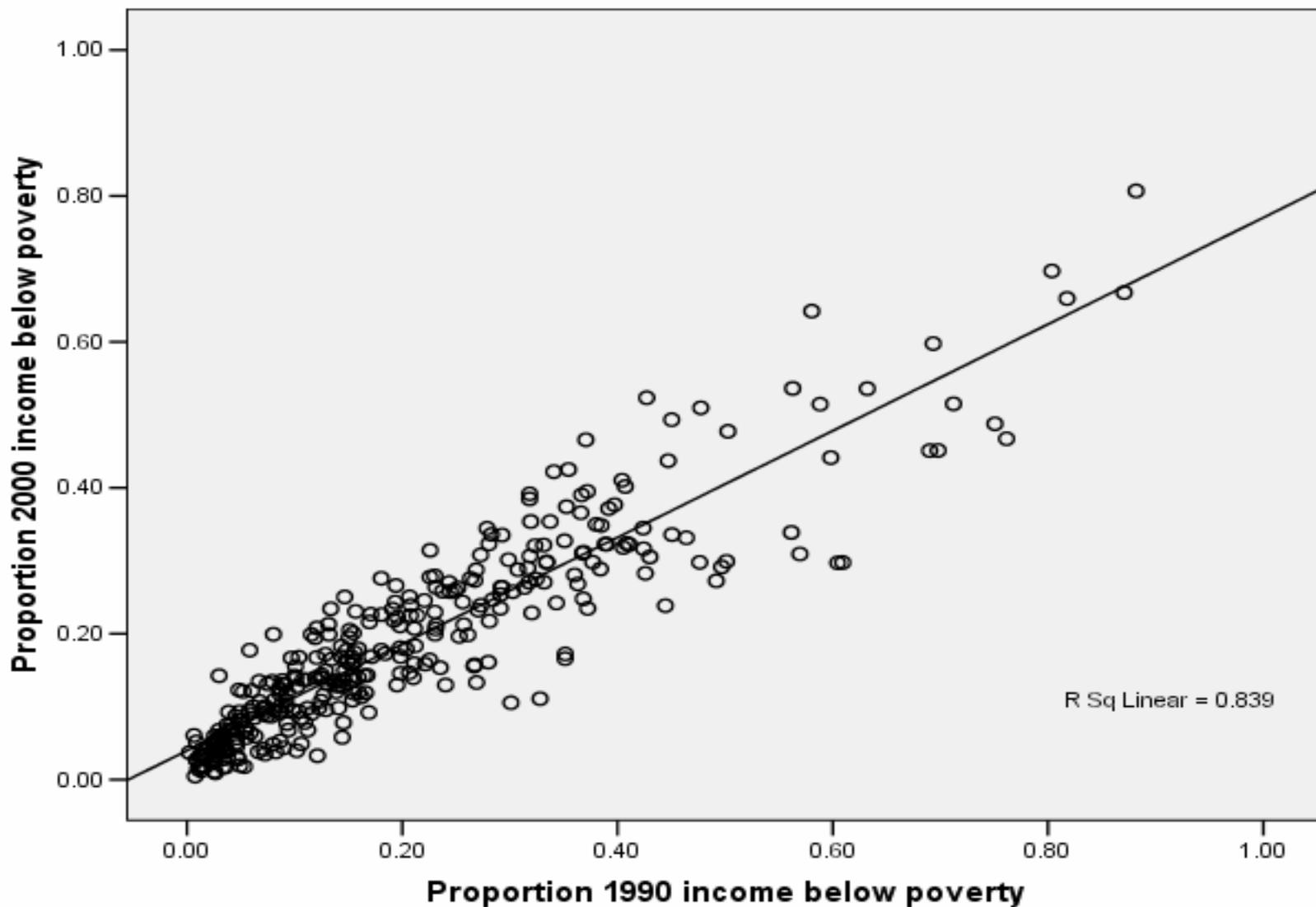
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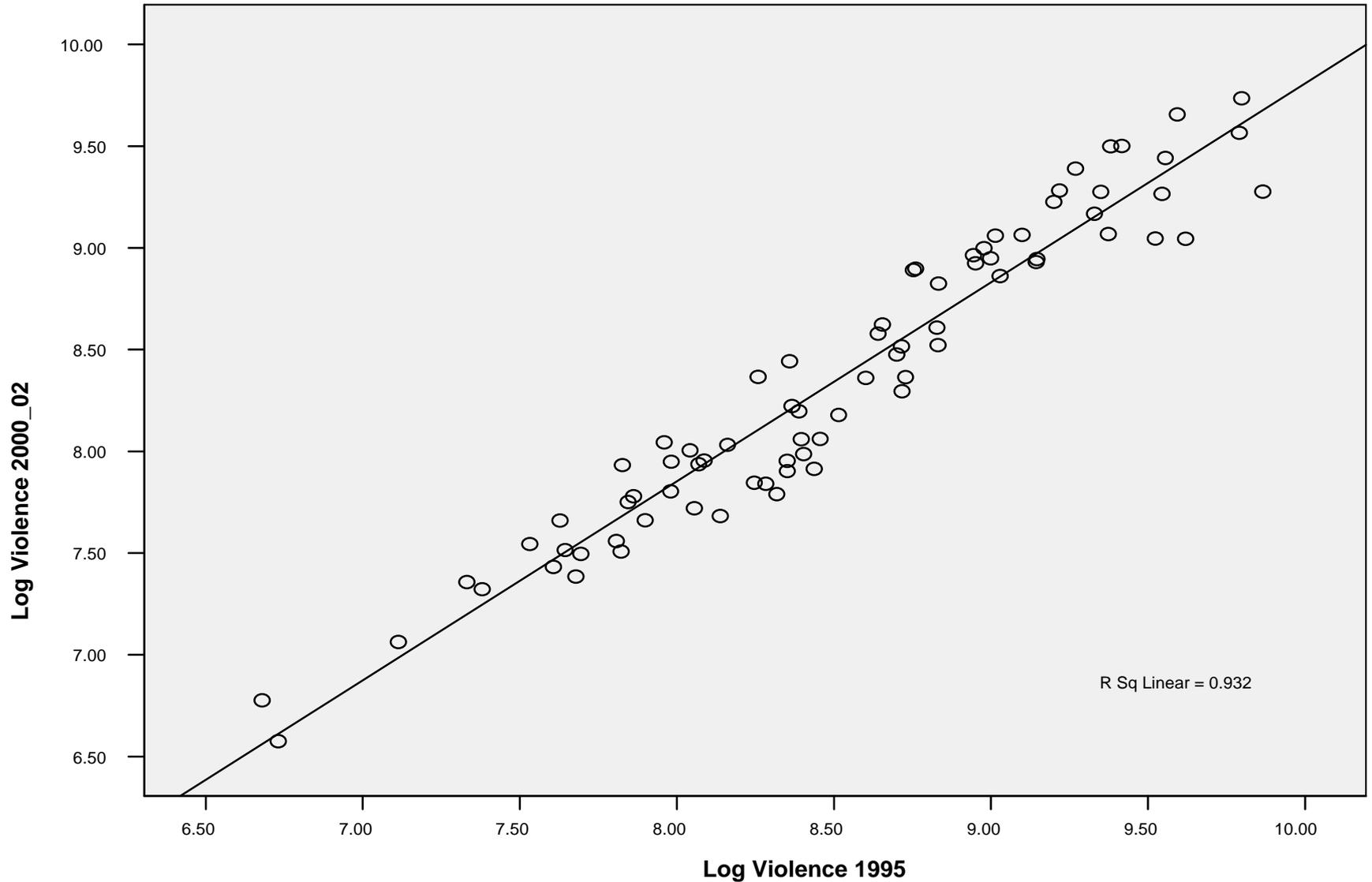
