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WHY DISABILITY

ACCESS/POLITICS/ACCOMMODATION

NEEDS TO THINK ABOUT:

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INTERSECTIONALITY

# Disability and Anthropology



Disability is a natural part of human diversity

Disability is a new way of expressing of human diversity



What is  
intersectionality?



# Intersectionality

- Intersectionality : Kimberle Crenshaw (1989) and Patricia Collins (1990)
  - Came out of feminist re-visioning of 1980s
  - Critiques by Black & third-world feminists
  - Understanding that identities and categories interact in complex ways



	Man	Woman
White		(White) Feminism
Black	Civil Rights Movement	



	White Men	White Women
Non-Disabled		(White) Feminism
Disabled	Disability Rights Movement	

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- Gender
- Race
- Ethnicity
- Immigration status
- Disability
- Religion
- Socioeconomic class
- Geographic location
- Occupation

Intersectionality Problems can be  
boiled down to

Two questions

## How unawareness of intersectionality hurts us:

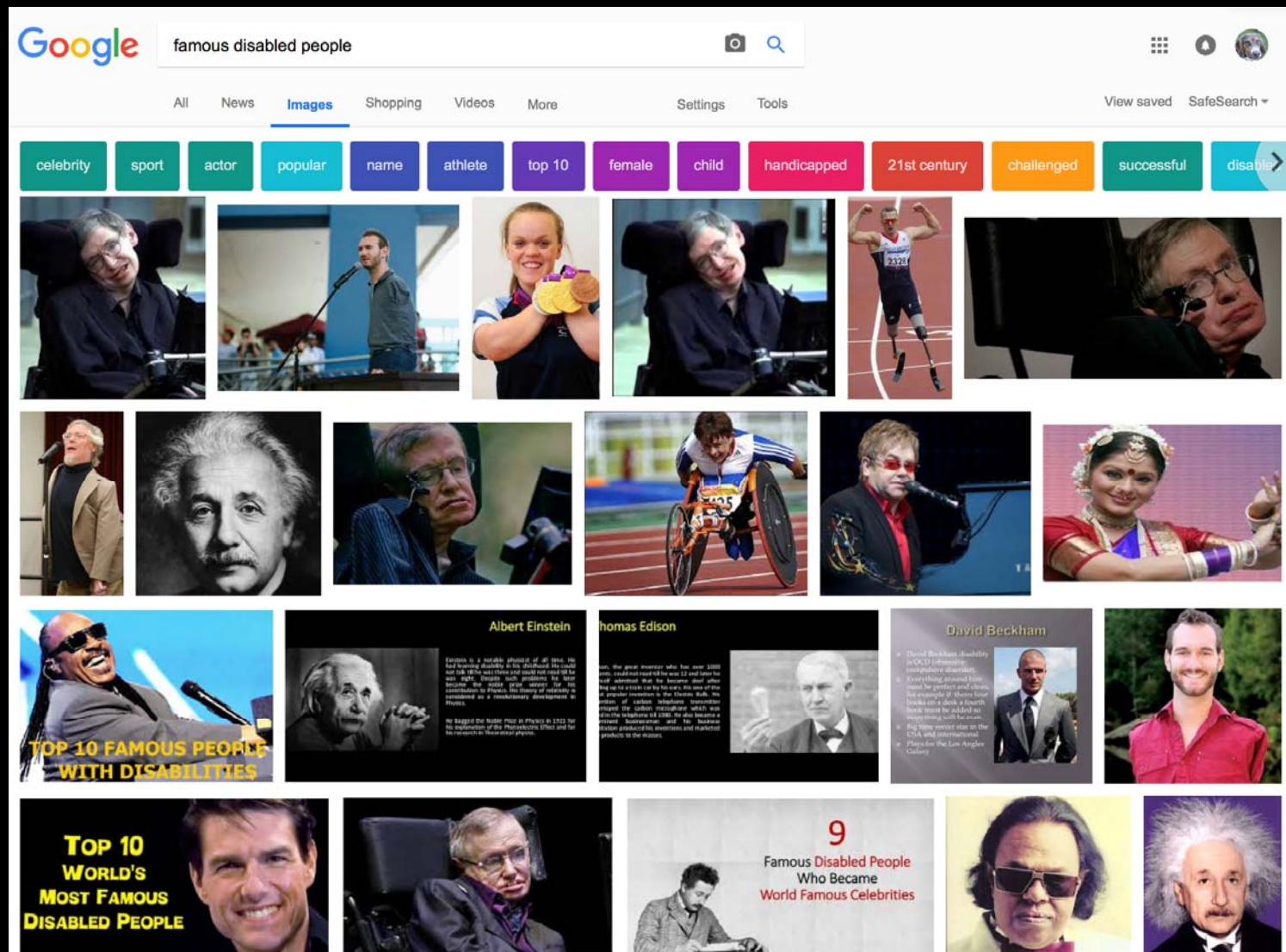
1. The problem facing \_\_\_\_\_ is

2. Thus, because we imagine \_\_\_\_\_, the solutions are \_\_\_\_\_



The problem facing disabled  
people is....

# The problem facing disabled people is....





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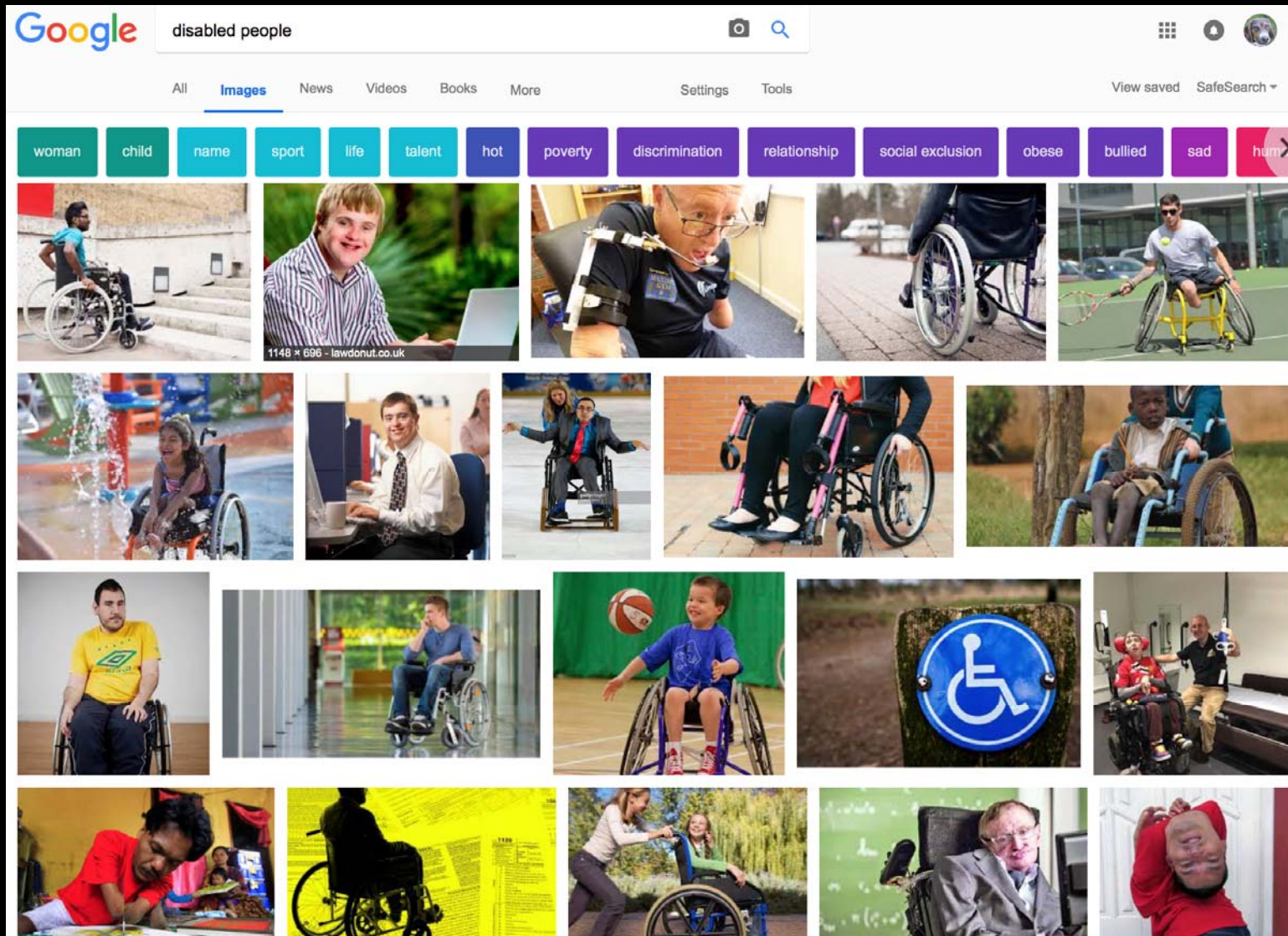
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# because we imagine disabled people to be:



