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**Introduction**

The media often is meant to give information about what is happening in the society. It mostly depicts what the society is and the morals in that particular society.

The police are under the executive arm of any government and its main role is to maintain law and order and that citizens or the residents follow the laws of the land. The police service delivered to residents should be equal to all citizens without discrimination. However, in the recent past, there has been differences on the reports reported by media on this same service. Some police deliver a complete opposite service to some other citizens from what they should be doing because their treatment tells it all (Michael 176-183).

On the other hand, not police are bad. We have had live examples and others even receiving national awards for their good gesture towards the citizen. An example of a good gesture done by the police was the memorable act by Corporal Jeremy Walsh in Texas when he noticed a man who had worn shoes and he gifted the man a pair of new shoes. This report was captured by the McClatchy- Tribune News Service with the copyrights 2014 the Odessa American. Even though the man initially he was refusing to take up the shoes, Jeremy said he saw the man struggling with the shoes and because he had an extra pair, he thought the man can use the pair better than he could do. That is why he thought of going back to the house, take the pair and gift it to the man. At the time Jeremy might not have not known what he did, but such a gesture was very good and was highly lauded by many all over the world (Michael 176-183).

This is to say that not all police are bad. They are also human beings with humanity in them and feelings and they sometimes have compassion towards their fellow countrymen. The above example is just one out of the many which can be found all over the world.

**Some cruelty done by police to the minority community**

A minority community is one whose numbers are few and whose is almost having no say or voice in the society. There has been police brutality over such communities in different parts of the world. In other times, the police use more power and energy towards them than what is recommended to be used against citizens. However, this is also determined by the actions of such communities because many of them tend to take the law upon their hands simply because they are the minority and they will be heard, or there will be sympathy upon them.

It is good to note that the law is a double-edged sword and it is with both sides and so everybody should obey it irrespective of who they are. Having said that, this does not give the police an opportunity to cause harm or even humiliate citizens because their work is to maintain law and order. Every party, that is, both the police and the citizens should obey and keep the law.

One notable event where the police were so cruel with the minority is death of George Floyd and which was reported differently by media houses. The report by CNN, Aljazeera and BBC for instance was totally different. George Floyd was a black American who was murdered by the police in unclear circumstances. The law of every land is very clear pertaining criminals and the work of the police is to arrest the criminal and arraign them in court for judgement to be done. In the case George, the police took the law in to their own hands and killed him. There was no proof that George was a criminal and even so, that was not the correct action that they could have done (Amanda, et al 549-573).

**Media promoting misinformation instead of true events**

The media is supposed to be unbiased in its reporting. Journalists irrespective of their sides in any matter are required to be impartial in their work so that they do not bring division among citizens. In matters of police brutality, the media should give it all and unmask the whole rot within the police operations so that general public can be aware. The main role of the media is to inform and this information should be unbiased.

When the media reports a biased information or misinforms the general public, it causes uproar among the receivers of that information as different people decipher information differently. The law setting up the act that regulates the media clearly stipulates that there should not be any biasness when reporting and this is very detrimental and may cause the license of the media reporting misinformation to be suspended. It can as well be revoked and that particular media is barred from reporting at all (Lynne 22-24).

Police brutality should not be heard at the 21st century and it should be a thing of the past. Many people are enlightened and they know their rights as citizens so gone are the days when a police officer would frog match a suspect. Any case which undermines humanity and which is done by the police should be correctly reported and it should also be condemned with the strongest terms possible. The media should match with the challenge and provide the general public with the information they require to know what is happening in their society and around them (Lynne 22-24).

In addition, some media houses report unverified pieces of information and end up misleading the general public. Any information intended to be passed to the general public has to be verified and its truth need to be identified so that it does not mislead in any way.

**Assertion by media that minority groups are the issue**

The media may assert that minority groups are actually the problem just to justify their reporting but that is not the case. All citizens be they immigrants, majority or minority have the right to live and protection be accorded to them. This is a lame excuse in most cases as it has no grounds. The minority in every community are seen as people who have no say and that they can only be seen and not to be heard leave alone causing chaos. In most cases, they are obedient and very submissive and so this claim by the media has no ground to hold.

In most cases, the minority have not been the issue as rarely do we hear of immigrants to the United States being caught in mistakes or even engaging the police. This assertion therefore is very wrong and if the reports that and they know very well that it is not correct, then the media is truly misleading the public. The media should shun misinforming the society but report exactly what happened even if it is police brutality so long as they are reporting the right thing (Amanda, et al 549-573).

This kind of assertion mainly occurs where racism is in high levels and ethnicity too. This is where the natives will see themselves as superior than the immigrants on the basis of color. This is majorly evident in the European football arena and mostly the English premier league. When a black player causes a goal incidence and the goal is scored by the opponents or black striker misses a goal which they could have scored, then chants will emerge from the crowds that the player has failed because he is black. Others will call him a monkey. It is for this reason why the league organizers started a campaign of dubbed “Black Lives Matter” which run when George Floyd was killed. To curb racism in the premier league, they normally have a message which is on the television when a match is on saying, “No room for racism”. The Black Lives Matter slogan had to be published in all the jerseys that the players wear and even when a match is on, that advert runs just to remind the whites that even the blacks are also human beings (Nancy 1620-1623).

Such campaigns have been so helpful as they have curbed such vice from the whites to a great extend in the football arena. This is not a loophole for the black players to underperform in any way but they should always work smart and take the chances within them seriously and deliver quality results (Nancy 1620-1623).

**Conclusion**

The police have been in most cases seen as brutal people who are heartless and very bad people. This is the picture in many people’s minds and they might be right because some may have witnessed the police do the worst before their eyes. Some people may even have witnessed their loved ones perish in the hands of the police. Other people have died in the police hands through extra judicial killings which happens especially in most third world countries (Lynne 22-24).

The above does not mean that all the police are bad nor they are not human beings. It should be noted that there are some good police who have been honored due to their good gestures. Others have done commendable jobs and delivered quality service to their countrymen.

Police brutality should be condemned at whatever cost. In this 21st century it should not be witnessed. If a citizen has gone against the law, they ought to be arrested and arraigned in court and let the law take its course (Michael 176-183).

The media should be unbiased in their reporting and should report what happened so long as it is the right thing. Cases of misinformation from the media or even propaganda should not be heard anywhere. The myth that the minorities are always problematic should not peddled in any way. This also should not give the minorities a chance to be so.

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