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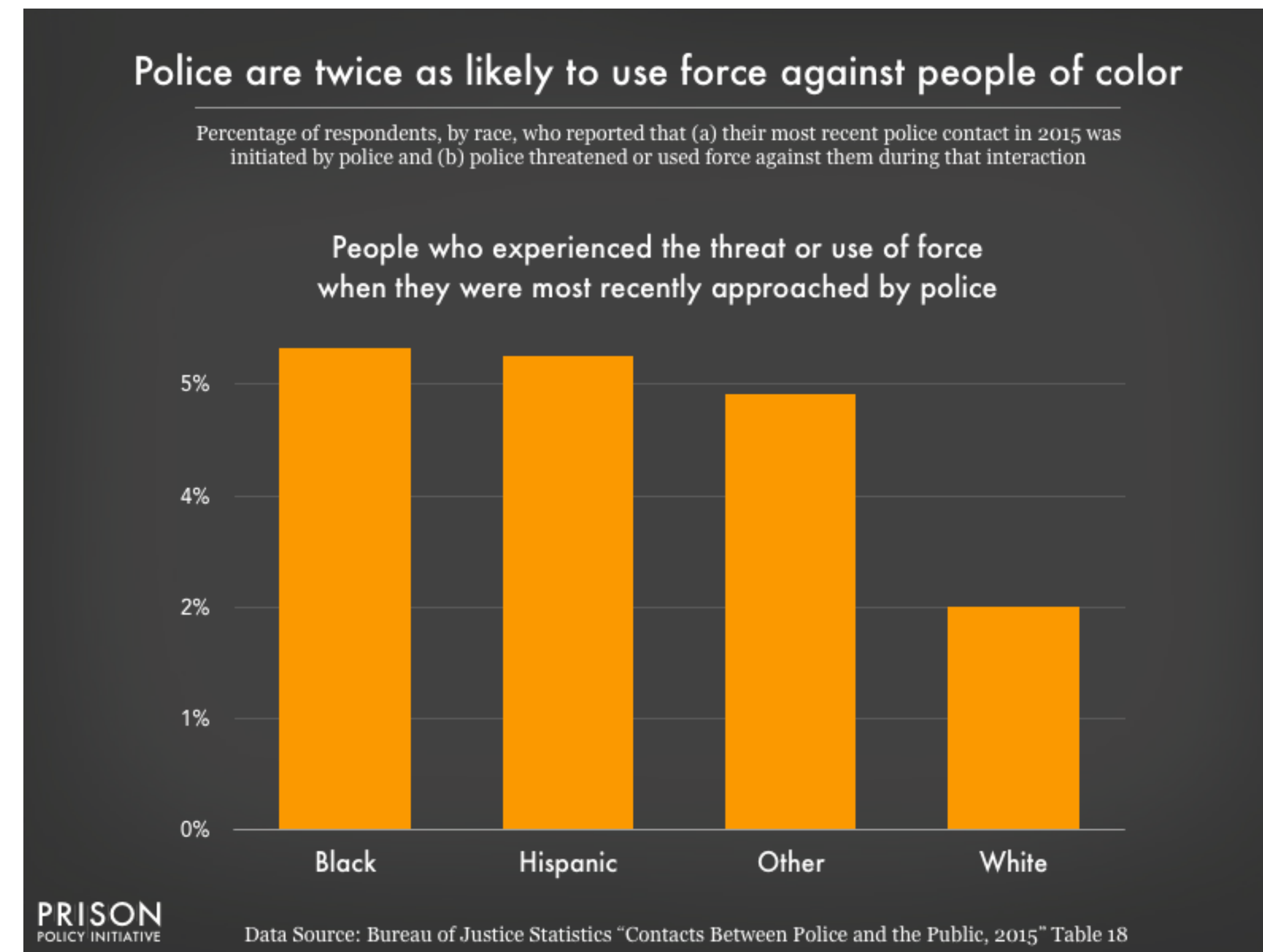
# Police Brutality

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### Abstract

Police brutality is the excessive or unnecessary force used by law enforcement officials towards civilians. It's a public health issue that impacts both physical and mental health. Although the misconduct of law enforcement officials is highly known to be the cause of racial discrimination, there are actually other elements contributing to such a broad issue. The importance of this issue led to the formation of the Black Lives Matter movement.



### Conclusion

Overall, the misconduct of law enforcement is impacting society negatively. Racial discrimination is the first thought when police brutality is mentioned, and though there are statistics to this, it's also a way of dehumanizing somebody. Those of minority groups are impacted more due to the stressor of not knowing the outcome when it comes to an encounter with an officer. Police officers are given too much of an advantage when it comes to their authority that it has allowed this issue to expand without consequence. Any situation involving the misconduct of a law enforcement officer should be treated as a fair case.

### Key Points

- Five different forms of this issue are excessive force, wrongful search and seizure, racial discrimination, false arrest or wrongful imprisonment, and sexual harassment/abuse.
- Other factors contributing to the issue are the increase of militarization equipment for police organizations, institutional problems with training and culture, and the lack of accountability towards officers who are a part of the issue.
- The Black Lives Matter movement was created after the murder of Trayvon Martin. It's goal is to abolish white supremacy, and intervene with the violence that is brought upon Black communities.
- The media is quick to show graphic videos/content in which a person is being a victim of domestic abuse by an officer. This causes a negative effect on mental health, being a stressor to non-white citizens.

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