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## STEPPING UP: “CHANGING A BEHAVIOR THAT MAKES MEN OF COLOR A TARGET”

- If we want to know how many Justifiable Homicides occur by Police or Private Citizens we can get those number easily. Here they are:

### Justifiable homicides

<b>Year</b>	<b>Police</b>	<b>Citizen</b>
<b>2007</b>	398	252
<b>2008</b>	378	265
<b>2009</b>	414	266
<b>2010</b>	397	285
<b>2011</b>	393	260
<b>2012</b>	409	330

- But if we want to know how many Law Enforcement Shootings are "Unjustified" - we get no answer from the FBI. None.
- One source, in a report called "Operation Ghetto Storm" says that in 2012 that of the 739 "Justified" shootings shown above from 2012, 313 of them were Black. 44% of them or 136, were unarmed. 27% of them (83) were claimed by Law Enforcement to have Gun at the time of the shooting, but that could not be later confirmed or the "gun" was in fact, a toy or other non-lethal object. 20% of them (62) were confirmed to have been armed with a gun, knife or cutting tool.

This report, which was gathered by searching media reports, obituaries and even Facebook pages of deceased persons includes the following table as an example.

**2012 Comparison of Black, Latino and White Extrajudicial Killings in Five Cities**

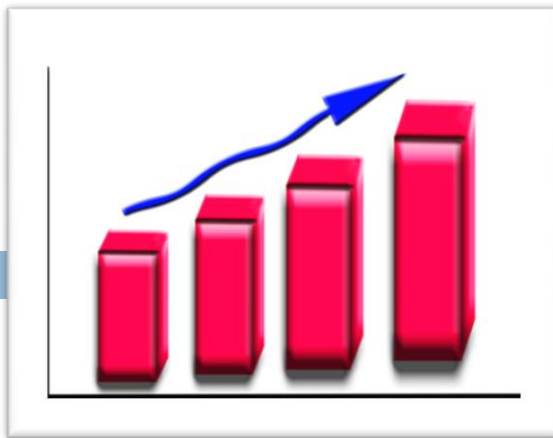
City	% of <u>Black</u> people in the population*	% of people killed by police who were <u>Black</u>	% of <u>Latino</u> people in population	% of people killed by police who were <u>Latino</u> (non Afro)	% of <u>white</u> (non-Latino) people in the population	% of people killed by police who were <u>white</u> , non-Latino
Chicago, IL	32.9%	91% (21)	28.9%	4% (1)	31.7%	4% (1)
Houston, TX**	23.7%	48% (12)	43.8%	12% (3)	25.6%	(8)
New York, NY	28.6%	87% (20)	25.5%	9% (2)	33.3%	4% (1)
Rockford, IL	20.5%	100% (3)	15.8%	0% (0)	58.4%	0% (0)
Saginaw, MI	46.1%	100% (4)	14.3%	0% (0)	37.5%	0% (0)

\*Population percentages are from <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/>

\*\* The race of 4 of the 25 (16%) killed in Houston was not identified.


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91% of the people killed by Police in Chicago in 2012 were Black? 87% in New York? 100% in Saginaw and Rockford? I have got to admit even after focusing on this subject for over 30 years, since Ron Settles was killed, I find that kind of shocking.



The report goes on to say that 47% of these killings (146 cases) occurred not because of the person brandishing a weapon (as noted above less than 30% of them HAD a weapon, or were even thought to have a weapon), it's because the Officer or Citizen - "felt threatened" and were in "fear". In only 8% (25 cases) did the suspect fire or discharge a weapon that wounded or killed Police or others while Officers were on the scene.

Only eight (8) Officers were Charged with Murder, Manslaughter or use of excessive force in these case.



Is this report comprehensive? Is it fully accurate? I don't know, it's gone through several revisions and updates as none of the data is being officially compiled anywhere and some things can be missed that way.

- And it's not like some in the media haven't attempted to divine the answer on their own, they have.

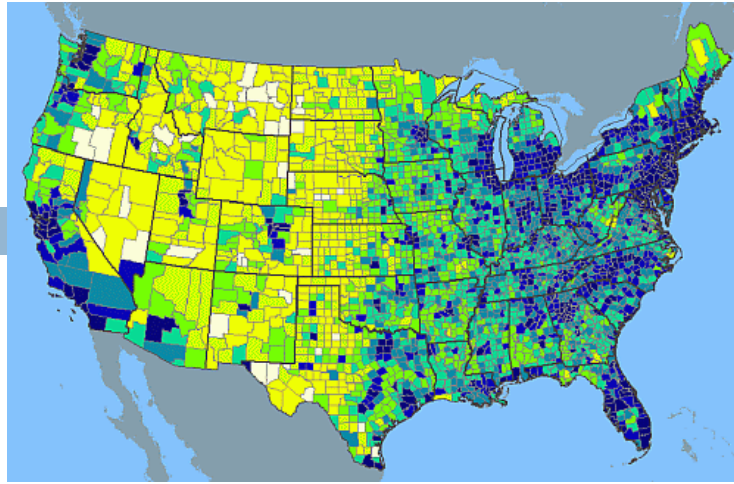
This summer *ColorLines* and *The Chicago Reporter* conducted a joint national investigation of fatal police shootings in America's 10 largest cities, each of which had more than 1 million people in 2000. Several striking findings emerged.



- To begin, African Americans were overrepresented among police shooting victims in every city the publications investigated.
- The contrast was particularly noticeable in New York, San Diego and Las Vegas. In each of these cities, **the percentage of black people killed by police was at least double that of their share of the city's total population.**
- They analyzed the data from the Ten Largest Cities and in Every City - *every single one* - had **double the number of black shooting victims** than their proportion in the population.


And it's not just happening to Black People.





- Starting in 2001, the number of incidents in which Latinos were killed by police in cities with more than 250,000 people rose four consecutive years, **from 19 in 2001 to 26 in 2005**. The problem was exceptionally acute in Phoenix, which had the highest number of Latinos killed in the country.

Despite these persistent problems of disproportionate police force in communities of color, **a disturbing lack of accountability plagues several of the cities examined.**

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- In Chicago, for example, an examination of media accounts shows that **only one shooting out of the 84 fatal police shootings occurred since 2000 has been found unjustified.** Monique Bond, spokeswoman at the Chicago Police Department, said that more than one shooting had been determined to have been outside department guidelines, but could not provide specific numbers.