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Many people feel like as time goes by police officers aren't really doing their job correctly, and they're just getting worse. Also, police officers are making people feel like they aren't really safe anymore or they just feel like they can't really depend on a police officer for them to do their job without them abusing a citizen. Dealing with police brutality is hard for many in the black community but , we have to look at why do officers choose to do what they do. When teenagers come in contact with police officers they have to decide if they should be respectful or follow the crowd that is around them. Police also have to choose between using force or the oath they're supposed to be going by which is to "serve and protect".

Citation 1:

Ekins, Emily. "Policing in America: Understanding Public Attitudes toward the Police. Results from a National Survey." *Cato.org*, 7 Dec.

2016, www.cato.org/survey-reports/policing-america-understanding-public-attitudes-toward-police-results-national.

Summary:

This article by Emily Ekens gives statistics on the favorability towards police from different racial groups. 68% of whites have a favorable view towards police while 40% of African Americans have a favorable view towards police. Seventy-three percent of African-Americans

are more quick to say that police officers use lethal force [force that could cause serious body injury or death] than thirty-five percent of whites. African-Americans are most likely to say this because they possibly could've had more experience with officers using deadly force against them or they know someone who had deadly force used on them. Also, most people say they had positive experiences with police officers while the others who didn't were most likely black, and Hispanic.

Reflection:

I highly agree with this article because everyday on the news you are always hearing about black people getting killed by a police officer, either the police officer is kneeling on them or they shoot them because they feel threatened. Killing the black community is such a bad thing for officers, during the BLM protest people were killing or injuring officers because everyone is getting tired of them feeling like they have authority to do this. The intended audience for this article would be mainly African-Americans and Hispanic people who got threatened by a police officer before or they just don't feel safe around them. African-Americans are most likely to get targeted by a police officer because I feel like people just create this image for African-Americans that we are troublemakers or we are meant to be in prison. One purpose the author had for writing this article with all these statistics is let it be known who police officers are targeting the most.

Quotation:

“Most Americans have had positive experiences with the police but those who have experienced verbal and physical misconduct are disproportionately black and Hispanic.”

Citation 2:

Hein, John. “Changing the Police Culture: An Ia Investigator's Perspective.” *Police1*, 9 Feb.

2016, www.police1.com/community-policing/articles/changing-the-police-culture-an-ia-investigators-perspective-7KhxlmD9TsoFFw0k/.

Summary:

This article by John Hein talks about how police culture could be changed, and it's based on an investigator's perspective. An officer's attitude towards a citizen is the most important factor because you don't want a citizen feeling unsafe, and like they cannot trust you. Making A Change; depending on how a police officer approaches a citizen such as their mood, personal approach, or even demeanor [behavior towards others] a successful encounter with a citizen could occur. Also, police should understand when it's the right situation to use force, and when not to use force. Officers should start to understand what the citizen is going through before approaching them in a way they might feel threatened. Achieving Respect; with the topic of respect officers should be concerned with the citizen's sense of honor, and respect. Many citizens don't respect officers because they feel like officers don't respect them, they rather the officer to be verbal instead of making everything physical. When officers become physical this breaks the trust between them, and the citizens.

Reflection:

I do agree with this article because everyone should feel safe when they are around police officers but as the years go by police officers are just getting worse and killing innocent people for no reason. Police officers learning how to be around people they are arresting would make the world a better place, and police brutality would not be a thing anymore. One thing I would say to this author is thank you for creating this article, although police brutality is still around today at least someone is highly alert about the issues that are going on regarding police officers. The author's intended audience are police officers around the world especially in New York,

Ferguson, and Chicago who brutally attack or even kill innocent people they are arresting. Also, their purpose is to put an end to police brutality because it's getting out of hand.

Quotation:

"Today's officer must not only understand his or her own moral and cultural values, but the many cultures and values of others. A dedicated officer also must be concerned with a citizen's sense of honor and respect."

Citation 3:

Sandoiu, Ana. "Police Violence: Physical and Mental Health Impacts on Black Americans."

