

# Technological Invasion on Policing



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## Introduction

- Technological advancements have made it difficult for police to fulfill their duties in Latinx communities. For example, criminals have access to these technologies causing police to work harder in trying to protect communities. Also they are being looked at differently due to the videos surfacing on police brutality.
- Latinx communities fear that they will be victimized by daily occurring crimes; therefore utilizing technology as a source of assistance is needed. For this reason it is important to develop unique and advanced technological devices that will not only facilitate an officer's job, but also ensure the community's safety especially as they are focused to help minorities. Minorities will feel more at peace and trust using them if they know other minorities who face the same fears use it to better the community.

## Research Question

How has technology impacted policing in diverse communities?

## Methods



Survey of Latinx on technology and policing in diverse communities



Review of Peer Reviewed and Scholarly Publications

## Figures and Results



The image above is technology to look like an ATM or something ordinary—making it easy for a victim to walk up to it without causing attention, and connect with authorities if someone doesn't feel safe. This is the key to many who can't directly go to police for help. This can be placed in the middle of the city and includes cameras recording in case of for example accidents and the need for evidence.



Devices such as the one above are used to record outside small business owners who support the movement to keep communities safe. Much like police body cameras having evidence is very important. even when sometimes used against police officers whose goal isn't to protect citizens but abuse their power.

## Conclusion

- In my survey of 14 Latinx on community, technology and policing, only 5 of 14 felt safe using technology; only 4 of 14 trusted their police department but 9 of 14 responded trusting community based policing. Seeing how members of my survey living in diverse communities feel as if they don't have a voice from these tools without knowing they are the ones in power is shocking.
- Latinx communities must support one another. As as crime continues it's important to keep the community safe for the future generations.
- Having technology to benefit and help is a relief. Future research should be done on how to use it to benefit and not harm so that Latinx can feel welcomed into a safe haven through these technologies.



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