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It's never good to walk down the streets fighting for your rights and having officers run up behind you. As Americans we live with freedom of speech but every time the people's voices are being used an officer has to step in the way and abuse their power.



Women will always be a target for police brutality. Women are not as strong as men are and they can be taken down easily. This may not be true but to the police force it is. In the picture above you see a woman being taken away by more than 2 police officers because she was selling food in the train station. People make a living out of stuff like this and the police officers don't want to see that. It's sad to see that this woman may not have a job because her current job was taken away because of the police officers.



Another target for police officers are people of color. People of color will always be a main suspect for anything even if they are not guilty for the situation that took place. If you may not know there's this show that's called 9-1-1 and it's a show that shows what police officers, firefighters, EMT and more people along the workforce what they for the community. It's not a reality show but one episode stuck out to me because there was a black family in a car going home and all of a sudden, a police officer is right behind them and pulls them over. The officer started abusing the father once her was told to step out of the car and the worst part is that there was a gun pointed at a young little boy around the age of 10. In the end the police realize the family were innocent and did nothing wrong and let them go. People may ask me why should it

matter if it's not real? My answer to that it's because in real life it does happen. The show may not be reality based but we live in a time where discrimination and racism occur which is why a situation like this can occur and needs to stop.



Abusing someone to “solve” a situation is not good. The people are supposed to feel safe when an officer is around not scared. There’s always a camera around for memory. You never want to be an officer that has to always look back at moments where you are just being abusive. I would much rather want to see you shining and helping lives out instead of fighting and hurting people when the situation could have been handling a better way. There will be situation where you may have to use your gun or hurt someone but you are not supposed to use those defenses unless the victim is seriously dangerous. If you want to be a police officer in the future change the view that we have on officers. Help us see the good in them and make a difference.

I rather see this



Then this



Now the question for you is, are you ready to make a change or are you going to be like everyone else?

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## Reflection

Writing the visual essay was hard for me. It was hard because I had to find pictures that will help my purpose for this visual essay. My purpose for the visual essay was to focus on future police officers and encourage them that police brutality should be stopped and only they can make a change. When I was looking for picture, I was trying to find a picture that showed police brutality and that had a story behind it. For the pictures I had to become a detective to find what happened in the altercation in the picture because the best way encourages someone is to give them real life examples of the situation.

I would say the most effective was the pictures because in every picture you see a different situation and that situation is the person that is being assaulted by the police. People needed to see that it's not only people of color that get assaulted, men do as well and women and kids. I needed my encouragement to be shown to make a change which is why I put all these different situations in the essay. It was hard though because the visual is the main point of the essay so I didn't know if I was writing to much or too little.

I would say that from the visual and written essay, that the written essay was easier because I already knew what I had to say and I already had he sources in mind for my evidence. For my visual I had no idea what to use or what to do with it. I knew my purpose for the visual but finding the right pictures took a lot of time. In the end I'm proud with the outcome and I

really do hope that this essay can persuade future police officers to not be known as a “police brutality” officer.