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**History**
- **Civil Rights Movement (1960s)**
  - Protests considered to represent a breakdown of lawfulness, morality, and stability in society
  - Racial associations with riots

- **War on Drugs (Nixon Administration, 1971)**
  - Law enforcement prioritizing War on Drugs for financial gain
  - Police focus on low-income black communities
  - Rise of incarceration rates

**Current Events**

- **Here's How Badly Police Violence Has Divided America**
  - A brief history for a nation with amnesia.

  **Officer who killed Walmart shopper carrying air rifle won't face federal charges, Justice Dept. says**
  - Victim John Crawford III was from Fairfield

  Dayton NAACP to discuss police brutality in Monday night town hall meeting

- **Problems**
  - **The New Jim Crow**
    - Redesigned racial caste
    - Denial of basic human rights
    - Unconscious bias
    - Race as a factor in police's discretionary decision making

  "People don't believe me when they hear me say that. They think that it can't be true, that racism like that doesn't exist in Dayton, doesn't exist anymore."
  - Facing Narrative **Politicized**

  - **Concentrated Poverty**
    - Increase in crime
    - Perpetuation of drug use

  "It's a cycle where everyone is a victim."
  - Facing Narrative **Community Centered**

**Solutions**
- **‘Community Police Relations Initiatives’ by City of Dayton Human Relations Council**

  - **CPC 4 Goal Action Plan**
    - **Goal #1** – Improve police and youth relations to foster trust, fairness and respect
    - **Goal #2** – Improve police and resident relations to foster trust, fairness and respect
    - **Goal #3** – Enhance the community involvement in reducing and preventing crime and incivility to strengthen mutual accountability for safety
    - **Goal #4** - Respond swiftly to events dividing police from individuals, neighborhoods and the community to address mutual respect, fairness, and the legitimacy of authority

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