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“Around what age are black men being mostly killed by police in the United States?” was the question I had an interest in. I was interested in this question due to the realities of current events and thus, the truth is that if you have a black son, black father, and/or even a black uncle, they could be affected by these statistics. By learning these statistics, we can make changes to current forms of policing. This question has always made me curious, and therefore, this is something that would make me very interested in researching. This information can help any black person or any black family recognize the statistics that can affect them through their encounters with police. I believe that this is an important question that everyone should know about. I believe it’s important for black Americans to know this information because it can help them with their safety and recognize negative forms of policing. This could also help or young black civilians to understand how they can protect themselves from corrupt police that is the mid-20s to 30s, While conducting my research, I hoped to find any detailed articles, blogs, journals, and/or ted talks that could help me find the answer that I was looking for. I also wanted to research different types of cases that happened in the United States where we can see at what age are black people mostly killed by police. Likewise, I wanted to read real-life police reports

that could provide evidence of the victims' ages and patterns of policing within the Black community. This can help me find more sources to support my research and gain more knowledge of police brutality. The topic of police brutality has interested me because of the current protest regarding the black lives movement and their concerns about policing.

DeGue, Sarah, et al. “Deaths Due to Use of Lethal Force by Law Enforcement: Findings From the National Violent Death Reporting System, 17 U.S. States, 2009-2012.” *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, U.S. National Library of Medicine, 1 Nov. 2016, www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6080222/.

In the article, the author states many important points. For example, the author discusses the statistics of African American deaths due to lethal force. The article also includes incidents and characteristics that happened to each race and adding their percentage to compare each other race. The author elaborates on races and ages, gender, percentages, etc. Also, the author was discussing African American females and the overall incidents that happened with them and the police, and thus comparing these statistics with male incidents to show the reader the differences in percentage.

The main overall idea of this article is death due to lethal force by law in the United States. Not only was the author writing about these important points but he also included tables with overall percentages to prove to the readers the accuracy of what he was discussing in the article. One of the ways in which the author concluded came to the conclusion about all the statistics was that the author was getting information from the national violent death reporting system.

I agree with the majority of the text. Some of the things that I read from the author I had read before in other articles or had learned from other professors from previous classes. The author states that “Victims were predominantly male (96.1%) with a mean age of 36.7 years” (paragraph 30). A question I had for him was do these statistics different every year? Also, I would ask the author how long did it take him to gather evidence for his research and to write this article? This document provides information on my research question because it explains how African American males can be targeted by police.

The author’s writing style was very informative. He provides tables with percentages comparing each race, such as Hispanics, African-Americans, whites, and others, while also comparing ages and genders. The purpose of this article was to provide information about the different races that were killed and injured by law enforcement. The author is credible because the author can be searched for in other catalogs on the website. A way that I can get a better understanding of this article is to look for other sources to support what the article is saying.

A quote that I found important was when the author said “ The use of lethal force by law enforcement (LE), particularly within minority communities, has surged in recent years following multiple high-profile cases involving the killings of unarmed black men and youth by police.”(paragraph 5) The reason I felt like this was an important point because it shows readers how statistics have increased regarding the killings of unarmed black men by police.

Santhanam, Laura. "After Ferguson, Black Men Still Face the Highest Risk of Being Killed by Police." *PBS, Public Broadcasting Service*, 9 Aug. 2019, 5:10 pm EDT, www.pbs.org/newshour/health/after-ferguson-black-men-and-boys-still-face-the-highest-risk-of-being-killed-by-police.

In the article, the author includes the statistics of black men being killed by police after Ferguson. The main idea of this article is to describe how black men faced a higher risk of being killed by police after the riots in Ferguson. The author states that "black men and boys face the highest risk of being killed by police—at a rate of 96 out of 100,000 deaths" (paragraph 3). The author, Frank Edwards, is an assistant professor at Rutgers University who has studied federal data from 2013 to 2018 that was taken from the National Vital Statistics System.

