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Activity: Media

Criticisms of police covert surveillance

Learning objective

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- Understand problems that may occur when the police carry out undercover operations.

A. Using the link below, complete 1 to 12 that follow.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bqclra2Jty8>

1. Who has launched a legal battle against the police, and why?
2. What has the undercover police officers done?
3. How are the complainants funding their legal battle?
4. Why was there a public inquiry about the behaviour of the police?
5. What is the problem of the names of the officers not being released?
6. Why does the interviewer claim it may be a problem to release the identities of undercover officers?
7. What is the response of Harriet Wistrich regarding the risk?
8. What has happened to officers who have been exposed?
9. What has been the impact on women who have had bogus relationships?
10. What are the women looking for?
11. According to Harriet Wistrich, why must this never happen again?
12. How long have the victims had to wait for the enquiry?

B. Do you think the aliases (false names) used by undercover police should be made public? Give reasons for your answer.