**Police Brutality Response Questions:**

a. How would the language used in preparing police officers for their work affect how they view the citizens with which they deal? How do words affect mentality in other occupations?

b. What is "police brutality?" What is considered "excessive force" used by police officers?

c. Why did race become an issue in the examples of excessive force demonstrated in the Rodney King, Abner Louima, and Amadou Diallo cases?

d. Why is the "line between law enforcement that is aptly forceful and law enforcement that is unduly brutal or abuse (sometimes) thin?"

e. What rights do individuals have regarding how they are treated by the police?

f. What is "zero tolerance," and do you agree with this policy? Why or why not?

g. What do the statistics offered in paragraph 14 mean?

h. Do you agree with the statement that "when you rely on hunches, you rely on prejudices, and the people most likely to be stopped (by the police) are black or Hispanic"?

i. Do you feel that the police must deal with every citizen equally and respectfully? Why or why not?

j. How do television shows and movies present police and criminals, and how do these shows influence your views about police nationwide?

k. Do you feel that, by saying that they wish for a stricter crackdown on crime, the American people are sanctioning an increase in excessive force used by the police?

l. Do you agree with Thomas Reppetto when he says that there is "no inherent conflict between good crime control and respect for people’s rights"? Why or why not?

m. What are the views of this writer about the issues of police brutality and excessive force, and how do you know? How might a news article differ from this article in presenting the issues?