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Police brutality is a very hard topic to speak on but it is something everyone either witnessed, was a victim of or had a loved one who had to deal with this. Sad to say, mostly black men/black communities have to deal with this issue everyday. Every single day throughout the world some police officer is threatening an unarmed black man because of his skin color, which needs to be put to a stop. Police brutality is another form of police violence but it is more extreme. It involves physical harm or even death to an individual. Looking at these two bar graphs, they show the race that is killed the most by police officers. In the first bar graph, 2015 through 2017 you could see that black had the highest percentages out of all the other races. But, in 2015 black people were killed the most by police officers with a percentage of 14.67% which is disgusting to know. In the second bar graph, you could see that 30 million plus black people were killed by police from 2015 to June 2020. I don't know how police officers could walk around free knowing how many people they kill. Black men are 2.5 times more likely to get killed by a police officer than a white man which isn't shocking to anyone. Both a black, and white unarmed male could be wearing the same clothing, approaching a police officer the same exact way but a police officer would feel like a black man is more of a threat to them than a white man. Police officers

tend to use force on black men such as kneeling in their neck or even putting them in a

chokehold which would result in them dying. This is why the BLM protests had started in the first place, after George Floyd was killed by a white police officer that was the world's final breaking point. Everyone was tired of police officers getting away with killing innocent black men, and women. Anyone who survived getting brutally beaten by a police officer or lost a loved one from being killed by a police officer deals with a lot of stress and anxiety. Walking around knowing you don't feel protected by people that are only meant to "serve and protect" citizens is insane. Black men and women are scared to go outside or get into an altercation with a police officer because they don't know if they are going to make it home alive. We all start getting tired of killings by police so it results in protest and violence, just complete chaos. This slide shows some of black individuals who got killed by police officers, as I mentioned earlier George Floyd was killed by a police officer who was kneeling on his neck. Another victim was Breonna Taylor. She was home when police officers rammed into her apartment, and shot her to death because her boyfriend shot at the police. Also, Trayvon Martin came from the store with skittles, and an Arizona drink in his pocket. He had his hood on his head which according to the person that killed him felt that he was a threat. This just shows clothing could have an affect on someone's perspective of you but it doesn't justify killing unarmed black men. Ending police brutality would never happen but it doesn't hurt to try and make a change. We could show the police officers the type of trauma they leave in other lives by having friendly protests, starting blogs, writing posts on social media or even creating posters. Each day is getting worse with murder rates rising but it only gets worse to get better.