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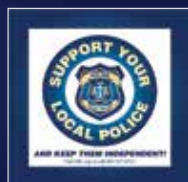
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**Behind the War on Police**

Police work has always entailed an element of risk. After all, criminal suspects are sometimes armed and dangerous, and they sometimes respond violently when pursued and caught. But the job is becoming more dangerous because of an escalating war against police that should now be obvious to anyone following the news.

In that war, police have been increasingly targeted for abuse, not just rhetorically but also physically.

For example, on September 12, a gunman ambushed two Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies who were sitting in a parked police car in Compton. Surveillance video shows the would-be assassin nonchalantly approaching the vehicle from behind and opening fire on the occupants before running away. Miraculously both deputies survived, despite suffering gunshot wounds to the head and face.

This cowardly assassination attempt against two unsuspecting deputies who were not interacting with the perpetrator in any way is shocking. But also shocking is the anti-police hate speech that followed. When the two deputies were taken to the hospital in nearby Lynwood and it was not yet known if they would survive, anti-police radicals who gathered outside shouted their desire that the deputies die. The heartless "protesters" also potentially endangered other lives by blocking access to the emergency room, prompting this tweet from the LA County Sheriff's Department:

To the protesters blocking the entrance & exit of the HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM yelling "We hope they die" referring to 2 LA Sheriff's ambushed today in #Compton: DO NOT BLOCK EMERGENCY ENTRIES & EXITS TO THE HOSPITAL. People's lives are at stake when ambulances can't get through.

Nor was the anti-police rhetoric in the wake of the Compton shooting limited to street radicals. The day after the shooting, Lynwood City Manager Jose Omoteotl posted on Instagram an image of Malcolm X with the words "CHICKENS COME HOME TO ROOST." According to a screenshot of the soon-to-be-deleted post, Omoteotl, while at least saying he does "not condone the type of violence

seen in the shooting of the deputies," contributed to the demonization of police by adding, "Communities like Compton have been plagued by deputy gangs that inflict fear and violence in the community. These deputies murdered, framed and stole from the community just because they could. . . . The fact that someone randomly opened fire on deputies is to be expected in the society we live in today."

Tragically, in a very real sense, the chickens are coming home to roost, but not for the reason the Lynwood city manager claims. The chickens are coming home to roost not because of murderous cops, but because words have consequences. That is, the hateful, anti-police rhetoric spewed by street radicals — and their allies and benefactors in the media, government, and tax-exempt foundations — is having a predictable effect.

Black Lives Matter protesters have sickeningly chanted: "What do we want? Dead cops! When do we want them? Now!" Is it all that surprising that some radicals who have been indoctrinated to the point of wanting cops dead would act to achieve that murderous desire?

In this Special Report on "The War on Local Police," we show that although there are rogue cops who should be and are brought to justice, they by no means represent the vast majority of police officers, who serve honorably. In fact, the evidence clearly shows there is no "systemic" racism on the part of either the police or American society as a whole.

We also expose the not-so-hidden agenda behind the war against police — particularly local police. In a nutshell, the *real* motivation of the revolutionaries fomenting this war is to tear down American society — including local police responsible to the communities they protect and serve — and build amid the ruins a new socialist/communist order, including a radically different type of "law enforcement" beholden to the new globalist masters.

To thwart this planned agenda, supporting our local police and keeping them independent is vital. And so is informing fellow citizens about what is really going on. We therefore encourage you to read this Special Report, to carefully consider the evidence compiled herein, and to become involved.

— GARY BENOIT



# MYTH VS REALITY

**A**s the result of communist/globalist/terrorist groups — such as Black Lives Matter and Antifa — and their globalist-dominated accomplices in the liberal mainstream media, America is now an embattled country under siege. Here are some myths vs. facts to help navigate the truths exposed in this Special Report.

## MYTH

VS

## REALITY

Police officers are the enforcement arm of a racist system that routinely targets black Americans with arrests, police brutality, and even death. Because of this, police officers are the greatest threat faced by black men in America.

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Black men kill other black men at a rate 40 times greater than police officers kill black men. The single greatest threat to the life of a healthy black man is another healthy black man. And police have been the ones to keep those black-on-black deaths from rising (page 10).

Police brutality is rampant, especially against black Americans. Statistics show that black Americans are disproportionately on the receiving end of such brutality.

2

Police are only ever even accused of brutality by .047 percent of the people they encounter each year (one-fifth of one percent) and only eight percent of those claims are ever substantiated (less than four-one-thousandths of one percent) (page 20).

Protests against police violence in 200 cities across the nation are peaceful, spontaneous events organized by frustrated Americans who want police reform to better protect themselves from police.

3

The violent riots that have broken out are not spontaneous. They are planned and funded by deep-pocketed elitists who want to reshape America (page 29) and are promoted and approved by liberal media with globalist ties (page 14).

Black Lives Matter (BLM) is a peaceful organization dedicated to improving the lives of black Americans by addressing police violence and “institutional racism” directed against them. BLM is not responsible for the violent riots across America.

4

BLM founders boast of being “trained Marxists” who hold up convicted communist cop killer Assata Shakur as an inspiration (page 36). BLM also admits to working to “disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure” (page 37), and uses violence as a tool (page 34).

Antifa is a peaceful group dedicated to eradicating the fascist dictatorship of Donald Trump and protecting the freedom of Americans.

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Antifa is a violent, terrorist organization with direct ties to international communism (page 40) working to overthrow the U.S. capitalist system with violent revolution (page 43).



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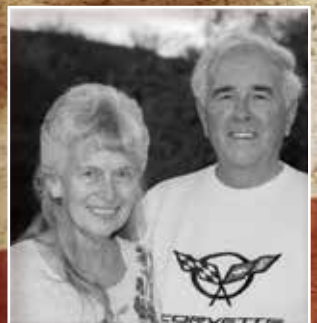
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# THE WAR ON LOCAL POLICE

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by C. Mitchell Shaw

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**T**he past few months since the death of George Floyd while in the custody of the Minneapolis Police have seen increased anti-police sentiment across the United States. As of July 22, ABC reported, police killings were up 28 percent over last year. Hundreds of officers have been seriously injured by rioters attacking them with clubs, cars, frozen water bottles, fireworks, incendiary devices, bricks, sticks, and more. In Minneapolis, nearly 200 officers, out of 850 officers, have filed paperwork to leave the department, with many claiming post-traumatic stress disorder in the wake of repeated 12-hour days of having thugs attack them, and not being able to properly respond because they had nearly no support from elected officials or high-ranking police commanders.

Anti-police sentiment has gone hand-in-hand with violent rioting, looting, destruction of property, a rising death toll including civilians, and calls for defunding, disarming, and disbanding police departments. And while the riots have been consistently described by liberal media and politicians as spontaneous, grassroots responses to systemic police violence and abuse, the reality is that they are part of a deliberate plan to reshape America by force and fear.

