



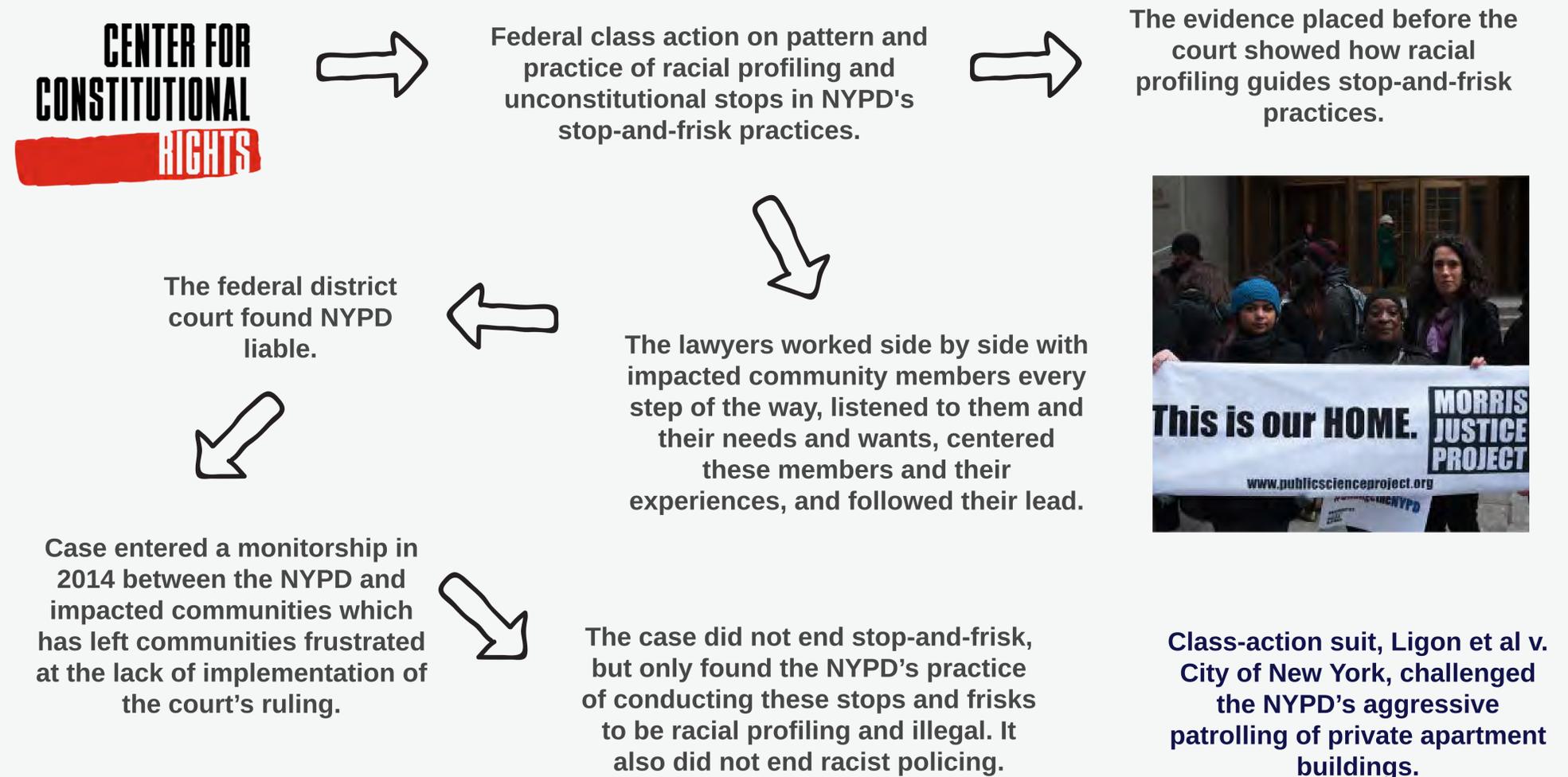
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## Challenging stop-and-frisk policies in New York

Stop-and-frisk is the practice of U.S. law enforcement exercising their power to stop individuals in public places (“stop”), pat them down (“frisk”) for weapons, and at times detain them. U.S. police forces have historically illegally exercised this power to harass and detain disproportionately impoverished Black and Latino community members. Often for no legal reason at all.

In New York City, for every year since 2010, no matter the total number of stops, approximately 85 or more percent of those stopped by NYPD were Black and Latino, even though these two groups made up only 52 percent of the city’s population.

## Floyd v City of New York (2013)



Note: Litigation is one tool in our tool box fighting state violence, but it should never be the only tool we use, if we use it at all. Rather, it can be used as one part of a larger collective effort to fight injustice.

