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### Body Cameras

“Police body worn cameras in the US are now a standard tool... ninety-six percent of all major police forces...have implemented body cameras (Ripley 2017)”, but in comparison to Canada that is to a great extent more frequent. The reason that most Canadian police officers don’t implement them is because they believe it's a waste of time and money. All police departments should be required to wear body cameras to reduce police brutality. It’s the police's word against the person and in most cases the judge will believe the police because the person accused usually has a motive to lie. If police officers were required to wear cameras, situations of police brutality would occur less often due to the fact that they know they are always being recorded. As well as some people of the public would react differently to difficult situations if they knew it was being recorded. Missing parts of the body camera video should be considered destruction of evidence so that police officers can’t decide what they want to film and what they don’t want to film. Body cameras should be mandatory all over the world because “We are in a world of rapidly increasing and evolving technology, body worn cameras is just one more piece to that puzzle (Ripley 2017)”.

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