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Hello everyone, I would like to talk about this very serious subject from the perspective of someone who has suffered and seen others who have suffered from both. It is not a truly difficult problem, it just seems no one wants to tell the truth. Cops are killing African American people, some of these deaths are horribly blatant examples of police brutality while others are simply justified. Cops are also killing whites, Latinos, Asians and other peoples sometimes unnecessarily, sometimes justified but these deaths don't grab headlines like the African American ones do. So let's look at some facts. Black Lives Matter, absolutely, but do they only matter if they are taken by a police officer? How many African American lives have been lost to the actions of law enforcement personnel in the last, let's say 60 years, just to make sure we cover the heads of the civil rights movement. Now, how many African American lives have been lost to gang violence in the last 10 years? Look it up, it's available on the net. I don't have access to a computer, seeing as how I'm in prison, but I would be amazed if police have managed to kill even 1 tenth in 60 years of what the gangs have killed in 10. If Black Lives Matter, and they most assuredly do, then then they matter period no matter who took them. Why isn't anyone protesting the gang killings? Hmmm, I wonder if we are all getting played. So, police brutality, it does happen, I know for a fact. There are good officers and there are bad officers, believe it or not, most of them are good. Also, there are good African Americans and there are bad ones, believe it or not, most of them are good too. This is the part that's simple, but no one wants to admit. Our police, that's right they are ours, are fighting a losing battle against the gangs and to put it simply, they are scared. They don't go to the gang infested areas because it's a lose/lose situation. The gang members hate them and the non-gang members hate them. If a police officer dies in gang territory the people there want to celebrate but if they kill someone there, even if it's self-defense, everyone wants to burn down half a city. So if an officer is dirty, the good ones keep quiet for 2 reasons, their lives depend on each other and it's them against everyone else. These people are underpaid, under-equipped and undermanned doing one of the most dangerous and thankless jobs in the world. Here is the crazy part, the truth shall set you free. Good cops should not in any way protect or cover up for dirty cops. When you do, the truth will eventually come out and every cop looks dirty. You have to protect us from people in blue too, in order for us to respect and honestly for you to respect yourselves and anyone who ever died on the job. Now, for all of you good African American people, actually let us include all good people of all colors. I know you are afraid, the gang members are violent

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And they have weapons which they will use and sadly, you probably have a family member or friend who's in the gang. But you, all of you, need call up your courage and do the right thing, the only thing that will free you from being their hostage and a slave to fear. Cooperate with law enforcement, police officers, prosecutors and judges. Report the gangs activities to the cops and testify in court. Get these people out of your neighborhoods so your children have a better life or atleast a chance to live. How many kids have to die, the ones who are tricked into joining these gangs and the innocent ones who were just coming home or playing in the park. before we put an end to these parasites. We can change things but only if we do it together, all of us, of all colors. Don't make it a race issue, it's a human issue and to put any other "twist to it" is not only a lie, it's a crying shame. Take that from a gay, christian convict who did 5 yrs in prison for trying to protect his inter-racial neices and nephew, all of whom I love with all of my heart, from their African American father. All lives matter and together, good people of every color and station, can make this a safer country to live in. I love you all and God loves all, have courage and faith in God and each other and all things are possible. God Bless you and keep you all of your days.

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