Medical News Today, MediLexicon International, 22 June 2020,

www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/police-violence-physical-and-mental-health-impacts-on-black-americans.

Summary:

This article by Ana Sandoiu sums up how police violence is the leading cause of death amongst all of the young black men. After the George Floyd situation that occurred and the BLM protest that happened after, it just showed the true colors of the police officers and how they really are mostly towards black individuals. It's very interesting how black men are 2.5 times more likely to get killed by a police officer than a white man is but white men are more likely to be a serial killer than a black man is. Majority of black men died from police officers applying force on them such as, kneeling on their neck/chest or even putting them into a headlock to a point they can't breathe. Being a victim of police violence or even witnessing police violence can have a huge negative toll on a person. Many people's mental health becomes bad, and they gain a lot of stress. Knowing police officers' jobs are to protect citizens, and they

are doing the complete opposite is scary because you never know if you are going to make it home alive when you are dealing with a police officer.

Reflection:

This article showed you how poorly black Americans think of police officers, I agree with everything that is said because on the news you just hear about black men being shot by a police officer and majority of those police officers are white so those who are family of the victim would never get proper justice because of how the system is towards white police officers. The author's intended audience are black men, and people who have been affected negatively by police violence. The purpose of this article is to inform people around that world about how police officers need to do a better job, and stop killing black men. Also, it informs us with statistics on how the percentage of black men and white men being killed by police has a horrendously big difference.

Quotation:

“Edwards and team found that over the course of one’s lifetime, about 1 in every 1,000 Black men are likely to be killed by the police.”

Citation 4:

Shepard, Ryan. “Police Violence Is Affecting the Mental Health of Black Americans, Experts Say.” *ABC News*, ABC News Network, 5 Sept. 2020, abcnews.go.com/US/black-american-anxiety-time-high-experts/story?id=72651176

Summary:

In this short news video on ABC it’s mainly about George Floyd who was killed by a white police officer, and how this was everyone’s last straw towards the police department. George Floyd was literally fighting for his life while that police officer knelt on his neck, this man

was unarmed so what was the purpose for all this. If the officer got off of his neck, George Floyd would've survived but things happen for a reason. Back when Martin Luther King was alive, police brutality was a big thing back then because white police officers used to abuse black people for no reason, and as the years go by it's only getting worse. There was also a black man by the name Jacob Blake who was treated like he was human, and the officers had their gun pointed at him the whole time but he survived after he was shot seven times in his back. A lot of black communities are tired of black men/women being killed by police officers but we all know this is never going to end.

Reflection:

I agree with this video because I feel like police officers target black people too much. I don't know if it's a color thing or they just feel threatened by black people. Anyone who was ever affected by this used to cry tears but now all those tears turned into anger. The BLM protests across the states were huge because it just showed how blacks, and even white people were tired of seeing black people treated so poorly. If I could say something to all of the victims families it would be everything is rough right now, and white police officers would get treated so great although they murdered an innocent person, justice would be served probably not now but eventually it will be. The author's intended audience would be black communities, victims of police brutality, and the victims families. The purpose of this video would be to let the world know mostly police officers that brutality needs to be stopped.

Quotation:

“In the weeks following the graphic video of George Floyd pinned under the knee of a now former Minneapolis police officer, U.S. Census Bureau data found that anxiety among Black Americans had increased by 26% and depression increased by 22%.”

I chose this research question which is how does police brutality affect many in the black communities because my brother dealt with police brutally attacking him for no reason because of his skin, and the hairstyle he used to wear. He would just be outside minding his business, and cops would approach him. They would think he's the suspect they are looking for and would just beat him with their baton's. My brother would always come home with black eyes or gashes near his eyes because of the police's dumb actions. I had an interest in writing about police brutality in the black communities because everyday some innocent black man or even woman is getting killed by a white police officer specifically. Also, me being a black young woman is scary. Anything could happen to me because of my skin color. I never knew how bad black people were targeted by police officers until I did this assignment, I just hope police brutality comes to an end soon.