

Asset forfeiture:

Old man's life savings:

<https://reason.com/2020/01/16/family-sues-dea-and-tsa-after-elderly-mans-life-savings-were-seized-at-airport/>

Arrested for daily activities:

Kids playing at park:

<https://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2014/07/arrested-for-letting-a-9-year-old-play-at-the-park-alone/374436/>

<https://www.today.com/health/florida-mom-arrested-letting-her-son-7-walk-nearby-park-1D79994245>

Sending child to wrong school district:

<https://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/cops-bust-homeless-woman-for-sending-child-to-school/1902602/>

Voting:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/i-was-arrested-for-voting-but-i-wont-let-the-governor-intimidate-me/2019/09/30/7b6261b8-dfbf-11e9-8dc8-498eabc129a0_story.html

Reading wife's email on a shared computer:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/man-charged-in-reading-cheating-wifes-email/>

Taking child's phone away as punishment

<https://www.woodtv.com/news/ottawa-county/mom-in-court-for-taking-phone-from-daughter>

Perfume in school:

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2012/jan/09/texas-police-schools>

Raids:

Kids hit with flashbangs:

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/family-toddler-injured-swat-grenade-faces-1m-medical/story?id=27671521>

Wrong houses:

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/story?id=95475&page=1>

Cover ups:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2019/07/26/two-people-were-killed-botched-drug-raid-investigators-say-official-story-was-lie/>

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They don't make the laws they just enforce them:

- ★Bad laws wouldn't be worth the paper they're written on without people willing to enforce them.
- ★Police Union are reflections of the average officer.
- ★Police Unions: In 2017, more than 1,800 officers in the nation's largest departments had been fired for misconduct over the previous decade — and that thanks to protections offered by union contracts, more than 450 officers got their jobs back
- ★Police Unions: One recent study found that when Florida sheriff's deputies secured the right to collectively bargain, for example, violent incidents increased by 45 percent.
<https://crim.jotwell.com/the-power-of-police-unions/>
- ★Police Unions: Their endorsements can make or break candidates for local government office, and their opposition can stop criminal justice reform efforts in their tracks.
- ★Police, prosecutors, and judges often use loopholes to subvert any positive policy reforms. - (New York Bail Reform)

Not All Cops:

- ★ Focus on the institution as a whole
- ★ Separate profession from person
- ★If police departments want the respect of the public, they have to earn it.
- ★Jeremy McLellan Comedy: Bad Apples/Farmer doesn't care.
<https://theappeal.org/malcolm-jenkins-fraternal-order-police/>
<https://theappeal.org/police-play-the-victim-when-voters-choose-reform/>

Solutions people would like to see:

- ★ Get to know your neighbors.
- Establish a neighborhood watch. If something is odd about a situation, team up & respond to it with members of your community.
- Volunteer medic, first aid, self defense, and conflict resolution courses with members of all ages in your community.
- Get trained in mental health first aid. If the situation is serious, call 911 and ask FOR AN AMBULANCE due to medical emergency.
- Talk to your neighbors: loud noises, barbecues, and little kids being entrepreneurs
- Go to the police station instead of bringing cops to into your neighborhood if you need a police report for insurance purposes.
- Establish a database of police alternatives for your community.

<https://www.mcjilldaily.com/PoliceIssue/Restorative-Justice.html>

<https://theresponsibleconsumer.wordpress.com/alternatives-to-calling-the-police/>

<https://www.chicagoreader.com/chicago/police-abolitionist-movement-alternatives-cops-chicago/Content?oid=23289710>

<http://baltimorebeat.com/2019/11/06/an-introduction-to-police-abolition/>

- ★Diminish the power of police unions

★Individual officers need to be held responsible for their victims settlements via personal liability insurance

<https://www.npr.org/2016/06/27/483420607/to-stop-police-lawsuits-reformers-want-officers-to-get-insurance>

★End no-knock warrants and limit the deployment of SWAT

★Make law school a requirement for arms carrying LEOs

★Disarm the police: The protocol would be to take cover and call for armed backup. Use of force should be based on clear, strict, and transparent rules of engagement instead of based on an officer's subjective feeling of fear.

<https://www.disarmthepolice.com/our-position.html>

★No support for reforms that give new tech or more money for police - end up being repressive.

<https://theappeal.org/new-study-finds-body-cameras-arent-objective-witnesses/>

★Civilian police accountability boards

★Data transparency

★Defund departments with high abuse rates

★Reduce patrols: Police should be like the fire department, no roaming around/only come when called

★Eliminate militarization programs

<https://www.pnas.org/content/early/2018/08/14/1805161115>

★End civil asset forfeiture

★End qualified immunity

<https://www.aclu.org/other/fighting-police-abuse-community-action-manual>

Tie it back to the response to COVID-19:

★ Legitimizing the police state

★Task the listeners with remembering how they felt during this time

Read:

Radley Balko - Rise of the Warrior Cop

Jill Leovy - Ghettside

Bryan Stevenson - Just Mercy

An ongoing thread cataloging excessively-harsh enforcement of lockdowns:

<https://twitter.com/theageofshoddy/status/1246841492242481152?s=21>