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„Violence against the police“ – Police Culture – Citizen‘s Rights

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General Hypotheses

- Police have not enough professional knowledge on how to deal with exhausted or „strange“ people respectiveley with unexpected or „new“ situations exept of force.
- Thus, I see the „violence-against-the –police“-campaign as a avoidance) of learning new ways of interaction an to rest in **traditional behavior.**

Learning coercive force

- Police-education, i.e. theory as part of the offical police-culture , aims to avoid the use of physical force as long as possible.

- Real contact and handling with „violence on the street“ is part of the cop culture – wich takes place in real work and which is (more or less) part of the physical training

Era of smart policing

- Improving the relationship between police and public („Bürgerpolizei“)
- „Community Policing“
- New Police Guidelines („Leitbilder“)
- Gender-Relations and criticism of „male“-policing (repression-paradigm; dominance and submission, bi-polar policing)
- Victim-oriented policing
- It was not the era for „real cops“ but for „smart cops“

Change in policing?

- „Atmosphere“ in the Police gets more „rough“ since several years (?)
- Police unions called police officers as „victims“ not as „professionals“ much less as „heros“.
- If the public have pity on a „victimised police-force“ – this leads to an de-professionalisation of the police

Conclusion

- The dominant “victim-discours“ avoids to analyse the mechanisms of the dynamics of violence.
- Self-awareness changes from „professional calmness“ to „defensive solidarity“ (Ohlemacher)
- More violence among the police

Thank you for listening