

# Police beating and killing blacks, and the right to carry a gun

## TASKS

### A) FOCUS ON HOW POLICE OFFICERS HAVE TREATED BLACKS, INCLUDING SHOOTING

Watch the Rodney King beating on YouTube (2:10 min. or a longer version, e.g. from CNN):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SdZ5xuZOIbk>

1. Find information on the internet that tells about what happened prior to what you can see on the video, and also about the result of the trial. What do you think about what happened here? Share your information in class.
2. Search for information about the "Los Angeles Riots". Write down five facts (share in class).
3. Based on what you know about black history, segregation and how black people were treated, do you understand the anger that was built up around this case? Explain...

Read "Black moms tell audience how they fear for their sons" on [stltoday.com](http://stltoday.com)

4. Mention some advice the black moms give to their children.
5. How do you feel when you hear about this?

Read the article "Four mothers share pain of losing sons" on [CNN](http://CNN) and watch the interviews (on the same page) with the mothers.

6. Find out what happened in the four cases and what their mothers have to say (especially when it comes to race issues).
7. Do you think there is segregation in the US today? Explain why/why not.

### B) GENERAL ON POLICE SHOOTING

The Washington Post is making a database on every fatal police shooting in the US. Check this link:

[How The Washington Post is examining police shootings in the United States](http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/immigration/wp/2015/07/27/how-the-washington-post-is-examining-police-shootings-in-the-united-states/)

1. What is included in the database?
2. Do you think a database like this can help increase the number of fatal future shootings? Explain why/why not.
3. Today there are video cameras on many corners, cellphones everywhere and cars with integrated cameras. Can this prevent future shootings? Explain...
4. How many people have been shot by the police in the US so far this year?
5. What are Donald Trump`s and Hillary Clinton`s attitudes to gun control as it stands today in the US?
6. What does the "Bill of Rights" say about carrying weapons?
7. How is the right to carry a gun linked to the American Dream?
8. What do you think about the US weapon regulations as seen today? Give pros and cons.