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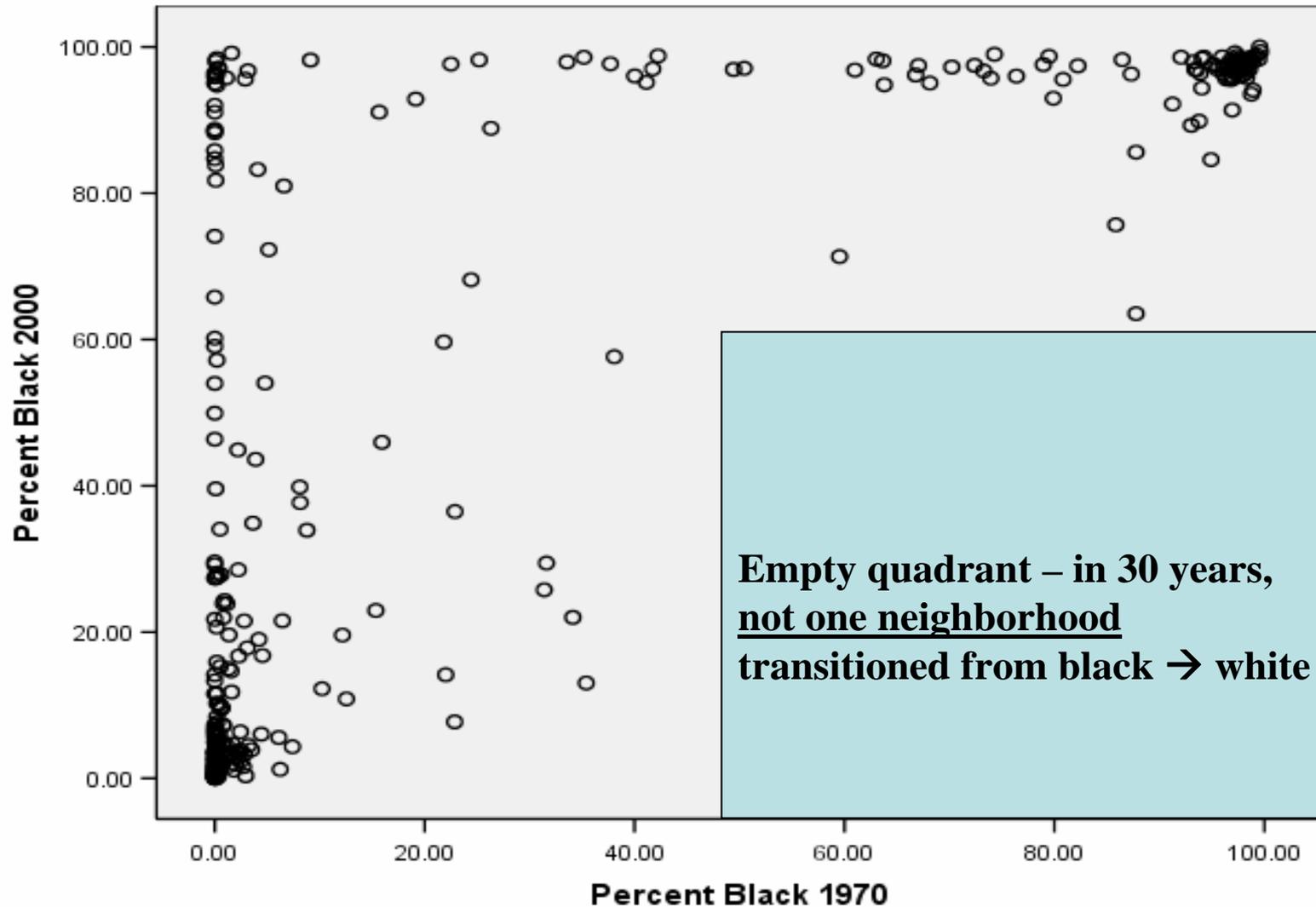


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