

Educating yourself about police brutality and how you can help combat it:

We've been here before:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-kH6wvyRww> - Details the LA Riots in the 60s (Watts Riots) and 90s (Rodney King Riots). Told through the lens of how rap & hip-hop have come about as responses to centuries and decades of injustice. The Watts Riots led to the formation of the Watts Prophets, the first "rap" group. A really thorough investigation of how this terrible cycle has repeated itself over the decades and how little has actually been changed.

TW- Violence- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zLA2gzQQ0g> - The video of Rodney King being beaten by police that sparked the 1992 LA Riots.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dO2kwzJ_Zg4 - Activist James Baldwin (Read Notes of a Native Son) discussing the Watts Riots. Sound familiar?

Police Brutality in real-time:

<https://mappingpoliceviolence.org/> - Website for Mapping People Violence, live updates and statistics tracking trends of police killings in America. You can compare years, states, cities, trends in the victims and incidents. Donate to support them.

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.nytimes.com/2020/06/04/us/louisville-unrest-david-mcatee.amp.html> - New York Times analyses the footage of David Mcatee's death from three different angles. Extremely in-depth with no seeming bias, just the facts of what happened.

https://twitter.com/greg_doucette/status/1266751520055459847?s=19 - Twitter thread being updated every day with new videos the police brutality, in response to protests about police brutality. It's at 400+ now, honestly bro it's kinda crazy

<https://maminian.github.io/brutality-map/?fbclid=IwAR3HZYt--NqAzgbdPENyMzgLJRUFCEzZC-R7KahlvwPdAapMhRJwOpaS4pA> - Map linked to the Twitter thread, you can see the locations around the US and click on them to track instances of police and brutality and misconduct as they happen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2OMirbGvn8o> - Music video by Terrace Martin ft. Denzel Curry and others. The video is cut-together footage of protests and police brutality. From 3:08- 4:43 is a list of names of BIPOC killed by police unlawfully.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/man-who-appears-be-pushed-police-buffalo-protest-stable-condition-n1225451> - Police knocking over and leaving an elderly man to bleed from the head. They don't care about old white people either. The video censors the blood but I have the original if you really want proof

I've got links to videos of police running people over, planting evidence, destroying property. Whatever you want I can provide.

Failures of Police Training and Internal Corruption:

<https://medium.com/@OfcrACab/confessions-of-a-former-bastard-cop-bb14d17bc759> - A former California police officer's anonymous recollection of how and why police brutality happens.

Police Corruption and Racist Bias:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PE84fH_Pc9c&t=2149s - This YouTube video breaks down the story told by George Zimmerman, a self appointed white neighborhood watchman who followed, confronted and killed 17 year old Trayvon Martin who had committed no crime beyond stepping out to grab some skittles and walking home at night. Shaun dissects Zimmerman's court testimony, 911 call transcripts and statements he has made in documentaries and interviews proving he lied at multiple points. The police and media took Zimmerman's side because of racist bias.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L30_hfuZoQ8 -Another video from the same YouTuber debating the efficacy of the Death Penalty. From 9:48-14:18 Shaun uses the example of Brenton Butler. A black 15 year old boy who was physically intimidated and attacked by police to force a confession after he was wrongfully identified as a murderer. He expands on how the police callously did not investigate further and sought to pin the whole thing on Brenton. He references a documentary which goes into greater detail about the police's misconduct. Even after he stops talking about Brenton specifically he discusses ACAB, police planting evidence etc etc It's an interesting video worth watching on its own

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brenton_Butler_case - Wikipedia article on Brenton's case

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFLbptkb1eM> - The documentary Shaun referenced

Qualified Immunity, Warrior Training, and Corrupt Police Unions:

American Police are almost impossible to sue or hold accountable when they use excessive force.

They are encouraged to use excessive force.

Police Unions cover for bad cops.

Senior police officers encourage and even command cops to use excessive force, particularly against minorities.

