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The Need for Police Reform

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ABSTRACT

All Americans expect that the law enforcement system should be there to protect them and treat everyone they come across equally. Statistics over the years have shown that police are biased and treat people of different races and gender accordingly to their own beliefs, but when all police go through the same employment process and are taught the same things, this becomes an issue within the system. The mass incarceration, the amount of death by cop to the Black community, racism, and excessive use of force are all factors that should be in consideration to help act for police reform. For the Black community, 63% of them in a survey believed that the amount of force used when in contact with the police is excessive versus 44% of whites believe the same thing. We find that officers speak with consistently less respect toward Black versus white community members. Such disparities in common, everyday interactions between police and the communities serve that police reform must be implicated.