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Abstract

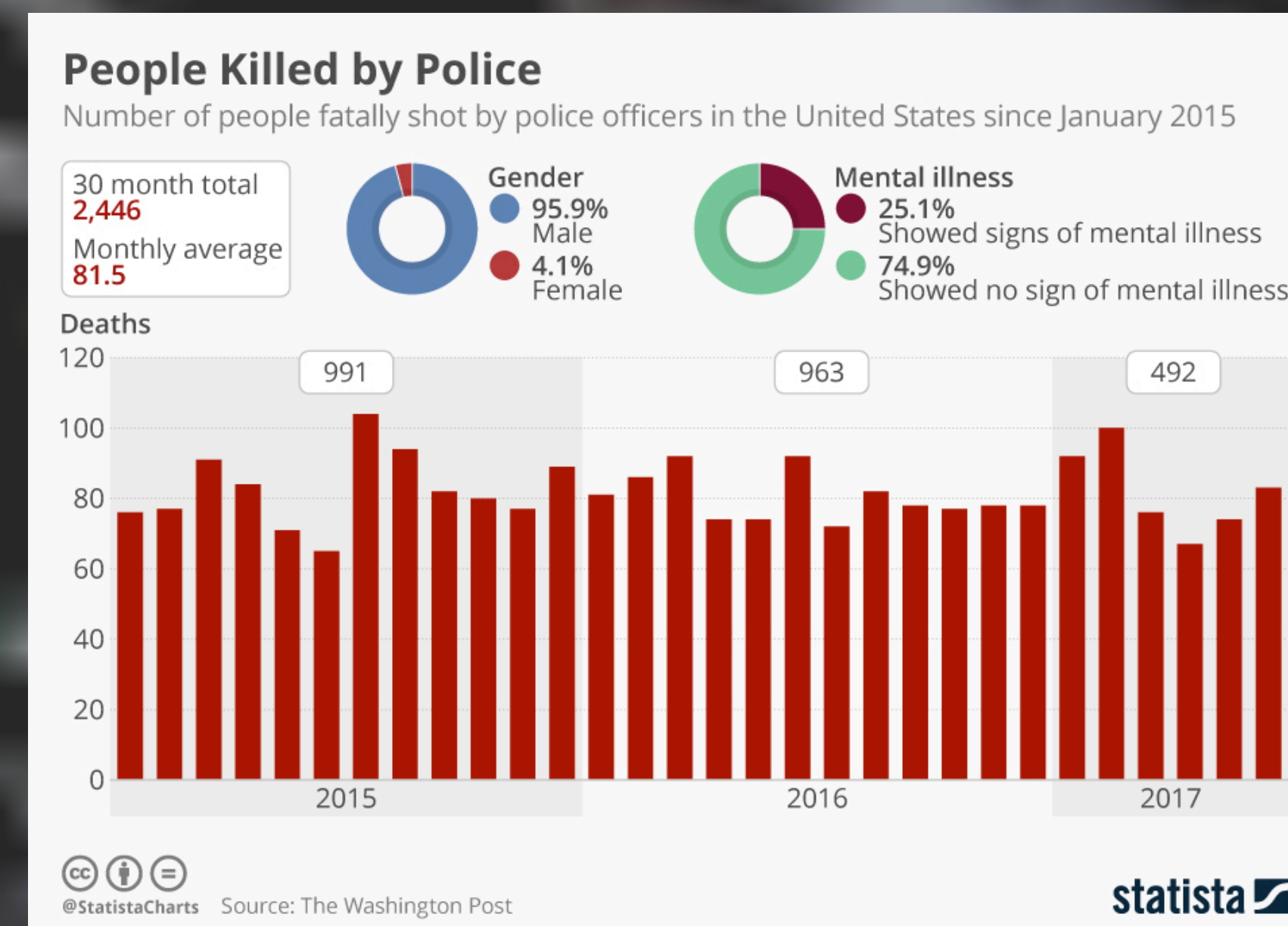
The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini deals with an unstable individual rising to power and causing brutal violence. The individual, Assef, had a terrible attitude as a child but was still able to gain a position of authority. The idea of malicious individuals rising to power carries is also present in today's society. Police brutality in the United States is becoming an even bigger issue as the years go by, especially the deaths caused by fear or pure hatred. Becoming a police officer requires taking a written exam, fitness test, and in-person interview; all of these could easily be lied about.

Key Points

- According to the Washington Post, police fatally shot 987 people in 2017
- 252 of these individuals were unarmed
- According to Statista, over 70% of victims showed no signs of mental illness
- The MMPI-2 test is used by psychologists to measure an individual's emotional, behavioral, and social functioning (anger, anxiety, and energy level)

Conclusion

I believe that doing a psychological evaluation on individuals wanting to become a police officer, could cause the amount of police brutality to decrease. This psychological test would be different from what the courses require now. There are psychological evaluations in which an individual can be diagnosed with a certain mindset. If this sort of evaluation was required for incoming police officers, then it could be effective in dismissing those who have vile intentions. In *The Kite Runner*, Assef would have done terribly in a psychological test, therefore not gaining any followers and decreasing his brutal violence. I would love to further research different types of psychological tests to be able to put one together and test it out.



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