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For and against ‘stop-and-frisk’

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s defense of the New York Police Department’s (NYPD) stop-and-frisk program fell flat. For many years there were cries of police harassment from minority neighborhoods in his city, but those cries were waved off with pious pronouncements that the police were operating within the law. Then, at last, the controversial program made its way into a court of law.

After hearing both sides, the judge found that Mr. Bloomberg “acted with deliberate indifference toward the NYPD’s practice of making unconstitutional stops and conducting unconstitutional frisks.” That indifference is now on full display as Bloomberg slings mud at the federal judge who called out his administration.

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