

# Police Brutality

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# What is Police Brutality?

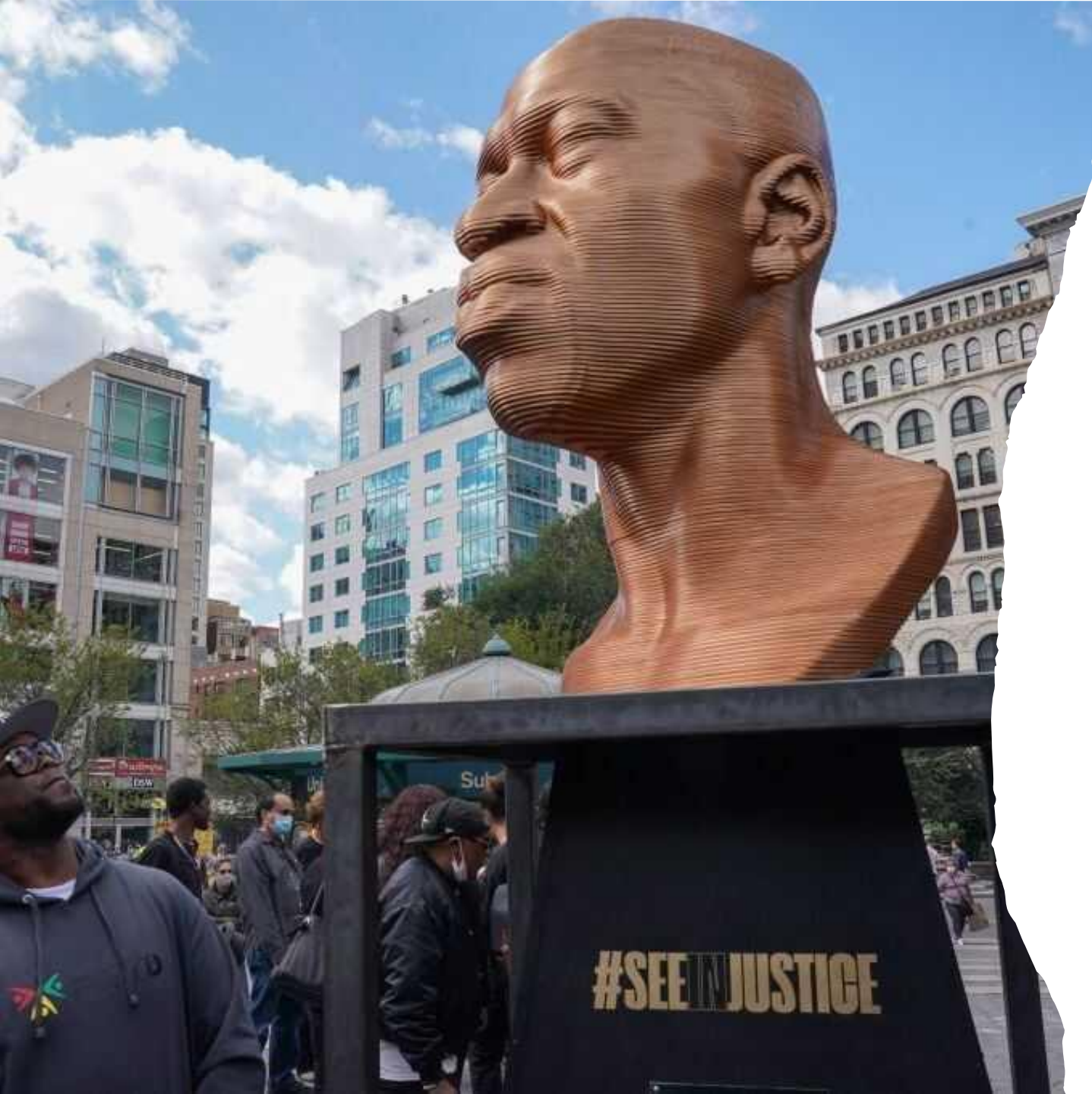
- Police brutality is when officers use excessive and unnecessary force against a civilian.
- Discrimination is when you treat someone different based on their gender, skin tone, or cultural background.



# The Problem

- Majority of these brutality cases involve a white officer against a black civilian. This brings up the concern of the police force being racially biased. When you compare cases like these against cases of white officers handling white civilians you can see a major difference. Therefore, the cause of such violence towards black Americans can be because of the police force being racially biased and the effect it has on black Americans is that it creates a divide and tension within their community and the police community.