I agree with this text because after Ferguson the death rates of black men and boys started to increase. The author determines "that risk is greatest between ages 20 and 35 for men and women overall, and men are far more likely than women to be killed by police" (paragraph 5). A question I have for the author is do these Black civilians live in lower-income communities? I would further ask the author to explain why she would want to investigate the statistics after Ferguson. This article tells me that black men and boys' lives can be in danger due to a lack of police training.

The author's writing style was very detailed. She informed readers how black men and boys have a high risk of being killed by police and she included really strong evidence to back up what she was saying. Her purpose in writing this article was to provide statistics and inform people about a dangerous "trend" in policing. I believe she is a credible author because she backed up by a legitimate news company, and thus has published multiple other articles on the same website. A piece of information I need to better understand this article is to know is the

place the author is getting her information from if it's an accurate source. This article tells me about my research that police mostly targets black men and boys

A quote that stood out was when the author said "Over the years, police-involved shootings of unarmed people of color further fueled." (Paragraph 7) this is showing that police-involved shootings with unarmed black people have been increasing in the United States. Also, things have been getting worst in The United States.

"1,003 people have been shot and killed by police in the past year" Edited by David Fallis and Danielle Rindler *The Washington Post*, WP Company, www.washingtonpost.com/.

In the article, the author's main idea is to explain how people have been shot and killed by the police within the past year. He discusses very good topics which were the police shooting rates between black Americans and white Americans, shootings across the countries, discussing black American's rates, etc. The author supports his claims by using the Washington post's database since the Washington post's database contains records of every fatal shooting in the United States by a police officer.

I agree with the author's text because the information that was mentioned was backed up by multiple sources. According to the article: "An overwhelming majority of people shot and killed by police are male — over 95 percent. More than half of the victims are between 20 and 40 years old." (paragraph 6) A question I have about this text is what race of men are targeted in police shooting cases? This article tells me that the victims that police targets are black male Americans. This connects to my research question because it's information about statistics that

affect black men and boys and their encounters. To better understand this article I would want to read their other articles on the same topic to see if they are using the same statistics in this article.

The author's writing style was very interesting, he included new information I didn't know before. The author is a really good writer. He added much evidence to support his claims. Caught my attention making me want to keep reading his article. The thoughts and ideas were very organized. His purpose in writing this article was to provide readers information on significant shooting cases that police are responsible for. The author is credible because the author has written other popular articles for the Washington Post. The author stated that "Post investigation found that the FBI undercounted fatal police shootings by more than half."

(paragraph 2) This quote is significant because this goes to show how much shootings police are responsible for.

In conclusion, I have learned so many things while reading from these sources. Overall, I have learned that black men and boys between the ages of mid-20s and 30s have a higher chance of getting killed by police. I was surprised to find out that black men are more likely to get targeted, falsely accused, and/or even killed by police. I was also surprised at how high the percentages were for black Americans. Black Americans have the highest percentage than any other race. The information I learned was important because black men's lives tend to be in danger due to a lack of police training and because of police ignorance.

The public needs to know how black civilians are being affected in the United States. I believe that my research is especially helpful for the black community because it can help them find new ways to combat killings by police. It can help any African-American uncle, father, or son that wants more information about this issue. I would like black Americans to read my research so that they can gather new, important things from my writing. My research question is probably a question that many people can be curious about, especially due to recent events. Police brutality has been going on for a long time in the United States and hopefully, my research can shed light on this issue.

Too many black men and boys are being killed or assaulted by police. The articles that I found can provide the statistics for police killings and how much damage this has caused for the black community. Letting young black boys read these types of articles can help them realize what kind of world we live in. Young boys can learn something from these articles as well and it can help them learn how to interact with police officers. This is a topic that should be discussed by everyone no matter what age, gender, or race. I think this topic can affect everyone because everyone can learn about the realities of police injustice amongst black Americans in the United States. If everyone came together and attempted to learn about these statistics, changes in

policing could be made. If these forms of policing are changed black civilians would no longer have to fear police and can instead have a better relationship with police and they could feel safer among within their own communities