

FEAR and LOATHING

In technology: a sobering

example how FICTION should be taken as FACT

- Dr. Hunter S. Thompson (HST) used a style of "reporting": **Gonzo Journalism**, which is based on **William Faulkner's idea** that the best fiction is FAR more true than any kind of Journalism—and the best Journalist have always known this...
- The 1970 (census of population) data has been gained from Characteristics of the Population—Nevada & California—A U.S. Department of Commerce Publication.
- Intentionally, the 70's data has been rustically uncovered because I wanted to essentially have the same handicaps as HST— when writing FLLV (1st published in ROLLING STONE—late 1971)
- HST foresaw America's version of SADOM: *The Circus-Circus is what the whole hep world would be doing on Saturday night if the Nazis had won the war. This is the Sixth Reich.*
- The madness goes on and on, but nobody seems to notice. (46)*

- HST began writing FLLV in a Ramada Inn (during one week) in Arcadia, California— across the street from the Santa Anita racetrack—it was the first week of spring racing!
- "The American print media are not ready for this kind of thing, yet. Rolling Stone was probably the only magazine in America where I could get the Vegas book published. I sent Sports Illustrated 2500 words—instead of the 250 they asked for—and my manuscript was aggressively rejected. They refused to even pay my minimum expenses"— Hunter S. Thompson, *The Great Shark Hunt_1979*

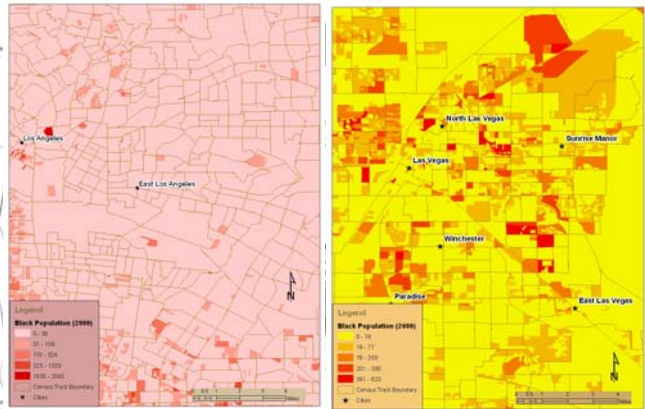
- Dr. Thompson defended his problems with America by being an observer (out of the picture), picking oddities in society, which he knew were leading to trouble...bad vibes. Unfortunately, the foul year of 1971 combined with a hellish trip to SADOM (L.V., NV) gave Thompson more than he asked for.
- The deduction of data for 1970 has been analytical uncovered and (in a way) journalistic to parallel Thompson's observations—to validate HST hypothesis: America being taken over by SWINE: NIXON and others who missed the marks of previous patriots.
- Interpretation of the 1970 data will be proof alone; however data from 2000 and the use of Arc Map will show if Dr. Thompson's portrayal of America was vindicated with the advancement of years.

	Total Population	%-- foreign born	% of children - EMS, PRivAte	% completed 4 years of high-school
North Las Vegas	36,216	3.6	1.5	54.5
Las Vegas	125,606	4.2	4.8	65.4
Carson City	15,468	1.9	6.1	73.9

- In comparison, Las Vegas holds the largest population:125,606—big surprise! The addicts and hookers filled North Las Vegas: 36,216, Carson City being the starved: 15,468.
- A pressing point, in FLLV, was the confusion of America: an influx of immigrants, who failed to blend together in the America they wanted too bad.
- Or the fundamental, rural towns, whose officers dreaded anything different than "White" america: "The dope fiend fears nothing. He will attack, for no reason, with every weapon at his command—"
- Including yours...One stitch in time (on him) will save nine on you. Good luck. The Chief" (139).
- Las Vegas held the biggest percentage for foreign born: 4.2; North Las Vegas:3.6; Carson City:1.9. This is intentionally ironic considering, in FLLV, Las Vegas was the location for The National DAs' Convention, April 25-29, 1971, whose main point was to drive anyone (race) who would be conspicuous of a manic-druggy.
- North Las Vegas (shockingly) held the lowest percentage for both beings, who have completed four years of high school, and beings with children enrolled in private-elementary schools: respectively 54.5 & 1.5. "The Glazed look in her eyes said her throat had been cut. She was still in the grip of paralysis when we left." (160— scene from The North Star Coffee Lounge, North Vegas)



Google Earth Map of towns and businesses where HST's problems with America were expressed. Note that Binion's Ranch Steak House is what replaced the Mint Hotel, where Raul Duke and Dr. Gonzo stay in the novel.



- The maps, derived from GIS, show the relative population of African Americans at census block level for both East Los Angeles (described as modern-day Detroit), North Vegas and Las Vegas.
- Interestingly, similar to the 1970 data, East LA holds a large minority population— only a small percentage of that is Black.
- For North Vegas and Las Vegas, North Vegas contains a large percentage of African Americans; while Las Vegas contains a good percentage of Blacks, it holds a lower African American population.
- Screw being Politically Correct: This confirms HST's description of North Las Vegas—An area that was politically corrupt, run by fear, and caged within itself: "So once you get blacklisted on the Strip, for any reason at all, you either get out of town or retire to nurse your act along, on the cheap, in the shoddy limbo of North Vegas..North Vegas, for instance, is where you go if you need to score smack before midnight with no references" (156)

Acronyms used in this poster:

HST: The Great Doctor Hunter S. Thompson.
 FLLV: Fear & Loathing in Las Vegas
 Carson City (where major prison was located in FLLV) was used as a reference

	Non-worker/ Worker percentage	Married Women whose husband's home	Percent of families— income less than poverty line..	Percent of families— Income > \$15,000	Percent of population— White Collar occupants
North Las Vegas	1.52	39.6	10.1	14	33.9
Las Vegas	1.23	40.9	7.2	29	48.1
Carson City	1.34	47.7	6	28	64.1

- The Non-working compared to the working percentage (of 1970) parallels Dr. Thompson's description of North Las Vegas: "North Vegas is where you go if you're a hooker turning forty and the syndicate men on the strip decide you're no longer much good for business out there with the high rollers...or you're a pimp with bad credit at the Sands ... or what they still call, in Vegas, "a hophead." This can mean almost anything from a mean drunk to a junkie,, it means you're finished in all the right places." (155)
- North L.V.'s percentage of the non employed is the highest with relation to Vegas and Carson City, showing that Dr. HST fictional joyride actually contains grim facts.
- It only makes sense that the highest percentage for the non employed is where you find old hookers, old men hooked on drugs, or anyone else that had lost connection in Las Vegas.
- The bad news hasn't commenced— North Las Vegas (of 1970) holds these titles: highest percentage with families making less than the poverty line; lowest percentage of families obtaining more than that \$15,000; and lowest percentage (again compared to Vegas and Carson City) of white-collared workers...



"The Possibility that any freak with \$1.98 can walk into the Circus-Circus and suddenly appear in the sky over downtown Las Vegas twelve times the size of God, howling anything that comes into his head. No, this is not a good town for psychedelic drugs. Reality itself is too twisted" (47)

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