Law-enforcement officers have a tough job. On the best of days, the job can be draining and challenging. On the worst of days, it can seem overwhelming. The thin blue line is sometimes thin indeed. The portrayal — by the mainstream media and militant groups such as Antifa and Black Lives Matter — of law enforcement as an arm of an oppressive, evil, racist system only makes that tough job even tougher. And that is deliberate. (Read more about Black Lives Matter and Antifa, and their goals, in the articles on pages 35 and 40.) The war on local police is a war on America. And though it is now coming to a head, it has been being waged for decades.

But before addressing the anti-police players (and their plays), it seems worth-

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**Officer Ben Sauriol** — recently promoted to sergeant at the Winneconne Police Department in Wisconsin — says good cops maintain “neighborliness” both for the job’s sake and for the community’s sake.

while to examine the target of their ire: the men and women in blue who daily risk life and limb to serve and protect.

### **Vilifying and Dismantling Law Enforcement**

This writer has personally known dozens of police officers and sheriff’s deputies throughout his lifetime. Like every other group, while it is true that some in law enforcement may be malicious jerks, the vast majority of them are good, decent men and women who discharge their duties with honor and integrity. I have never personally met a cop who abused his or her power. For the September 21, 2015, issue of THE NEW AMERICAN — a Special Report on police — this writer profiled five law-enforcement officers from across the country. The article com-

prising those profiles contains stories of bravery, honor, integrity, kindness, and courtesy.

In that article, I wrote of one officer and his perspective of being a police officer:

Officer Ben Sauriol, who has been at Winneconne [Wisconsin] for 12 of his 15 years in law enforcement, says officers in his area often know as friends and neighbors the people they interact with professionally. They see these people during work hours and during the rest of the week. They go to church with them. They see them at the grocery store. Their kids go to school together. It is important to maintain that “neighborliness” both for the job’s sake and for the community’s sake.

The claim that police as a group are racist is so patently untrue that it is astounding that anyone believes it, let alone condones rioting and violence based on the claim. Even as the anti-police protests and riots continue, we regularly find stories destroying the narrative: An officer in Los Angeles saved a black 11-month-old boy from choking to death at a Black Lives Matter protest; officers put out the flames on a rioter who was set on fire by another rioter's misdirected Molotov cocktail; most minority citizens, including Hispanics and blacks, say they want more police in their neighborhoods, not less; a poor, out-of-work black woman donated prize money to an injured officer because in the past officers had been so kind to her; multiple Miami-Dade police officers risked their lives to save a dark-skinned teen from committing suicide by jumping from an overpass into oncoming traffic; and many more.

Possibly more revealing as evidence that cops are, by and large, not racist are the facts showing the absurdity of the claim that the greatest danger to a young black man is a police officer. As I indicated in a September 2016 article entitled "Making Black Lives Matter," crime statistics by University of Toledo criminologist Dr. Richard R. Johnson showed that as of 2012 (the last year for which those statis-

tics were then available), black men killed other black men at a rate 40 times greater than police officers killed black men. Between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2012, an average of 4,472 black men were killed by other black men every year. (Using the Left's logic, this means blacks hate other blacks and are racist against them.) In that same time frame, an average of 112 black men were killed by police officers — the vast majority of whom were shot while perpetrating violence against an officer or someone else.

And those numbers have not changed for the better in the ensuing years. In June of this year, Heather Mac Donald — author of *The War on Cops: How the New Attack on Law and Order Makes Everyone Less Safe* — addressed up-to-date crime statistics in an interview with Tucker Carlson of FOX News. She said that "a police officer is 18 and a half times more likely to be murdered by a black male than an unarmed black male is to be murdered by a cop." In a piece for the *Wall Street Journal*, Mac Donald wrote that the *Washington Post's* database on police shootings shows that "police fatally shot nine unarmed blacks and 19 unarmed whites in 2019." And those numbers are "down from 38 and 32, respectively, in 2015." In total, as Mac Donald points out in the brief

PragerU video entitled "Police Go Where the Crime Is," in 2019, police killed 235 blacks, out of a total 1,004 police shootings — an astoundingly low total, considering there are 27 deadly-weapons attacks on police *per day*, nearly 10,000 per year.

And, if anything, the facts show that police are more likely to shoot whites than blacks, though blacks commit more than half the murders in the country and most of the robberies, despite making up only about 13 percent of the population. And since the number of police shootings directly correlates with how often police interact with violent suspects, police do shoot more blacks *per capita*.

In contrast to left-wing anti-cop pronouncements, the data actually show that cops are a black man's best friend if he doesn't want to die. Consider the "Ferguson Effect," named after the place where young black man Michael Brown was shot and killed while attacking a police officer, leading to riots. Mac Donald pointed out that in the wake of the onset of this effect — when police are hesitant to engage in proactive policing because they are afraid they will be scapegoated for some supposed injustice — "2,000 additional black males [have been since Ferguson] killed because cops backed off of policing." The single greatest threat to the life of a healthy black man is another healthy black man. And police have been the ones to keep those black-on-black deaths from rising — until now.

As Mac Donald points out in the PragerU video, the main reason that it seems as if police inordinately target minorities for questioning and harassment is because police go where the crime is. For many years, New York City increased welfare spending in that city — as liberals are calling for now to deter black criminals, while also calling for police defunding — but crime rates did not go down. Only when police there began using data-driven policing, going where criminals were most often criminalizing innocent victims — which happened to be in mainly black neighborhoods (where there are mainly black crime victims) — did crime levels in New York drop.

Yet police are commonly vilified, especially in Democrat-controlled cities where mayors and police commissioners have for decades claimed that one of their main



**Celebrated?** Kenneth Walker (right) is the drug-dealing boyfriend of Breonna Taylor. Taylor was killed when police returned fire after Walker shot an officer as they served a warrant at Taylor's residence.

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law-enforcement functions is focusing on social justice for minorities — ironic. The bad actions of a few rogue police officers have been dubbed typical of behavior of police as a group. Since many officers are minorities and women, such stereotyping cannot be labeled either racist or sexist, but it *is* definitely hateful, inaccurate, and intentionally negative — the same types of injustice the rioters claim to be against. An example of the blanket labeling is the trending graffiti and social-media hashtag “ACAB” (All Cops Are Bast\*ards).

The anti-police accusations continue despite the tallies of police activities that call out the anti-police lies.

Most cops are definitely not racist. The reality is that the *only thing all cops have in common* is that they are all someone’s father or mother or brother or sister or uncle or aunt, someone’s neighbor, friend, husband, or wife — in short, they are human beings. And wearing a badge does nothing to change that.

### Reasons for Rioting

In actuality, increased anti-police sentiment is not meant to stop racism; it is aimed at undoing the very fabric of American society by removing law and order to allow the forced shifting of America into a socialist/communist nation — although a direct consequence of hamstringing the police in their efforts to protect black people is an increase in black deaths, the opposite of what rioters claim.

How do we know this?

First, as we’ve already shown, data, anecdotal stories, and statistics show that police racism and injustice are not the reasons for the riots, so the cause must be something else.

