

Endorsements

North West Vietnamese News, Kim Pham

Americans Coalition for Equality, Kan Qiu

The Log Cabin Republicans – the nations largest Republican organization dedicated to representing LGBT conservatives

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Safety

The Police are not racist. - Do not defund the police.

I am running for office because I am concerned about how bad conditions have become in Seattle and I do not want the State of Washington to become more like Seattle.

The graph on the next page from the below web site is why I think that the vast majority of police are not racist. The article accuses the police of being racist based on the fact that police per capita kill African Americans at more than twice the rate of White Americans. But what the article does not look at is that Asian Americans are killed per capita by the police at less than 1/2 the rate of White Americans. The reason for the low Asian American death rate is that they commit less than 1/2 the crime as White Americans, not because the police are racist in favor of Asian Americans over White Americans. On a very rare occasion the police use too much force, what gets a person killed by police almost always starts with resisting arrest.

The graph on the next page is from the below web site, the same study is used in most other articles claiming the police are racist.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-08-06/race-and-police-shootings-what-new-research-says>

We should never let what happened with the looting in Bellevue Square happen again anywhere in the State of Washington. The Police should never be told to stand down and allow looting and vandalism, looting and vandalism should be stopped by any means possible. Protesters have the right to protest, but they do not have the right to shut business down, if they want to protest let them protest in a park where they are not hurting hard working, tax paying businesses.

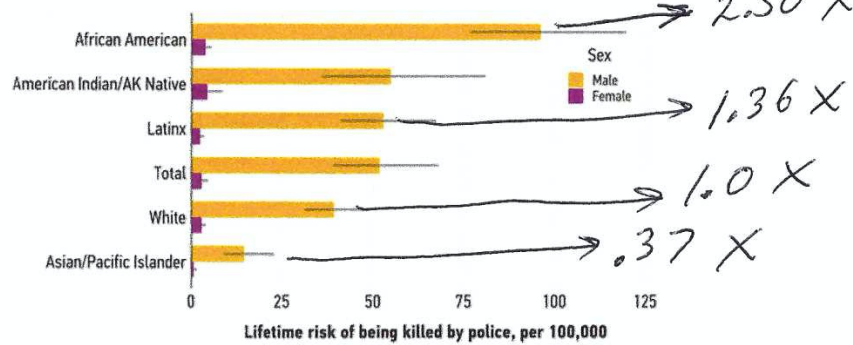
With complicity from elected officials and the media, the call to reduce funding of the police, while ignoring the impact and damage that it would cause to Seattle and the State of Washington, makes me highly motivated to do something about the problem. What I am seeing now with the claim that “all the police” are racists and with elected officials continuing to beat that same drum, it shows the major disconnect between elected officials and their citizens. We all fundamentally know that 99% of police are very good people who risk their lives daily, who are not racists, and who use proper force on persons who are resisting arrest. We can improve policing by eliminating the few police officers who should not be serving as an officer; however, reducing police funding will result in cataclysmic safety risks for the public. People will have to fend for themselves, and we simply cannot live peacefully this way.

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In fact, people of color in general were found more likely to be killed by police than their white counterparts.

Men of color more likely to be killed by police



Life tables were calculated using model-based simulations from 2013 to 2018 Fatal Encounters data and 2017 National Vital Statistics System data. Lines indicate 90% confidence interval.
 Source: Frank Edwards, Hedwig Lee & Michael Esposito (David H. Montgomery / CityLab)

The study was published on Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, or PNAS, a journal that recently drew controversy for publishing another study on police killing disparities. That study, led by Michigan State University psychology professor Joseph Cesario, published on July 22, found that violent crime rates and the racial demographics of a given location are better indicators for determining a police killing victim's race.

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As Cesario explained in a [press release](#):

Many people ask whether black or white citizens are more likely to be shot and why. If you live in a county that has a lot of white people committing crimes, white people are more likely to be shot. If you live in a county that has a lot of black people committing crimes, black people are more likely to be shot.

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The two studies are just the latest salvos in a long-running debate over whether police violence towards African Americans is better explained because of racial prejudice or because black people are really violent enough to justify extra police force. The Cesario study, with its focus on crime rates, seems to fall in the latter camp. Both