

The Past and Present Police

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The development of technology and improved political order has led to the reformation of the police services all through from the nineteenth century to date. There have notable differences in terms of their service delivery and the use of technology in the adjudication of their duties. Police in the nineteenth century, like today, were entitled to ensure that there are law and order in the society and the regions in which they were serving. However, unlike the current police department, they did use traditional policing, lacked the technology to enhance their work, and had a poor relationship with the citizens.

Despite there being physical patrols in the modern police force, the traditional police mainly depended on patrolling for criminal surveillance, unlike today when there are more technological systems like CCTV Cameras and red light cameras that are used to increase surveillance. Besides, they lacked proper ammunition and other technological systems that were used to enhance law and order and to detect and deter crime (Oliver, 2013). At the start of the nineteenth century, police operated informally, did not have official vehicles for use as police, and also lacked advanced weaponry like a gun that could be used to enhance law and order. Communication and coordination were also affected since the police did not have sophisticated means of communication that would be used to enhance their communication and enhance their coordination while delivering their duties. However, in the modern world, the police have been rewarded with advanced instruments that they use in the course of their duty. As a result, they can easily handle their duties, thus promoting their efficiency.

The relationship between the police and the people in the nineteenth century and has now drastically changed. In the previous period, the police acted with threats and harassed the people, especially those that were found to be disrupting law and order. Besides, they acted unfairly

while handling the people since they treated everyone differently depending on their social standing in the society (Oliver, 2013). The fact that most of the police that time was recruited by the winning political leaders made them be used to disrupt the opponents so that the ruling regime can maintain its supremacy and continually run illegal businesses on the streets, including prostitution, illegal drinking, and gambling. Unlike before, the current people in the police force have a positive relationship with the members of the community in which they work. They are not expected to harass any individual and should handle all the suspects and criminals with dignity and respect (Smith & Elton, 2015). They also closely work with the community, thus the improved relationship between them and the police officers while on duty. Most of the civilians have also changed their attitude and enhanced their cooperation with the police.

Contrary to the nineteenth century, policing has been made a profession in which people are recruited and passed through intensive training before they are deployed as cops. After their employment, they are also required to act within the guidelines and the rules they have been given with utmost competence. They also have to conduct themselves as per their code of conduct, unlike before when they acted to ensure the interests of their masters have been achieved. They were also contracted by political leaders thus were remunerated according to the terms agreed by them, thus bringing a difference among the police officers. During the mid-nineteenth century, cities and towns were compelled by reason to have a uniform police force that was necessitated by business people who wanted to keep their things safe (Smith & Elton, 2015). Every city and town developed and formed their police forces, which were then to be sued to enhance law and order and protect property. There has been a drastic change in the attitude of the people about the police with considerations to the modern and the traditional policing system

(Oliver, 2013). People currently can freely interact with the police and are not tensed by their presence, unlike before when the police used to act rudely and with extreme force on individuals.

Conclusively, there has been a drastic change in the police service within the last hundred years. The main changes in police include a police reform that has revolutionized the delivery of policing services to the people. The police have now been centralized and work under the national government and are no owned by private systems that used to use them to benefit their interests. The current police are also expected to act within some specific standards and follow their code of conduct, which then is used to regulate actions while on duty. Their relationship with the public has also improved since they have improved on how they handle suspects and criminals. Besides, there has been increased professionalism and use of technology in enhancing law and order and combating criminal activities within the community.

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