

Do the Right Thing

{ Context and Conflict

Dedications

- & Eleanor Bumpurs
(10/84)
- & Michael Griffith
(12/86)
- & Arthur Miller (1978)
- & Edmund Perry
(6/85)
- & Yvonne Smallwood
(12/87)
- & Michael Stewart
(9/83)

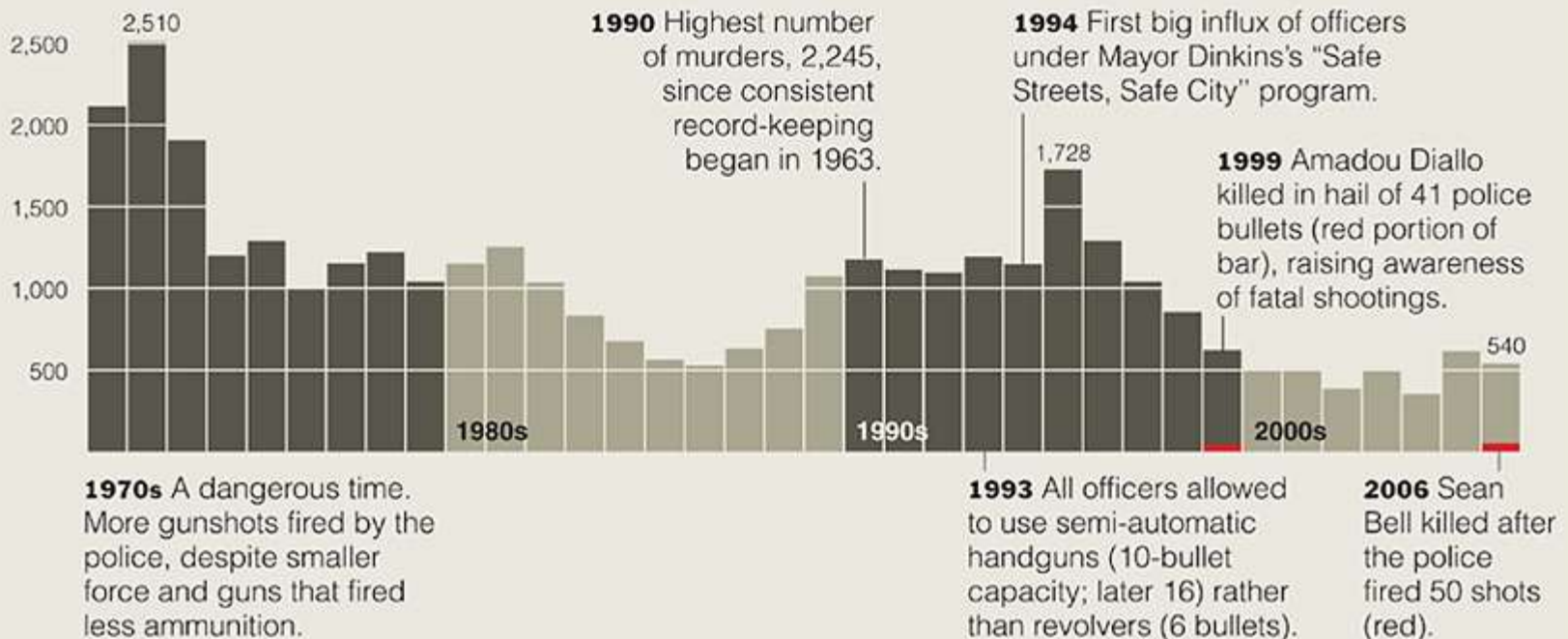


Image of Stewart headlines courtesy: [Black Past](#)

NYPD Police Shootings

More Police, Fewer Shots

Number of gunshots fired by the New York police each year since 1971. The numbers roughly, though not exactly, correspond with the city's crime rate.



Source: New York Police Department Firearms Discharge Report, 2006

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NYPD shooting statistics from *New York Times*,
reprinted in [We Haitians](#)

Notable NYPD Shootings/Violence



Image source for Diallo mural: [New York Daily News](#)

- ⌘ Amadou Diallo (2/99)
- ⌘ Dante Johnson (5/99)
- ⌘ Abner Louima (8/97)
- ⌘ Antoine Reid (6/98)
- ⌘ William Whitfield (12/97)
- ⌘ Sean Bell (11/06)
- ⌘ “Record low” of eight deaths and 16 woundings via NYPD shooting in 2010

Quote: Martin Luther King, Jr.



King image source: [The Seattle Times](#)

"Violence as a way of achieving racial justice is both impractical and immoral. It is impractical because it is a descending spiral ending in destruction for all. The old law of an eye for an eye leaves everybody blind. It is immoral because it seeks to humiliate the opponent rather than win his understanding. It seeks to annihilate rather than convert. Violence is immoral because it thrives on hatred rather than love. It destroys community and makes brotherhood impossible. It leaves society in monologue rather than dialogue. Violence ends by defeating itself. It creates bitterness in the survivors and brutality in the destroyers."

Quote: Malcolm X



Malcolm X image source: [Malcolm X.com](https://malcolmx.com)

"I think there are plenty of good people in America, but there are also plenty of bad people in America and the bad ones are the ones who seem to have all the power and be in these positions to block things that you and I need. Because this is the situation, you and I have to preserve the right to do what is necessary to bring an end to that situation, and it doesn't mean that I advocate violence, but at the same time I am not against using violence in self-defense. I don't even call it violence when it's self-defense, I call it intelligence."

Social Web?



Image source: [22 West](#)



Polyphony

- & Johnson's main argument?
- & Historic-nostalgic style defined?
- & Rap style defined?
- & Soul radio style defined?



Angles/Distance of Conflict

