

POLICE REFORM

do body cameras really increase accountability?

The History of Body Cameras



What is police reform?

Police reform is **NOT** about making the police “**better**” but about making police violence more efficient and more “**civilized.**”

2013



only 1/3 of local police departments in the united states reported using police body-worn cameras.

2014

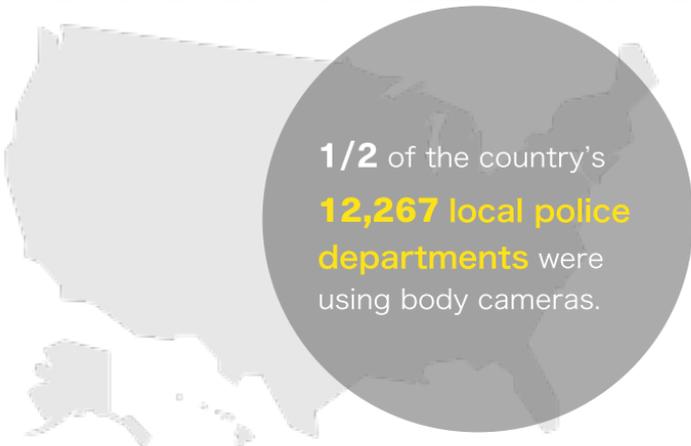
A white officer **killed** unarmed **Michael Brown**, an 18-year old black man, in Ferguson, Missouri. Sparking a national debate over **policing practices.**



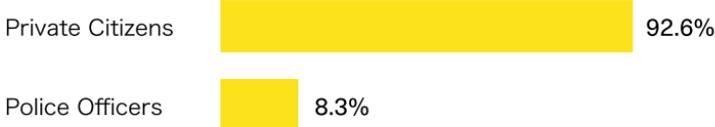
2015

President Barack Obama issued **\$23 MILLION** to **73 local and tribal agencies** for the expansion of body cameras.

2016



Prosecutors used footage of body cameras in cases against:



2017

A study was performed on more than 2,000 officers:
“These results suggest that we should **recalibrate our expectations** of [body cameras] ability to **induce large-scale behavioral changes in policing.**”

2018

The Dallas Police Department had deployed about **1,000 cameras** to cover **30%** of its officers.

How much does it cost?

\$1.1 MILLION
per year