

GOV 1101-American Government
Section OL36 • Fall 2020

**Response Paper: [“Policing and the ‘War on Black Bodies.’”](#) by Chenjerai Kumanyika
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For your second response paper of this semester I want you to read the article “Policing and the ‘War on Black Bodies,’” by Chenjerai Kumanyika and answer the following questions. You can download this article from the City Tech Library using the above link.

1. Why does the author, Chenjerai Kumanyika, write that “there has never been an ethical and effective system of policing in this country [the United States]? What group of people does he think has been most unfairly treated by police?
2. Why does the author refer to policing in America as a “war on black bodies”? How does he use his own experience as a social activist to support his belief that policing in America is a “war on black bodies”?
3. Why does he oppose using the language of war (“war rhetoric”) when describing the proper role of police, which is to protect people and maintain order? What damage does he state results from the use of this kind of language to describe the role of police?
4. According to Chenjerai Kumanyika what role did the federal and state government have in making local police departments look more like the US military than what they are supposed to be?
5. Do you agree with Chenjerai Kumanyika’s criticism of how policing is conducted in America? Explain why you agree or disagree with him.

Due date and submission instructions.

This response paper is due at 11:59pm on Sunday, December 13. You should submit it via Blackboard in the same way that you submitted the first response paper.