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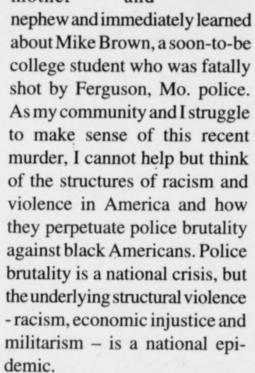
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Struggling to Make Sense of Michael Brown's Death

Structural racism perpetuates negative stereotypes

BY DAVID RAGLAND

I flew into St. Louis on Saturday, Aug. 9, to celebrate the birthdays of my mother and



Disproportionality in police use cans persists and cannot be tol-Grassroots Movement found that killings of black Americans by "law enforcement, security hours by the end of that year. This appalling statistic is rooted in structural racism that systematically excludes persons of color from opportunities and perpetuates negative stereotypes.

In their 2006 book, The Color for Gawker, Jason Parham arof Wealth: The Story Behind Meizhu Lui and Barbara Robles illustrate this continuing,

nephew and immediately learned from opportunities that are sup- tarized police departments about Mike Brown, a soon-to-be posed to build an individual's throughout the US, supported college student who was fatally wealth-business loans, employshot by Ferguson, Mo. police. ment opportunities, mortgages As my community and I struggle and G.I. benefits, for example. to make sense of this recent BBC News' 2012 mini-documentary, "The Delmar Dividing of the structures of racism and Line," illuminates how the structural violence of impoverishment in St. Louis, Mo., continues to against black Americans. Police fall along racial lines with blacks brutality is a national crisis, but in the North with low incomes the underlying structural violence and whites in the south with -racism, economic injustice and significantly higher incomes - a militarism - is a national epi- separation reminiscent of the killer immediately arrested and 19th century.

In a society where wealth of force against black Ameri- brings respect, these economic most police cars is protect and injustices translate into social, erated. An April 2013 report cultural and institutional views prepared by the Malcolm X of blacks as lazy and morally inferior. In addition, the black community is often framed as violent and animalistic, as illusguards and stand-your-ground trated by a recent CNN video of cameras on their uniforms. A vigilantes" have increased from a protest in Ferguson, where a 2013 Cambridge University one every 36 hours, in the first police officer shouted, "Bring it, study found that body cameras half of 2012, to one every 28 all you fucking animals!" Per- for police in Rialto, Calif. respectives like these serve to per- duced the use of force by 50 petuate structural racism and percent. We should pursue justify violence against the black greater community involvement community as people who should in, and oversight of, policing. be feared.

In his August 4, 2014 article cies that reward those who have

gues that police brutality should the U.S. Racial Wealth Divide, finally be considered a national crisis. While I agree, we should go a step further and address our race-oriented, systematic ex- national epidemic of structural clusion of Americans of color violence. With increasingly miliand influenced by a government that uses violence to police the world, our city streets are battlegrounds. With structural racism's harmful, dehumanizing images, the enemy insurgents are black.

How should we respond to this national epidemic and the murder of Michael Brown? In dealing with the immediate issue, protesters and the family of Michael Brown want his tried in court. This may happen, but while the motto on serve, there is an overwhelming sense in communities of color that police often simply protect their own.

In the short-term, as a start, we should require police to wear Further, we need to create poli-

taken mediation and nonviolence training and who demonstrate empathy and commitment to the communities they serve.

Most importantly, in the longterm, we need restorative justice programs and processes enabled in communities across the nation. Restorative justice processes can open dialogues between police and their communities and lessen the friction and false images that lead to Brown's murder--or Eric Garner, or Oscar Grant or Kendra James or Jonathan Ferrell or James Perez or any other unarmed young black person unjustly killed by police who have been primed and pumped up to use lethal force against perceived but nonexistent threat.

As a national community, we have to demand justice for Michael Brown and all others killed by or suffering from structural violence and its perpetuation of police brutality in America. We have to demand justice that restores our communities through listening, power sharing and mutual respect and moves us toward a cure for this national epidemic.

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Retter to the Editor

No law-abiding people should fear police

My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Michael Brown, the young man shot in Ferguson, Mo. My thoughts and prayers go out to Ferguson. And also to the Afri-Portland, and throughout Oregon, Achievement Initiative. and throughout our nation.

community: people of color.

priority to join with many of my is everywhere. fellow mayors to focus on the lives of young black men in our community. Mayors like Michael Police Bureau, with an empha-Nutter in Philadelphia, and Mitch sis on the appropriate use of ing is vital. the entire community of Landrieu in New Orleans, and I force, on de-escalation and on are focusing on this very topic equity. Bureau members have tently failed multiple groups of can-American community in through the Black Male begun receiving training on sys- Americans. We cannot continue

In Portland, we are focusing No law-abiding people should on ways to collaborate with

ever have reason to fear the the community and to inter- commissioner, I joined in three police. Yet we must honestly cede on behalf of young Afri- intensive days of training for my admit that, too often, this is not can-Americans in the areas of staff and the top officials of the true for a wide swath of our jobs, education and incarceration rates. This is vital work. topics. The training, called White That's why I've made it a That is as true in Portland as it Men as Full Diversity Partners,

a priority on new training for our temic inequities, implicit bias and to do so in the future. cultural diversity.

In July, as mayor and police Portland

police department, on these very was controversial to some but Also in Portland, we have put understood by many. But this week's headlines provide just one example of why such train-

We, as a society, have consis-

Charlie Hales, Mayor of

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