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A Blueprint for 21st Century Policing

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Fueled by numerous high-profile incidents of violence by police officers, American policing has become a topic of both concern and controversy in recent years.

Much of the public debate has encouraged better policing. Thanks to the work of outside activists and internal reformers, many police departments are **taking a hard look at policing** in this country and the ways that it has disadvantaged black Americans in particular. This is a healthy development. It should continue.