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Introduction

This research paper will discuss and emphasize on the police brutality which is growing concern nowadays. There are thousands of reports every year of physical attack by police, and ill treatment against many officers that use unnecessary force and violate the human rights of their victims. Police officers are injuring and even killing people through the use of extreme force and brutal treatment. A major problem in this area is that police is abusive of civilian rights, but it's important for the officer to consider the appropriate amount of force for them to use in a situation.

Background of the Study

According to a previous study, there are thousands of reports each year of assault, and ill treatment against many officers that use unnecessary force and violate the human rights of their victims (Klahm, 2010). Police officers are injuring and even killing people through the use of extreme force and brutal treatment. A major problem in this area is that police is abusive of civilian rights, but it's important for the officer to consider the appropriate amount of force for them to use in a situation.

In a number of cases, the force used by a police officer can become excessive when it gets to the point where they kick, beat, or even shoot people that pose no threat to them at all. Police brutality cases have received more attention due to the fact that there have been some high profile cases that reached the media. The use of excessive force is a criminal act and is also a white collar crime.

To comprehend the causes of police brutality requires deep study. The law enforcement and psychology profession should become united in determining the possible causes and prevention methods. I will later discuss that there is difficulty in chasing brutality offenders because there is a lack of unity between the justice system and the police organizations. The justice system wants to punish the offenders but the police structure seems to encourage the use of excessive force (Jefferis, 2011). The police profession must recognize that brutality is a crime and all three of the professions must work to discourage future acts.

Research Aims and Objectives

The overall aim of this study is to find out the causes of police brutality and it impact on the society. The following are main research aim and objectives which are discussed below:

1. To identify the causes of police brutality

2. To identify the impact of police brutality on society

3. To identify the social impact of police brutality

Research Question

1. What are the main causes of police brutality and the reasons of its increase in today's world?

Literature Review

Police brutality and the use of excessive force are occupational crimes because, according to Friedricks, an occupational crime is defined as a "violation of the legal codes in the course of activity in a legitimate occupation". Police brutality is a direct violation of the laws within the police force. The use of this kind of force is also a direct violation of the fifth and fourteenth amendments of the United States Constitution, regarding cruelty and protection of the laws. In August 1997, Officer Justin Volpe was knocked to the ground while at a bar. The officer believes that a man named Abner Louima was the man that had done so. Once they had Louima in handcuffs and in their police cruiser, Volpe and his partner began punching Louima in the face several times (Jefferis, 2011). The officers then shoved a wooden stick into Louima's rectum and held the stick in his face. After further investigation, it was discovered that Abner Louima was not responsible for knocking the officer to the ground at the bar.

Research Methodology

Research methodology is a set of tool and techniques that are used by a researcher to conduct his research. According to Saunders et.al (2010), there are two broad categories of research strategies that are qualitative strategy and quantitative strategy. Some researchers also use a combination of both strategies that is called mixed strategy. Hence a research methodology is a mix of type of investigation use for research, data collection, sampling method, data collection and analysis procedure.

Research Design

This research will be based on both qualitative and quantitative methodology. There are two common strategies for the research that are quantitative and qualitative strategies. In quantitative strategy the primary or secondary data, which is usually in numbers form, is gathered and different tests are carried out to check the validity of that gathered data and to answer the research questions (Phillips, 2010). The quantitative primary data is usually gathered through questionnaire survey and secondary data is gathered from the online reports and surveys or from previous researches related to the research topic at hand. While the qualitative strategy is one in which there is no quantifiable data that is used in research work. The primary qualitative data is gathered through open ended questions in research questionnaire and interviews, while the secondary data is gathered from the previous researches.

Data Collection Method

Data will be collected through surveys by two different strategies. Under quantitative strategy the data will be collected from the people who have experienced past police brutality through a close ended questionnaire, while for the qualitative strategy the data will be collected through face-to-face interview with the police brutality victims.

Data Analysis Plan

The qualitative data which will be gathered through the face to face interview will be analyzed through the thematic analysis while the quantitative data will be analyze through the SPSS.

Conclusion

Police corruption damages public confidence, and lowers residents' willingness to help the police (Klahm, 2010). It destroys policing from inside as officers have less time for police work and even resent how it interferes with their other money-making businesses. Corrupt supervisors weaken administrative control over patrol officers.

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