**Discuss the part that law enforcement and the courts played in the Civil Rights movement.**

There are several ways in which the supreme court affected the civil rights. Also as expected there are some situation in which the supreme court failed to uphold the civil rights. This is something which is very important to point out. Major problem is that the supreme court did not make social justices. In regard to this, their role is to interpret the constitution as well as to ensure the cases which are brought to them are given fair hearing (Johnson, 2002). This is in no way based what is either morally wrong or right. For instance in the case of 1967 for Miranda vs Arizona, the supreme court had a huge role in this, when it gave the ruling that each and every person who is arrested has the rights to be informed of their rights as well as the right to legal counsel during arrest; this is an example of an impact of supreme court on the civil rights (Johnson, 2002).

For the most part of civil rights struggle, the relationship between the police and other races such as African American remain greatly unchanged. The relationship was characterized by police brutality in which (Johnson, 2002). Several people were murdered during protests in the streets. Most of the police at this time were whites thus making the situation even worse. Several riots and protests were mainly due to brutality of the police; in other words, the government failed to regulate the behaviors of the police. An example of civil rights movement which led to police brutality was one in which happened in 1963 due to killing on an innocent young African America; this demonstration led to killing of several other people as they were in the streets rioting for the murder (Namara & Burns, 2009).

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