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TO END THE  
NEW JIM CROW

# FACT SHEET

## STOP-QUESTION-FRISK: NYPD'S ASSAULT ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR



### THE TRUTHS

- There is no direct relationship between stop and frisk practices and reduction in crime or increased safety. Stop and frisk abuses corrode police/community relations, making us all less safe
- Stop and frisk has not reduced the number of people who fall victim to shootings. In 2001, there were 1,892 victims of gunfire and 97, 296 stops. In 2011, there were 1,821 victims of gunfire and a record 685,724 stops.
- Guns were found in less than 0.2% of the stops and that rate is worsening as more and more people of color are stopped.
- From 2002 to 2011, Blacks and Latinos represented 90% of those stopped while only representing less than 35% of New York City's overall population.

### THE MYTHS

- **Stop and Frisk reduces crime and keeps people safer:** *...you used to not be able to walk down the streets of this city safely and today you can walk every neighborhood during the day and most neighborhoods during the night..” – Ray Kelly*
- **Stop and Frisk policies cut the number of murders in half:** *“..over the past 10 years, there were less than half the murders than in the 10 years before Mayor Bloomberg took office.. this is attributable to proactive policing including stops..” - NYPD Spokesperson Paul Browne*
- **Stop and Frisk gets guns of the streets and therefore prevent murders:** *“There is no denying that stops take guns of the street and save lives.” – Ray Kelly*
- **Stop and Frisk is not discriminatory:** *“Blacks made up 53% of the stops and were 66% of violent crime suspects...for Hispanics, 34% were stopped and 26% were violent crime suspects” – NYPD Spokesperson Paul Browne*

