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The HBO news show “Vice”, throws light on various sensitive topics and tries to find answers to find answers to delicate questions. The Episode 5 (Season 2) of the news show highlights the increase in the cases of police violence over the residents of Dagestan, especially the youth, to cater the prevailing issue of terrorism and militants in the Republic of Dagestan (Smith, 2014). The security forces and police of the Republic use tactics of violence and abduction whoever they consider suspicious of being a militant or a terrorist. The entailing details will look into the facts and arguments that why the police and security forces of Russia are equally responsible for the creation and evolution of a terrorist mindset which further gives rise to terrorism. The essaty will further go on to explore the possible approaches which can be used instead of blaming and stereotyping a people of a specific religion, to cater to the issue of terrorism.

The question that whether the practices of Russian police and security forces were raising terrorists came into spotlight when the person responsible for Boston bombings was found out to be Muslim youth from the Republic of Dagestan, a Russian Federal state located in the North Caucasus Region. The 26-year-old young man, namely Tamerlan Tsarnaev, was a resident of the United States, who came to live and settle here in 2004. Closely followed after this, multiple incidents of terrorism and extremism in the whole world, especially Russia raised questions over the efficiency of Russian security forces. It was a highly alarming situation that most of the terrorists, involved in these terrorist attacks and activities of extremism were from the State of Dagestan.

When the reason for such a trend was investigated, it was found out that the youth, in the Republic of Dagestan, was majorly turning into rebels due to the behavior of the police and security forces. The people of Dagestan, especially youth, have lost faith in the current system, so they are turning more and more towards creating their own system to defend their rights *(Russell, 2017)*. Numerous cases of young Dagestanian men have been reported that have gone missing and no clue of them was ever found. It is highly suspected that the government officials or security forces are behind these disappearances; they kidnap torture and ultimately kill theses victim. These people are suspected to be involved in extremist activities and as a result abducted, tortured and killed without any trial. This gives rise to an outrage in the family and friends of these people, who in return, involve in extremist activities to avenge the treatment and torture inflicted upon their loved ones.

Even some of the honest people, from the Department of Police, confess themselves that the behavior of the police is the priomary reason behind the acts of extremism taking place in Dagestan, Russia and the rest of the world, were terrorists are exported from Dagestan (Smith, 2014). There could be alternative approaches to cater to the issue of terrorism, militants and insurgency instead of just labeling every Muslim as an Islamic Militant or Jihadist and treat them poorly. It will only create more resistance and hatred among the society and make the situations worse. The police and security forces can work in coordination with the intelligence agencies to get better information of the insurgents, so that they can get catch the accurate culprits instead of randomly labeling any person of being a terrorist. The government can also work on this issue by making better policies and reforms, for the improvement of law enforcement agencies, along with better training in handling extremists and terrorist.

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