



INTERVIEWING FOR POLICING AS TRAUMA

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A black and white portrait of a young girl with dark, curly hair, looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

True Story:

**The 15yr-Old Girl
Who Was Killed
Over Orange Juice**

Latasha Harlins



Judge Karlin suggested that there were mitigating circumstances in the killing of Harlins. She stated, "Did Mrs. Du react inappropriately? Absolutely. But was that reaction understandable? I think that it was." Karlin added, "this is not a time for revenge... and no matter what sentence this court imposes Mrs. Du will be punished every day for the rest of her life."



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All 4 in King Beating Acquitted Violence Follows Verdicts; Guard Called Out



Laurence M. Powell, center, and Timothy E. Wind hug after they and Stacy C. Koon, right, were acquitted.

COLUMN ONE

To Women, 1992 Could Be the Year

■ **New political dynamics are at work, as races in Illinois and Pennsylvania show. Record numbers of females are running for high office and candidates find fund raising easier.**

Verdicts Greeted With Outrage and Disbelief

■ **Reaction: Many cite videotape of beating and ask how jury could acquit officers. A few voice satisfaction.**

By AMY WALLACE and DAVID FERRELL
Times Staff Writers

Outrage and indignation swept the city Wednesday as citizens rich and poor, black and white, struggled to reconcile the acquittal of four Los Angeles Police Department officers with the alarming, violent images captured on a late-night videotape.

"If something is to be done, that

satisfaction of truth." The verdicts drew fervent reaction virtually everywhere. A widely outnumbered minority voiced satisfaction with the acquittals. Among them was Barbara Williams, who stood with friends outside the courthouse after the verdict, expressing her support for the acquittals.

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■ **Trial: Governor deploys troops at mayor's request after arson, looting erupt. Ventura County jury apparently was not convinced that videotape told the whole story.**

By RICHARD A. SERRANO and TRACY WILKINSON
Times Staff Writers

SIMI VALLEY—Four Los Angeles police officers were acquitted Wednesday in their trial for the beating of black motorist Rodney G. King, igniting renewed outrage over a racially charged case that had triggered a national debate on police brutality.

Hours after the verdicts were announced, angry demonstrators torched buildings, looted stores and assaulted passersby as civic leaders pleaded for calm. Gov. Pete Wilson deployed the National Guard at the request of Mayor Tom Bradley, who warned residents to "stay off the streets."

Bradley, in a late-night televised address to the city, said a curfew may be imposed tonight if the violence continues.

Wilson's decision to send in the National Guard came after rioters looted more than 150 stores, torched police headquarters and trashed numerous downtown buildings. Sporadic gunfire flared in the streets, with heavy smoke rising from the fires forced the

evacuation of aircraft at Los Angeles International Airport.

By late Wednesday night, authorities had linked four deaths and 105 injuries to the violence. Some people were pulled from their cars and beaten.

It was the largest rioting to erupt in Los Angeles since the Watts riots of 1966.

Accused were Sgt. Stacey C. Koon and Officers Laurence M. Powell, Theodore J. Briseno and Timothy E. Wind. Jurors apparently were not convinced that a videotape of the March 3, 1991, beating of King represented the



Flames engulf a row of businesses at Vermont and Manchester.

Rioters Set Fires, Loot Stores; 4 Reported Dead

■ **Rampage: 106 are wounded or injured and more than 150 blazes are ignited. Bradley considers a curfew.**

By MARC LACEY and SHAWN HUBLER
Times Staff Writers

Rioting mobs ignited fires, beat motorists and looted stores and offices Wednesday night throughout Los Angeles as fears of race-related violence came to pass after the acquittal of four Los Angeles

police officers in the beating of Rodney G. King.

Initial reports linked four deaths to the rioting, and at least 306 others were treated at area hospitals for gunshot wounds and other injuries believed to be related to the rioting. Among the injured was a firefighter who was shot in the face.

