**Essay 4: Police Profiling and Excessive Force**

**In class essay \_\_\_\_\_\_**

A one-page outline is required. Please write it in advance and bring it to the exam.

**Topic:**

Based on what you learned in the articles we have read, what do you think is the ONE most important change we could make to help solve this problem, and how do you think we should implement this change?

**You must quote from at least one of these articles:**

“Being a Cop Showed Me . . .” by Redditt Hudson

“Poverty Crime, Privileged Crime,” by Kristian Williams

“Imagining Racial Justice” or David Dante Troutt’s

**Organization**:

The give some background on recent police shootings, what kinds of things have happened and describe a few of the solutions people have proposed. Name the author and article you’ll use (in quotation marks) and sketch the basic position of the writer. Your thesis should directly answer the essay question and offer a main reason WHY you think this solution would help. Remember that the thesis is YOUR opinion, not a summary of the article.

Each body paragraph that follows (about 3 of them) should try to prove why your response to the issue makes sense and is based on evidence and examples. You must use at least three quotes, and “sandwich” your quotes. I also encourage you to use one or two additional examples from your own experience if relevant. Also consider refuting your opposition in one of the body paragraphs (proving the other side wrong). Give some context before you present an example or a quote and explain the meaning of all examples.

The conclusion should provide closure and avoid repeating. For this topic, a call to action, answering the “so what?” question or imagining the future would all be good conclusion choices.

* Stay calm and follow your outline; you have the whole class meeting to do this.
* Bring a paper copy of the essay(s) and mark the quotes and examples you’ll use.

No internet, no email, no notes besides your outline and the readings, no electronic dictionaries.