



Police Brutality and Unconstitutional Policing in the United States

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Summary

My signature assignment is about the past and present history of unconstitutional policing practices. My paper begins with explaining the history that caused unconstitutional policing practices to begin. I focused in on how minorities have historically been the primary targets when it comes to unconstitutional policing. After covering the history of unconstitutional policing, I went on to explain what has been done to prevent these practices from continuing to occur.

General Education Connections

Communicate ideas in written, oral, and other modes as appropriate to a situation and audience. | Evaluate sources of information for accuracy, relevance, and reliability. | Employ various thinking strategies to develop well-reasoned judgments. | Explore issues through creative, interdisciplinary, and innovative approaches. | Identify their roles as global citizens in a multicultural country and world.

This assignment helped me to better develop my communication skills through writing. I was required to write an 8-10 page informative research paper. In order to meet these requirements, I needed to complete a lot of research. I learned how to use databases to find reliable information. This assignment taught me how to evaluate sources beyond articles and e-books. For this assignment, I found valuable information by watching videos and listening to podcasts. I had never considered using these sources before. By completing research, I learned about an issue in our society where unconstitutional practices were occurring only 45 minutes from my own home. I realized how unaware I was of the issues that were affecting people in our society. This paper was one of the longest papers I had written before; therefore, this assignment taught me how to connect all of the research and create an organized research paper.

Challenges

The main challenge I had was finding the time to complete my research paper. This semester I was taking 5 classes and I had a part-time job; therefore, my time was limited. However, with the help of my planner, I managed to find the time to complete each step of this assignment on time. I realized that it was easier to complete a little bit of the assignment at a time rather than trying to complete the assignment all in one day.

Application

I will use this process of completing this assignment on future research papers and major projects. From my understanding, the projects I will complete as I continue my education at a four-year college will only require more time, research, etc. I learned how to use a variety of sources when completing this assignment, which helped me to include stronger research in my paper. I learned how to spread out an assignment over several days in order to prevent myself from becoming overwhelmed.

