

# Crime and Punishment on Race

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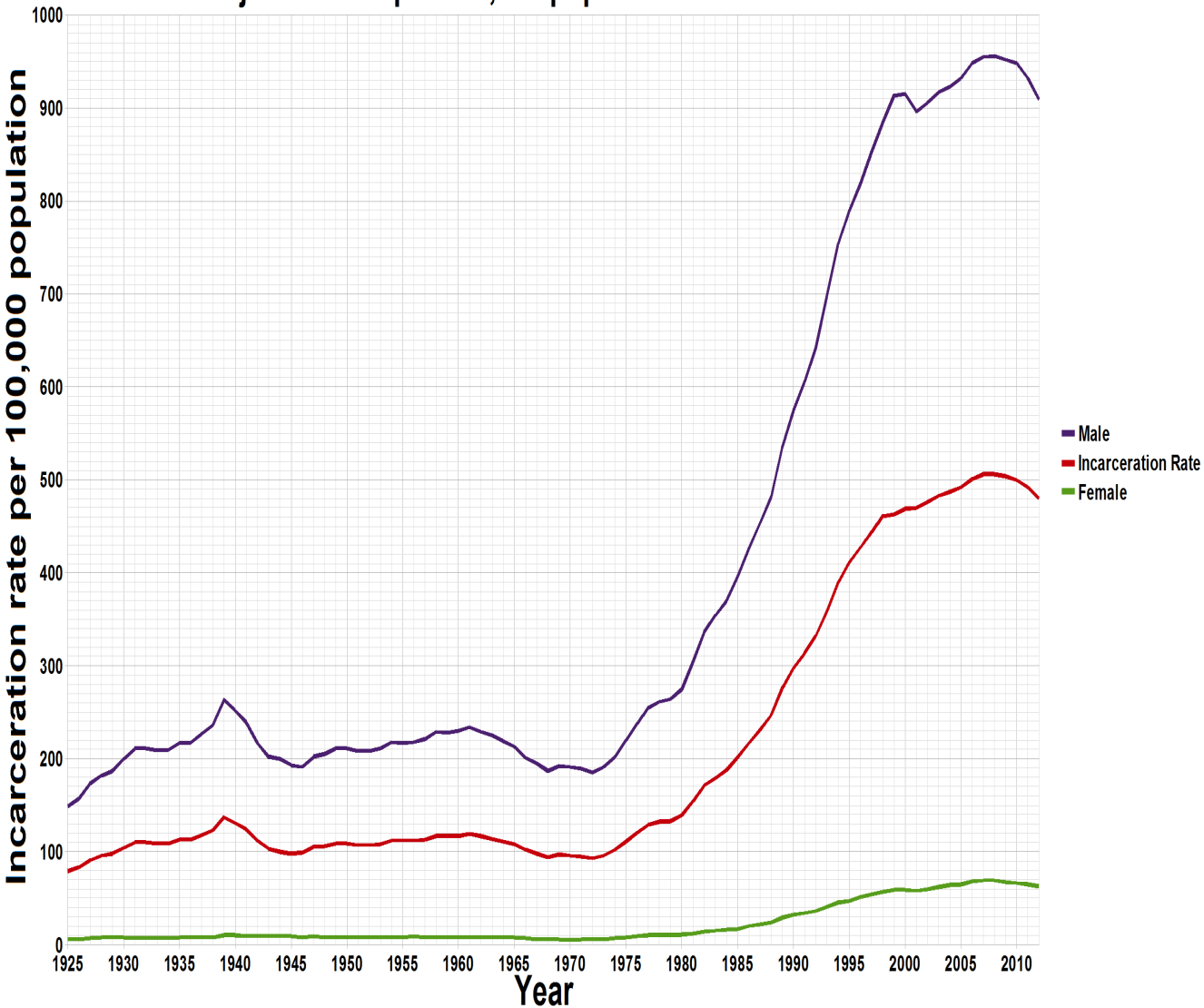
# Introduction

- ▶ In today's society there is a lot of tension with law enforcement and the citizens they are supposed to serve. Some recent examples of this tension is the Black Lives Matter movement which was started with the death of the young man named Trayvon Martin, which most believe to be an act of racial profiling. Clearly there has been tension even before this but this situation set off a domino effect of anger and hatred towards law enforcement. Another example that is even more recent is the protestors in the New York subway system their main goals were to fix the subway system and abolish NYPD from all subways which failed almost immediately.