what do our solutions  
look like:



# Disability Civil Rights Laws

Rehabilitation Act  
1973

ADA 1990

IDEA 1975/1990

Medicaid

Social Security

ACA

All designed to help those who most approximate the charmed circle of the white, heterosexual, married, able-bodied, white-collar, middle-class, English speaking, non-disabled man.

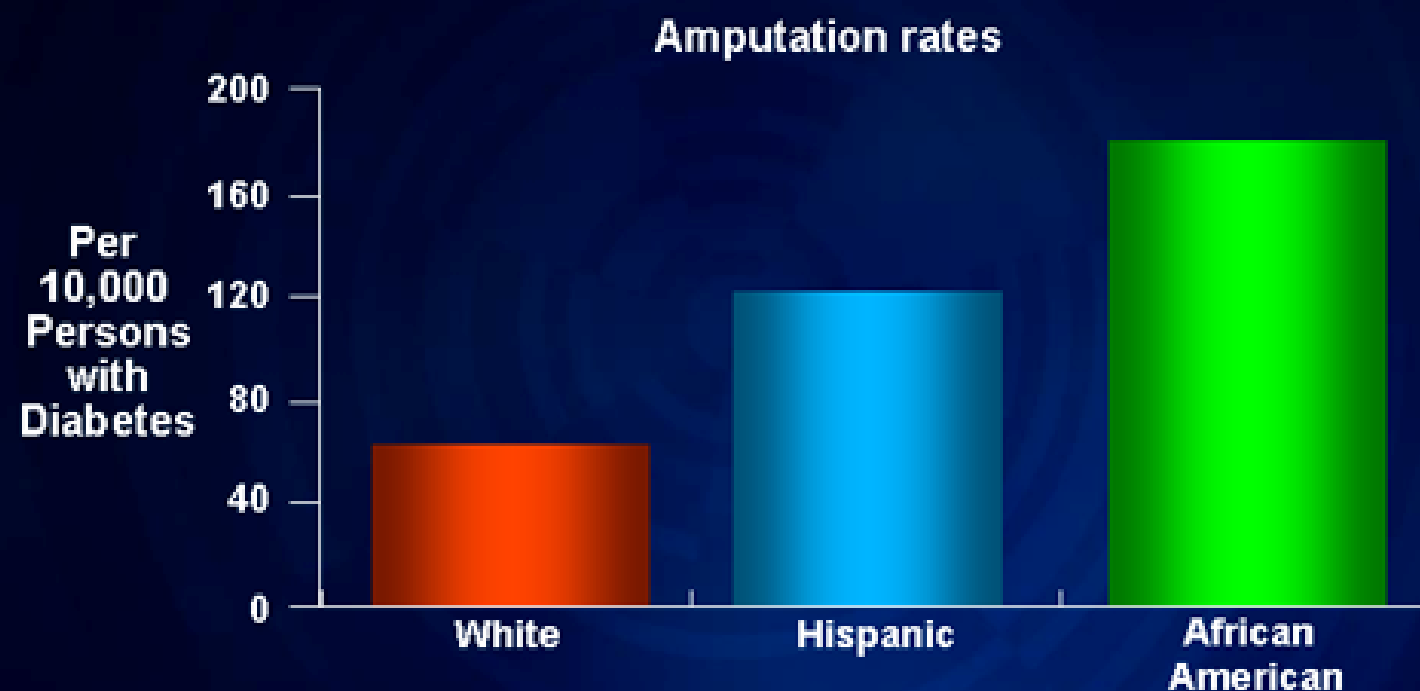


Who gets left out?  
What questions get left  
out?





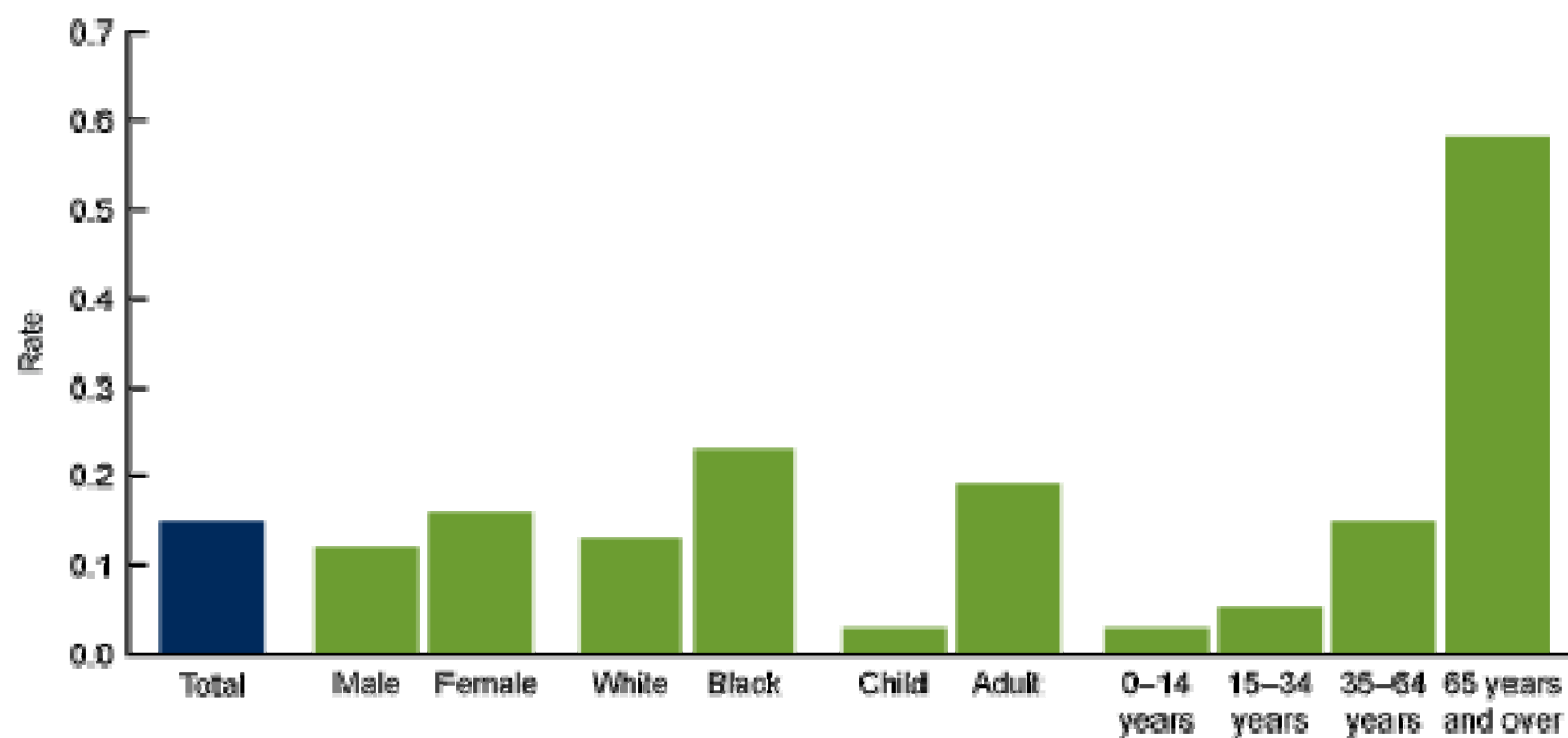
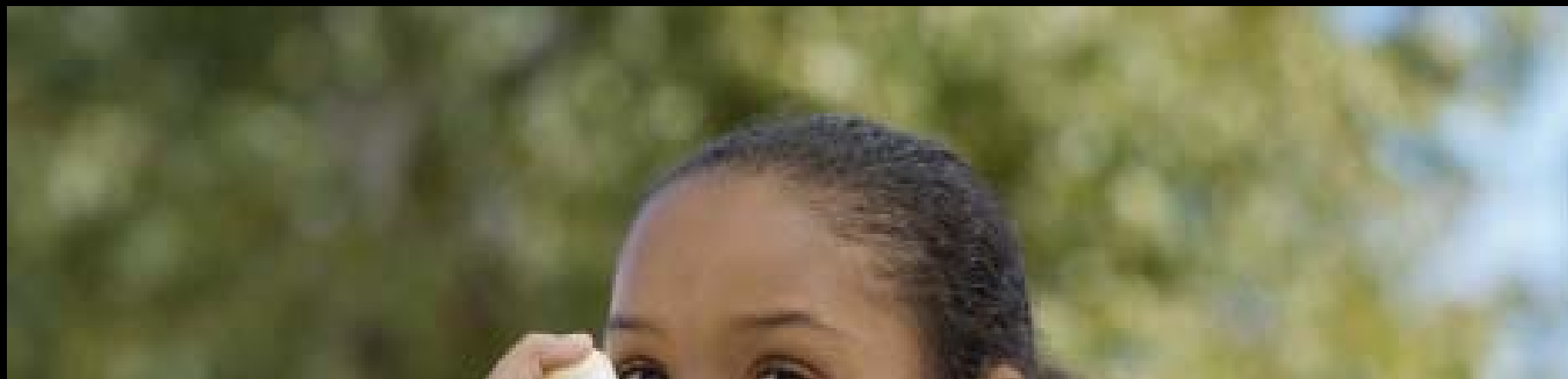
## Amputations in People With Diabetes: Three Ethnic Groups



