The Police and Criminal Evidence Act came into force in January 1984. There are many reasons as to why people believe the PACE act was introduced. However arguably one of the most significant contributions to the creation of the act is the public’s loss of confidence in the criminal justice system. This was brought home by the media’s coverage of unfairly convicted defendants which came before the English courts such as in the Birmingham Six and the Guildford Four.

The passing of the act, however, led to a more fragmented relationship as well as the English Justice system being branded by many as “institutionally racist” as stated in the Macpherson report.

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**DISCRIMINATION**

**ARTICLE 14** REQUIRES THAT ALL OF THE RIGHTS + FREEDOMS SET OUT IN THE ACT MUST BE PROTECTED AND APPLIED WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION.

**ARTICLE 14** is a limited right as it only prevents discrimination in the enjoyment of the rights that are set out in the Convention and not in all areas of law.

**BIRMINGHAM 6**

**GUILDFORD 4**