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Why Black Lives Matter to the society/community of people that we should all care about?

So, why am I interested in my topic question? Well, my past experiences led to this and had impacted me that led to a change in my attitude and behavior towards law enforcement. Police brutality is the main source of violence during the past 25 years till the present against blacks. They killed/use excessive and unnecessary force on innocent and unarmed civilians. In the United States, there are a lot of police officers killing civilians that such force is unacceptable and unnecessary. This have led to riots and protest which were met by fierce resistance by law enforcement sometimes bloodshed as a result due to the amount of anger people felt. There have been many situations that people arrest innocent African Americans even though they don't pose a threat to humanity which is insane.

At the end of my research, I expect a lot of aspects of "Why police brutality posed a threat to the black community? by judging the killings of Trayvon Martin, George Floyd, Eric Garner, Breonna Taylor, etc. The outcome of these victims caused a public outrage within the African American community. This is valid that African Americans are like bugs to step on judging the way people who are against this that they have no regrets of what happened to these people. I also expect more people to protest which I found which shares the same fate of police brutality that's happening in Nigeria currently as I speak that no changes had occurred. This shares the relationship between police and government vs mankind. This social injustice deeply impacted the humanity of other races that I was expected when finishing this research assignment but that wasn't the case. Black Lives Matter Movement motility holds protests speaking out against police killings of black people and broader issues like police force and brutality and racial profiling which I found new and expected when broadening my research information.

Hua, V. (2020, June 21). Poems on unrest: Readers share words inspired by Black Lives Matter. Retrieved October 20, 2020, from <https://datebook.sfchronicle.com/books/poems-on-unrest-bay-area-readers-share-words-inspired-by-black-lives-matter>

The poem "Harrowing" by Jan Hartnet Lewis portrays how bad the people who we trust to protect us are treating blacks like they don't belong to the country or this big word "jealously". Jealously is a major negative emotional "disorder" that I called it that once avenge and revenge are taking control of your soul, mind, and body it enables you to hurt others although it may/not be for some people. Ok, let's move to the main part of this poem. Jan Hartnett Lewis, the author of harrowing begins how people/humanity is separating from their role to people who despise others by their skin of their color. This is outrageous that occupation one called police that without them, there will be pure evil that society is unbalanced causing the evil vs good to pure immoral citizens. At this point in the generation, no one can be trusted or protect others that it is a life or death situation. This should be solved for the worst yet to come that violence can turn to be a racial massacre that we don't want. What's going to happen to kids in the future of what they experienced in the past? that they lose someone that is most precious to them, what's going to happen to African Americans? , is segregation repeating itself? That we tend to ask these questions for our safety, future, family, career, and life. She states "denies human dignity, equal protection and just law; are we in this together for the long haul". This response to what's currently taken place in our society demonstrate how people lose faith in humanity and no freedom are we going to be happy, sad, or neutral in the long run, that in the end, some are emotionless that they're quiet but as we know body language plays a major role of communication/how you present your self in the role of the human society.

In my dogma, I fully support this text she claims that people are suffering that others are unaware of this crisis due to the amount of bloodshed we wake up in the mornings. In stanza 5, "wave after wave-pain, rage and grief" that shows anger, sadness, and despair that even have fun and enjoy their absurd life that is passionless.

Well, People are suffering and you'll never know because they suffer in silence that " eyes seeing, lips saying, hearts breaking" which cut deeper than wounds, therefore, feel pain mentally than physically which if not all some don't understand. We should all barricade until the end we fight for justice.

Ava. "13th." Web.

DuVernay, Ava. "13th." *IMDB*. Spenser Averick, 16 Oct. 2016. Web..

The Documentary Film "13th" by Ava Duvernay states how the 13th Amendment of the United States Constitution that the law abolishes slavery. This documentary film was one of the missing keys of how America was split apart, just 100 years from the Jim Crow Laws in the southern states. Another key segment is that how this documentary simplifies the justification of the mass penal servitude of black people and their color. The 13th decodes the past and present society of racial structures. It also teaches the imputation of African American people and the

importance of equality of all races. The 13th also portrays the judicial and imprisonment is corrupt and how it has an effect on black people due to their melanin of their skin. The documentary also teaches the minority poor through years to serve political ends that contribute to fears and anxiety by whites and police brutality against black communities which reminds of the civil rights movie "Selma"

Based on the documentary film "13th" by Ava Duvernay that I recently watched for this writing prompt, in my dogma, I think most people will be angry and ignorant based on the behavior of whites and how blacks are being molested by the police/people who don't support their convictions. In the middle of the film, I come to conclude how the prison system is cruel that they continue to be racist and violent towards their fellow black residents. This reminds me of racial public segregation that separates blacks and whites therefore if a pupil is in the wrong assign group, they can get execution or beaten to death which is utterly disgusting. Since slavery is banned, whites took the advantage of opportunity to seek revenge and continue the bloodshed and massacre of the blacks, which as a result blacks went defenseless relate to a commoner robbed a noble guy perspective, survival of the fitness. One of the scenes portrays favoritism that the black guy went to jail for a lifetime, while the white guy has been sentenced to jail that being said, the white guy has an upper hand of advantage in this situation which describes inequality.

