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2016 MODEL CONGRESS RESEARCH PACKET

Your Name: _____

Group Members: Ryan Goldstein, Alison Lodge, Ariana Kasperski, Jessica Woodlee

Committee Name: Judiciary

Party: Democratic

Part 1: Research

Before a committee of Congress persons presents their bill to the House of Representatives and Senate, they must be well informed about their topic. This requires research. The format attached will allow you to gather your information and present it in an orderly manner.

- ☐ Each congressperson is responsible for completing this research packet. There are 10 pages, make sure you complete the ENTIRE packet.
- ☐ You must cite all your work!
- ☐ At the end you will attach a formal bibliography.
- ☐ See individual rubrics for grade point requirements.

packet should be

used as a rough draft of your work and your final product must be submitted in a typed format

Part I: Topic Overview

- ☐ *Explain your topic (at least 2 paragraphs)*

Currently, it is being debated whether or not Police should use Body cameras to film their daily job. This is only legal in some states so far. The states it is legal in have many meticulous rules for the police to follow while using the cameras. They are also extremely expensive, and many believe it could violate someone's privacy, others believe it could help with having fair trials and better evidence in court. People could also learn to be better police by watching these videos but this is still a huge debate.

Another reason why Police want to buy these body cameras is because of the recent events on Police brutality. These cameras would help the public see what the Police are actually doing to "criminals". Also with the Police wearing the body cameras they will be aware to not be as brutal with arrests, which would lower the number of injuries done to criminals caused by the Police.

- *Why does this topic interest you?(at least 1 paragraph)*

This could really affect us as citizens of New Jersey, because if it turns out that we are using these cameras and any of us were to get into trouble with the law it could really affect criminal trials. Also, it has also a matter of where our town and states funding goes. It could cut some programs the we currently value.

- *What does the research indicate about the current controversies surrounding your topic?*

The main issue with police body cameras is that people think that it invade their privacy. But others argue that it does not violate privacy. As a result, it is a big controversy that needs to be solved.

Part II: Preliminary Research

You must use the Media Center Model Congress Pathfinder to look for research based on your topic. Use sources such as Ebsco Host Points of View, Issues and Controversies, Gail: Opposing Viewpoints to help start your research

1. *What is the history/origin of your topic? (at least 2 paragraphs)*

Body cameras were first adopted by the Danish and the UK in 2005. And in 2012 canadian police had several trail testings. But denied the use of them due to the cost

Recently, in 2014 the U.S. looked into the use of this technology. Mainly because President Obama promised to spend \$75 million on funding for outfits.

2. *What are the issues/problems regarding your topic?*

Many fear that with use of these cameras also comes the invasion of people's privacy. MAny also fear these tapes could be corrupted easily and that they could be filmed in a derogatory and bias ways to unfairly sway a jury. Also the filmings could be staged or leave out key details.

Another problem that people have with body cameras are the public viewing. People are very adamant that cameras should be on at all times. This is because if police can activate the cameras they can cover up actions that happen that would usually not be okay.

Part III: Narrow your Focus

- *As a group, which specific issue/problem will you focus on?*

Limiting the risk of privacy issues and corruption while these cameras are in use.

- Create a Preamble for that issue/problem(1 sentence)

This bill will limit the risks of using body cameras so all things recorded are recorded safely.

Part IV: Supportive Evidence”

Types of evidence could include the following: ~Courts Cases, ~Previous, existing, and/or pending Legislation, ~Statistics #'s (studies, polls/surveys, and research results), ~current events, ~Constitutional Connection (Preamble, 5 Basic Principles, and Amendments)

Requirement: You must have Statistics and Constitutional Connection

Types of Evidence Supportive Information-Facts Significance-Relevant to your topic
Citation(use EasyBib--add source as you go)

Evidence # & Type	Supportive Information-Facts	Significance-Relevance to the topic	Citation
1- Website Ryan	The videos recorded by the cameras can eliminate many cases of unlawful arrest. For example, a case found on <i>ebscohost.com</i> . five police officers claimed a man didn't use their turn signal and arrested him after suspecting marijuana was in the back seat. The man ended up to be proven unlawfully arrested after the video footage of the police handcuffing the man before searching the car and they were a bit violent while doing so. As well as the fact that the turn signal was used before the man was handcuffed.	This is relevant because the videos are recorded by the police body cameras which are the main issue involved with our bill.	http://web.b.ebscohost.com/pov/viewarticle?data=dGJyMPPp44rp2%2fdV0%2bnjisfk5le43uOK5%2brff%2bOk63nn5Kyl7ey%2bSq2ntUewpq9Onq%2b4S7ewsUqet8s%2b8ujfhvHX4Yzn5eyB4rOvSbCvt0ixprNQpOLfhuWz44ak2uBV7u3mPvLX5VW%2fxKR57LOvSa6ssEq2rbY%2b5OXwhd%2fq37z4uqM4%2b7y&hid=123
2- Website ALISON	The officers would use less force in general because they know it's all being recorded. It will make the officers less prone to abuse their power. A study was conducted by Cambridge University in 2012 to 2013 that tested the effect on the local police force using them. In the first year of the technology being used in Rialto, California, police using force dropped 60% and the complaints for them lowered 88%. That means that complaints of officers using	The body cameras will make officers less prone to abuse a citizen who is being arrested because they know that it's all being recorded.	< http://web.b.ebscohost.com/pov/detail/detail?sid=c5bb7dbb-aed4-4ecc-a3a5-2e98614328e8%40sessionmgr120&vid=0&hid=128&bdata=JnNpdGU9cG92LWxpdmU%3d#AN=99796320&db=pwh >.