Gov. Pete Wilson ordered the National Guard to report for duty as scattered demonstrations



This morning I woke up in a curfew
Oh, God, I was a prisoner, too, yeah
Could not recognize the faces standing over me
They were all dressed in uniforms of brutality, hey

How many rivers do we have to cross
Before we can talk to the boss? Yeah
All that we got, it seems we have lost
We must have really paid the cost

Burnin' and a-lootin' tonight
(Say we gonna burn and loot)
Burnin' and a-lootin' tonight (one more thing)
Burnin' all pollution tonight (oh, yeah, yeah)
Burnin' all illusion tonight
Oh, stop them!

People, I just want to say, you know, can we, can we all get along? Can we get along?

Um, can we stop making it, making it hard for the older people and the kids and I mean, we've got enough smog here in Los Angeles, let alone to get killed with setting these fires and things.

It's just not right. It's not right. It's not going to change anything. We'll get our justice. They've won the battle, but they haven't won the war. We'll have our day in court, and that's all we want.



These days, we carry fear with us like a pocketknife. It cuts through safe spaces and political correctness, boulevards of caution-taped crime scenes. Through the coded language and undying stereotypes that conspire to make our presence appear suspicious. A neighbor loading a handgun, anxiously waiting for a reason to stand their ground. The realization that everything we thought was safe wasn't, not really. Our bodies placed carefully, like pieces on a chessboard. Our monsters omnipresent, yet others claim they're mythical, nonexistent. The backroads, a shortcut home that seems prudent but leaves us vulnerable to false narratives. We follow protocol, hold our hands at 10 and 2, move deliberately when instructed. Remain polite, eschew eye contact, stay silent despite having much to say. The real danger is in the vague ways we fit a description, how we line up for authorities willingly, and then fall apart, playing dead to stay alive.

Adrian
S.
Potter



"We are the ones
we've been
waiting for."
~June Jordan

Build Trust.





FOR PEOPLE WHO STILL DON'T THINK



FOR PEOPLE WHO STILL DON'T THINK

Whoever is careless with the truth in small matters cannot be trusted with important matters.

Albert Einstein

Acknowledge.

Public safety depends on public trust. But too often that trust is violated.

Joining us tonight are the parents of Tyre Nichols, who had to bury him just last week. There are no words to describe the heartbreak and grief of losing a child.

But imagine what it's like to lose a child at the hands of the law.

Imagine having to worry whether your son or daughter will come home from walking down the street or playing in the park or just driving their car.

I've never had to have the talk with my children – Beau, Hunter, and Ashley – that so many Black and Brown families have had with their children.

