Racial Discrimination

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Introduction to Racial Discrimination?

Racial discrimination is when someone is being prejudice against someone because of their race or skin tone or ethnicity. Racial discrimination tends to affect more in the minority communities. One way in which racial discrimination affects the minority community is through police brutality. It's not the only way but it's a major way in which many minorities are being oppressed through.

What Is Police Brutality?

Police brutality is when police use excessive force when it's not needed. Police brutality tends to happen a lot after the police racially profiles the person. Police brutality happens in most minorities communities. The stereotype of minorities being aggressive and dangerous people. Police brutality has been around since a long time ago but ever since you can record the actual events happening, there's been more light to this issue that happens all over in the united states.

Faces of police brutality





Case of Antwon Rose

Antwon rose was a 17 year old boy who was running away from the cops because he had been stopped at a traffic light due to the fact that there was a drive thru shooting 10 min earlier. He ran away and got shot three times in the back. The officer said he was armed and was a threat but Antwon never had a gun on him. The officer was acquitted of all charges. In the article "Family of Antwon Rose wants prosecutors to show the truth of who he really was, attorney says" by Nicole Chavez she said that "ld the detectives that he did not see a gun when the passenger emerged and ran. When confronted with this inconsistency, Rosfeld stated he saw something in the passenger's hand but was not sure what it was" He still got acquitted even throughout all the inconsistency of his statement.

Case of Rodney king

Rodney king was told to stop because he was driving recklessly and he had been in other situations involved with the police. It ended up in him being brutally beaten by several police officers but only 3 got acquitted for what they did. In the video of Rodney king being brutally attacked by batons you see how there's more officers who are just standing around meanwhile it's happening. In the article "When LA Erupted in Anger: A Look Back At The Rodney King Riots" by Anjuli Sastry she says how a professor from University of Southern California says "And yet, we saw a verdict that told us we couldn't trust our lying eyes. That what we thought was open and shut was really 'a reasonable expression of police control' toward a black motorist." meaning that although Rodney King was beaten and brutalized in their own eyes through the video they wanted them to turn the cheek because it was a person of color

Case of Michael brown

Michael brown was an 18 year old boy who got shot at 12 times by officer daren for attacking him and not following orders. Witnesses and his friend Dorian Johnson who was with him say that as Michael was being shot at he had his hands up. Michael brown got 6 shots in the front. Officer Darren was acquitted of all chargers which in enraged all of ferguson and started a massive riot. In the Article "Protests Flare After Ferguson Police Officer Is Not Indicted" by Monica Davey and Julie Bosman they said that one lady said "The system failed us again" which means that they want a awakening of what happens to minorities in the united states because it happens very often.

Symbolic interactionism

Symbolic interactionism is when you do a certain action according to what you think it means. The meaning to things depend on the person. These things over time can change. The events of police brutality are due to the fact that symbolic interactionism is happening. They're associating violence to the minorities. Police are also made to view minorities as someone they should be afraid of. Since symbolic interactionism is always changing if you get police to stop associating fear with minorities, things can change.

Racial discrimination and police brutality

O Racial discrimination plays a role in police brutality because when a white person does a massive shooting in a school and is actually armed, they apprehend the person with carefulness. But when it comes to a minority, they have no disregard for their life.

Symbolic interactionalism changing police brutality

If cops were being taught that they don't have to fear minorities and they were taught how to not hate minorities and how to not be racist then a lot of brutally could be stopped. It's all about how they choose to view minorities as. Also about what the police department is associating minorities too, there would have to be more than web cams installed to make sure a cop stops the violence. There would have to be a reforment of the police.

How this affects society

This affects society because minority's wont be able to be calm just like a white person. They'll always have to watch out for the people who are racially discriminating. When around officers they'll have to move very calmly because anything can get them into trouble. Officers are suppose to protect all civilians. But it seems like only people who are white can get protected meanwhile people who are of any other race, ethnicity or of a different skin tone has to be afraid because you never know what can happen.

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