	brutality and or abuse of power to arrest a citizen had dropped incredibly and less reports of officers using force.		
3- Website ALISON	Police who have done wrong can be proven wrong. In March, 2014, two cops had shot an innocent homeless man. No one could have brought the two to justice for flat out murdering a man without very strong evidence of it happening. Once the video of the conversation before the death was shown, the court could make a quick and easy judgement on the fact that they saw it happen. Without this video, these two cops who inflicted completely unnecessary violence on an innocent civilian wouldn't of been charged for their crime.	The videos are hard pieces of evidence that can bring people who are guilty to justice for their crimes.	http://web.a.ebscohost.com/ehost/detail/detail?vid=1&sid=6d5dac7b-9991-45d4-9411-9a92c189a2e8%40sessionmgr4001&hid=4214&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWVhvc3QtbGl2ZQ%3d%3d#AN=100413789&db=mih
4- News Article	Cameras can give back up for officers who get many complaints for no reason easily. This will allow problems with the station caused by that and let the officers continue bringing justice to those who need it.	This means body cameras will help stop made up complaints.	http://ic.galegroup.com/ic/ovic/NewsDetailsPage/NewsDetailsWindow?failOverType=&query=&prodId=OVIC&windowstate=normal&contentModules=&display-query=&mode=view&displayGroupName=News&limiter=&u=liv56479&currPage=&disableHighlighting=false&displayGroups=&sortBy=&source=&search_within_results=&p=OVIC&action=e&catId=&activityType=&scanId=&documentId=GALE%7CA288772664
5- Statistics Ryan	Police were found to be 50% less likely to use force with the cameras.	This means that police brutality will be much lower than before and those who do use force can be easily proven guilty of what they've done.	http://ic.galegroup.com/ic/ovic/NewsDetailsPage/NewsDetailsWindow?failOverType=&query=&prodId=OVIC&windowstate=normal&contentModules=&display-query=&mode=view&displayGroupName=News&limiter=&u=liv56479&currPage=&disableHighlighting=false&displayGroups=&sortBy=&source=&search_within_results=&p=OVIC&action=e&catId=&activityType=&scanId=&documentId=GALE%7CA403758133

6- Statistic ALISON	Law enforcements have committed 461 homicides without any consequences in 2013-spoken by the FBI.	This means no one could of gotten the officer who had done wrong to justice while the cameras are hard evidence to show if they actually killed them for no good or no reason.	http://icof.infobaselearning.com/articles/crime,-law,-and-justice/police-body-cameras.aspx?sr=1&articleID=14993
7-Statistic	Between 2006-2012 there were about 96 problems annually where an officer had killed someone- and that's only saying the deaths that were based on racism.	They just killed someone innocent and have zero way to be given consequences that are fair because of the lack of evidence. The cameras give a direct screening of what happened.	http://icof.infobaselearning.com/articles/crime,-law,-and-justice/police-body-cameras.aspx?sr=1&articleID=14993
8-Pol ARIANA	A poll taken by citizens overall showed that 87% of citizens are for using the cameras.	Most people are on the same page and believe the pros more than the cons of the cameras. More of a reward than a risk in their opinions which means it could be a quickly passed law for them to be put in use.	http://icof.infobaselearning.com/articles/crime,-law,-and-justice/police-body-cameras.aspx?sr=1&articleID=14993

Part V: Opposing Evidence

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evidence number	Types of evidence / Writer	Opposing info-Facts	Significance, relevance to the topic	Citation
1	Book about the exact laws surrounding the washington privacy act and Police Body cameras.	It goes against to Washington Privacy act.	This a major violation of privacy.	https://www.bja.gov/bwc/pdfs/Legal-Issues-Surrounding-the-Use-of-Body-Cameras.pdf

