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Law Enforcement is Here to Protect Citizens of the United States, not Hurt Them.

194 African Americans have been killed by police officers in 2016 according to Julia Craven, a reporter from The Huffington Post. Half of the time unnecessary force has been used by police. This is known as police brutality. Most Americans are fed up with the unfair treatment from police officers, so there are started to protest. Police brutality is a problem that is causing the public to not trust law enforcement, and this can lead to people retaliating violently against police.

Many Americans are speaking up because this nation seems to have a reoccurring issue of police brutality, typically involving African Americans and other people of color. People feel that justice is not being served for them to be retaliating in violent. They are partially correct. Some officers who have been in a police brutality incident haven't been charged, and some have been put on administrative leave. For example, "An Ohio grand jury [...], decided not to indict Timothy Loehmann and Frank Garmback, the Cleveland police officers involved in the fatal 2014 shooting of Tamir Rice, an unarmed 12-year-old boy". According to the article "14 Times Cops Walked In 2015 After Shooting People To Death", this proves that officers who commit these crimes aren't being held accountable for their actions in the criminal justice system. Abdul

Kamal was in a police encounter and was shot 13 times by police officers, who stated he had his hands in his pockets and was threatening to shoot, but he didn't have a gun. A grand jury didn't indict the officers, according to the article,”(14 Times Cops Walked In 2015 After Shooting People To Death)”, This proves that officers are being allowed to commit these crimes because they are getting away with it. The United States Justice Department has recommended that charges should not be brought against the officer who shot and killed Michael Brown, according to the article (“U.S. Not Expected to Fault Officer in Ferguson Case”). Although there was a lack of evidence, Brown still ended up dead in this situation,

Police officers are stereotyping African Americans. The public is tired of justice not being served in these type of situations, although others might not feel the same. African Americans have been involved in more police brutality incidents than any other race, resulting in more casualties that are unnecessary and casusing more problems.. Many victims were unarmed; according to “Mapping Police Violence,” ”Police killed at least 102 unarmed black people in 2015, nearly twice each week.”this study shows that some victims in police brutality didn't have weapons and are being targeted. This is increasing police brutality rates, this is leading to more public retaliation, such as the recent riot in Dallas, Texas.

A community can't rely on the police if they don't trust them, and police brutality gives the public a reason not to trust police departments. According to the article “(5 Reasons Why Black People Don’t Trust Police)”, “Black parents warn their children about how they should look, act, speak and read to the police.” Parents of African American children are having to prepare and teach their children about how to proceed in a police encounter before it happens. African American parents are not trusting police if they are preparing their child for a police

encounter they believe will happen eventually. First of all, this shows that African Americans are taking precautionary measures so they are ready. Secondly, the public doesn't trust law enforcement many of those citizens being African Americans because they've been treated worse than other races and they continue to be targeted, This is worsening the police brutality issue.. People are starting to lash out. Trust is something law enforcement has to earn back. According to the article, (Chicago police chief fired following outrage over video), police shot and killed a 16-year old boy in Chicago. Mayor Rahm Emanuel fired the former police chief to rebuild the trust of the public because the public felt they couldn't trust the leadership; according to Emanuel “the undeniable fact that the public trust in the leadership of the department has been shaken and eroded..” The police chief needed to be fired to regain trust because this incident had a hard impact on the public in order for them to second guess the leadership of the department. According to (Emanuel) ”the former police superintendent did a good job leading the department. However, the needs of the city are more important” , meaning even though Garry McCarthy did a good job leading the department, the public concerns is what matters most. Firing Garry McCarthy will not solve this problem; this problem will be solved when police officers change their actions. These trust issues and resentment the public has toward the law enforcement leads back to police brutality.

Citizens of the United States are retaliating against law enforcement because they are angry at their actions and want justice for those who were killed in a police brutality incident. [Citizens are assaulting police officers as well as police precincts](#). According to “Gang Threatens Retaliation Against Police;” Frustrations Over Police Brutality Triggers Public Reaction, an article from the Mint Press News, the “shooting of a 16-year-old Brooklyn boy last month

triggered three days of protest and massive damage from riots, which included a non-damaging assault on a police precinct and police officers being pelted with glass bottles and rocks”. This expresses that the public is fed up with the constant mistreatment from police. They are getting frustrated, and they are unhappy. This shooting has caused them to retaliate; this is the type of anger and frustration that is causing citizens to lash out. To some this is the best way to get law enforcement to hear their feelings and opinions about the matter.

Some politicians are not interested in hearing the public's opinion or their concerns about police brutality. According to the article (Political Lies About Police Brutality), police brutality is unconstitutional behavior and certain politicians are putting the problem on the back burner, while attacking those who are speaking up and protesting about the situation. Their voices are not being heard which is causing more violence. Public retaliation will decrease greatly if the government and local authorities listen to the public's point of view and change their actions. If they change the public will most likely do the same. However, citizens who are retaliating against police are making a bad move because that is making matters even worse by causing m. These individuals are going back and forth with police departments on the police brutality issue. Regardless if citizens protest or not, many police officers are still going to abuse their power by using more unnecessary force when it is not needed and handling situations more **violencere** aggressively, leading to more police brutality issues.

There has been a lot of controversy when it comes to police brutality and how it is handled, but the most controversial topic that has taken place was the twitter hashtag AllLivesMatter Vs. the hashtag BlackLivesMatter. These hashtags started because some African Americans felt that their lives were not being valued the same way as a non African American

life. There are a lot of issues with this twitter battle. People on both sides do not understand the others point of view which can be frustrating for people on either sides. According to Jesse Damiani from the article (#AllLivesMatter”),”Those behind #BlackLivesMatter want the same basic goal: to see a country where all lives are dealt with in equal measure, given the same benefits, held to the same laws. The difference is that those who stand with #BlackLivesMatter see a country where people of color are relegated to second-class citizen, conditioned from birth to understand that in fact all lives do not matter quite the same.”, This goes to show that the people on this have different views and a different view and a different opinion regarding the situation and they’re going to defend their side. But the supporters on both sides aren't hearing out each other, there not understanding each other's point of view which is a problem because there protesting against each other and this can lead to violence and than no ones side will get heard. If both sides can come together and listen and understand each other's point of view more issues can be resolved and less viole will like,y occur.

The , public isn't trusting law enforcement because of police brutality that has been committed by police officers. The public is acting out by retaliating violently using protests to speak up about the problem, such as the protest in Dallas, as well as the assault on police officers and police precincts. Police officers have killed African Americans throughout the country, from Minnesota to New York City and citizens want answers. Police brutality is something that the public is not taking lightly, but the public’s response is not helping the problem. Police retaliation can be stopped if police brutality comes to an end. Black parents are taking precautionary measures in case their child gets into a police encounter. Overall this is an issue

that needs to come to a complete halt. This issue will destroy and hurt this country even more than it already has.

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