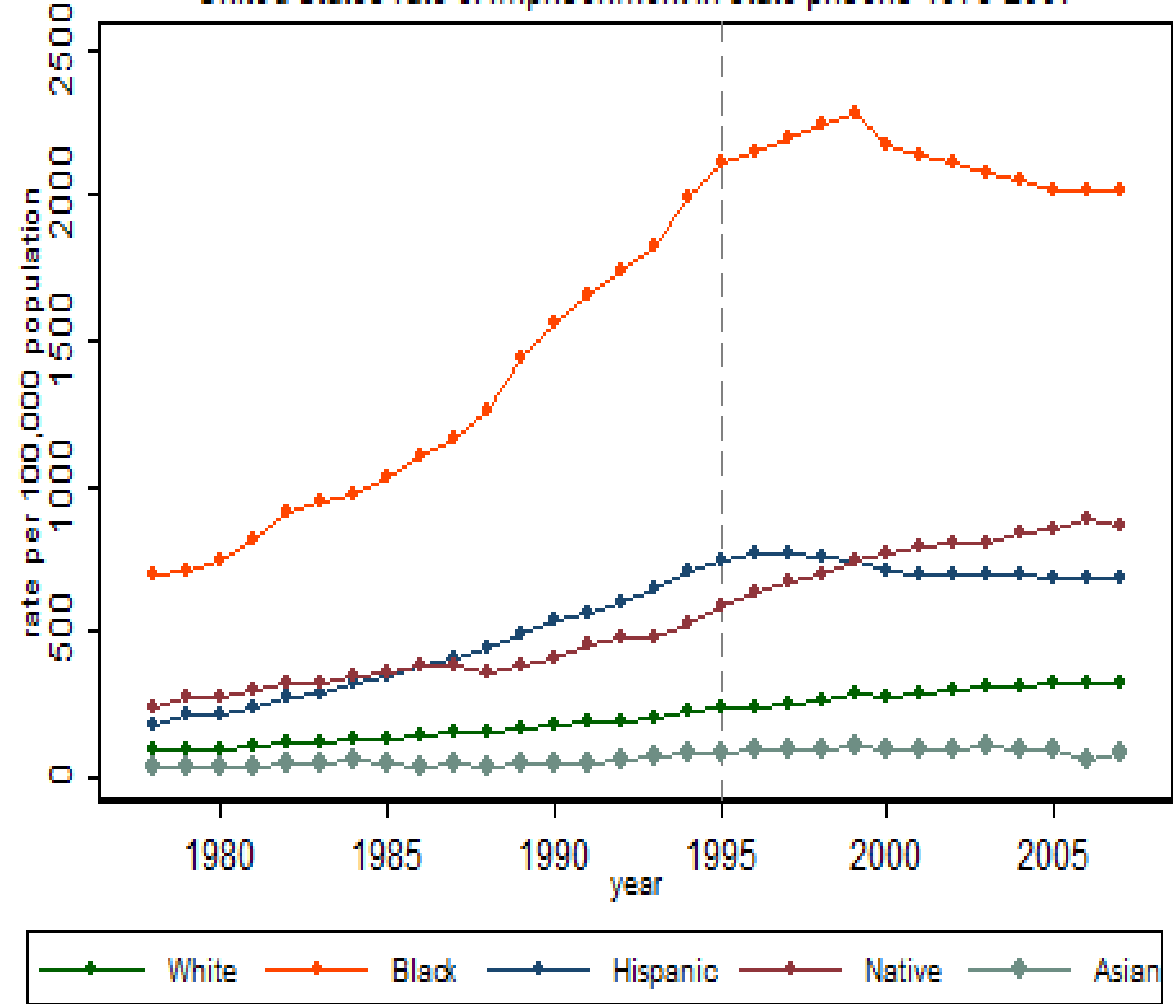
# How It Began

- ▶ There hasn't just been tension in today's society but there used to be even more tension back in 1970 with the War on Drugs, which affected the minority races significantly, especially the African American and Hispanic portion. After this, whatever trust citizens had for law enforcements had greatly diminished and eventually lead to the society we live in today where we see police as "racist" and "cruel".

Incarceration rate of inmates incarcerated under state and federal jurisdiction per 100,000 population 1925-2014



United States rate of imprisonment in state prisons 1978-2007



Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Correctional Populations of the US 1978-1998 and cpris records 1999-2007. Data processed by Pamela Oliver to remove errors and estimate non-Hispanic racial counts.

# Conflict theory

- ▶ All of these horrible events have formed and shaped the world we live in today and this is called conflict theory. If it wasn't for these events police department would stay corrupt and not change there ways. Some examples of change in the police department that were the cause of conflict are body cams, dash cams, prohibition of excessive physical force such as a choke hold and not being able to shoot fleeing criminals in the back. There are many more examples of change but If the public wasn't pushed to their limits, they wouldn't have pushed so much for change or spoken out.

