

To Protect and To Serve?

Analyzing Entity-Centric Framing of Police Violence





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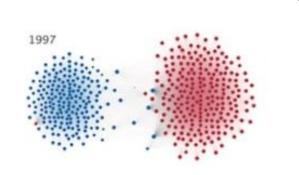
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Motivation







[Killer]_{moral-harm} cop fatally shoots an [unarmed]_{unarmed}, [Black]_{race} [16-year-old]_{age}

According to [Chief of Police] official_source, the suspect was [fleeing]_{fleeing} the scene of the crime when the officer fired the lethal shot.

2. POLICE VIOLENCE FRAME CORPUS 82k News Articles | 7k Police Killings



1: Identify **Shooting Events**

2: Collect **News Reports**

3: Assign **Leaning Labels**

Left	Left-C	Least Biased	Right-C	Right
1,090	9,761	5,214	3,993	1,009

3. Frame Extraction

Entity-centric

Syntax-aware

Extractive

We can measure frame ordering

4. Political Framing of Police Violence

The man VICTIM

shot ATTACK-VB

	<u>Proportion</u> <u>of Articles</u>		<u>Avg. Inverse</u> <u>Doc Order</u>	
Framing Device	Lib.	Cons.	Lib.	Cons.
Armed	0.439	0.588	0.313	0.358
Attack	0.369	0.539	0.267	0.306
Criminal	0.613	0.655	0.294	0.278
Fleeing	0.228	0.336	0.246	0.217
Official	0.586	0.808	0.194	0.163
Race	0.428	0.214	0.296	0.233
Systemic	0.428	0.291	0.410	0.283
Unarmed	0.195	0.110	0.408	0.470
Unofficial	0.708	0.780	0.184	0.163

5. Moral Foundations + Linguistic Analysis

Liberal sources

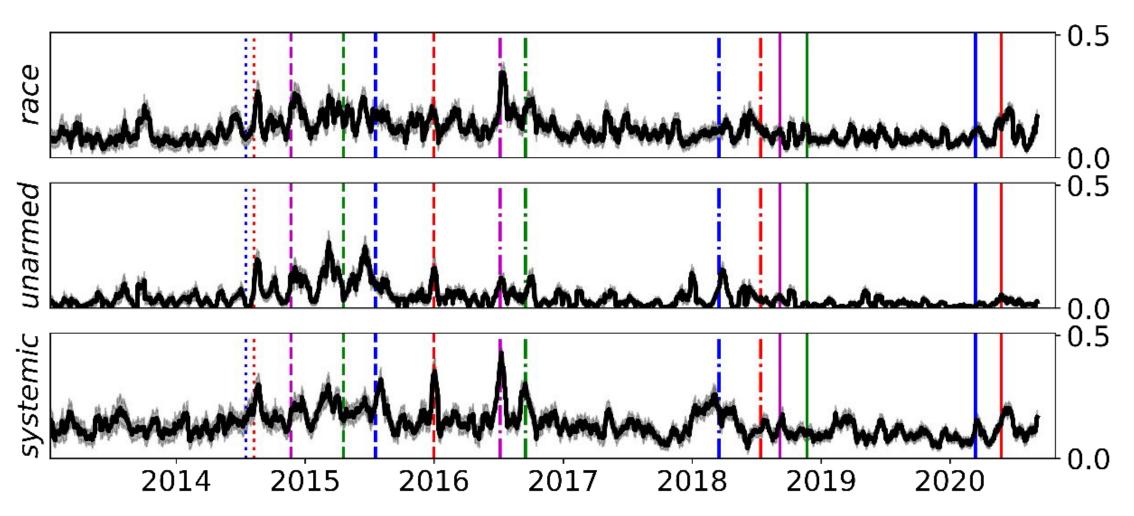


- more prescriptive calls for action
 - o modals: should, need, have to

Conservative sources

- emphasize victim's harmful behaviors
- diminish officer blame
 - agentless passive verbs: was killed

6. Broader Scope of Framing





GT-SALT/framing-police-violence