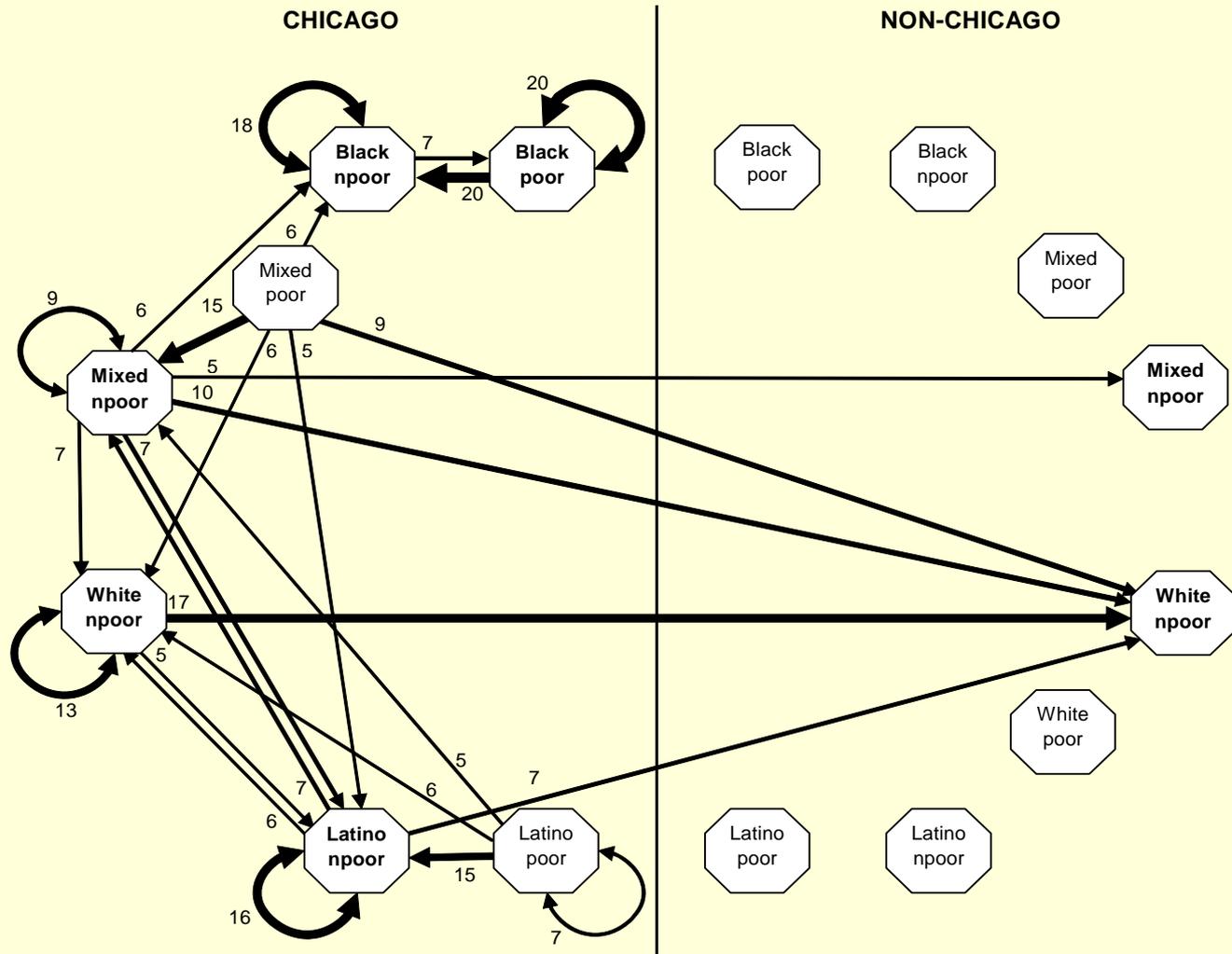


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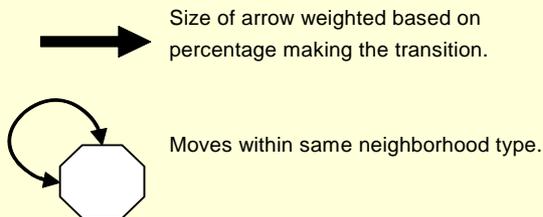




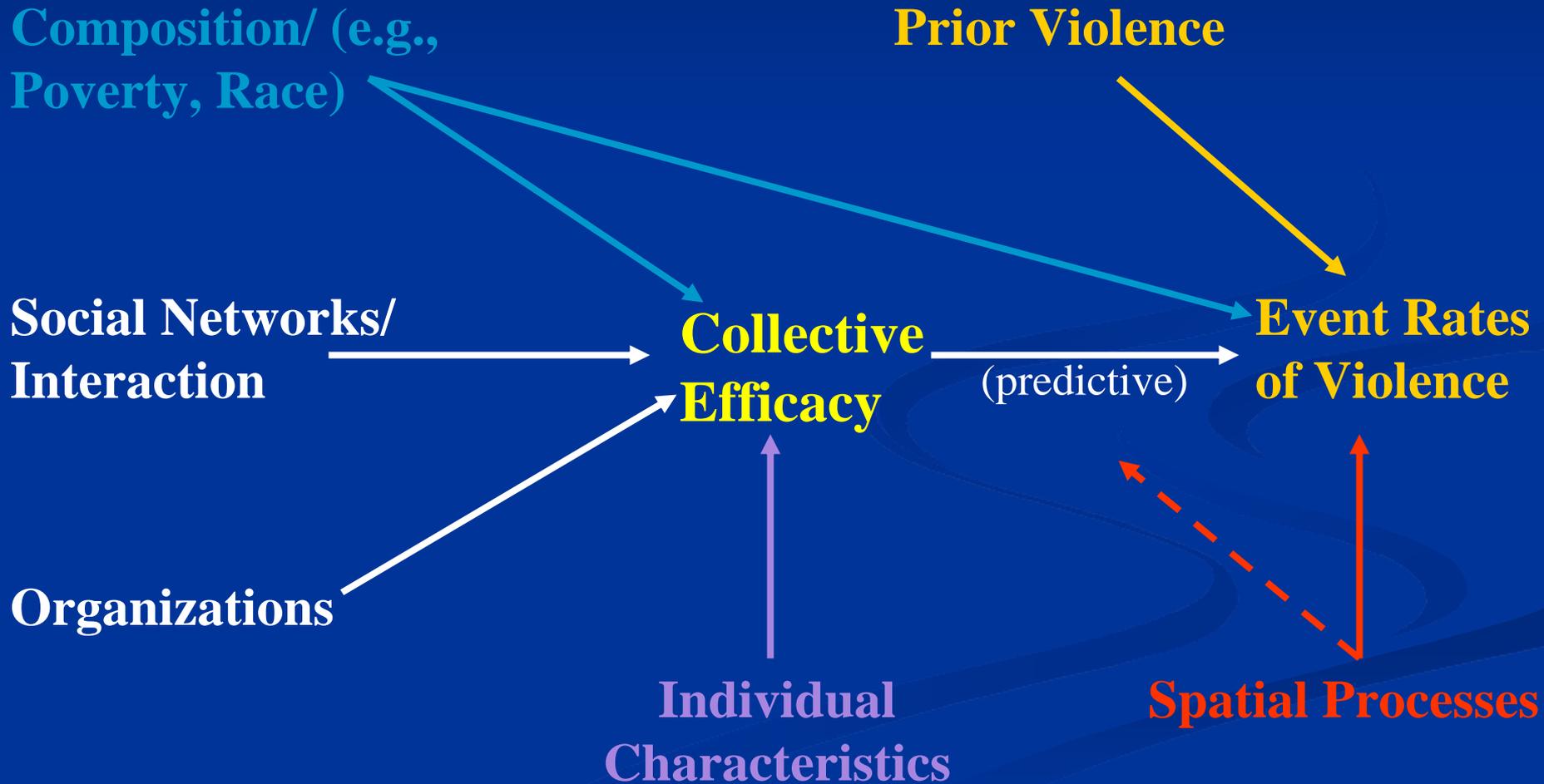
