

The Lie That Blacks Are Unfairly Profiled

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From the very beginning, Black Lives Matter has claimed that police unfairly profiling blacks is racist. This however, is not true. In fact, if you look at the statistics, which we will get to shortly, you will see that this profiling is in fact, justified. Before I get to that, however, I would like to quickly go over what exactly profiling is.

Profiling is a method used by police officers to assess the likelihood of an individual doing something, for example selling drugs or being in a gang, based on how they look, act, and talk. While BLM makes it seem as though profiling is solely based on race, this is not true. Profiling takes into account things such as how an individual speaks, how they are dressed, how they act, and other cues such as body language as well as race. Profiling has been proven to be an effective method of deducing things about individuals simply by observing. Since BLM only focuses on racial profiling, I will prove its validity with statistics, specifically determining the ratio of criminals:total population, for blacks and whites.

To begin this, we are going to need to find out the total population of blacks and whites in the United States, which are displayed in the table below (note that I am not including other races):

RACE	PERCENTAGE	ACTUAL
Black	12.2%	37,685,848
White	63.7%	196,817,552

As you can see from this, the white population in the United States is about 5 times as large as the black population, giving us a ratio of 5:1, meaning that for every five whites, there is one black. Now that we have the total population statistics, lets get the crime statistics. The table below shows murder, rape, and robbery statistics by race.

CRIME	BLACK PERCENTAGE	BLACK ACTUAL	WHITE PERCENTAGE	WHITE ACTUAL
Murder	49.4%	4,203	48.2%	4,101

Rape	32.5%	4,512	65.0%	9,027
Robbery	54.9%	44,002	43.4%	34,761

If you add take the sum of these numbers, you end up with a total of 52,717 blacks and 47,889 whites convicted of these crimes. This shows us, that despite whites outnumbering blacks 5:1, blacks still commit more crimes than whites.

Since the majority of people consider these three crimes to be among the worst, lets see if we can determine the ratio of criminals to total populations for whites and blacks. For simplicities sake, lets round the black population up to 40,000,000, the black criminal population down to 50,000, the white population up to 200,000,000, and the white criminal population up to 50000. This leaves us with the following fractions:

$\frac{50000}{40000000}$ for blacks, and $\frac{50000}{200000000}$ for whites. If you reduce these, you will end up with the fractions:

$\frac{4}{4000}$ for blacks, and $\frac{1}{4000}$ for whites.

This means that blacks commit the crimes of murder, rape, and robbery at a rate four times higher than that of whites. This means that 4 in every 4,000 blacks have committed these crimes, while only 1 in every 4,000 whites commit them.

This shows that police are justified in profiling blacks differently than whites due to the fact that blacks are simply four times as likely to be criminals as whites. It is not due to racism, it is due to simple numbers and facts.

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