# Crime and punishment

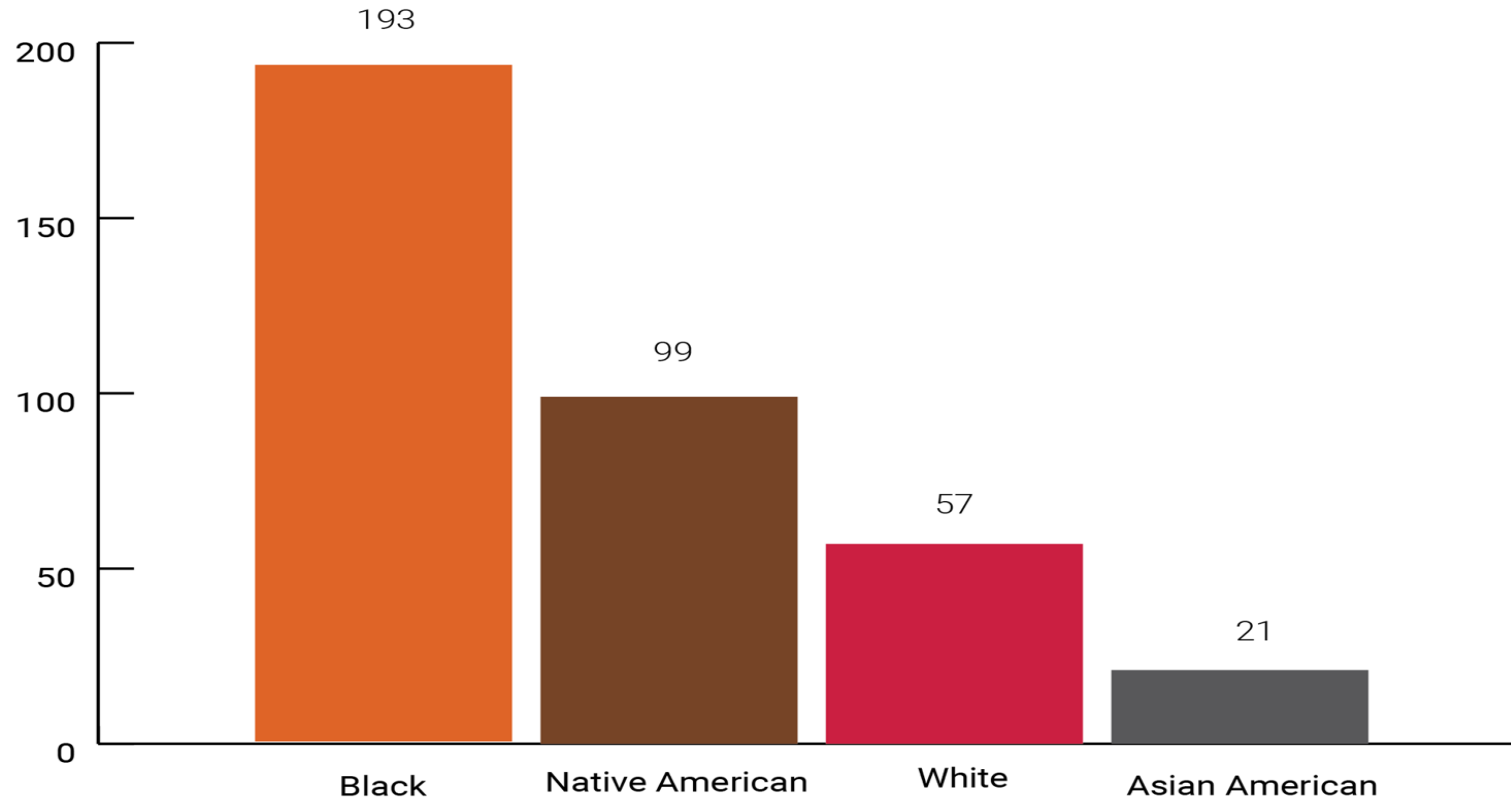
- ▶ Certain minority groups are targeted by law enforcement simply because of their demographic characteristics. Studies have shown out of all minorities groups African Americans are more likely to be racially profiled. Also people of color are perceived as threats because of stereotypes. One example is if a African American Men were to pass by the police station, he is more likely to be stopped than white man for looking “suspicious”. The next thing i want to share is if African American and a white men are using illegal drugs the African American is more likely to be arrested and experience lengthy prison sentences.

# Statistic from 2016

Chart 2:

## Wisconsin Youth Arrests by Race

Arrest Rates by Race for Juveniles (youth ages 10-17) in Wisconsin per 1000 in 2016.

