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Crowd Control Devices used in Civil Protests: Morbidity and Mortality

Crowd control devices are tools used by law enforcement to control and disperse people involved in demonstrations, protests or riots. Common devices include tear gas, pepper spray, and rubber bullets. Despite being referred to as “non-lethal,” or “less lethal,” such methods have great potential for morbidity and mortality when used in a civilian setting, and in some cases, have even been banned from use in warfare.

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