Second, the apparent goal of the riots has been to break the relationship between local police and their communities, which till now has usually been a relationship based on mutual trust. Once a large enough section of the people believed the lie that police are the enforcement arm of a racist system, attacks on police and others accused of benefiting from “systemic racism” were to be completely expected and could be expected to be divisive, and the logical reason for causing such a break would be to institute a globalist/socialist agenda.

Consider this: America *does do* polic-

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**Core value:** One of the values of the American model of policing is that local police are members of the communities they serve. They go to the same churches, stores, and other public places as other citizens, and their children attend the same schools as the people they work for.

ing differently than the rest of the world. America — unlike most nations — has *local* police departments, independent from federal or even state control. Police departments and their officers are accountable *locally*. This is a hallmark of the American principles of government and is one of the main safeguards of individual freedom and states’ autonomy. Without the existence of strong, local police forces independent of outside influence — especially influence that is either political or federal — the chance that real, protective individual rights will survive is virtually zero. Local police are one of the things that distinguish the United States from other nations, where citizens don’t have real rights; they have *privileges* given and taken by government.

In other parts of the world, the police

do the bidding of the national government, without heed to the wishes of the people they supposedly serve. By way of contrast to our country, the nationalized police force of the Soviet Union was not subordinate to the law; it decided what could be done, and not be done, and to whom something could be done. The Soviet police agency’s main duty was to ensure the survival of the Communist Party, not dispense law and order fairly and equally. Likewise, in present-day China, the People’s Armed Police is federalized and its responsibilities include ensuring correct political thinking by every person in each community nationwide.

Even the limited extent to which the federal government already intrudes in local policing in the United States should discourage continuing in that direction.

# DON'T FORGET YOUR SHERIFFS!

The John Birch Society campaign to Support Your Local Police and Keep Them Independent is not limited to just police; it naturally extends to county sheriffs. But there are fundamental differences between police departments and sheriff's offices.

Police chiefs — who run police departments and oversee the operations of their officers — are hired by cities. They answer to mayors, city councils, or both. They can be fired for no reason at all. This means that if they cross swords with the politicians for whom they work, they will be gone and someone else will have their desks.

Conversely, sheriffs, who are the top civilian law-enforcement officials for their jurisdictions, are elected by the people and answer directly to them in each election. This means that there is less room for manipulation by those who hold political office and see law enforcement as a political tool.

It also means that in an area where there is sufficient understanding of both the state and federal constitutions, the people who elect those sheriffs have a greater chance of encouraging them to follow those constitutions. Sheriffs are able to direct their deputies to conduct themselves, their investigations, and their law-enforcement efforts with an eye toward constitutionalism, while ignoring the political maneuvering of mayors, city and county councils, and even governors.

A great example of this can be seen in what happened when, in 2019, the people of Washington State passed — by popular vote — Initiative 1639 (I-1639), banning the sale of certain firearms and greatly restricting the sale or ownership of many others. Washington State, like many states, has a method in place to bypass the state legislature and pass laws by popular vote. Some states call this a referendum; in Washington state, it is known as an initiative. Supported by Democratic Governor Jay Inslee, I-1639 enjoyed favorable media coverage and passed by a 60-percent majority of those who voted on the initiative.

This was pure democracy at work: The rights of the minority 40 percent were considered to have been trumped by the whims of the majority 60 percent. But it wasn't going to be that easy for Inslee and company. Washington state has 39 counties. After the passage of I-1639, 21 sheriffs refused to enforce it in their counties. So while 60 percent of those who voted chose to restrict the rights of their fellow citizens, when it came down to it, more than half of the state never saw the new "law" enforced.

This was because of a combination of constitutional understanding by sheriffs and the knowledge those sheriffs had that a sufficient number of the voters in their counties shared that constitutional understanding. Klickitat County Sheriff Bob Songer perhaps put it best when he told THE NEW AMERICAN at the time that I-1639 violated the constitutions of both Washington State and the United States. "It's a bad law; it's an *illegal* law," he said, adding that this law "illegally amends the Constitution" by setting aside the Second Amendment. In passing I-1639 by popular vote, "They bypassed [the] process [for amending the Constitution] and called it 'democracy,'" Songer said. He asked, "Why would I — as sheriff of Klickitat County — go out and enforce a law that I believe is truly unconstitutional and end up arresting people, seizing their property, and so forth, based on a bad law?"

As stated above, this illustrates the importance of supporting your local sheriff and keeping him independent. While not every sheriff in Washington State stood up against the tyranny of I-1639, more than half did and all could have, if they had had the understanding and had they known they had the support of the people in their counties. For what it is worth, only one chief of police in Washington State, Loren Culp, took the same stand.

Support Your Local Police and Keep Them Independent, but be sure not to forget your local sheriffs. And be sure to include your other city officials, since they hold political sway over chiefs of police. ■



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**A threat, not a promise:** The war on police is a war on America. The oft-used “No Justice, No Peace” slogan encapsulates that war on America. It is a threat, implying that the peace of America depends on acquiescing to the demands of those who riot.

Take, for instance, “civil asset forfeiture,” which is the process whereby the police seize properties and goods that were *alleged* to be used in a crime — without the need to arrest, charge, and convict someone of a crime in order to keep the property. The police either simply keep what they take for themselves, or they sell it for the cash. It was once estimated that the police seize/steal more dollars worth of goods than criminals on the streets steal each year. As the unjustness of civil asset forfeiture over time became more evident and 11 states eliminated civil asset forfeiture altogether (as of 2018, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures), the federal government usually encouraged its use, sharing monies obtained by seizing goods with local authorities through its Equitable Sharing Program.

As well, it largely has been federal government monetary incentives and gear giveaways that have led to the militarizing of many police departments nationwide.

A third way that we know that the riots are meant to bring about global socialism is because globalists tell us so.

One of the leading globalist groups in the United States, which has an inordinate amount of influence over our government, is the Council on Foreign Relations. In its

main publication, *Foreign Affairs*, it regularly touts the pro-globalist line of thinking when commenting on nearly every subject, and that certainly holds true in reference to the rioting.

In its September/October 2020 issue, *Foreign Affairs* published an article by Laurence Ralph, professor of anthropology and director of the Center on Transnational Policing at Princeton University, entitled “To Protect and to Serve: Global Lessons in Police Reform.” That article begins:

Public outcry over the murders of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd earlier this year has ignited mass demonstrations against structural racism and police violence in the United States. The protests have reached every American state and spread to countries around the world; they arguably constitute the most broad-based civil rights movement in American history. Protests against the brutalization of communities of color by the U.S. criminal justice system have been growing for years, but the explosive scale of the uprising this spring and summer makes it clear that the United States has reached a national reckoning.

Most Americans now understand that their country needs a radical transformation: polls conducted in early June found that a majority of U.S. citizens support sweeping national law enforcement reforms. But as Americans embark on an urgent public conversation about policing, bias, and the use of force, they should remember that theirs is not the first or the only country to grapple with these policy questions. Many reform advocates and researchers have already begun to look overseas, pointing to countries where police training looks vastly different than it does in the United States: countries where police departments take far different approaches to the use of force or have even disarmed entirely, where criminal justice systems have adopted alternative sentencing programs, and where authorities have experimented with innovative approaches to de-escalation.

