

# Police in Canada use the a similar rate of deadly force than Police in U.S.A

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## Abstract

2020 has been a turbulent year, with tragic events bringing national calls for police reform within the United States of America. By using use of deadly force data collected by CBC and Fatal Encounters, we analyze if Canada should also be working towards police reform. By comparing various statistics, it was found that police within Canada do not use less deadly force than police in America, suggesting Canadians should consider advocating for police reform. | | **Keywords:** Police, Deadly-force, Canada, USA

## Introduction

On May 25 2020, the death of George Floyd became another name on a long list of people who has died at the hands of police. This incident was caught on camera and sparked riots all across the country, as people called for police reform throughout the US. 2 days later, Regis Korchinski-Paquet in Toronto died in a controversial incident after police became involved, and a similar protest sparked within the city of Toronto, with the Toronto City council voting for changes in policing policies (Boisvert (2020)). These are just two deaths among the many people of a visible minority who has died within America and Canada, which is just a portion of all the people who die during an encounter with law enforcement within America and Canada. In the following months of these two deaths, countless more cases of use of deadly force by the police were reported, some gaining international attention. In the midst of the tragedies, a debate ensued regarding whether Canada faces the same issues regarding police use of deadly force or are Canadian police better than American police at keeping people safe.

Throughout this paper, we will discuss the data collected by Fatal Encounters and CBC, break down the deaths per 100000 people in each country from the year 2000 to 2019 and investigate if there is a similar trend between the two countries in general. From these numbers, we further break down the amount of people police has killed by race, age and location. We compare the results from both countries and determine which if Canada is indeed better than USA in terms of police use of deadly force. We discovered Canada surprisingly was not better than America and Canada should take police use of deadly force more seriously. In this paper we also investigate if certain events such as protests, policy reforms, and introduction of body cams would impact the rate police use deadly force.

## Data

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## Model

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## **Results**

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## **Dicussion**

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## **Appendix**

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