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In today's complex political and security situation, many factors and challenges have contributed to the internal divide in the United States. Moreover, this internal confrontation has the potential to create several long term issues. However, there is another complex problem that has been kept under the carpet and something that has not been a topic for discussion. And that is the fact that many police officers have not received the deserved support during these challenging times. Therefore, this article will underline the key reasons why our American media society needs to step up the support for our police during this crucial period for the United States.

Media Perception

One of the main issues that the police force is facing is the prospect of negative portraying by many media outlets. On that note, it is important to emphasize that most of the mainstream media have not been friendly (to say the least) towards the force in this country. Moreover, many of them went even further as pointing the police officers as the cause for many of the current(if not all) internal societal challenges in America. The constant pushing of news that is related to police officers being violent has created a lot of damage to the reputation of every American policeman. This also led to increased tensions among some communities towards the police force which culminated with many violent acts towards the police officers. The hype of anti-police news created even more division in this country and widen the gap between the people and the police. These divisions and antagonism towards the force do not help anyone and it is against the public good of our society.

That is why, the media should adopt an approach that will be based on supporting the work of our police officers, those that keep our cities safe! For instance, instead of creating stories about isolated incidents, these media outlets should also focus on positive stories and the positive impact that police officers have in certain communities. The so-called positive impact of the police force is often ignored and undermined.

Therefore, these so-called media voices of the public should not be profoundly motivated by perceptions of long-term police disrespect, but to the broader welfare of communities.

Why Media Needs to Report about Police-Community Relationship

The prospect of strong relationships and mutual trust between police and communities should be seen as a positive example. Moreover, the prospect of promoting this reality and the proven fact is critical to maintaining public safety and effective policing. At the end of the day, Police officials rely on the cooperation of community members to pass on key information about crime in their neighbourhoods. They are willing to work with the police force for the greater benefit. Similarly, the willingness to trust the police should be based on incorporating the principles of procedural justice and legitimacy. Not the quest for views, clicks and profit. Therefore, the media should be a partner, and to work closely with the police to deescalate tensions. Not against it. For instance, reporting news that is related to Police-Community Relationship should be made available to the average reader, not just certain negative cases or outcomes. That can have a galvanizing effect on the relation between the people and police. The media needs to be an active partner and not a factor that will raise tensions. Police officers deserve more respect, confidence, and most importantly, they deserve support in any shape or form.

The Bottom Line

On a final note, we can conclude that the police force in American has been treated unfairly. After all, the police officers are not the ones who have created the numerous social issues that are causing several problems for the American people on daily basis. On the contrary, the police force is the one that works hard to maintain the law and order in a very challenging environment. At the end of the day, we cannot convert our police officers into social workers. They can surely help with community outreach work. But the fact is that these police officers are dealing with an increased level of crime and violence. Therefore, the media needs to realize that sometimes these public servants are put in dangerous situations in which things can escalate quickly. Most of the time, it is not by their choice. They are risking their lives daily, and that is why these officers deserve more respect from those media outlets that cannot stay safe and independent without the protection from the police force.