

Race & Criminal Justice

Sociology

Where disproportionality appears, and what each stage can show.

Disproportionality can enter at every stage, and compounds.

Stages to examine

Who is stopped, and on what basis.

Arrest given the same reported conduct.

Charging and the charge selected.

Bail and pre-trial detention.

Conviction and sentence length.

Release, recall and supervision.

How claims are tested

Compare like cases, not raw totals.

Benchmark against the available population.

Follow the same cohort through stages.

Look for compounding across stages.

Distinguish direct bias from prior exposure.

Educational reference, not legal advice. Findings differ by country, offence and stage; single-number claims are rarely sound.