MODULE 4:

Historical & Generational Effects of Policing
What role does the history of policing play in how the community views police legitimacy?

Does the history of police with communities of low trust affect relations today?
How did we get here?

Throughout the world and even in modern times, police are sometimes seen as the enemy of the people.

- Not to be trusted
- Part of the establishment
- Goal is to maintain power
- Or worse?
Historical Effects – Civil Rights
The Fugitive Slave Act of 1850

- The act was part of the Compromise of 1850 between the South and the North.
- It declared that all runaway slaves were, upon capture, to be returned to their owners.
- It is nicknamed the “Bloodhound Law”
Convict Lease Program 1865-1928
Tulsa Race Riots

1921

2013
1929

“The unrestricted immigration into the State of California of natives of the Philippine Islands is viewed with alarm from both a moral and sanitary standpoint while constituting a menace to white labor.”
Jim Crow Laws 1876-1965

WAITING ROOM
FOR WHITE ONLY

BY ORDER
POLICE DEPT.
Lynching 1935 & 1981

Rubin Stacy

Michael McDonald
Japanese Internment 1942

[Images of people standing by a train and a bus, possibly being transported.]
Zoot Suit Riots 1943
Rosa Parks, Alabama 1955
Emmett Till, Mississippi 1955

14 years old
1953 & 1960
Operation Wetback 1954

- President Eisenhower
- 2016 presidential candidate has suggested bringing back the program
“Segregation Now, Segregation Tomorrow, Segregation Forever”
Governor George Wallace, Alabama

1963 University Of Alabama
1960s to 2005 to 2014
Stonewall Riots, New York 1969
Actions and Perceptions
1997

Abner Louima
Haitian Immigrant Sodomized
By New York City Police Officers
Rampart Scandal
1963 & 1968

You can kill a man, but you can't kill an idea.

— Medgar Evers —

“If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.”
“I personally want to send prayers out to everyone directly affected by this tragedy. These are trying times. Please don’t let hate infect your heart. This city MUST and WILL get better. I’m working in these streets so any protestors, officers, friends, family, or whoever, if you see me and need a hug or want to say a prayer. I got you.”

- Officer Montrell Jackson,
  Baton Rouge Police Department
Community Bank Account

- Community bank account
  - Are we making deposits or withdrawals?
  - What is the impact of a withdrawal on YOU? The Department? The Community?

- What impact does policing have on future generations?

Procedural justice is a deposit!

The Runaway – Norman Rockwell
Deposit or Withdrawal?

Every encounter is either a deposit or a withdrawal
  • Every contact is an opportunity to increase legitimacy.
  • Are you making a deposit or withdrawal in the way you police?

How many deposits does it take to make up for a withdrawal?
  • Research shows that 10 deposits = 1 withdrawal

How does one encounter affect how future generations view the police?