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1. What are some of the positive aspects of these data? Explain!

It allows us to look at a race or a problem and see how they are being treated. Data affect Political decision, so it allows us to correct the mistake that we make. The effects of criminal justice policies on Latinos can go unseen by the public and policymakers in states where agencies do not report ethnicity data.

2. What are some of the problems with them? Explain!

A state's failure to collect and report ethnicity data affects not only Latinos but the entire criminal justice system. States that only count people as "black" or "white" likely label most of their Latino prison population "white," artificially inflating the number of "white" people in prison and masking the white/black disparity in the criminal justice system.

States collect criminal justice data through several agencies, and these agencies may not coordinate their efforts. To ensure that Latinos are accurately counted across the criminal justice system, states must make sure all relevant agencies—including law enforcement, the department of corrections, and the parole board—collect the same ethnicity data. If states do not collect accurate and complete data across all agencies, it is impossible to assess how the system affects Latinos. Doing on way of data is not going to give us the right amount. You need multiple ways of collecting data.