Some of these ideas could be adapted for use in the United States. For too long, a culture of American exceptionalism has been a barrier to the implementation of policies that have improved public safety around the globe. Now, the United States’ capacity to heal as a nation could very well depend on its willingness to listen and learn from the rest of the world.

In short, the article — hence the CFR itself — not only regurgitates the falsehoods about systemic racism, it dubs the riots a “civil rights movement” that’s necessary to redeem our nation’s policing and the country’s racist white privilege. Ralph and the CFR, simply put, are race-baiting.

To start, “structural racism” in this country is a myth. Though there are obviously individuals of every race who are racist, there is no outright holding back of blacks. Logic points to the truth: It’s not logical that a racist nation elects black mayors, governors, representatives, senators, and — for *two terms* — a president. Furthermore, a racist nation doesn’t make a black woman (Oprah Winfrey) one of the most popular, wealthiest television talk-show hosts in the world, or a black man (Bill Cosby) one of the most famous and wealthy actors in the world. As to Cosby,

his infamous fall from grace was so profound because he had such a great height from which to fall. Throughout the 1980s and 1990s, Cosby was known as “America’s dad.” This happened though the black population in America has hovered around 13 percent for decades. Let that sink in for a moment. Now ask yourself, does 13 percent of the population elect a black president or drive high enough ratings to make Winfrey and Cosby household names? No. Without many millions of white voters and viewers, those things would never have happened. “Structural” or “systemic” racism is a myth perpetuated by those who would divide Americans along racial lines for their own purposes.

Then, of the three “murders” of blacks called out by Ralph and supposedly signs of systemically racist whites and police — Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd — none have as yet been shown to be caused by racism.

Though three civilians — Travis McMichael, his father Gregory McMichael, and their friend William “Roddie” Bryan — were charged with murdering Ahmaud Arbery, there is plenty of evidence that the father, son, and friend were attempting to apprehend Arbery. Arbery was shown on security video burglarizing a house under construction in the neighborhood where he

was shot. It also appears that Arbery tried to wrestle the shotgun away from Travis McMichael when he was shot. His death is tragic, but it is not necessarily murder or a result of racism. A jury will have to decide that.

And while Breonna Taylor was a black innocent bystander shot by police, there was no intention to shoot her. She was simply caught in the crossfire when her boyfriend Kenneth Walker — suspected of using her apartment as a base of operations for his drug-dealing enterprise — opened fire on police as they entered the residence to serve a warrant. Only after Walker fired, hitting Louisville (Kentucky) Metro Police Department Sergeant Jonathan Mattingly in the femoral artery, did police return fire. Taylor was struck and killed. Again, tragic, but not murder and not racism.

Even the George Floyd case lacks the racism angle: While Officer Derek Chauvin did callously kneel on Floyd’s neck during an arrest, endangering his life, an autopsy showed that Floyd had very high levels of both Fentanyl and methamphetamine in his system at the time of his death. Either of those dangerous drugs taken *alone* — much less *together* — could have caused respiratory and cardiac distress, leading to death. Moreover, Floyd’s body did not show evi-

dence of suffocation. That is, of course, not a justification for Chauvin’s actions, but it does indicate that his actions may not have *caused* the death of Floyd. Too, of the four officers involved in the Floyd arrest, one was black, one was Asian, and Chauvin was married to a Hmong woman. (For a more in-depth look at police brutality in America, see the article on page 18.)

It appears that the only things Professor Ralph’s three examples have in common — besides being dead — is that they were all black, yet he deems them to be examples of structural racism and evidence that our police system should be changed.

And the answers to our problems, according to Ralph and the CFR, lie within the nationalized police forces abroad. Police in America should be modeled after police in other nations. Perhaps America should even disarm her police.

As an aside, the idea of disarming local police is intricately tied to the idea of disarming the American people. An armed populace — including local police — is a natural preventative to mass tyranny. Local, independent police (along with the right of individual citizens to keep and bear arms) are a prerequisite for a free society, just as a *nationalized* police force and a monopoly of power (disarmed citizenry) are prerequisites for enforcing tyranny. Period.

The CFR wants to see *local* police disbanded in favor of *national* (and eventually *international*) police. By putting America first, claims the good professor, Americans have failed to help — and have actually *hurt* — the rest of the world. The penance Ralph assigns for the sin of American exceptionalism is to “listen and learn from the rest of the world.”

However, the result of following such recommendations ends up being tyranny. If America should ever adopt the model practiced by “the rest of the world,” she would only be one election away from national police enforcing the dictates of a dictator.

And the CFR’s globalist message isn’t limited to areas inside the walls of academia and Congress: As *THE NEW AMERICAN* has reported in multiple past articles, members of the CFR hold a near-total monopoly on news media in the United States. Nearly every big-name media outlet one can think of — including CBS, ABC, NBC, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*,



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**Fatal flaw in the message:** Black Americans make up only about 13 percent of the population. Ask yourself, “Does a racist nation elect a black president at all, much less for two terms?”

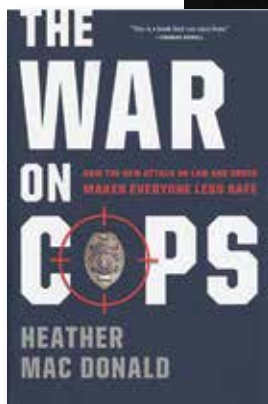


and many more that space does not allow this writer to list — has within its leadership at least one CFR member. Hence the nearly nonstop major-media repetition of anti-police lies, with virtually no attempts to get the truth out there.

Considering the lockstep major-media reporting about the rioting, the justifications of the rioting and looting as “protests,” and the repeating of false claims about systemic racism, to assume that the leaders of the major media are not colluding with the CFR in their riot coverage would be to essentially assert that there are no real journalists in major media — people with the capacity to do research and use critical thinking to find out the truth. While it’s possible that’s true, it is unlikely. It makes more sense to assume that the companies hire reporters with a pro-globalist bent who are willing to ignore truth to accomplish what they see as a greater good: global socialism.

In truth, the war on police is nothing new. In the 1960s, Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, inspector general of the CIA, testified before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary. In his sworn testimony, Kirkpatrick said that on an international scale, communists were attacking the very idea of police as a means of keeping law and order and that these attacks were “planned and directed by the strategists of international communism.” The purpose of these attacks was to weaken the ability of police in any given nation to prevent “international communism” from taking over that nation. He said, “The communists will exert every effort to prevent the development of a strong police force.” He pointed out that at the time, “Their slogan today is ‘Struggle for Peace’ while they make any area of their choosing into bloody battlefields, turning neighbor against neighbor, and brother against brother.” The mantra we hear in 2020 is “No Justice, No Peace.” If that sounds familiar, it’s because it is.

