

# **RAND REPORT WORTHLESS TO MINORITIES**

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The 59-page report by Rand, a private nonprofit organization, commissioned by Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly, confirms what the National Latino Officers Association of America knows: you get exactly what you pay for. This study is comprised of endless excuses, statistical justifications, and African Americans and Hispanics categorized as statistically insignificant. The report draws conclusions that have no basis in reality. If left unchallenged, it is the justification for racial profiling, abuse and discrimination.

The New York City Police Department utilizes the Stop, Question, and Frisk Report (UF250) as a crime strategy, not as a discretionary tool for good police work based on reasonable suspicion of illegal activity. The UF250s are reduced to a quantitative procedure for the NYPD. These numbers are the subject of COMSTAT, emphasized on Police Precincts Annual State of Command Reports, emphasized on Special Unit Reports, and are part of a police officer's Annual Evaluation and Monthly Activity Reports. The several layers of auditing by the NYPD referred to by the Rand report were not made to promote the proper application of the Stop, Question and Frisk Report but to protect the department against litigation.

As a statistician, what is the statistical probability that the UF250s would increase in every command as crime statistics decrease annually? What is the statistical probability that citywide police officers average the same amount of UF250s prepared per police officer? What is the probability that 99% of all police officers by command, squad or tour of duty would average the same number of UF250s? What is the probability that officers in Anti Crime, Street Crime, or similar units would have the same exact percentages of UF250s?

It is insulting to make inferences or draw conclusions from one eight hour tour of duty or the monitoring of radio calls for one tour of duty. The report presupposes that all stops are recorded and justified. The report does not consider any illegal quota system or UF250s mandated to be prepared on most if not all arrest. This report did nothing but disregard community complaints and suspicions.

Finally, it would be a sad day when we have to rely on people who live outside our communities and who are neither African American nor Hispanic to tell us what we are experiencing in our neighborhoods. The Police Commissioner and the New York City Police Department need to comply with the law and the city council oversight and turn over all relevant documents in their possession. Any analysis concocted in a vacuum without consideration of its actual application is best utilized as bathroom reading material.

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