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Abstract

The Police Force is a respected service that keeps our streets safe but their power of enforcing the law could be and has been abused and has caused a lot of controversy between people of different ethnic backgrounds. This is important because rights have been violated and in this modern age these cases shouldn't occur at all. There is a lot of information about cases where people have been mistreated or abused excessively for a crime that could have been handled differently and lives would not have been lost.

Key points

- The National Police Misconduct Statistics and Reporting Project (NPMSRP) found that from April 2009-June 2010 5,986 counts of misconduct have been recorded and 382 fatalities have been linked to that misconduct.
- Barack Obama has proposed a \$263 million dollar program to fund body cameras for police officers to wear in the field. This might have some affect on the decisions the officers make but there is still nothing being done to the officers that have already committed actions that were not justified
- It is interesting that there is little or no action being taken to prevent these occurrences from happening again and it has been a huge problem for the entire time America has been established.

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Conclusion & Discussion

We live in a new modern society where things are more acceptable including gender, race, etc. These problems have been taking place throughout history and we should have learned from the mistakes that have been made in the past to prevent this from happening in the future. I disagree with the justice system about not indicting any officers that have been unlawful and used excessive force when it could have been handled a different way and the people that were killed would be here today with their families.

Future Research

- Solutions or actions taking place to help a problem that is more severe than body cameras
- Any government research being done to keep statistics on police force regarding people of ethnic backgrounds.

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