



Forum:GA6

Issue:measures to ensure equality before the law

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Description of the issue:

Equality¹ before the law, also known as equality under the law, equality in the eyes of the law, legal equality, or legal egalitarianism, is the principle that each independent being must be treated equally by the law and that all are subject to the same laws of justice, does not matter where you are from, where do you live, which skin colour you have, or which gender you are. The problem is that there are many incidents, where the “equality before the law” is not adhered to, that means people racially classified and whole races, like blacks, or Hispanics are then treated disadvantageously in court.

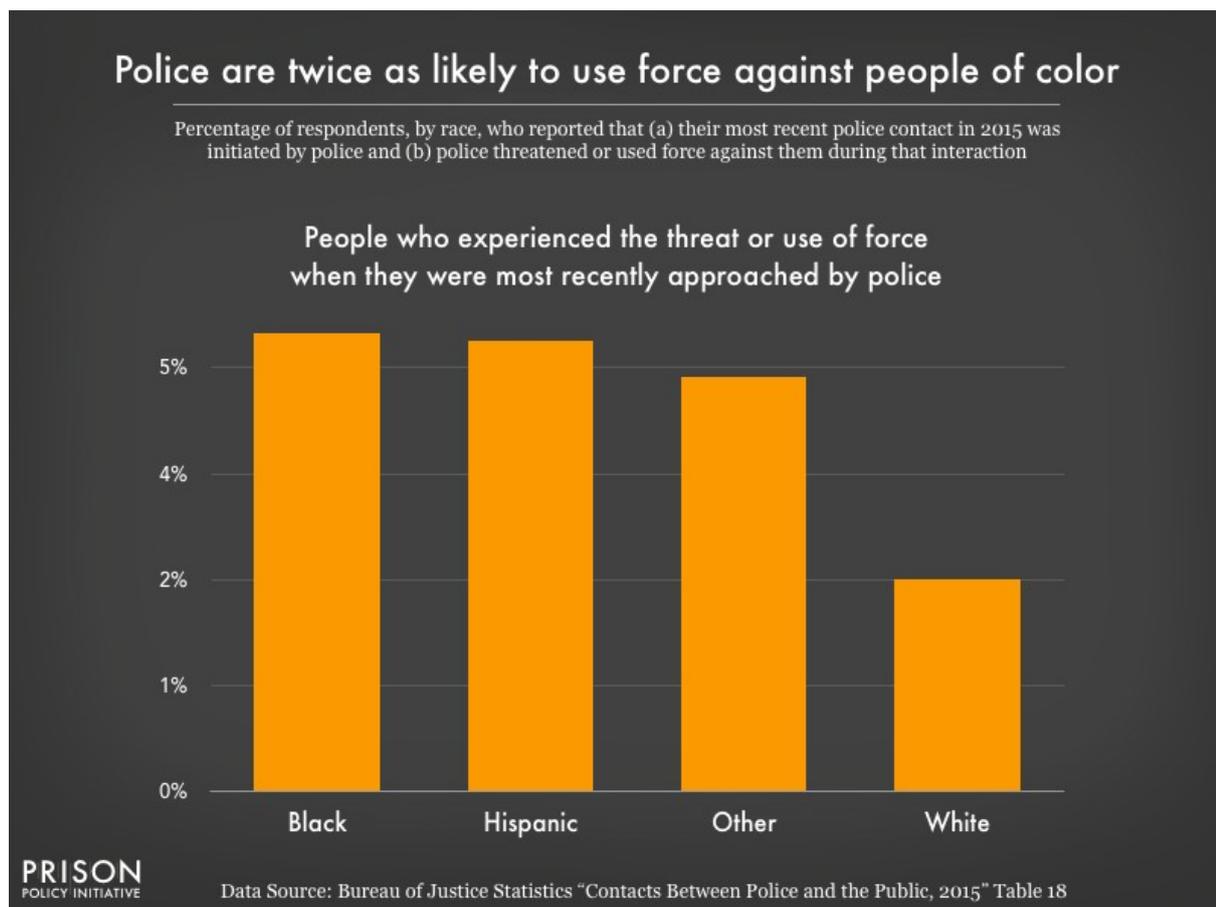
The problem can encounter² in any country, but a good example is the United States of America. It happens every now and then that a person is treated unfairly in front of the court because he is Black or in general not American. Blacks are generally treated worse than white ones, for



example by being stopped by the police and questioned because they are portrayed as criminals.

The same problem occurs in Germany as well. There are some regions in Germany, where black

Skinned, people with a foreign language or foreigners³ (immigrants) still get offended and getting worth less treated.



This diagram shows the statistics of force against people by the police. The diagram is from 2015 and shows that on average the whites in front of, as example, blacks are getting treated better by the police or does not have to feel the same term of force by the police. On average 2% of all whites must feel force in front of the police, while more than the half of the whites, must feel force (blacks) by the police. This statistic shows that there is no equality before the law.



Right-wing parties⁴ support this behavior by portraying these people as undesirable. This encourages people to join in, to incite people who are "different". A good example is the

German party "AfD"⁵. they represent people who are different than wrong and make people think the same, which in turn means that more and more black people, as well as people who come from elsewhere, are treated as a minority, even against before law.

Background information:

The social concern is that the life for, for example, black skinned people isn't easy. In the USA much of the poverty is made up of black people. Most of them can't even afford a health insurance. The problem has recently become more and more important for people after a police officer in Minneapolis, USA, took the breath away from a black man for no reason, who even said that he could not breathe. This triggered an international movement.

Why are we searching for al solution? A solution is necessary because all people are the same and should get treated the same. Does not matter if you are homo or hetero, black, or white or else. Everyone should get treated the same and we have to ensure everyone equality before the law.

Historical background:

Even back in the past, black skinned got treated as a minority, when they got held as slaves.



Nowadays it is illegal to hold slaves, but they're still get treated as a minority in front of whites

One of the biggest cases is George Floyd, when the police killed him, but this is only one of the many cases.

Glossary:

1. Equality - the state of being equal, especially in status, rights, or opportunities.
2. Encounter - It can happen
3. Foreigners - Person who lives in a country but has different roots
4. Right Wing Parties - Right-wing parties include conservatives, Christian democrats, classical liberals, nationalists; and on the far-right, fascists
5. AfD - Right Wing Party in Germany

How to prepare as a delegate:

You should do research how the right system in your country is and how the difference between races in your countries is. Look if there was any popular case in your country and think about measures. All delegates are required to write at least one draft resolution and two/three position papers so that all topics of the forum are covered. Please send in your paper till 23.08.2020
Every paper sends in, after the deadline will not be corrected by us.

UN resolutions:

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=260292>



<https://www.unesewa.org/node/265759>

Useful links:

<https://www.prisonpolicy.org/blog/2018/10/12/policing/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T_AEBZK427I (Video about equality)

Sources:

Picture 1:

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