Black Lives Matter and Antifa are funded by globalists/socialists such as George Soros and employed as “useful idiots” to burn and pillage while their globalist masters work on “police reform” and other policies designed to change the very nature of America. Evidence of this is legion.



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**Who is saving the saviors?** Author and speaker Heather Mac Donald has worked tirelessly to expose the truth behind the lies in the war on cops. Her research shows that police are the best hope to combat the epidemic of black-on-black crime.

### **The Solution: “Support Your Local Police — and Keep Them Independent”**

It is very apparent that since the goal of the riots is to dismantle the local police in order to take a large step on the road to a globalist/socialist nation, the way to fight the rioters is to make sure that police departments remain local, beholden to local citizenry. And any efforts to empower anti-police groups or federal departments to have control over local police should be fought — with no acceptance of compromise.

This is as true now as it was when Robert Welch, who founded The John Birch Society (this magazine’s parent organization), launched a program in 1963 to create both awareness and effective activism called Support Your Local Police (SYLP), a program that is still going strong.

It is noteworthy that when Welch launched the SYLP program, many wondered why such an effort was needed. After all, except for the occurrence of a few small-scale riots, police at the time were highly respected, and supporting police was as American as sup-

porting motherhood or apple pie. But Welch forecast the strategy of demonizing police, which he described in the future tense: “The police will be ‘crucified’ by the Liberals.”

Then the major rioting and attacks on police began (back then), making obvious the need for the campaign.

All that is needed now (as then) is men and women of strong moral fiber to join or form SYLP committees. Those committees spread the message in their neighborhoods that police are a necessary good and are worthy of the support of the people they serve and protect. They also show the police departments that they can operate without state or federal outside influence.

Contact The John Birch Society. Find out whether there is a local SYLP committee near you. If there is, join it. If not, form one. The war on police is a war on America. We need them and they need us. ■



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## What Is a Police Officer?

"A police officer is many things. He or she is a son, a daughter, a father, a mother, an uncle, an aunt, and sometimes even a grandparent. Those who wear the badge turn out to be a protector in time of need and a comforter in time of sorrow. Their job calls for them to be a diplomat, a psychologist, a legal expert, a friend, and an inspiration. They suffer from an overdose of publicity about rare instances of brutality or dishonesty. They suffer far more from the notoriety produced by unfounded charges. Too often, acts of heroism go unnoticed and truth is buried under criticism. The fact is that fewer than one-half of one percent of police officers ever discredit their uniform. That's a better percentage than you'll find among members of the clergy."

*The above is excerpted from a handout created for distribution*

*by The John Birch Society's*

*"Support Your*

*Local Police" network of locally run committees. Several mil-*

*lion copies were distributed throughout the nation beginning in the late 1960s.*



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## President Threatens Four Cities

### Where Lawless Behavior Has Been Tolerated

"My administration will not allow Federal tax dollars to fund cities that allow themselves to deteriorate into lawless zones. To ensure that Federal funds are neither unduly wasted nor spent in a manner that directly violates our Government's promise to protect life, liberty, and property, it is imperative that the Federal Government review the use of Federal funds by jurisdictions that permit anarchy, violence, and destruction in America's cities."

*Responding to ongoing lawlessness in such cities as Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington; New York, New York; and Wash-*

*ington, D.C., President Donald Trump instructed Attorney General William Barr to compile a list of "anarchist jurisdictions that have permitted violence and the destruction of property to persist and have refused to undertake reasonable measures to restore order." His memo was given prominent space in the New York Post newspaper.*

## Official in Kenosha, Wisconsin, Issues Excellent Conclusion After Violence Wreaks Havoc

"Is there a bad apple in every profession? Yes, there is. But you don't defund the police department because of one person. As long as I'm alive and an alderman, it's not going to happen."

*A six-term city alderman in Kenosha who is also chairman of the city's public safety committee, Rocco LaMacchia intensely rejects calls for defunding the police department.*

## Oregon Sheriffs Refuse to Aid Portland While Rioters Are Allowed Freedom

"Sheriffs in Oregon have cited the fact that so many rioters in Portland have had their criminal charges dropped as the reason they will not be sending any deputies to the city to quell the nightly violence."

*In a rebuke to Democratic Governor Kate Brown and Multnomah County (includes Portland) District Attorney Mike Schmidt, who describes himself as a "progressive," area sheriffs decided not to send their personnel into the riot-torn city. They claimed that dropping charges against arrested lawbreakers aggravated an already serious situation. In his report published by the Daily Wire, reporter Andy Ngo noted that DA Schmidt had won election with backing from the far-left Real Justice PAC founded by Marxist Black Lives Matter co-founder Patrisse Cullors and several other radical-left agitators. ■*

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# POLICE BRUTALITY

On occasion police brutality happens, but statistics show it is not prevalent, not directed at minorities, and not unpunished.



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by C. Mitchell Shaw

By now, nearly every American knows the mantra about police brutality: Black Americans are disproportionately targeted by police who routinely abuse, beat, shoot, and kill them without consequence since police exist to enforce “systemic racism.” Because of unchecked police violence, police departments should be defunded and abolished — or *at the very least* be held accountable to “civilian review boards” or the federal government. That is the mantra, but is it true? While liberal politicians and the liberal media regurgitate that mantra after

the death of every black American at the hands of police, the actual numbers tell a very different story.

Though police brutality does occur, police brutality is relatively rare and is usually adequately dealt with by the mechanisms that are already in place. Police departments in the United States, like other government offices, are kept from widespread abuse by checks and balances that prevent their consolidation of power. Because of those checks and balances, the record shows that when bad cops abuse the power with which they have been entrusted, they are held accountable. The system generally works.

**Consequences:** Former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin was charged with murder in the death of George Floyd. Floyd died after Chauvin pressed his knee into the neck of Floyd for almost nine minutes.

Take, for instance, the tragedy that was used as a pretext for this newest wave of anti-police activism: the May 25, 2020 death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin. After Chauvin held Floyd down for more than eight minutes by pressing his knee into Floyd’s neck, Floyd died. While the autopsy shows that Floyd was under the influence of both Fentanyl and metham-



phetamine (either of which, when taken alone could have contributed to his death by causing respiratory and cardiac distress), the chokehold applied by Chauvin was excessive and dangerous and therefore a case of police brutality, particularly during the period when Floyd was unconscious. Despite claims that the Minneapolis Police Department would make sure to protect its own, that hasn't happened.

In the immediate aftermath of Floyd's death, Chauvin and the other officers on the scene that day were dismissed and charged with a litany of crimes related to the death of Floyd. Chauvin himself was charged with murder and stripped of his police certification (meaning he cannot be employed as a police officer).

Chauvin's punishment even hit him at the personal and societal levels. His wife filed for divorce, waiving her right to ask for alimony. She stated that all she wanted was to disconnect her life from his and leave his name behind, reclaiming her maiden name — so much for white privilege.

So the system *is* working. Chauvin and his fellow officers are being held accountable for their actions. This case is not an anomaly. Bad cops usually end up facing justice.