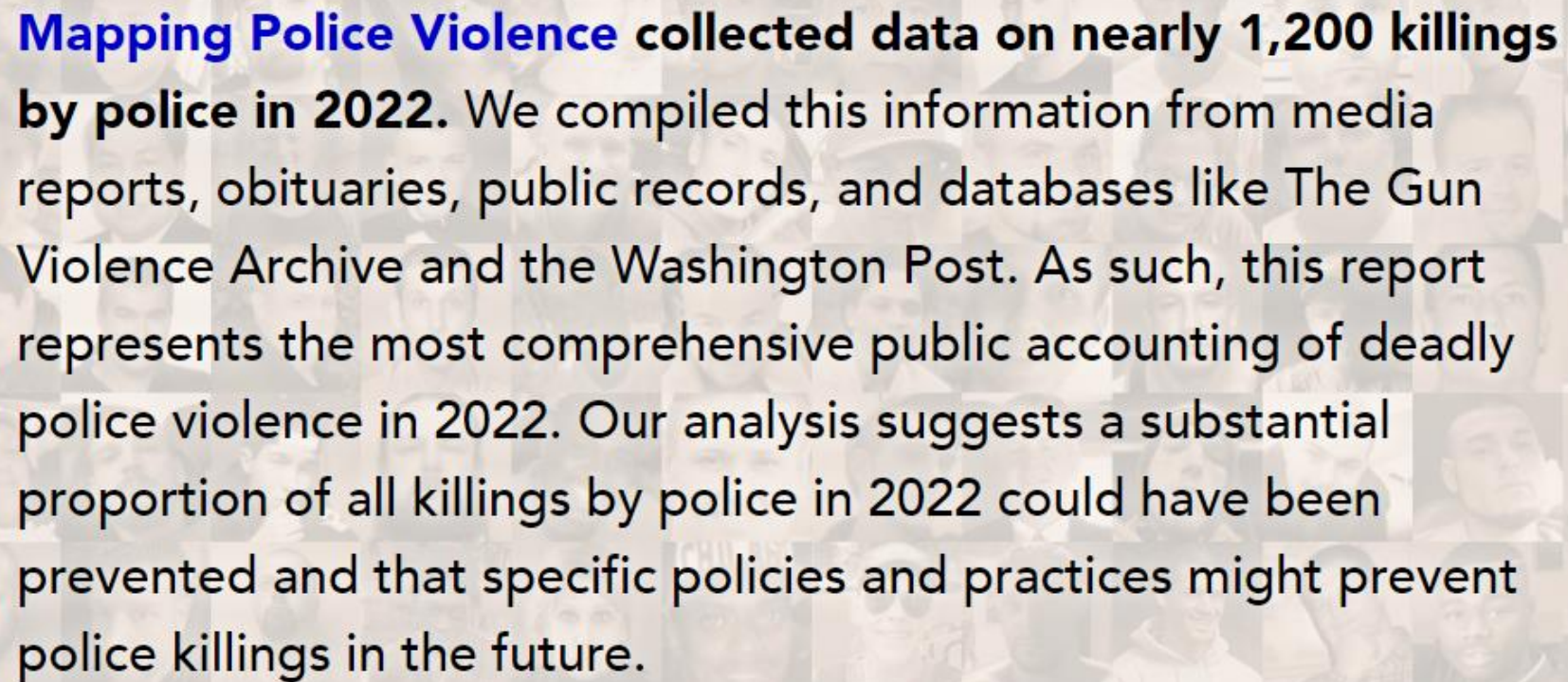
If a police officer pulls you over, turn on your interior lights. Don't reach for your license. Keep your hands on the steering wheel.

Imagine having to worry like that every day in America.



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2022 Police Violence Report, <https://policeviolencereport.org>.



Mapping Police Violence collected data on nearly 1,200 killings by police in 2022. We compiled this information from media reports, obituaries, public records, and databases like The Gun Violence Archive and the Washington Post. As such, this report represents the most comprehensive public accounting of deadly police violence in 2022. Our analysis suggests a substantial proportion of all killings by police in 2022 could have been prevented and that specific policies and practices might prevent police killings in the future.

One in 20 US homicides are committed by police - and the numbers aren't falling

Police killings of any sort account for nearly 5% of all homicides, with at least 1,192 people killed by law enforcement in 2022





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17,000 Killings by Police Have Gone Uncounted Since 1980