Based on what I have seen from the film, Barack Obama declares that "The united states is home to 5 percent of the world's population, but 25 percent of the world prisoners; think about that", Barack Obama. When I heard this interview from the film, it hurts my chest that it has to be American, which we all know is the land of opportunities free country. Being 5 percent of the world's population but a quarter of the world's prisoner is a hard statement like that's impossible. I believe we need to stand up for ourselves and not take this that judgment day will come and there's no turning back for their own sake.

Wilson, Gabriella. "H.E.R. – I Can't Breathe (Audio)." Youtube, uploaded by H.E.R, June 18,2020,<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRZWiqBHYaY>

The musical song "I can't breathe" by H.E.R is dedicated to Eric Garner and George Floyd who were both killed by police, talking about police brutality is a crisis, here again, can't emphasis this term anymore!! I can't breathe is also the motto of the black lives matter movement that strategizes how to solve racial conflicts in American society. This demonstrates the "I shall show no mercy" message that police follow whenever they encounter a black individual. Gabriella Willson (stage name H.E.R.) wrote the lyrics to this song in response to the police killing of innocent black civilians who are targetted by the police brutality and the racial system.

Based on what I had listened to, I can say that it's a sad song that made me very emotional by starting the melody of the song. Based on my experience, I can make a rhetorical event that ties relations to this musical piece. I went to Robert F Kennedy Middle school in North Carolina that had some like experience some racial difficulties but that didn't affect me because I know when you migrate from your home country to a total different background of a country, you might

experience some disliking but hey that's life you just have to tough it out until the end. Although this event didn't give any influence, that was the closest if not due to my introversion life.

Based on her lyrics that she sang about the police brutality and victims. The key lyrical statement that best intrigues me is "where is hope and empathy" which symbolize that losing faith in humanity one person at a time is like you can't trust a person who protects you from violence, basically a false protagonist of a story (turning good to evil). I cannot forget the space is so little that we can't enjoy our daily lives as an American citizen which can be proposed to a morose being. Based on what I have listened to, I agree with the message/imagery scene that her song is portraying that as she reflects on her past experiences of the shooting of George Floyd. At the starting of the song "starting a war screaming peace at the same time", line 1. This lyric touched me deeply that I was depressed and despair for a minute due to the fact of how cruel people are. I have my thoughts of "what changes this musical artist had when experiencing this negative feeling". The reason, I'm concerned about this question is that personally this event can lead to a positive change than a negative change that you learn from your experience and move on. Other than that I have no concern/question. So, do I have any questions regarding the author's musical piece, well no that I solved what I had on my mind? This song supports my thesis research question of "Why black lives matter to the society/community of people that we should all care" which is valid to my writing prompt.

Conclusion

To conclude, police brutality is a major impact on black society due to the lack of equal rights for African Americans. In recent years, citizens have been wondering if policemen are enjoying what they are doing to the conflict of racial brutality due to tough treatment, behavior, and shooting (violence). The killings of African Americans by police officers have led to black lives matter to be created after Trayvon Martin was shot dead by a policeman. Due to the government law and lack of changes people stand to take their action that if not them, who and if not now, when that we tend to ask these questions of what's the role of the occupation that we all thought to protect us from crimes. Black people have been accounted for 27 percent of police killing victims in 2017, although they made up 13 percent of the population. What surprise is that black people are noted as less uncivilized and a group that will destruct society based on how or what they look/like. This has to stop that if not now, I predicted that we will have to suffer the worse in x amount of years. I know your question is "what have I learned from this concept? well, I learned a lot but have to keep it short for better understanding. I have learned that young black men were nine times more likely to be murdered by police than other Americans in 2015, therefore as a result, the sum of death is 1,134 at the hand of law enforcement authorities. When conclude to this statement, I was dumbfounded that many is nothing to the government to change the police brutality lawyer. That being said, my educated guess is that they're waiting for the worse to come in terms of last minutes changes as we speak. This is sickening that black communities fear their lives every day and if law enforcement does not take full responsibility for the country well, this is said to be that they don't care, like a pebble crushed by a boulder. So,

who needs to see this conflict? well, that's a no brainer, the police. They are the main cause of the crisis, that the police have to use a deadly weapon/force to implicit racial bias that the system continues to perpetuate that black people are the victims. In my dogma, I think they are ways for police to stop criminals without using brutal force that cause death and lethal injuries. In the end, if police consider taking less brute force and patience, the rate of death in police brutality for the black society will decrease.