

# Police Brutality

Police Brutality is a very big part of corruption in the justice system. Many people do not like to discuss or acknowledge that police brutality even exists. The topic of police brutality makes some people uncomfortable because, many people do not want to believe that the same police officers who are supposed to protect us could be capable of willingly harming us.



# Definition of Police Brutality

Police brutality is the use of excessive and/or unnecessary force by police when dealing with civilians. "Excessive use of force" means a force well beyond what would be necessary in order to handle a situation

Law Dictionary: What Is Police Brutality?

# Introduction



Who do you call  
when police  
MURDER?





BLACK LIVES MATTER

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# Black Lives Matter Movement

- BLM = international activist movement - originating in the African-American community
- Campaigns against violence + systemic racism
- Protests police killing black people
- broader issues: racial profiling, police brutality + racial inequality



# Black Lives Matter - How did it start?

- February 26th 2012 Trayvon Martin is shot
- The shooter, Zimmerman - not charged
- Public outcry = Zimmerman charged with second degree murder + manslaughter
- Movement starts officially = Zimmerman acquitted of murdering Trayvon



# Black Lives Matter - Key Events

- Eric Garner is killed by NYPD officer
- After being put on choke hold with support from a number of officers
- <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/video/2014/dec/04/i-cant-breathe-eric-garner-chokehold-death-video>
- “I can’t breathe” - Key part of the movement
- <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2014/dec/05/eric-garner-case-new-york-protests-continue-through-second-night>





I CAN'T  
BREATHE



# Black Lives Matter - Key Events

- August 2014 = 3 incidents - within 6 days
- August 9th: Michael Brown killed in Ferguson
- State of emergency is announced in Missouri
- August 11th: Ezell Ford shot - LA police officers





BLACK  
LIVES  
MATTER

Kill

FERGUSON POLICE DEPARTMENT DRESS CODE:

DAYTIME



OVERTIME



WEEKEND



# One Year After Michael Brown's Death (Video)



Thoughts?

# Comments

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[Redacted] 1 year ago

I couldn't listen to this idiot all the way through... I tried, but just couldn't hear another word. His 'race czar' is Al Sharpton ffs! That SOB has made a career of racism(TM)... and I'm suppose to take Obama serious about race relations? I'm in my 40's now. I have never seen race relations in America this bad in my entire life. Thanks for nothing... can't wait until your second term is up. With luck and some hard work, we might be able to save this country from the damage you've done.

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[Redacted] 3 months ago

Why does he not condemn the thug culture mentality that poisons the black community and fuels the rampant levels of black on black violence? This guy is the fucking president of the United States and he is ignoring the violence and criminality by blaming the police. Fucking speak out and condemn the behaviour that is unacceptable. He is the best placed role model for the black community and all he does is give platitudes about this can only be addressed in the long term through social change. No, it can be addressed in the here and now by calling out the actions of those behaving in an unlawful and uncivil way.

Reply ·



[Redacted] 1 year ago

Michael Brown? Wasn't he a criminal who got shot by a cop? Why does the president talk about him? wth? Crazy liberal world

Reply · 4



[Redacted] 1 year ago

+Cris LeRoi

you would follow this idiot into on coming traffic.stop with the democrat, republican propaganda, there is no difference between the 2 parties.Black people are hurting more than before.Unemployment in the black demograph is double the national average.welfare and foodstamps have increased under Obama over 1/3 of the country is on public assistance so the only tears we are tasting are our fellow countrymen who are struggling, not a political party.

Reply ·



# STANDING THEIR GROUND



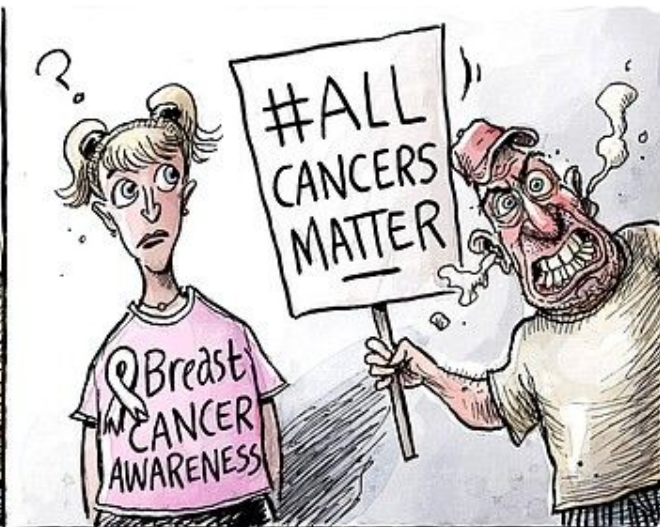
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The Miami Herald

LOOK, UNTIL THE FACTS COME IN, I'VE  
GOT TO GO WITH THIS GUY'S STORY.  
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T TRUST YOU, YOU JUST  
CLEARLY HAVE SOME PERSONAL BIAS  
WHEN IT COMES TO RACIAL ISSUES.







Thoughts?

# Attack of a police dog on a man in Manchester

According to the Manchester Evening news, a man got attacked on August 31st, at about 3am. The man, who asked for anonymity, was walking through a cemetery with his friend when a police dog (German Shepherd) was sent after him by a police officer. The police officer then called the dog back, but seeing the man's friend, he sent it back at him. Two police officers joined 5 minutes later and called the ambulance. The man arrived with 20 dog bites at the hospital for at least two weeks.

# Comments

It's not 'end of discussion'. Police dogs are dangerous animals. You never just 'send in the dogs'. You 'send in the dogs' when a person you reasonably suspect of a criminal offence needs to be located, is attempting to escape, or is offering violence. Nothing in the article suggests any of those were the case.

Yes but you are assuming the complainant is telling the truth when you have only heard his sensationalist anonymous account of what occurred! How do you know the police didn't reasonably suspect he was guilty of a criminal offence when the dog was released? How do you know they didn't shout "Police dog, come out now or in will release the dog"? Because the complainant says they didn't? You are making judgements based on your own armchair "knowledge" of police tactics and your preconceived opinion that the police must be at fault, when you have only heard one side of the story.

A large number of people commented about this event not being related to homophobia and blaming the man of trespassing. Do you agree? What are your thoughts on the comments?



BLACK LIVES MATTER.

POLICE LIVES MATTER

ALL LIVES MATTER

IT'S A COMPROMISE POSITION I'VE JUST WORKED OUT...

# What we can do Better ?

- Listen to Black voices
- Educate ourselves
- Reflect on privilege and discrimination
- Think about the ways we can all support anti-racism
- Be supportive and help build resilient communities who work together to improve life for everyone(Discourse Communities)

To quote the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "No one is free until we are all free."



Thank  
You