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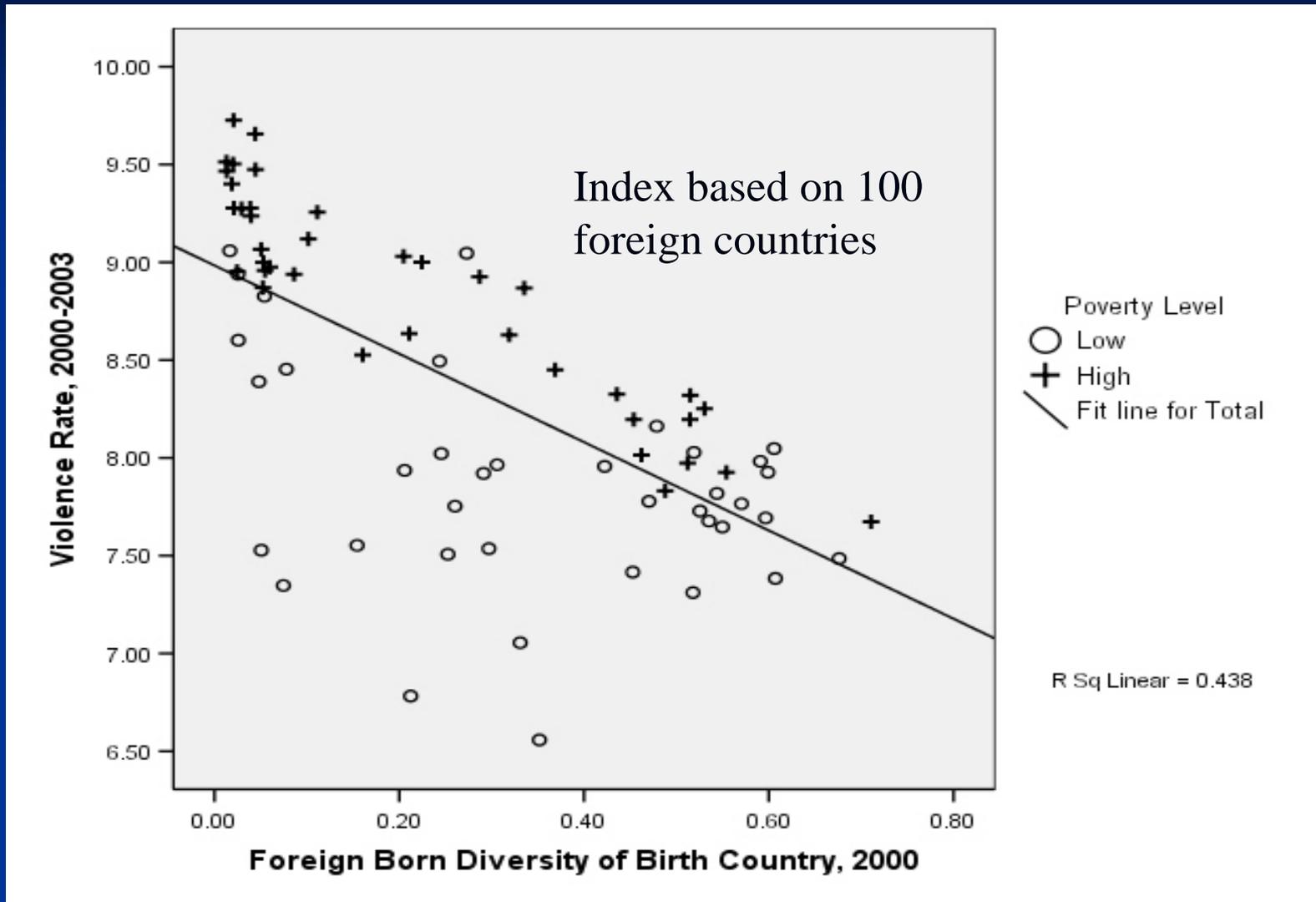
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Collective