The space of this article does not allow for a comprehensive list, but — besides the example listed above — the following should suffice to illustrate the point that the system does work to hold police accountable:

On October 20, 2014, police in Chicago responded to a call about a young black man trying to break in to cars in an industrial area. Seventeen-year-old Laquan McDonald was reportedly seen stabbing car tires with a small pocket knife. When police ordered him to drop the knife, he ignored them and jogged away, down the street. Several police followed him in multiple cruisers, and several more followed on foot. Officer Jason Van Dyke arrived on the scene, exited his vehicle, drew his weapon, and shot McDonald twice as McDonald jogged away from him and other

officers. McDonald fell and never got up. Seconds later, Van Dyke fired at McDonald's prone body until his weapon was empty. Van Dyke had been on the scene for only 30 seconds by the time he had emptied his weapon into McDonald.

In all, Van Dyke shot McDonald 16 times — the last 14 shots as McDonald lay dead or dying in the middle of the road. And though the Chicago Police Department attempted to cover up the crime, the checks and balances worked. Private individuals used a lawsuit to pry free police video of the incident, and after an investigation by the district attorney's office revealed the truth, Van Dyke was charged with first-degree murder and 16 counts of aggravated battery, one for each shot fired. After his trial, he was convicted of second-degree murder and 16 counts of aggravated battery with a firearm.

In another instance, on the evening of September 6, 2018, off-duty Dallas Police Officer Amber Guyger entered the apartment of her upstairs neighbor, Botham Jean, whom she had filed several noise complaints against. In fact, she had filed a new complaint that morning. Guyger shot Jean, killing him, claiming she thought she was in her apartment and that Jean was an intruder. After an investigation by the Texas Rangers and a grand jury indictment, Guyger was charged with murder and fired from her department.

In her week-long trial, Guyger claimed that when she arrived at what she thought was her apartment, she found the door ajar. She added that when she entered and saw Jean, she drew her weapon and ordered him to "Show me your hands!" She also claimed that Jean ignored her orders and advanced toward her. Fearing for her life, she fired twice at Jean's center mass. One shot missed entirely. The other shot hit its mark, ending the life of a man who's only "crime" was eating ice cream while sitting on his own couch, watching television in his own apartment.

But both forensic evidence and witness testimony told a story that sharply contradicted Guyger's account. Jean's two roommates — who were in the apartment at the time — said they heard her banging on the door and demanding that Jean open it. And a forensic pathologist testified that the trajectory of the bullet showed



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**Couldn't get other officers to believe her:** Former Dallas Police Officer Amber Guyger was found guilty and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment after she shot and killed her upstairs neighbor, Botham Jean, while she was off duty. She claimed she was accidentally in the wrong apartment and that Jean threatened her, but evidence dismantled her defense.

Suffice it to say, police brutality (racist or otherwise) is rare. The odds of being the victim of a violent crime are exponentially higher than the odds of being the victim of police brutality.



**It's like letting a cat-hater decide which animals get euthanized:** Civilian review boards are routinely made up of anti-police activists. The end result of their implementation is hamstrung police who are constantly persecuted for simply doing their jobs.

a downward angle, indicating either that Jean was seated — or perhaps just rising from a seated position — or was crouching (possibly in fear) when he was shot. That trajectory would have been impossible if Jean was standing and walking toward Guyger when she shot him.

After hearing all of the evidence, a jury convicted Guyger of murder. She was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment. Again, the system worked. Guyger — a police officer who shot and killed an unarmed black man — was treated the same as anyone else. She was investigated, indicted, and charged, received a fair trial, and was convicted.

These cases show what happens when a

police officer commits murder. The space afforded to this article does not allow a list of officers disciplined, fired, or convicted of lesser abuses of their power, but an Internet search will return multiple such results.

Contrary to the anti-police sentiment of BLM, Antifa, liberal politicians, and the liberal media, the fact remains that police officers are usually held accountable and in check, even when the victim is a black man.

It's a myth that police officers are not held accountable, as is the idea that police officers are the enforcement arm of an evil, racist system that routinely oppresses black Americans. To answer that claim, a

look at the numbers behind police brutality is needed. Fortunately, those numbers are readily available.

In an online article for *Law Enforcement Today*, dated February 18, 2019, Kyle S. Reyes took a deep dive into those numbers. Using data available from *statista.com* and the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund, Reyes found that the number of complaints against police for abuse is statistically insignificant when compared to the numbers of times police come into contact with the public in an official capacity, meaning no abuse is commonplace.

In the population of the United States, numbering nearly 330,000,000 people, police officers account for a mere one-fifth of one percent of the population (about 670,000 officers), and in any given year, they come into contact with 17 percent of the population in their official capacity (55,000,000 civilians).

Of those 55 million contacts, only 26,000 resulted in excessive force complaints against officers. Doing the math, that means that a mere .047 percent of people — of all races — who have contact with police officers ever even *claim* that they are the victims of police brutality. And only eight percent of those complaints were sustained by the facts once investigated. That comes out to a minuscule .0038 percent. Let that sink in. That is less than four-one-thousandths of one percent.

Suffice it to say, police brutality (racist or otherwise) is rare. The odds of being the victim of a violent crime are exponentially higher than the odds of being the victim of police brutality — according to the statistics, a person is seven times more likely to be murdered and 42 times more likely to be the victim of rape.

Furthermore, in all of 2018 (the last year for which numbers are available as of this writing), the total number of police “deadly force” incidents in the United States was 998. In more than 95 percent of those cases, the suspect was armed. Given the number of both police and the general population, that number is low.

When broken down by race, the numbers do not support the idea of an evil racist system in which black people are oppressed and threatened by police. Of all uses of deadly force by police in 2018,





more than 49 percent were against whites, while only about 23 percent were against blacks. The remaining were spread out across other racial groups.

“Woke” activists, politicians, and media make much of the fact that the percentage of deadly force incidents against blacks is greater than the percentage of blacks in society, claiming this must be because of racism. After all, if black people make up 13 percent of the population, they should also make up 13 percent of arrests, convictions, and incidents of use of deadly force, right? On the surface, that argument seems to make some sense. However, another fact must be considered: FBI crime statistics show that the 13 percent of Americans who are black are responsible for about 50 percent of the murders in this country and about 38 percent of all violent crime.

So, since a major part of a police officer’s job is to go where crime is, they are far more likely to encounter a black man as the perpetrator of a violent crime than blacks’ percentage of the populace would suggest, and more of those encounters are likely to turn violent. Since another aspect of a police officer’s job is to use force — even deadly force — when needed, it only makes mathematical sense that a disproportionate number of uses of deadly force would involve black men. Consider that these are crimes for which

the perpetrator is likely to decide to risk his life in fleeing cops and attacking the cops when they come to arrest him. This means that for the safety of the community as a whole (and for the safety of the police officer as an individual), the use of force — including deadly force — is often inevitable.

