



Race & Inequality in America: Kerner Commission at 50

Envisioning and taking steps towards creating fair
and just society through criminal justice reform

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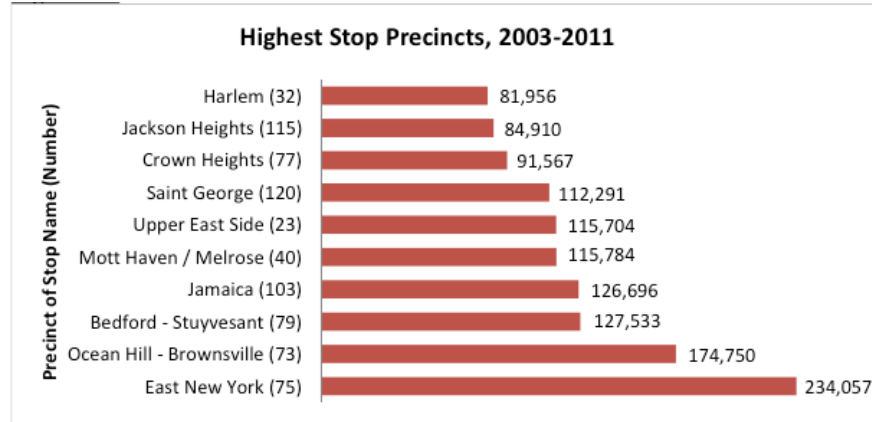
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**WHY I FIGHT FOR
JUSTICE**

Brief history of Police Brutality/ Racial Profiling: NYC's NYPD



Data Sources: 2003, 2011 NYPD website
(http://www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/html/analysis_and_planning/stop_question_and_frisk_report.shtml) and Infoshare.org

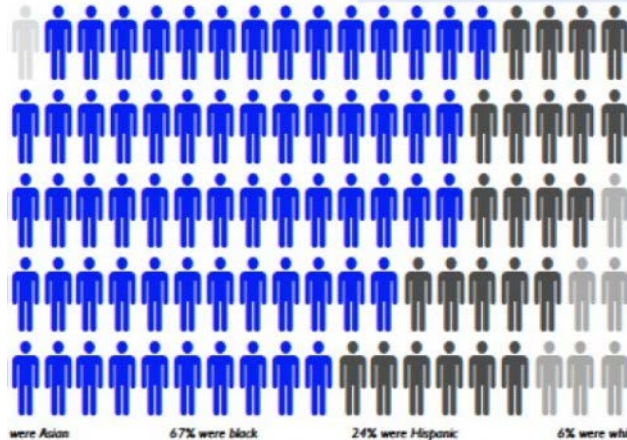
**Policies: Broken Windows Policing / Stop & Frisk
NYC spends 40 million a year incarcerating
people from Brownsville (justice mapping center)**



New York City's 2010 Murder Victims—Who Were They?

536 persons were murdered in NYC in 2010

Two-thirds were black



▶ Black people, who make up 25% of New York City's population, represent 67% of those murdered

▶ 47% of New Yorkers are non-Hispanic whites or Asians, yet these groups represent only 9% of those murdered

▶ Male blacks age 15-29, who represent less than 3% of the City's population, represent 33% of those murdered

NYPD IN RELATION TO THE BLACK COMMUNITY

Death by the hands of NYPD 1999-2014




Some of the most heavily publicized NYPD murders include:

- 2013: Kimani Gray
16, Bklyn,
NY
- 2014: Eric Garner,
48 NY, NY
- 2014: Akai Gurley,
28, Bklyn, NY
- 2012: RAMARLEY
GRAHAM, 18,
BK, NY6

To name a few...

**NO INDICTMENTS TO
DATE**



**How you can get involved:
Mobilizing SOLUTIONS &
Action STEPS**

Nationwide, Citywide & Locally

As a nation:

Institutional Police

Reform: Culturally Competency Tests, Tools that Assess Mental Illness & implicit Bias. Proper punishment of police civil rights violations

In your city:

Accountability:

Combining resources of citywide organizations to combat the issues prevalent in the community: poverty, mental illness/PTSD, trauma, substance abuse through Services, Political Education

In your community:

New Leadership: Advocating for police, politicians and representatives to be from your community and BECOME ONE!

Restorative Justice: Explore alternatives to police reliance & peer/group community mediation conflict resolution & de-escalation tactics



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