2	Time Report	Video evidence has to be interpreted and can be easily manipulated	This means they can be unreliable and it matters more about how evidence is portrayed	http://time.com/3843157/the-problem-with-police-body-cameras/
3	Time Report	Trouble storing the footage	It costs almost as much to store things as it does to pay for the cameras.	http://time.com/4180889/police-body-cameras-view-taser/
4	The Washington state legislature	The Washington privacy act .	The washington privacy act section 9.73 says," Intercepting, recording, or divulging offender conversations—Conditions —Notice. 9.73.100 Recordings available to defense counsel." his a violation ,. This includes footage taken by police.	http://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=9.73
5	The Harvard Law institute	Results of Police body cameras in action.	The video footage from the incident where a caucasian man shot an African American man was caught on footage many people only watched a few seconds of the video and then jumped to the conclusion that this event was racism and were quick to protest.	http://harvardlawreview.org/2015/04/considering-police-body-cameras/
6	Wista Research Center	Based on a survey most people are unlikely to watch full video if it is over ten -twenty minutes ; view this chart for more Info - http://embed.wistia.com/deliveries/45463ef7dc6431530dcea42ea261cbf0315c08e5/length-matters-1.gif	If people don't even watch the full videos then illogical conclusions can be drawn from the videos starting even more issues and disputes.	http://wistia.com/blog/does-length-matter-it-does-for-video-2k12-edition

7	Urban institute	The Impact of Police Body cameras	They generate many bias and non-fact based opinions in the community and the public viewing them.	http://www.urban.org/debates/evaluating-impact-police-body-cameras
8	Washington Court of Appeals	Security footage from the university of the persecuted was used as evidence.	Many of the people caught on film attending the university were outraged and felt their privacy had been violated. If people are already upset about security footage which is currently very legal, then how will they react to even more surveillance.	http://www.courts.wa.gov/opinions/pdf/721593.pdf

Part VI: Opposing Arguments—Cite your sources

What are the three main reasons/arguments that support your topic AND choose the best evidence to support those reasons/arguments?

1.Main Argument Violates many people's right to privacy.

Evidence: The Washington Act sec. 9.73 clearly states that Recording or intercepting an offender's conversations is a violation of the national right to privacy.

Evidence From- <http://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=9.73>

2.Main Argument: Many people feel very oppose to being monitored and are quick to protest.

Evidence: During a recent court case many witnesses of the prosecutor were caught on the building's security cameras. They then immediately revolted against being in the video. If people get upset when caught on building security than how will they feel about being monitored even more?

Evidence From- <http://www.courts.wa.gov/opinions/pdf/721593.pdf>

3.Main Argument: Many people are unlikely to even watch a full video before drawing conclusions, as a result, these videos can easily interpreted in a way that is bias.

Evidence: videos don't give background info just the actual events so a lot of it is up to interpretation. Director of the Justice, Policy Center says, "...the use of cameras and dissemination of the video footage they generate are fraught with myths and misunderstandings. "also, out of a survey of many only 30% or less would watch a full video 20-30 minutes long.

Evidence From- <http://www.urban.org/debates/evaluating-impact-police-body-cameras>

and information. <http://embed.wistia.com/deliveries/45463ef7dc6431530dcea42ea261cbf0315c08e5/length-matters-1.gif>

Part VII: Supporting Evidence—Cite your sources

What are the three main reasons/arguments opposing your topic AND choose the best evidence to support those reasons/arguments?

1. Main Argument: The cameras will help observe the public, and see all the events that would happen while the camera is rolling.

Evidence: Barbara O'Connor the director of Security at Uconn has ordered in for 7 officers to wear body cameras around campus. She say "believes the **body cameras** will provide an extra level of transparency". And these cameras will be monitoring students all day.

2. Main Argument: Video recorded by body cams protect any false accusations, misconduct, or abuse against officers. These cameras will help police officers from being unrightfully blamed for actions they did not do.

Evidence: With our bill the cameras will be on all time when they leave their station, if it is not on they will face a fee. This way it will be easier to figure out when a cop arrests someone without saying the Miranda Rights.

3. Main Argument: The use of cameras would lower the number of criminal police brutality deaths and injuries. Also the video evidence of the camera would help in court prove the officer was guilty.

Evidence: In August of 2015, 776 people were killed by Police and 161 whom were unarmed. By November of 2015 the deaths surpassed 1000 people. This data was found by a project called "The Counted" a continuously updated, interactive database of police killings in the United States. This database is the most accurate database in the United States, the government has a similar database. Police kill an average of 3 people a day.

Part VIII: Government Spending

Contributing to the funding will be mandatory. In the first year each state has to raise \$2,189,010 to pay for the cameras. And since about 318,857,056 people lived in the U.S. during 2014 they should pay about \$0.34 for the cameras and \$1.14 in fees so a family should pay about \$1.48 per person in the first year but \$1.14 for the following years that we will use them.

If you need more proof of our math please go to:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/19VDUpRDOPvyBlvI8poGNnSVFIM1bYcfHI6T7-Rlk37c/edit>

Don't forget your final Bibliography: You must cite each section you complete. Attach your formal bibliography to the end of your typed final research. You must have at least five different sources

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