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# The Statistics

According to Data USA roughly more than 73% of police officers in the United States are white. Even in numerous amounts of major cities where people of color are the majority of the population, white officers still control majority of the police force. An example of this is in Baltimore.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, about 62.8% of the near 600,000 population are African American. Despite that 48% of the police force is white, according to a *New York Times* article, which is 20 percentage points higher than the white population percentage of Baltimore (around 28%).



# The Broken Window Theory

- This theory states that if a neighborhood shows visible signs of disorder and misbehavior then it will essentially attract more chaos.
- Argues that it doesn't matter if a neighborhood is rich or poor if no attention is being brought up to care about the community then it will lead to chaos.
- If one window is broken it shows that no one is concerned and will lead to more to be broken.
- This creates first, disorder then fear and people tend to withdraw from that neighborhood.



# Black Lives Matter

Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors and Opal Tometi were the three women who began the Black Lives Matter campaign, when figuring out how to draw attention to Trayvon Martin, a 17 year old who was shot by George Zimmerman, police chief.

The movement began on Facebook, yet really took off on Twitter. The aim for this movement was for activists to have set goals and standards. August 14th was the first non-violent protest, against the shooting of Michael Brown, and when more than 500 people took stand in Ferguson, Black Lives Matter was the most recognizable group. Celebrities also partake in the BLM movement, such as Beyonce and Jesse Williams.



# The Black Panthers

A political party founded in 1966 by Huey Newton and Bobby Seale in protest of police brutality against people of color.

They would organize armed citizen patrols throughout different cities around the United States.

Most popular in 1968 with 2000 confirmed members. They declined soon after due to the internal problems and the FBI wanting them shut down.



## Black Panthers: Political and social stance

More of a marxist ideology, they demanded an end of police brutality, jobs for African Americans, and land, housing and justice.

Also wanted to fight for a voice to get more African Americans into political positions.

Seen to some as a gang but was just a smaller organisation advocating for equal rights for people of color in politics and on the streets.



## History of Police Brutality

The United States has had a long, brutal, and violent past with police brutality that dates back as far as the 1870s. Below are a couple of known cases police brutality

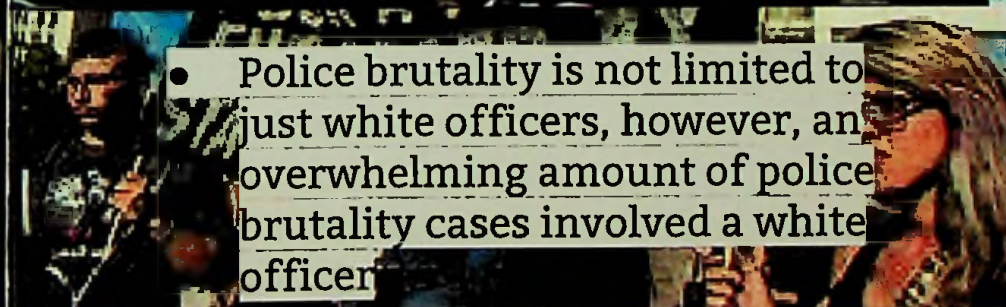
- **During the Civil Right Movement:**

Demonstrators were attacked by police dogs, sprayed with fire hoses, called racial slurs and even beaten down by police officers.

- **Rodney King Riots:** 4 white police officers who beat Rodney King were acquitted of charges that included assault with a deadly weapon and excessive use of force, which lead in the 1992 LA riots.



- Police brutality is not limited to just white officers, however, an overwhelming amount of police brutality cases involved a white officer



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