(Trigger warning violence, particularly racist violence)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XmoPUWGc1WY> - Video by the Cato Institute (A Libertarian think tank, please don't get caught up on them being Libertarians and just watch the video it explains how qualified immunity came about)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=km4uCOAzrbM> - Hasan Minhaj interviews experts and ex-police officers on why American police training is deeply flawed. Yes, Minhaj is a liberal comedian but the experts he interviews aren't you don't get to write them off.

<https://www.change.org/p/us-supreme-court-qualified-immunity-legislative-reform> - Petition to sort this shit out, addressing the US Supreme Court directly

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1y kz06qH6kU> - Video by Eve Cornwell @evecornwell giving examples of this evil in action and explaining everything. Particularly how the Supreme court attempts to justify it.

Sources cited by Eve:

<https://www.reuters.com/investigates/special-report/usa-police-immunity-scotus/>

<https://theappeal.org/qualified-immunity-explained/>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/02/opinion/breonna-taylor-police.html> - The Story of Breonna Taylor and how qualified immunity is blocking justice for her

Adrian Schoolcraft:

NYPD Officer who taped conversations incriminating his fellow officers and commander. Incriminating them in enforcing racist arrest quotas. When he attempted to make his voice heard, his fellow officers illegally entered his home and forcibly placed him into a psychiatric hospital. He was held against his will for 6 days.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adrian_Schoolcraft (I don't usually trust wikipedia but it's not like anyone else is properly writing about this story lol)

https://smile.amazon.co.uk/NYPD-Tapes-Shocking-Cover-Ups-Courage/dp/1137279435/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=the+nypd+tapes&qid=1591375149&sr=8-1 - Book written by one of the people Schoolcraft leaked the tapes too (I know we don't like Jezz Bezos I couldn't find it anywhere else ok)

The NYPD 12:

12 NYPD Officers of Colour who filed a class-action lawsuit against the NYPD in 2015. They expose how supposedly banned arrest quotas are used by police to unlawfully arrest and target minority communities. A documentary was made in 2018.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c-Cu9O2usWY> - The Documentary is an hour and half long, available on YouTube for £3.49 last I checked

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=58K4fHHQs_s - YouTube video explaining the background behind the documentary

<https://www.theguardian.com/film/2018/aug/23/nypd-documentary-crime-and-punishment-stephen-maing> - Guardian Article reviewing and summarising the documentary

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/06/nyregion/nyc-police-subway-racial-profiling.html> - NY Times Article with statements from members of the 12, further details are how they were commanded to discriminate and enforce racism

Police & Domestic Violence:

<http://womenandpolicing.com/violenceFS.asp#notes> - 1991/1992 Study by the US National Centre for Women and Policing regarding the epidemic of domestic violence in the homes of US Police Officers

<https://kutv.com/news/local/40-of-police-officer-families-experience-domestic-violence-study-says> - News article from 2019 explaining and summarising the study and applying its findings to today

Police Brutality & Racism within the Police in the UK:

The Stephen Lawrence Murder and the Macpherson Report:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BxH99SljfsQ> - Trigger Warning: Racist Language- Secret Policeman: Racism in the Police- Journalist Mark Daly in 2003 went undercover in the Manchester police force, uncovers gross and institutionalized racism. Police Unions covering for officers who break the rules and suppressing information. Exposure of bias and lack of awareness/education in the police. The police are aware that racism exists at all levels, which we see from the perspective of the undercover journalist from pre-academy all the way to patrolling the streets. The police wish to eradicate racism within the force but they aren't combatting these deeply entrenched ideas and flawed logic effectively. Many officers are shown to hold deeply racist ideas which they increasingly rationalize and double down over time. Showcases how racism has evolved in the British police and society over time through clips of the 1980s. It also illustrates the other side of "the argument"; stress and unfairness of being a police officer, being unfairly labeled a racist. Conclusion: the majority of police officers Daly interacts with are not racist as individuals, the police as an institution are aware of the prevalence of racism both individually and institutionally and are trying to combat it, however, their methods are ineffective. Many officers are very racist and use their position to enforce their racist biases. Often willfully and arrogantly. They don't catch onto Daly's investigation because they don't see it as something wrong, something to be investigated for. **REFERENCES THE STEPHEN LAWRENCE CASE, BUT MAKES THE FOLLOWING STEPHEN LAWRENCE SOURCES EASIER TO UNDERSTAND.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1SF8M-umcTo> Trigger Warning: Racist Language- The Murder of Stephen Lawrence: 1 hour-long documentary regarding the murder of Stephen Lawrence in 1993. Picks up about a decade later and documents how Clive Driscoll reopened the case. Features testimony from those who investigated the 1st time. Features Mark Daly and references his undercover documentary. It's mirrored I'm so sorry I can't find it anywhere else, it was only put up on YouTube 2 months ago. Pause it to read things. Also, Theresa May is in it doing her best impression of an ally. The audio cuts out a couple of times from the 16-minute mark to 17ish, the 35-35:30