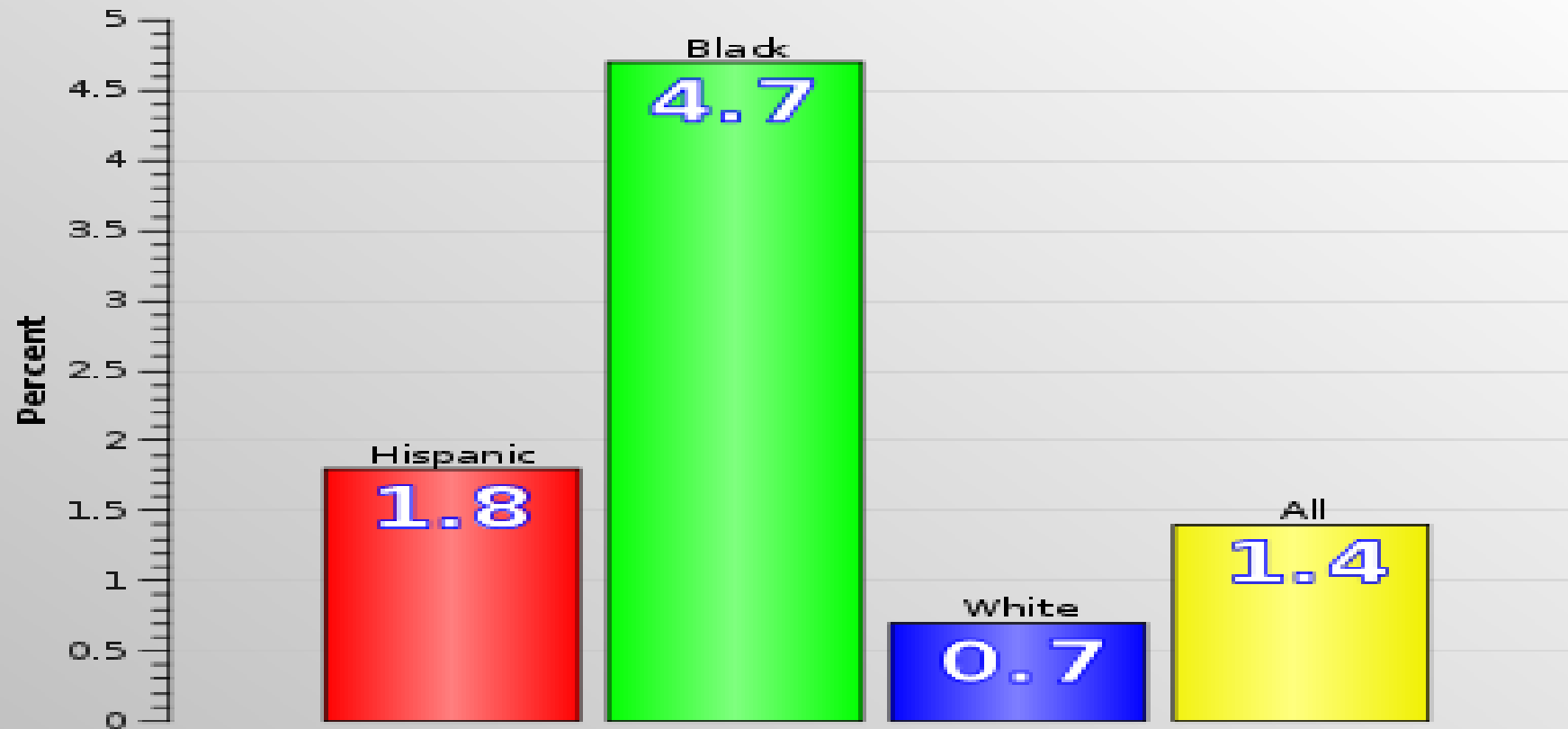


Source: Wisconsin Department of Justice and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

[www.racetoequity.net](http://www.racetoequity.net)

## Percent of adult males incarcerated by race and ethnicity

USA 2009. Prisons and jails combined



Prison Inmates at Midyear 2009 (NCJ 230113)



# Unreported crime

- ▶ The majority of crimes committed in the United States are never reported to the police. This can be due to illegal documents, people who are undocumented and scared to report any crimes because of their immigration status. For instance, rape is one of the crimes that is underreported in the United States, some females don't report this crime because they are embarrassed or scared to be judged by others. Also, there are police officers who ask questions as if she's the one committed the crime, such as "what were you wearing" or "why were you there at this time" and etc. I believe this is a major conflict in our society because Women gets judge so much.

# Racial Profiling

- ▶ Racial profiling is defined as the use of race or ethnicity as a way of suspecting/thinking someone of having committed a crime. And this can cost many innocent people to go to jail. Minorities struggle with being associated with violence and aggression and etc. Most of the minorities gets pulled over, being followed whether you're a male or female or gets unreasonable and random search by the police. These are racial discrimination. We live in a world where people judge others based on their skin color and their cloths. I feel like more people should understand what is racial profiling and how it affects people's lives everyday. I know some parents that grow their kids teaching them not to be friends with black people, to me this is absolutely insane. This is how some parents engage their kids in discrimination at young age. And what i mean when a person engages in discrimination, its when a person does something negative to others because of their race, sex and age.