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Everything undergoes displacement, the same stance can be observed in terms of the comparison of today's police officer and a police officer of 1960s. Early 20th century was a time of open violence and sheer exploitation taking into account, the police at that time encouraged violence against any kind of protestor. There was a strong influence of “Armed hegemony” that directed policemen to practice their wills in terms of law enforcement, utilization of power and resources to harm any entity who will speak against the contemporary pattern. Today, there is a shift from superior to inferior paradigms, where a police officer is made responsible for his actions by incorporating strategies such as body cameras and accountability. (Walker, et, al. 2018).  In the 1960s, racism was a code of conduct that enshrined law but today, racism is more like “once in a blue moon” practice because police department is diverse. In the past, a policeman was able to practice his will in terms of orders because there were more social ties. One group used to be against others openly and it was accepted as well, but today, universality prevails. There are minor social ties with almost equal power of representation. (Harmon, et, al. 2019).

There are a number of facts that changed the police department such as, adherence to laws, and modification in laws with respect to time and tide. Self-realization and enacting social order with police officers has modified role perspective. Moreover, the incorporation of humanistic approach has revived an officer's roles. (Harmon, et, al. 2019). Today, a police officer is the protector of life, guardian of rules and a major determinant of society without whom peace and social order cannot be maintained. Psychological and emotional associations have brought a shift in the roles where public don't feel safe without a police officer and a police officer is regarded for his job by feelings of compassion and gratitude by the public and government. (Harmon, et, al. 2019).

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