These numbers do not speak to the underlying reasons why America sees disproportionate violence, rape, and murder committed by black men in particular and black people in general — when the differences between the white population (61-percent white, non-Hispanic and 13.4-percent black) is taken into consideration. But while it would be admittedly ignorant, ridiculous, and racist to use those numbers to claim that black Americans are somehow inferior to whites, it would likewise be ignorant and ridiculous to use the numbers showing that police shoot more black men *per capita* to claim that cops are racist.

But with these numbers readily available to anyone with both the inclination and the ability to research, liberal politicians and their accomplices in the liberal media feign ignorance. The facts do not fit their narrative. Or their agenda.

That agenda is — as stated in the first paragraph of this article — to defund or abolish police departments or to *at least* have them answer to civilian review

**Deserve thanks:** The vast majority of police officers conduct themselves as professionals, discharging their duties with integrity and honor. Only a minuscule number of police officers are ever guilty of police brutality.

boards or federal oversight. While the idea of defunding or abolishing police departments is considered too extreme to yet enjoy wide favor, that may be just the point. By casting civilian review boards (CRBs) as the “reasonable” approach by comparison, many cities may move to join those that already have CRBs.

Like defunding or abolishing police departments, CRBs are a dangerous “solution” to a problem that this writer has already demonstrated is rare. Furthermore, besides the checks and balances already listed in this article, there are other multiple layers of oversight in place to hold police accountable. In fact, checks and balances abound.

For instance, police departments have internal review boards; police chiefs investigate their own officers’ conduct; state police investigate criminal complaints against police officers; elected officials — including county commissions, city councils, mayors, and county sheriffs — have authority to hold police officers and departments accountable; state and county grand juries are able to hear cases and deliver indictments; and district attorneys can bring charges.

Furthermore, the idea that CRBs are needed to provide oversight for police

departments is itself a faulty idea. When a doctor is suspected of having acted improperly, he or she can be brought before a medical review board to determine the facts of the case. Those review boards are made up of doctors. Lawyers suspected of improper actions are brought before the Bar Association, made up of lawyers. Other professions have similar review boards made up of men and women in those professions.

When it comes to police, though, the plan for CRBs ignores the basic principle that review boards are best when they are made up of those who understand the requirements of the job. They know what the standards are and can recognize when they are, and are not, being met. Instead, CRBs are made up of a panel of civilians who have never worn a badge or had to make life-and-death decisions in a fraction of a second, but are empowered to judge that which they know not.

While juries in trials are likewise comprised of civilians who are not police officers, this is not that. The differences are crucial: Juries are made up of randomly

chosen peers while CRBs are made up of people who — usually for political reasons — volunteer for the position; juries hear all of the available evidence, for both the prosecution and the defense (including expert testimony), while CRBs routinely only consider “evidence” indicating the guilt of officers; and jury trials are presided over by a judge, whose job is to keep the trial on track and inform the jury of what can and cannot be considered “evidence,” while CRBs are given free rein to make up their own rules and define their own powers. In a jury trial, the power is divided between the prosecutor, the defense, the judge, and the jury. A CRB acts as prosecutor, judge, and jury while the “defense” is usually non-existent. Fortunately, its power stops short of that of executioner.

To make matters worse, since the narrative is that all police officers and departments are corrupt and untrustworthy enforcers of “systemic racism,” CRBs undoubtedly attract those who accept that false premise. In other words, the anti-police element is given authority over local

police departments. This is a recipe for disaster.

Allowing the very mind-set — and sometimes the very *people* — who fomented and worked to spread the anti-police sentiment responsible for the war on police to take control of those police is to surrender.

And the “solution” of federal control over police would only make the situation even worse. The old saying that “you can’t fight city hall” is an exaggeration. You actually *can* fight city hall — though it is difficult to do so. But imagine that decisions — and therefore *responsibility* — for police were consolidated in Washington. Abuses would be much more difficult to address if police followed orders and were beholden to directives from federal bodies. The red tape would prove nearly impenetrable.

A far better approach would be for concerned citizens to work together to “Support Your Local Police, and Keep Them Independent!” For information about joining or forming a Support Your Local Police (SYLP) committee in your area, visit [www.jbs.org/sylnp](http://www.jbs.org/sylnp). ■

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# POLICE IN CRISIS

Not only are police being unjustly blamed for things they did not do, they are creating animosity toward themselves by some things they actually are doing.

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by C. Mitchell Shaw

Police officers have a tough job: They must keep their cool when arresting people, when mediating altercations, and even when being shot at. And the only way they can do their job is if they are generally seen as paragons of virtue by the public. Absent that perception of snow-white integrity, police will quickly be seen as the enemy of the people — just as radical leftists such as Black Lives Matter and Antifa desire. In fact, one of the only things holding the thin blue line together is the relationship of trust between police officers and the communities they serve and protect. When that trust is compromised, law and order begins to break down. Once it breaks down, police have two choices: Use brute force to obtain public order, or simply allow bad elements to range virtually at will — much as in how corruption, kidnapping, and murder are commonplace in Mexico and other countries.

## Politicizing Police Actions

Problems occur and police increasingly take on the mantle of “enemy” when police are judged to be unfair, unthinking, cogs in a government wheel that is meant to oppress rather than protect.

Recent events illustrate this very well. The death of George Floyd was used as a pretext by anti-police activists to foment riots in more than 200 cities across all 50 states. And while this appears to be a case of a relative handful of bad cops giving all cops a bad name, the result has been violence, destruction, and a growing death toll — including among its victims civilians and police officers alike.

Other highly publicized — and highly politicized — police incidents, such as the deaths of Rayshard Brooks in Atlanta (June 12) and Breonna Taylor in Louisville, Kentucky (March 13), and the Kenosha, Wisconsin, shooting of Jacob Blake (August 23), have been used to stoke the fires of anti-police sentiment. The result has been increased erosion of the relation-

**Still doing the job:** In the midst of riots across the nation, police — blamed for the violence — are the ones standing in to protect America’s cities from that violence.

ship of trust needed between police and their communities.

In those cases, tensions that already existed because of race-baiters were inflamed through an anti-police propaganda campaign — an unjust campaign. But police are increasingly bringing such animosity upon themselves by enforcing unjust, punitive, unconstitutional, economically disastrous COVID regulations and edicts. If police wish to be one with the people again across the country, they need to stop behaving as if they are mere government stooges, willing to oppress the people at the government’s every whim.

## COVID-19 Orders: Sacrificing Trust

States and cities across the nation have been under lockdown orders — often for months — that were put in place by

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**Tossing their laws, oaths, and credibility:** As politicians have overreacted to COVID, police officers — who swear an oath to defend the constitutions of their states and of the United States — have been ordered to enforce directives that violate those constitutions. And they enforce them.

governors, mayors, and city and county councils in an overreaction to COVID-19, and law-enforcement officers in many of those cities and states have been tasked with enforcing those orders by issuing citations and even making arrests. There even have been citations and arrests in connection with churches that refused to shut down religious services even though they were following social-distancing and mask guidelines.

