

**Factors Affecting Police's Law Enforcement
A Comparative Study of Excessive Law Enforcement
Perceived by the Public and the Police.**

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Abstract

To many people, police officers are the people with sense of responsibility, justice and the protectors of the society. However, the policing problems have aroused many controversial issues in recent years, such as whether police officers should use weapons while ran into a suspicious person, and when they could use force to repress a violent breakout, and if the police would excessively enforce the law because of their personal characteristics. This study aimed to understand whether the police and the public interpreted the concepts of excessive law enforcement differently, and to understand their cognitions of excessive law enforcement. A questionnaire survey was administered during summer in 2017 to the police and the public groups, and respectively, 71 and 213 copies of valid questionnaires were collected. In this research, it was found that the police and the public perceived differently mainly on the regulations of police behaviors, the approaches of how the police officers show their identifications, also recognized differently on the exterior factors like news reports and the influences brought by the mass media. Since the police might want to match with the expected cognitions from others and therefore led to excessively law enforcement, suggestions from this research were that if the police institutions regularly do surveys from the public for collecting their perceptions about policing and promote the knowledge of cooperation while encountered the law enforcement, it could be helpful to reduce the information gap between the police and the public as well as to eliminate the frequency of arguing excessive law enforcement or not.

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