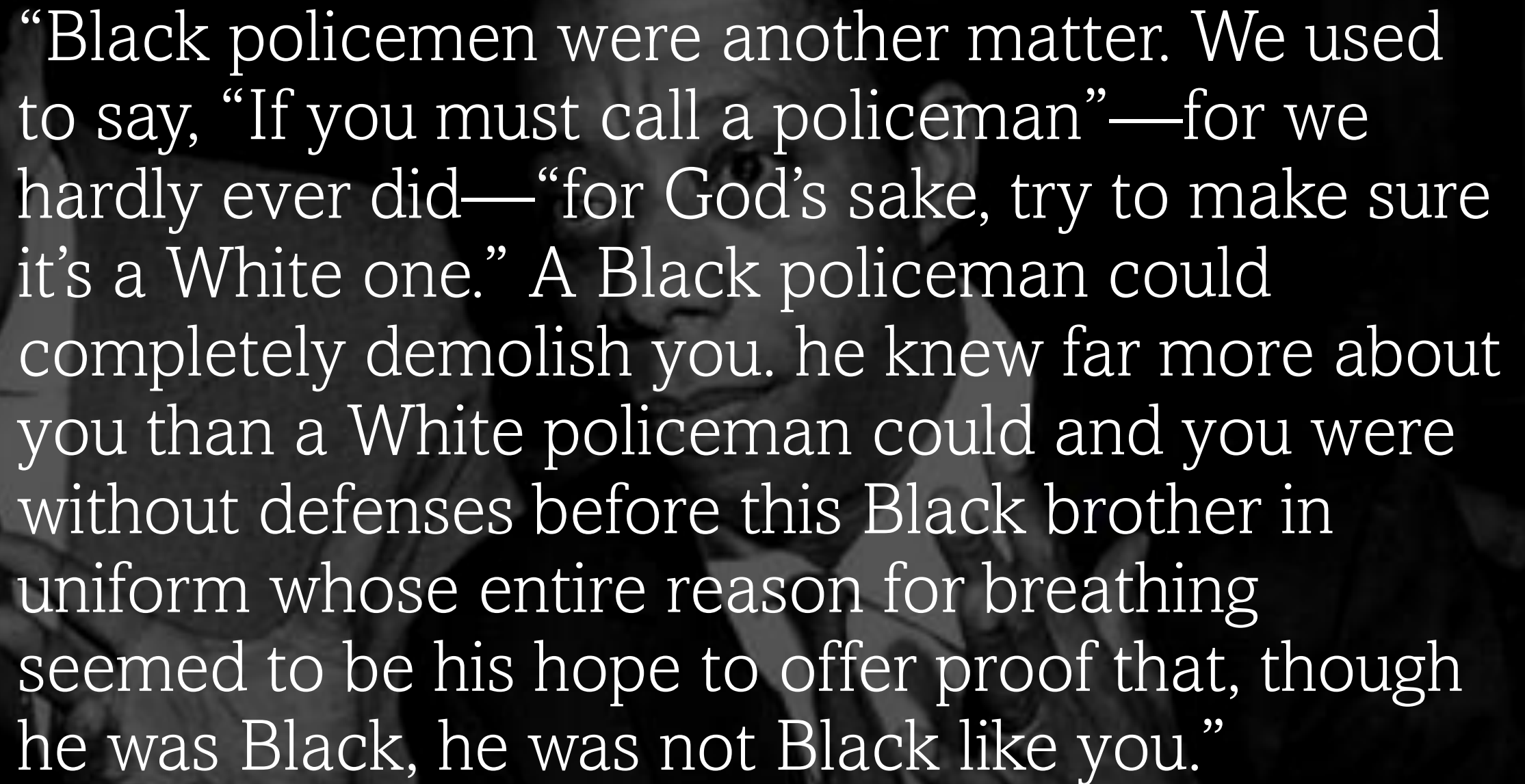
There have been twice as many deaths at the hands of cops than the federal government has reported, top medical journal finds

BY TIM DICKINSON

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Of those killed in 2022, 26 were African-American, even though African-Americans make up only 13 percent of this country's population.





“Black policemen were another matter. We used to say, “If you must call a policeman”—for we hardly ever did—“for God’s sake, try to make sure it’s a White one.” A Black policeman could completely demolish you. he knew far more about you than a White policeman could and you were without defenses before this Black brother in uniform whose entire reason for breathing seemed to be his hope to offer proof that, though he was Black, he was not Black like you.”



3 former Mississippi police officers indicted in death of man in custody

Keith Murriel died after being arrested by Jackson officers on Dec. 31. The mayor said video of the encounter shows actions that are “excessive, disheartening, and tragic.”

