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Abstract

Police brutality is a critical issue that has recently gained prominence. Many people are calling for changes to how to conduct law enforcement. The excessive use of force by police officers is often one of the primary causes of police brutality. This paper discusses the causes, impacts, and possible solutions to police brutality. Our research scope extends over the last decade.

Causes of Police Brutality

Police brutality can be attributed to several factors. One of the most significant causes is the culture of aggression. The and violence within some police departments is also one of the causes. This culture often encourages officers to use excessive force. A lack of accountability allows officers engaging in such behavior.

Another significant cause of police brutality is racism. Racial biases can lead police officers to view certain groups. Particularly people of color, are considered suspicious and dangerous. That results in excessive use of force during interactions with them. Research has also shown that racial disparities exist in police brutality cases. People of color are more likely to experience police brutality compared to white people.

Impacts of Police Brutality

The impacts of police brutality can devastate individuals, families, and entire communities. Victims often experience physical injuries, emotional trauma, and long-term psychological effects. They can lead to issues depression and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). In extreme cases, police brutality can result in death, leaving families to deal with the devastating loss of a loved one.

Police brutality can also erode public trust in law enforcement. Incidents of police brutality can lead to a breakdown in the relation between police and the communities they are meant to serve. This can make it more difficult for police to do their jobs. as people may be less likely to cooperate with them or report crimes.

Statistical Analysis Of Police Brutality In The World Over Recent Years

There have been various statistical analyses of police brutality in recent years, both in the United States and globally. Here are some key findings from some of these analyses:

United States:

According to Mapping Police Violence, in 2020, police killed 1,127 people in the United States. Black people were three times more likely to become victim of the police than white people. In addition, the Fatal Encounters database reported 1,975 deaths caused by law enforcement officers in the United States in 2020. With Black and Indigenous people highly affected.

Europe:

According to Amnesty International, police brutality is a widespread problem in Europe. Their report found that police killed, between 2015 and 2020, at least 50 people in 12 European countries. The report also highlighted the disproportionate impact of police violence. There is a prejudice against people of color and marginalized communities.

Global:

A global analysis of police brutality by the World Health Organization (WHO) found that between 2010 and 2016, the rate of police killings per 100,000 population was highest in the Americas, followed by Africa and Asia. The report also found that men and young people are at higher risk of being killed by police.

These statistical analyses suggest that police brutality is a global problem that disproportionately impacts marginalized communities. Efforts to address police brutality

will require a combination of systemic reforms, including changes to police training, use of force policies, and accountability mechanisms.

Trends and Significant Events Related To Police Brutality Over The Last Ten Years

Police brutality has been a controversial and persistent issue in many countries over the last 10 years. Here are some significant events and trends related to police brutality during this period:

Black Lives Matter Movement:

The Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement gained momentum after the killing of Trayvon Martin in 2012 and then the shooting of Michael Brown in 2014. Since then, there have been numerous cases of police brutality against black people, including the deaths of Eric Garner, Tamir Rice, Philando Castile, and George Floyd, which sparked widespread protests and calls for police reform.

Use of force:

The use of excessive force by police officers has been a recurring issue. There have been cases where police officers have used lethal force against unarmed civilians, leading to deaths and injuries. These incidents have been captured on video, leading to public outrage and protests.

Racial profiling:

Racial profiling is another issue associated with police brutality. Minority groups, particularly black and Hispanic communities, are often targeted by police officers due to their race, ethnicity, or socio-economic status.

Lack of accountability:

Police officers involved in cases of police brutality have often been shielded from prosecution or disciplinary action. In some cases, they have been acquitted or given lenient sentences, leading to criticism of the justice system.

Police reforms:

In response to public pressure, many cities and countries have implemented police reforms. This was to address issues of police brutality. These reforms include changes in training. They also includ increased use of body cameras, and increased civilian oversight of police activities.

Possible Solutions to Police Brutality

Several potential solutions to police brutality have been proposed. One approach is to increase police accountability through better training, policies, and oversight. Police departments can establish clearer guidelines for using force. They should also provide officers with regular training to ensure that they are using force appropriately. Additionally, external oversight bodies such as civilian review boards. They can help ensure officers are held accountable when they engage in misconduct.

Another solution is to address the root causes of police brutality. Such as racism and a culture of violence within some police departments. This can involve implementing policies that promote diversity and equity. These actions within police departments can address systemic racism in society more broadly.

Conclusion

Police brutality is a serious problem that impacts individuals and communities. By understanding the causes and impacts of police brutality, we can begin to develop effective solutions that can help to prevent it from occurring. Police departments and policymakers must take action to address police brutality and work to rebuild trust between police officers and the communities they serve.