Reiber GE, et al. In: *Diabetes in America*. 2nd ed. 1995;chap 18.













CONCERNED ABOUT LEAD IN YOUR DRINKING WATER?

## Sources of **LEAD** in Drinking Water



**Copper Pipe with Lead Solder:** Solder made or installed before 1986 contained high lead levels.



**Faucets:** Fixtures inside your home may contain lead.



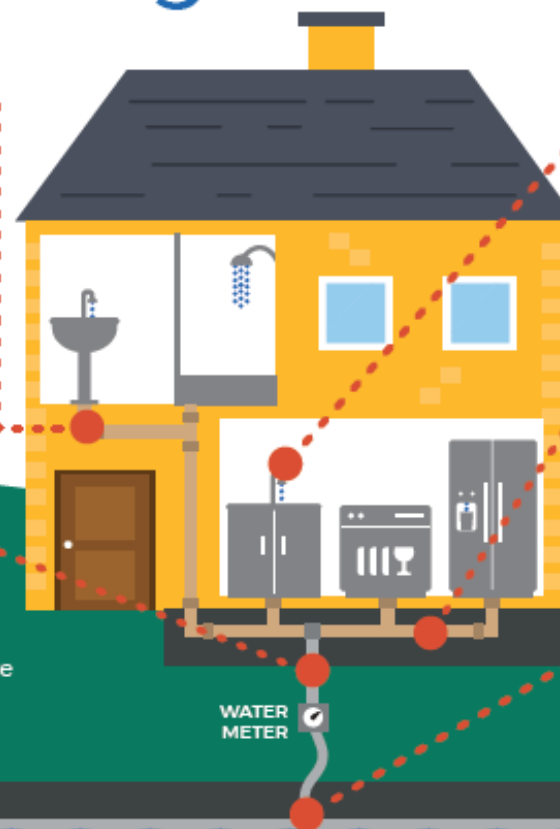
**Galvanized Pipe:** Lead particles can attach to the surface of galvanized pipes. Over time, the particles can enter your drinking water, causing elevated lead levels.



**Lead Service Line:** The service line is the pipe that runs from the water main to the home's internal plumbing. Lead service lines can be a major source of lead contamination in water.