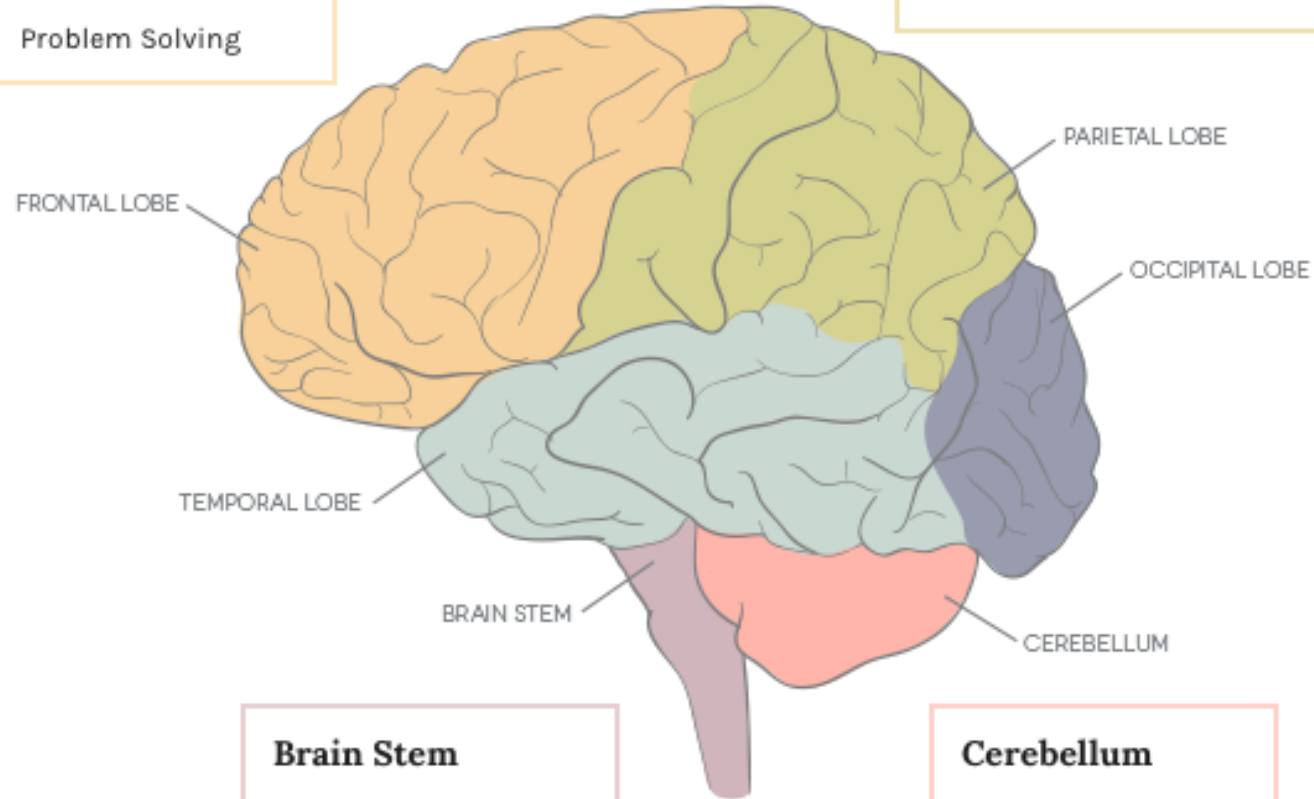
Listen with intent.

Frontal Lobe

- Personalities
- Emotions
- Behaviors
- Judgement
- Problem Solving

Cerebrum

- Contains the frontal, parietal, temporal and occipital lobes
- Performs higher functions



Brain Stem

- Relays messages from brain to spinal cord

Cerebellum

- Muscle movement
- Balance
- Posture

There is a difference between listening and waiting for your turn to speak.

Simon Sinek

Ask about impact.





**...BUT PERSONALLY, IF IT WERE
ME...**

**What do we do with
the information?**

Walking, Driving,
Running
... While Black





Moving to
Suppress the
Evidence



FLIGHT





REASONS
FOR
“FLIGHT”
MATTER



~~FELON~~ PROHIBITED
PERSON IN
POSSESSION OF A
FIREARM



Government-
Sanctioned
Murder



“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.”

Barack Obama



Questions

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