# George Floyd Case

- George Floyd was a 46-year-old black man who was murdered during an interaction with a white officer.
- This event happened in Minneapolis Minnesota on May 25th, 2020. The owner of a grocery store had called the police with a report of Floyd using counterfeit bills.
- Four officers arrive at the scene and yank Floyd out of the vehicle and lay him on the ground. At one point one of the officers kneels on to his neck causing him to have a breathing difficulty. Floyd lets the officers know that he cannot breathe and while officers still use excessive and unnecessary force.
- For 8 minutes and 46 seconds the officer stayed kneeling against his neck eventually causing Floyd to pass away.



# The Effect

- When the world saw this case unfold the obvious was pointed out. These officers were being unnecessarily violent towards this black civilian.
- We don't usually see this happen with an interaction with a white civilian. So, this has caused a major issue of deep white police officers in the police force being racist. The affect that this had on not only the black community, but all communities was to protest for Black Lives Matter, and this eventually led to riots as well.



# The World Protests

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# People's Voices

- Looking back at all the videos, stories and encounters that people have had during these protests just goes to show how big of an issue this is within our society. You see the public coming together as a whole from all different races, all different genders, all ages coming together and uniting as one to go against a clear injustice demonstrated within the system and between the community of officers towards black people.
- There have also been cases in protests where police have acted violently towards them such as throwing teargas at them or pepper spraying them just to get out of the way. But this only causes more tension to build up within these two communities.

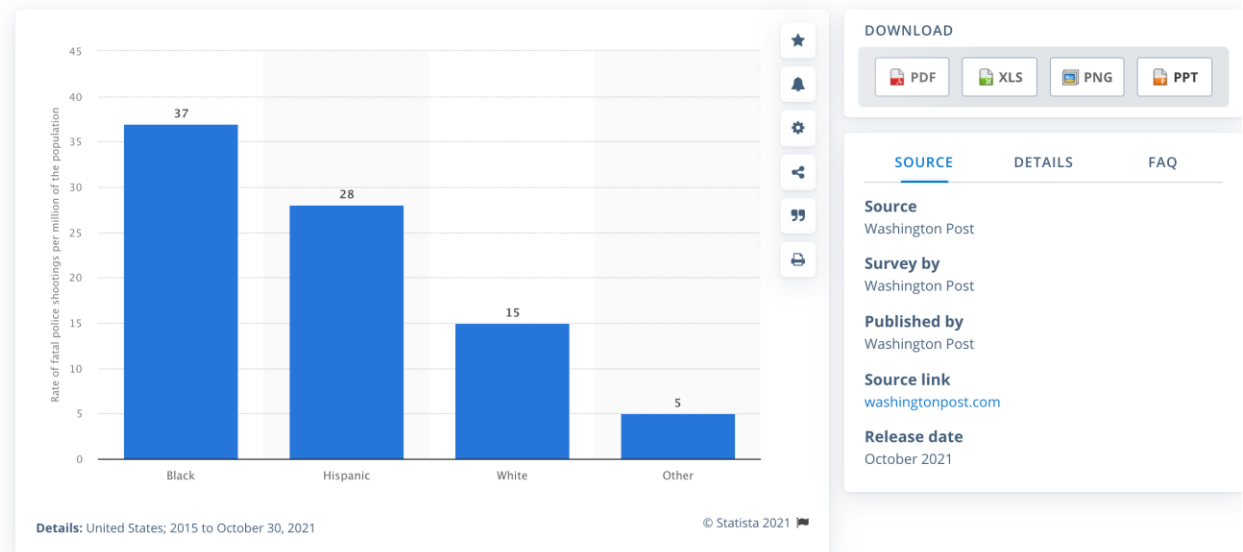
# The Statistics

## The Proof

- The infographic demonstrates the rate of fatal police shootings in the U.S. between multiple races. These races include Blacks, Hispanics, Whites, and other. The rate is also shown per million of the population
- Based on these statistics we clearly see a high percentage of people specifically black people who are targeted the most rather than the other races. You can see a massive difference between the number in black fatal shootings which is 37 million and the white fatal shootings which is 15 million. The question comes up of why is there such a big gap? Why is it that black people have the highest number out of all these races? Keep in mind this is also within a period of six years from 2015 to October 2021.

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Rate of fatal police shootings in the United States from 2015 to October 2021, by ethnicity  
(per million of the population)







## Protectors or killers?

Racism is something that has been going on for such a long period of time and even after major events such as the civil rights movement and the fight for equality for blacks, it still seems as if racism still occurs today. Although it's not as such a high in violent extent as it was years ago, it is still violently shown daily.

It is amazing to know that my generation and the generations after me are fighting and will continue to fight to fix this serious issue that we have had going on for such a long time.

The police are supposed to be the ones that protect and save us from harm, not the cause of it. It is such an important topic to dwell on especially for the black community because they truly fear that they'll lose their life to the people who are supposed to be heroes of our society. Police brutality is an ongoing issue that we must continue to fight against to protect the people that we love.



The Fight for A Change Shall Continue