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US police violence against the blacks is not a new thing in the history of the country. There has been a cycle of American state brutality which has been witnessed from generation to generation, year upon year. Police in the US have been killing the blacks in scenarios that does not call for such unnecessary actions. These has been horrific deaths of unarmed black men. The writer in this case is striving to indicate that some American police officers have lacked respected for the blacks and are ready to take them down even in situation that does not call for such decisions. Taking, for instance, in Cleveland, Ohio, where a 12-year-old Tamir Rice was taken down by a police due to playing with a toy gun (Oliver, 2020). It indicates how the police officers have taken lives of the Blacks for granted. There is a need for ensuring that all police officers are held responsible for their actions.

Violence against the blacks at the hands of the white authority has been growing from day-to-day within the states. This has resulted in influencing the country's policing culture up to the present day. In the early development of the municipal departments in the growing urban areas in the US were devastatingly white and dehumanized the vulnerable communities regularly. Many of the cases involving dehumanizing the Black Americans were in most cases going unpunished by the judicial system (Oliver, 2020). Due to this, it has been seen necessary to have organized peaceful protests around the states. However, the state has not taken such peaceful protests as friendly as many might have thought and therefore it has resulted to harshly suppress by the police officers.

The US administration have responded to the issue of race and brutality by the police against the blacks in a different version. During the tenure of President Obama, he intended to ensure that no such cases were repeated. It is inhuman to treat one race harshly while the others are treated in a friendly manner. This is an indication that there are some people or races that are

avored while others are disliked. The Obama's administration had used their authority to target police departments that seemed to be having issues such as those in Baltimore, Chicago and Ferguson (Oliver, 2020). He has initiated justice department investigation so as to find a solution to the issue concerning police brutality which was based on race.

However, with the departure of the Obama's administration, there came the Trump's administration which appeared to be different from that of Obama. During the first few days of Trump in office, he presented himself as the "law and order". It is during this time when Brian Rice from Baltimore police department was <sup>1</sup>acquitted on charges that related to the death of Freddie Gray (Oliver, 2020). The former president, Donald Trump appeared to be drumming for the issue of race and police brutality. Instead of looking for ways through which the issue of race and police brutality could be resolved within the US, the president seemed as though he was happy with the events. So many cases involving police brutality took place during the period when Donald Trump was in office and he appeared to be just rubbishing them. This kind of perception might have been sparked by the fact that the presidents was less concerned with the safety of the minorities within the United States. During his campaigns that led to his winning in 2016 US Presidential elections, he was in most cases making utterances that suggested that he was going to be a white supremacist. He from time-to-time asserted that he wanted to make America great again. However, instead of making the country great once again, he ended up making it more vulnerable to failure since it was left in state that has jeopardized its cohesion. The Americans were divided due to some of the things that he appeared as though as he was championing for them, for instance, police brutality.

The state has been acting so unfair to issues involving police brutality for the Black Americans. Back last year as Gwen Carr was seated outside the New York Police Department

headquarters, she appeared to be suffering a lot due to the way the system was working. It appeared that the administration was not going to ensure justice for the fallen black people. In this case, the police officer who had suffocated Gwen Carr's son to death only lost his job. This appeared to her as a deed that saw no justice for the son. This is true since losing a job is not enough for a person who would have been convicted of murder charges.

The whole administration that was ended by Donald Trump seemed to assume the lives of the black and brown men who had died in the hands of the police officers. After several <sup>1</sup> years of investigation, the US justice department which was led by William Barr seemed to be not that different from those that have taken the office in the last decades except that of President Obama. <sup>2</sup> William Barr announced that the federal government was not going to criminally prosecute the officer who had been involved in the killing of Garner (Oliver, 2020). This decision was reached for by Barr personally and the president, Donald Trump said nothing about it. This is a clear indication that, Trump's administration was ineffective and did not value protocols that were supposed to guide such decisions.

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