Efficacy Theory



Immigration and Violence by Neighborhood Poverty

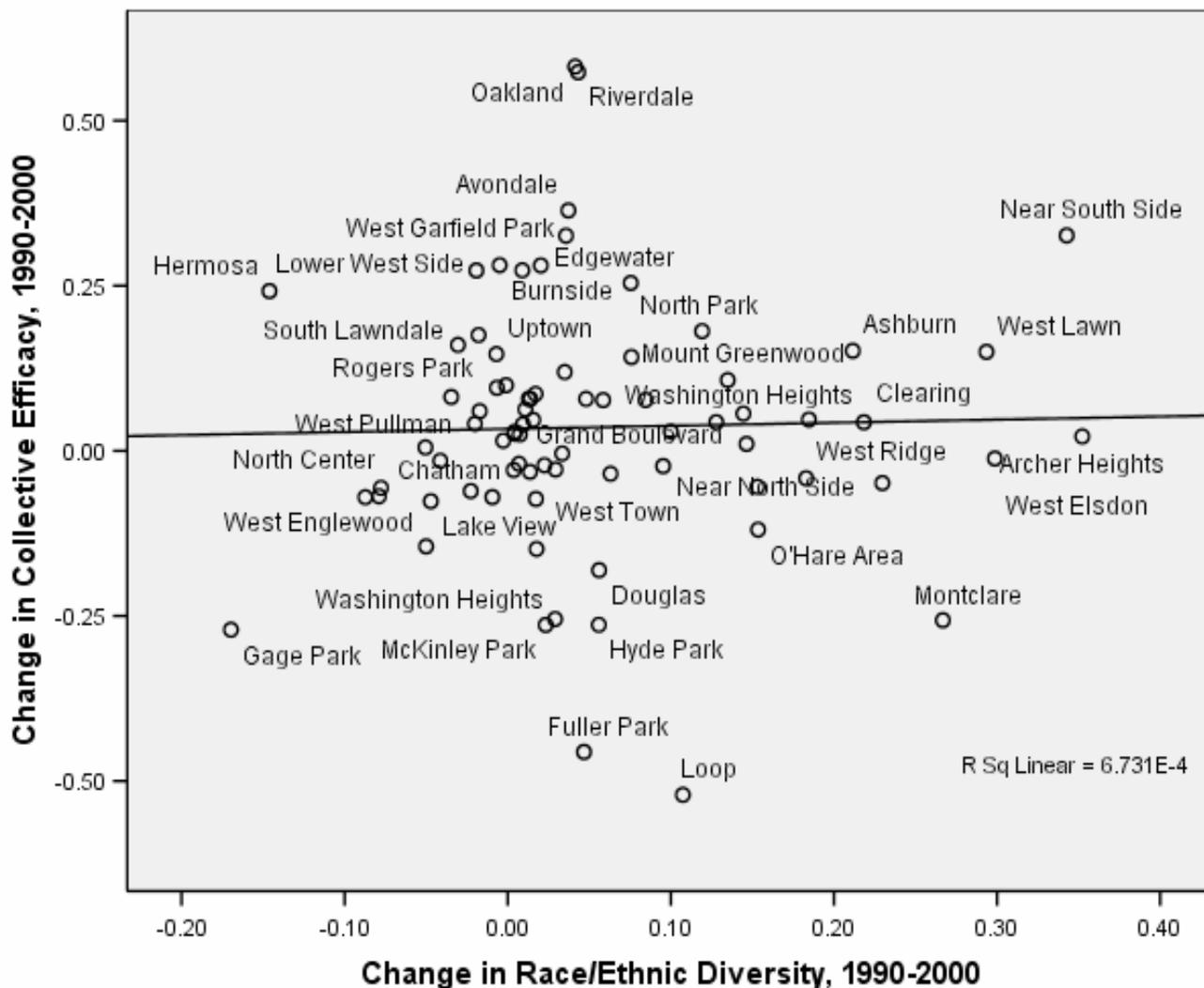


