

bring back the beat cop:
a proposal to fight racial profiling

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the problem

the problem - defined

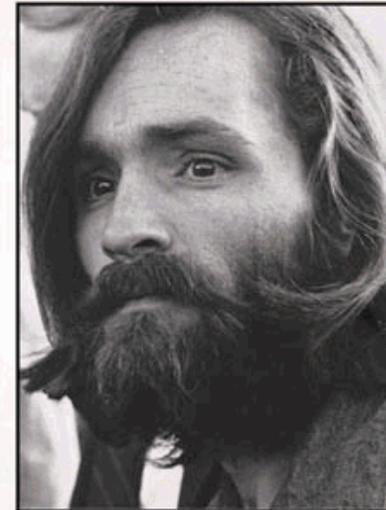
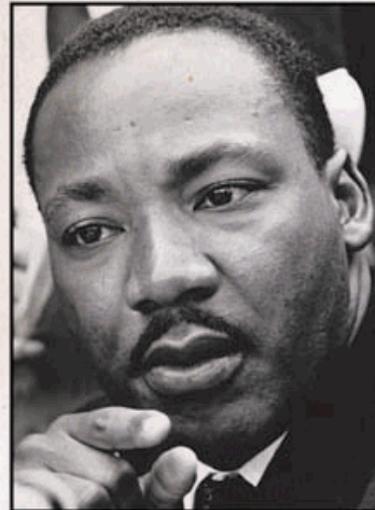
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**THE MAN ON THE LEFT
IS 75 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE STOPPED
BY THE POLICE WHILE DRIVING THAN
THE MAN ON THE RIGHT.**

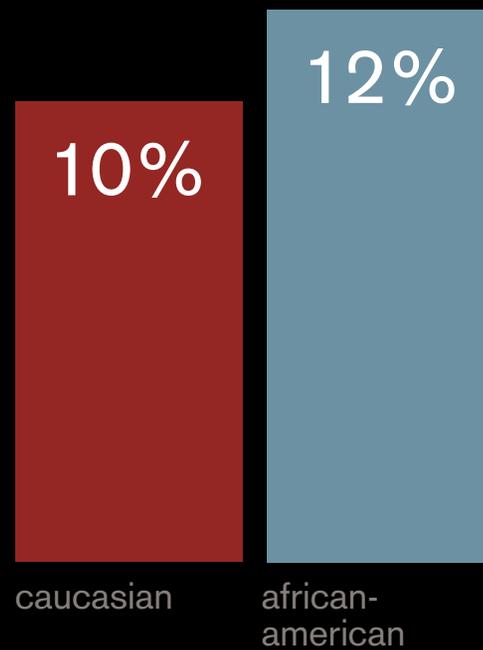


It happens every day on America's highways. Police stop drivers based on their skin color rather than for the way they are driving. For example, in Florida 80% of those stopped and searched were black and Hispanic, while they constituted only 5% of all drivers. These humiliating and illegal searches are violations of the Constitution and must be fought. Help us defend your rights. Support the ACLU.

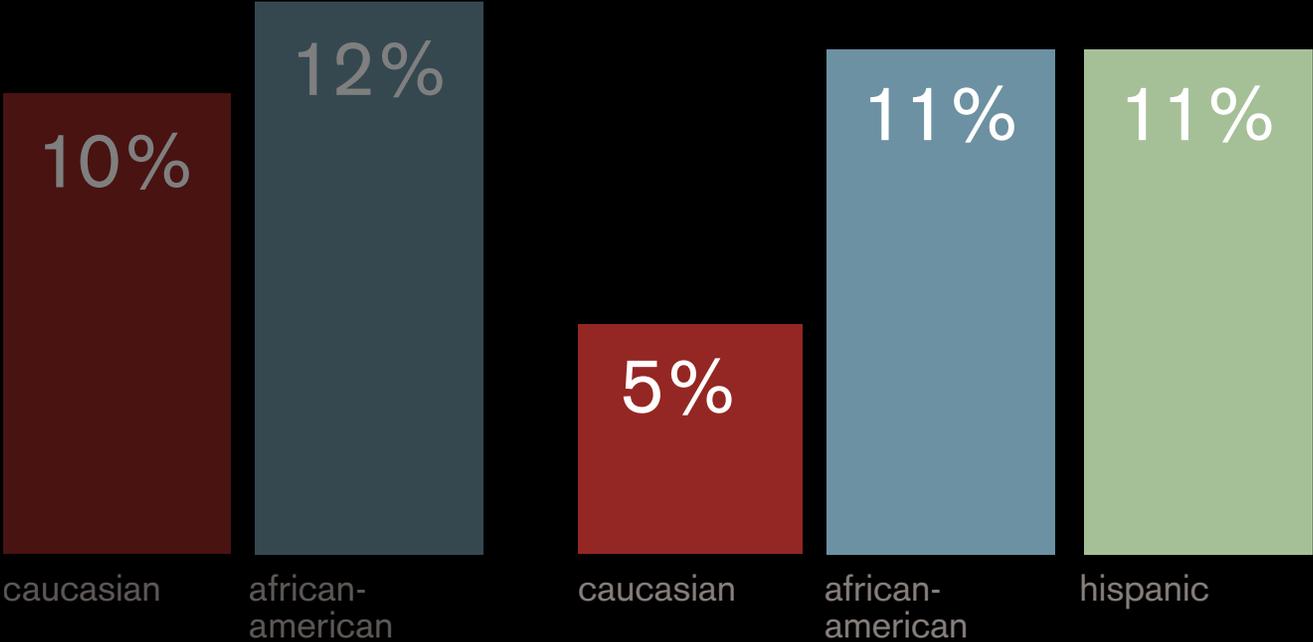
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the problem - traffic stops



the problem - traffic stops and searches



the problem - no trust

Communities show no trust in the people that are sworn to serve and protect.

the solution

the solution - bring back the beat cop

Patrol areas based on crime not racial demographics.

the solution - invest in community

Police officers should invest time into the community they serve to build a working and trusting relationship.

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The city should help police officers purchase homes in high-crime areas.

the hurdles - outdated/overused laws

“An average of 95% of all vehicles are in violation of traffic laws and are subject to being stopped by officers”.

– study by Lamberth

the hurdles - outdated/overused laws

In Russell, Kansas, it is against the law to have a musical car horn.

It is illegal to drive a red car down main street on Sundays

You must honk the horn whenever you pass another car.

It is illegal for a woman to drive a car unless there is a man either running or walking in front of it waving a red flag to warn approaching motorists and pedestrians.

the hurdles - misunderstanding & stereotypes

Police Officers are not alone in racial profiling, citizens use stereotypes to judge and mistreat people who are different in appearance and religion.

thank you