

CAREFREE

Poet: ANDREW PIERRE

The sun kisses his flesh, and his melanin protects him from its embrace.
He just wishes it could protect him from police brutality.
He just wishes it could protect him from the reality that because he's black he may die.
He believes in God, but he feels as if God is turning his heart black.
He feels it's hard enough being black, he can't decide if I want to wear a hoodie or not.
He feels like he can't even go for a jog.
Damn... he feels he has to work harder just to prove he's qualified for a job.
He's already stressing about the world he's set up to fail in.
He feels like being black he's instantly labeled as a felon.
He just wants to be carefree and black.
Free from worry and being black is not a sin.
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HOW JUSTIFIABLE EXCUSES
ALLOW POLICE OFFICERS
TO GET AWAY WITH
MURDER.



THE TRIAL OF DEREK CHAUVIN, A FORMER POLICE OFFICER IN MINNEAPOLIS, CHARGED WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF GEORGE FLOYD, BEGAN IN MINNEAPOLIS ON MARCH 29.

FLOYD'S DEATH CAUSED GLOBAL PROTESTS OVER EXCESSIVE VIOLENCE AND RACE DISCRIMINATION ALMOST A YEAR AFTER HIS SENTENCING. A POLICEMAN IN AMERICA KILLS A BLACK CITIZEN AT A PACE OF MORE THAN ONE EVERY SINGLE DAY. HOWEVER, FLOYD'S TIMING AND BRUTALITY, CAUGHT IN A TERRIBLE VIDEO SHOWING A CASUAL KNEELING ON THE VICTIM'S NECK OF THE WHITE MINNEAPOLIS POLICE OFFICER DEREK CHAUVIN, LED TO NATIONAL REVOLT. THIS RAISES MANY QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS ON HOW HUMANS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE TREATED IN SUCH SITUATIONS. HOLDING PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ILLEGAL ACTIONS SHOWS UNITY AND COMMITMENT TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER AND SAFER PLACE TO BE IN. THE MURDER OF GEORGE FLOYD SERVES AS A CATALYST TO CHALLENGE HOW WE HOLD OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS. RESIGNATION FROM THE POLICE FORCE IS NOT AN ACT OF RESPONSIBILITY BUT INSTEAD OF FEAR.





THE REASON FOR SELF-DEFENSE WAS USED AS A SHIELD, HELPING MANY POLICE OFFICERS TO ESCAPE LEGAL SANCTIONS. LETHAL FORCE SHOULD NOT BE USED BECAUSE IT IS VERY UNNECESSARY AND UNREASONABLE. IN MANY CASES, THE POLICE HAVE EXCESSIVE SUSPICION OF THE VICTIMS, BELIEVING THAT THEY POSE A THREAT TO THEMSELVES.





THE LEGAL SYSTEM SUPPORT INJUSTICES AGAINST MINORITIES AND UNETHICAL CONDUCT FROM POLICE OFFICERS IN A MULTITUDE OF WAYS. SOCIETY AND THE LEGAL SYSTEM HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF IMPLICIT BIASES AND STEREOTYPES THAT IS CORRELATED WITH MINORITIES. MINORITIES ARE PERCEIVED TO BE AGGRESSIVE, ADDICTS, AND OVERALL ANTISOCIAL. EVEN IN INSTANCES WHEN POLICE BRUTALITY IS TELEVISED FOR THE NATION TO SEE AND ANALYZE IT IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR THERE TO BE VICTIM-BLAMING OR GASLIGHTING. GASLIGHTING AND VICTIM-BLAMING IS A COMMON TECHNIQUE UTILIZED BY THE LEGAL SYSTEM AND POLICE OFFICERS TO MINIMIZE POLICE BRUTALITY OR JUSTIFY THE ENCOUNTER.





OFTEN TIMES THE DEFENSE, DISCUSS PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS OF THE VICTIM THAT HAS NO CORRELATION TO THE CURRENT CASE (I.E- GEORGE FLOYD). THESE SOCIAL HISTORIES ARE MENTIONED TO DISCREDIT THE VICTIM AND SLANDER THEIR CHARACTER. THE LEGAL SYSTEM FURTHER SUPPORTS POLICE BRUTALITY BY ALLOWING THEIR PEERS TO PROVIDE TESTIMONIES. POLICE FORCES IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE A RACIST BACKGROUND. THESE INSTITUTIONS WERE FOUNDED AS "SLAVE PATROLS" AND UTILIZED THEIR AUTHORITY TO RE-ENSLAVE MINORITIES POST ABOLISHMENT OF SLAVERY.

POLICE DEPARTMENTS ALL THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES OPERATE ON A "CODE" AND IT'S NOT UNCOMMON FOR THERE TO BE GENERATIONS OF RELATIVES WORKING IN DEPARTMENTS. DUE TO THIS REASONING POLICE, TESTIMONIES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED UNETHICAL. THE LEGAL SYSTEM ALSO ENABLES THE UNETHICAL AND RACIST BEHAVIORS FROM POLICE OFFICERS BY ALLOWING FOR THESE OFFICERS TO BE ASSIGNED DESK DUTY AND ALLOWED TO RECEIVE FULL PENSION BENEFITS IN THE MIDST OF BEING FOUND GUILTY OF MISCONDUCT.