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**Increases in Neighborhood
Diversity are also Directly
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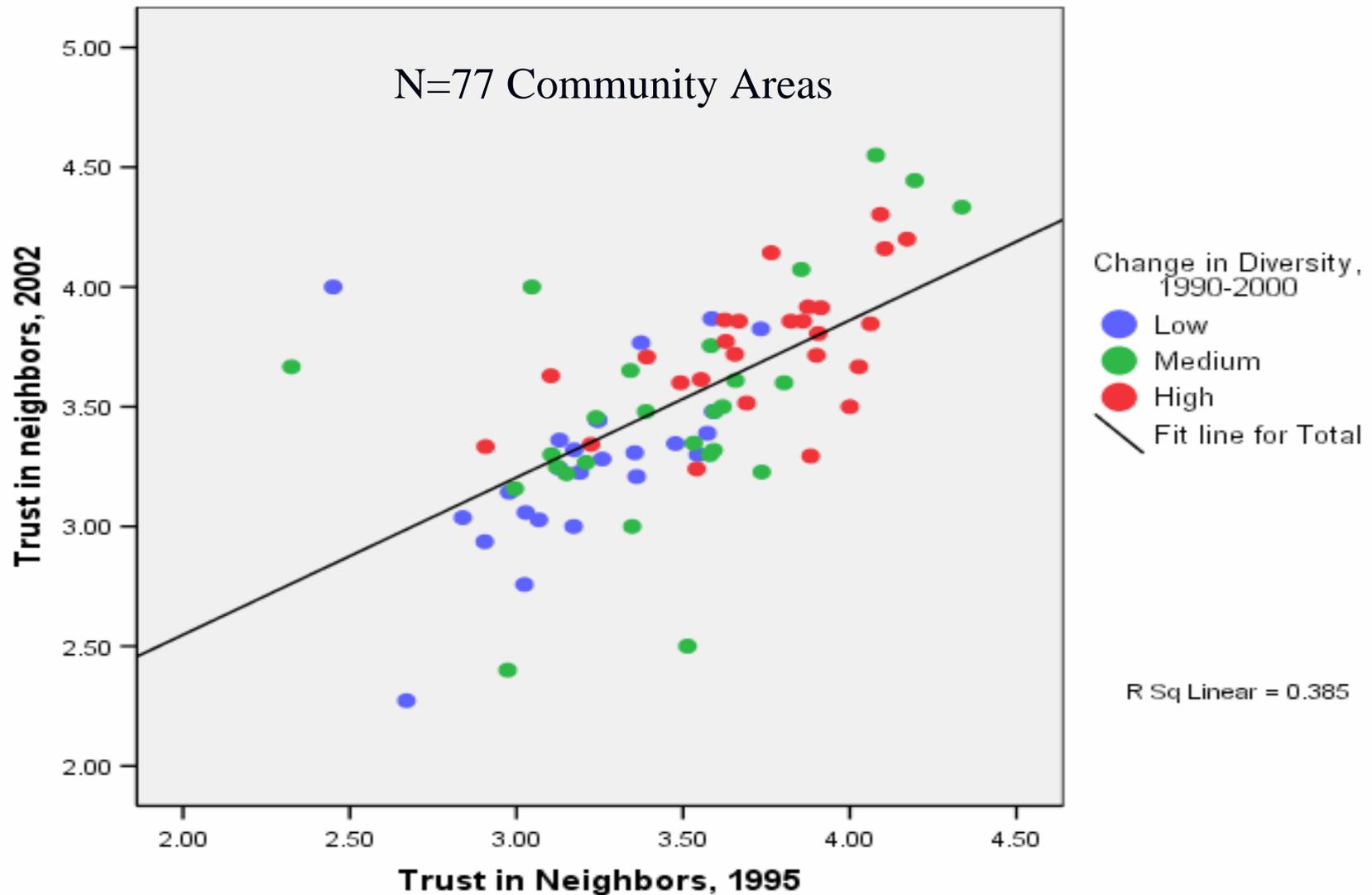
**(Controlling for all time-stable
characteristics and
concentrated disadvantage)**

However, changes in race/ethnic diversity do not erode collective efficacy





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The Real Culprit? Legacy of Concentrated Poverty