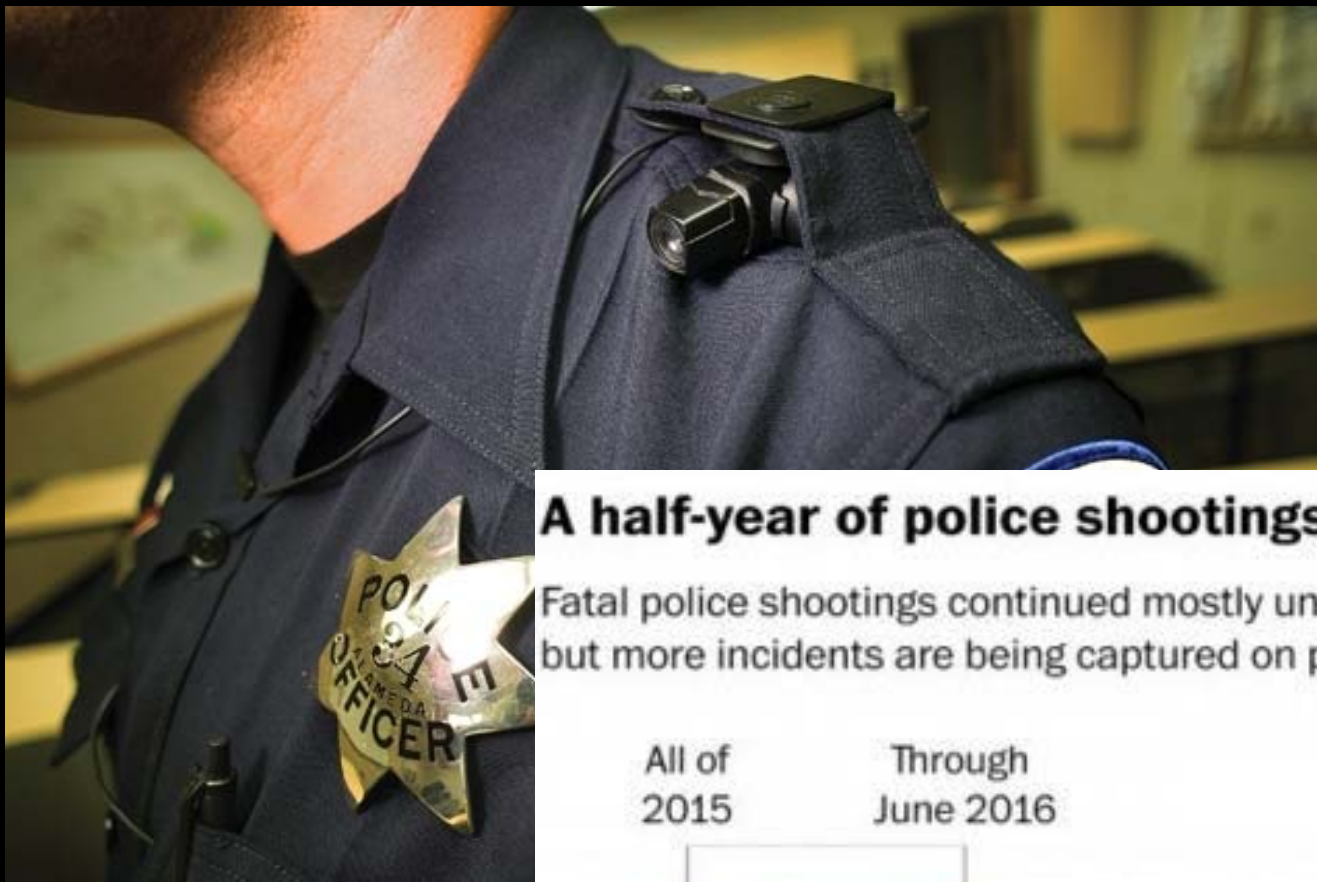


**Lead Goose Necks:** Goose necks and pigtails are shorter pipes that connect the lead service line to the main.



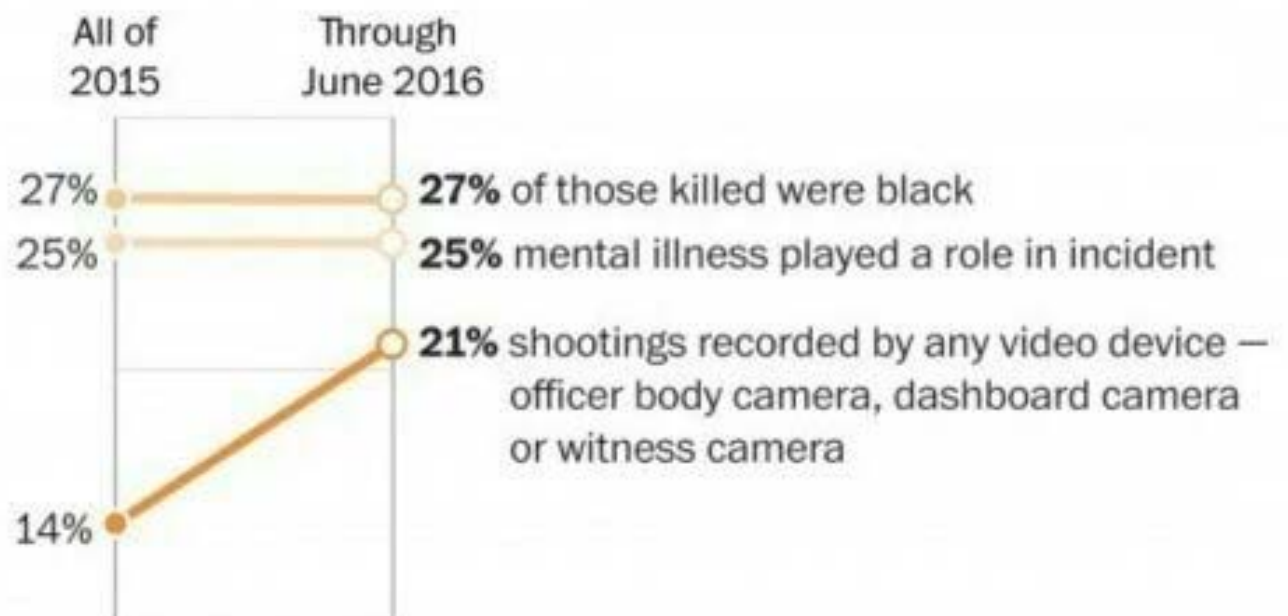
MAIN WATER LINE





## A half-year of police shootings

Fatal police shootings continued mostly unabated in the first half of 2016, but more incidents are being captured on police cameras.



Source: News reports, public records, social media and other sources

THE WASHINGTON POST



**Why isn't addiction considered a disability?**

**or... what happens if we do consider it a disability?**



Why don't we do all  
this?

too scary....