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America was founded on culture, race, and religion. To damage that, you may think, would be extremely detrimental to our freedom and democracy. So we fight. We fight day by day to combat this monster of society: racism, in order to guarantee a fairer treatment for anyone, black or white.

Let’s start off with the Rhetorical Article: “White Police Officers beats Black Teen in High School”. This, just from the title alone, was meant to attract attention and controversy. Knowing BuzzFeed, they are typically into these type of provoking articles. At first, nobody knows who started the fight. Did the officer overreach into police brutality? Or was the black teen at fault for being ‘unruly’ and not listening to directions from the police officer? Was the officer under his boundary for arresting the kid with such force? The question remains. From the article, the setting takes place in a classroom. The weapon used were fists, possibly feet as well to indicate kicking. It seems as though the Black teen started arguing verbally until the fight broke out.

My argument begins with both the police officer and the teen at fault. Why, you may ask? Well, the teen was wrong for starting the fight, but the police officer was also in the wrong for hospitalizing the teen even though it should take no more than 3 police officers to quickly restrain the man. The result is? This black teen ended up bloody and had to have surgery, along with FELONY jail time. If you think this is it, you are mistaken. This argument is not only about the black teen and the police officers, it is about the face how a white man would have been treated differently compared to this black teen. This is where it gets unjust for the teen.

Many arguments can be heard. White teens could’ve gotten way scot-free: peacefully cuffed and given a low fine instead. Black people on average receive more punishment for crimes committed. The judges are often biased towards whites compared to blacks on sentencing. This is the definition of racism and discrimination. What happens to this kid in prison? Well, not a good time indeed. Even though he is eligible for parole in a few years, he might have a mental breakdown in prison. Gen pop (or general population) is brutal and harsh. This teen, aged 17, will get assaulted by gang members and criminals who committed MURDER and RAPE. My third claim is, this black teen who fought a kid in high school is getting put with murderers and rapists.

My stance on the article is that I don’t agree with this boy’s treatment. He should have a good defense lawyer who will protect his rights, due to the constitution. He should be charged maximum, with a suspension, not jail time. Most importantly, his race shouldn’t even be a factor! Black men might look intimidating to some people, but that doesn’t mean he is worse than a white man who done the same crime. In order to preserve freedom and democracy, we should fight for justice and reform.