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#### **Academic Journal Article**

Social science is a very interesting topic that we must understand the basis of it. When we speak of social science we are reminded that word science is more or less a synonym for knowledge (Knight, 1941). Essentially, social science is the scientific study of human society and social relationships. How might this relate to the topic of law enforcement? One obvious job related to this topic is that of a social worker. For example, my uncle is a social worker and he mainly deals with the issue of juvenile delinquents, though essentially a social worker helps people cope with the challenges they are facing in their day to day lives. According to the article, social science must strive to tell the whole truth, to recognize all the facts, in the large sense of the world, about society and about man as a member of human society (Knight, 1941). This is still very accurate up to this date because it is important in the field of social science to find the facts and truths and to come up with an educated solution.

#### **Academic Journal Article**

This research journal article deals with new technologies and law enforcement. Over the past two decades, dramatic transformations in policing have taken place. Law enforcement agencies are beginning to harness the potential of big data potential systems, forecasting tools, mobile scanners, gunshot detectors, in order to improve their ability to anticipate, track, and prevent crime (Muggah, 2016).

The most celebrated instance of police worn body cameras is from the California city of Rialto. There, randomized field experiments using just 54 mobile cameras in 2012 reported an 88 percent reduction in complaints filed against officers and a 60 percent drop in incidents of police use of force. (Muggah, 2016)

This just proves to show the use of cop cams increase citizen and police interaction. As technology advances so does law enforcement and it is important that police departments stay on top of the new technological advancements because they can help prevent crime as you saw in the example above.

### **Chapter 1 Review**

The first chapter of the text mentions the foundations of social science. First, it is important to know the two pillars of science which are logic and observation. A scientific understanding of the world must make sense and correspond with what we observe (Babbie, 2015). Both of these elements are essential to science and relate with three major aspects of the overall scientific enterprise: theory, data collection, and data analysis (Babbie, 2015). For example, if a research study is done on the amount of law enforcement officers who take their own lives in a span of 5 years in northern California. First researchers would need to collect all the specific data, for instance, ethnicity, age, gender, and reason. Once the data is collected then they can analyze the data. Then researchers can come up with solutions and theories as to why officers are taking their lives. Another main point that I took away from this chapter is that social theory attempts to discuss and explain what is, not what should be. Theory should not be confused with philosophy or belief (Babbie, 2015)

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