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Article: "10 Most Dangerous Cities In Mississippi For 2020"

Site: RoadSnacks

The "RoadSnacks" writer, Chris Kolmar, published an article on the 10 most dangerous cities in Mississippi for 2020. In the report, he states that Pascagoula is ranked number 1 for the most dangerous city. The ranking results are based on the FBI's latest crime report for violent and property crimes but it does not account for the fact that this information can be deceiving. The data may not be comparable based on lack of participation from other agencies. This ranking is based on reported crime and the data was obtained from only 26 cities. There are roughly 299 total municipalities in Mississippi and most city agencies haven't reported their crime in years.

Another factor that the article fails to account for is the fact that crime is influenced by many factors such as population size, employment rates, and economic conditions; therefore, this ranking is precisely inaccurate based on the listed population of 21,654. Each city is different and Pascagoula happens to be one of the largest employable cities. This in turn creates an influx of industrial workers and other employees that commute into the city each day. A crime to population ratio is unattainable.

"RoadSnacks" is based in Raleigh, North Carolina, which is roughly 796 miles from Pascagoula, Mississippi. This author is not familiar with Pascagoula's economic conditions. Therefore, an accurate ranking of "the most dangerous city in Mississippi" is unachievable. Pascagoula is not blind to crime and is aware that crime is present but Pascagoula is not the most dangerous city based on the facts "RoadSnacks" displayed.

In conclusion, RoadSnacks is unable to accurately and ethically rank Pascagoula as the "most dangerous city in Mississippi" based on lack of statistics and economic knowledge.