

## How to protect yourself during a police encounter:

- Be careful what you say to the police. Everything you say can be used against you.
- You have the right to not speak. To exercise this right, “I would like to remain silent.”
- You do not have to say yes to a search of yourself, your belongings, your car or your house. If you do consent, it can affect your rights in court.

**To File A Police Misconduct Complaint, Contact the Civilian Complaint Review Board by calling 311 or by visiting [www.nyc.gov/html/ccrb](http://www.nyc.gov/html/ccrb)**

## You Can Make a Change TODAY!



### Get involved by:

- Joining protests in your neighborhood/community
- Informing yourself and others about your rights
- Keeping yourself updated on current events in your community



# KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING, KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

## Police Brutality & Mass Incarceration In New York City *A Very Short Introduction*

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# Policing New York



This graph shows the rise and fall of “stop & frisk” policing in New York City. Activists fought to end this practice, and stops fell from nearly **700,000** under Mayor Bloomberg in 2011 to under **23,000** in 2015 under Mayor de Blasio.

Mayor De Blasio has done a lot, but what this graph doesn’t tell you is that about an average of **87% of these people that were arrested each year were found innocent** and **54% of those who were arrested were black**.

Discrimination still exists so we still have a long way to go. Hoping for it to get better won’t help, because our President is in favor of this biased policy and could even implement it on a federal scale.

**We must not wait for something to happen. We must act before it does.**

# Incarceration Nation

America is officially the world's leading jailer. We hold **5% of the world's population but 25% of its inmates**. More than 2.2 million people are behind bars and there are ten times more black people in jail than whites for drug offense but whites use drugs at around the same rate.

The United States spends over **\$80 billion dollars every year** on state prisons, federal facilities and local jails. **To keep an individual behind bars usually takes from \$20,000- \$50,000 per year**. It’s a lot of money spent on something that has no benefit on people within the state. Since it is so expensive to keep someone behind bars, only people who commit murder, drug trafficking or any other serious crime should be punished and go to prison.



Source: <http://www.prisonsupply.org/global/2016.html>

# Working for Change

**NPAP:** The National Police Accountability Project (NPAP) is a nonprofit organization that has vowed to protect the civil rights of people in their experiences with law enforcement. <https://www.nlg-npap.org/>

**Campaign Zero:** Campaign Zero is an organization dedicated to ending police violence in America. Their website features many credible sources on statistics and information. <https://www.joincampaignzero.org/>

**Communities United For Police Reform:** Communities United for Police Reform works toward making New York City a safer place where the police treat everyone with respect. <http://changethenypd.org>

**Cop Watch NYC:** Cop Watch NYC is community-based website which empowers New Yorkers to safely and legally monitor and expose police misconduct and discrimination. <http://copwatchnyc.org>

**The Campaign to End the New Jim Crow** is a national coalition committed to ending mass incarceration and its collateral consequences. <https://nationinside.org/campaign/campaign-to-end-the-new-jim-crow>