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/apr/19/stephen-lawrence-timeline-of-key-events> - Timeline of the events of Stephen Lawrence murder, the investigations (multiple) and the eventual (I stress) convictions. **REFERENCES THE MACPHERSON REPORT**

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/277111/4262.pdf - PDF of the Macpherson Report, tl;dr the Police failed to deliver justice and are institutionally racist.

http://www.stop-watch.org/uploads/documents/StopWatch_Response_to_Macpherson_20_years_on.pdf - Report by StopWatch, a UK organization that researches and actions for fair and accountable policing. The report summarises the key findings and suggestions

of the Macpherson report, the failures of Stop and Search, and what has been done since the Macpherson report.

<http://www.stop-watch.org/> - StopWatch website

Stop and Search:

<https://fullfact.org/crime/does-stop-search-work/> - Explaining the Stop and Search laws

<https://www.crimeandjustice.org.uk/sites/crimeandjustice.org.uk/files/Does%20stop%20and%20search%20reduce%20crime.pdf> - Study by the Centre for Crime and Justice on how Stop and Search is ineffective

<https://www.ethnicity-facts-figures.service.gov.uk/crime-justice-and-the-law/policing/stop-and-search/latest> - The Government freely admits that that black people are 9.5 times more likely to be searched than white people. Even if you wanna take the approach of “Oh black people commit more crime so they get searched more to prevent crime” (even though this ignores the context of why they commit the crime, the effect of over-policing, and the fact that stop and search doesn’t change anything) the math is still ridiculously disproportionate.

The Why and the How of Racism in Britain:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvS78MIAXAQ> - Akala, British activist, journalist and rapper explaining alternative models of understanding and stopping crime (particularly knife crime) in London’s black youth.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atfVUgyEIOI> - Akala going into more depth about the history of racism in Britain, references to the Windrush scandal, his experiences growing up as a person of colour in Britain, gang culture, racial bias in schools etc

Defunding the Police:

This step is not as radical as you may think, it has been considered before. It does not mean no law enforcement, it means taking excess funding away from policing, funding that goes to militarisation rather than better pay or pensions by the way. This funding would be reinvested into social services that would help prevent crime by creating safety and opportunity.

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CBAGcKMpTZU/?igshid=v9xgt7u1g1z6> - Handy little Instagram intro to what defunding means

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7IV4WWrFpVY> - Explanation of what defunding is, the history of US police spending and why it is flawed, how it would work, worries surrounding it, the NYPD police slowdowns in 2014 and 2015, alternative models to how policing is practiced, and how it would look practically etc

<http://www.justicepolicy.org/mobile/research/3906> - Report by The Justice Policy Institute on police over-spending and militarisation in spite of decreasing crime rates. Includes pre-packaged summary.

<https://m4bl.org/policy-platforms/invest-divest/> - A coalition of black organisations in America calling for the reinvesting of police and military funds into providing safety and opportunity in previously disenfranchised black communities. Cites briefs on cutting military expenditure, amending education, divesting from fossil fuels, amongst other causes.