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ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES OF RACIAL PROFILING IN THE UNITED STATES Hard to make an argument it has advantages. Will you actually be discussing advantages?

This is not a topic sentence for this paper. Racial profiling is defined as treating a person differently because of their race, usually in the context of police stopping or arresting someone simply because of their race. Another definition: “any police or private security practice in which a person is treated as a suspect because of his or her race, ethnicity, nationality or religion” (2). Historically, racial profiling has been directed towards blacks and Latinos, but more recently has spread to include more minority groups- Asians, Native Americans, and Arabs (especially after 9/11). This has become a growing issue in the United States. Racial profiling can also be seen as a form of institutional racism. Your first paragraph does not outline your paper’s subtopics. -5

There is a long history of racial profiling stemming all the way back to the emancipation of American slaves. As far back as the 1850’s, a man named Cesare Lombroso, inventor of criminal anthropology, “attempted to define criminal types through head shapes and other physical characteristics”(6). This is a good example of criminal profiling. Although not necessarily racially based, he believed that certain physical characteristics of a person make them more biologically prone to commit crimes. Other influential voices such as Earnest Albert Hooten, a Harvard professor of anthropology, also used physical characteristics (in this case including race) to determine those more prone to commit crimes. (cite)