Police have allowed themselves to be used to strip Americans’ God-given, constitutionally protected rights, and such ac-

tions naturally create situations where citizens feel betrayed by officers and deputies. *Betrayal and trust are mutually exclusive.*

And if the American people are angry at those who decide they must be caged and controlled to slow COVID’s spread (without giving Americans themselves a say in the matter), imagine how much greater their anger will be at those who enforce such injustices. Politicians punt the enforcement of their bans and controls to the men and women who make up the thin (and getting thinner) blue line. Those officers and deputies are then left to handle

the fallout when their communities distrust them.

Making matters worse, police departments and sheriff’s offices — already burdened with the normal heavy load of *real* police work — have to devote time and other resources to the enforcement of novel regulations, putting on hold enforcing other laws and regulations designed to protect public safety, such as those against rioting and arson.

### Police: Sworn to Uphold the Constitution

Once officers are seen as duplicitous, ingenuous, or abusive, they are taking a huge step toward disaffection and anger in a community, meaning their jobs will become increasingly difficult. In the case of COVID enforcement, officers are perceived by a large percentage of the public as not following the law. Rather, they are seen as breaking the laws that American society and individual rights reside upon. For instance, police officers and deputies take an oath to uphold the Constitution and protect the individual rights of the citizens they are sworn to serve. That “Prime Directive” is supposed to stand above all else. It is sacred. It also stands in stark contrast to the enforcement of COVID-19 orders.

This was perhaps best articulated by Officer Greg Anderson of the Port of Seattle Police Department in Washington State. In a Instagram video post on May 5, Anderson expressed his concerns about cops being used as the enforcement arm of tyranny. The caption for the video asks, “Are you doing the right thing?” and states, “Many officers out there are trampling on people’s liberties. Ask yourself are you doing the right thing?”

In the viral video — which has been shared and viewed millions of times across several social-media platforms — Anderson says:

As a police officer, I am compelled to make this video. I’ve been in law enforcement for ten years, and I’m speaking to my peers, other fellow officers, people in any type of law enforcement position.

I’ve seen officers nationwide enforcing tyrannical orders against the people, and I’m hoping it’s a minor-

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ity of officers, but I'm not sure anymore because every time I turn on the television, I look to the Internet, I'm seeing people arrested or cited for going to church, traveling on the roadways, for going surfing, opening their business, going to the park with their families or doing nails out of their own house, using their own house as their place of business and having undercover agents go there and arrest them and charge them with what? With a crime? I don't know what crime people are committing by doing nails in their own house.

We are seeing this more and more and more, and we need to start looking at ourselves as officers and thinking is what I am doing right? I want to remind you regardless of where you stand on the coronavirus, we don't have the authority to do those things — to do those things to people. Just because a mayor or a governor tells you otherwise. I don't care if it's your sergeant or chief of police. We don't get to violate someone's constitutional rights because someone in our chain of command tells us otherwise. It's not how this country works. Those are *de facto* arrests. We are violating people's rights and taking money from them or — even worse — arresting them and depriving them of their freedom when they are exercising their constitutional rights. So let's talk about that. Let's read something right here, the Declaration of Independence.

Before looking at the rest of Anderson's post, perhaps a bit of context would be good. Anderson states that even if “a mayor or a governor” or “your sergeant or chief of police” tells a police officer or deputy to enforce an order that violates someone's constitutionally protected rights, it is not all right to do it. Two good illustrations of that concept would be the oppression of Jews under the Third Reich and the oppression of blacks under Jim Crow.

To paraphrase Anderson's

question: Would a cop who understood and took seriously his oath to uphold the Constitution have arrested Jews and sent them off to concentration camps just because it was the law and he was told by government officials, his sergeant, or chief to “enforce the law” no matter what? Would he have arrested Rosa Parks for refusing to give up her seat to a white person just because it was “the law” and he was ordered to enforce it? No. Such a police officer would have done exactly what Anderson did: refuse to enforce the “law” and encourage his fellow officers to do the same.

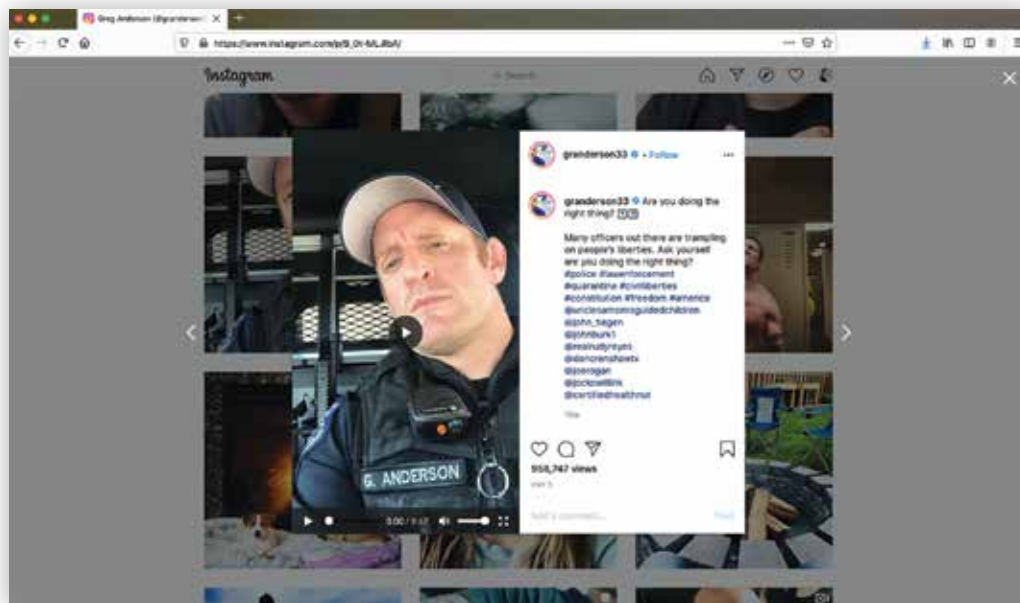
To further compound the situation, it should be noted that the tyrannical COVID-19 directives are — at least in most places — *not* laws, but executive orders or ordinances. Handed down by mayors, governors, or city and county councils, they were not passed as laws by legislatures. But police were still ordered to enforce them. And while most police officers and deputies are men and women of integrity and honor and there are many Greg Andersons out there, cops caught between the rock of unconstitutional directives and the hard place of a lack of adequate training about the Constitution are

simply “following orders” and enforcing those directives.

It appears that some things are missing from police academy training. Very little — *if any* — time is spent teaching the Constitution and the rights it protects. Very little — *if any* — time is spent on critical thinking. Both of these things are required for law-enforcement officers to properly do the very important job of serving and protecting. In the absence of those things, it is easy to slide into enforcing orders that trample on the rights of the people.

Anderson addresses that in his Instagram post. After reading the text of the Declaration of Independence, he talks about the American principle that the power of government is derived from the consent of the governed:

Our power and any governmental official's power is derived from the people, okay? We don't hold power over our citizens. It's contradictory to everything our country stands for. This is what I am seeing: First Amendment rights — telling people they can't go to church, freedom of religion. Telling people they can't protest, freedom of assembly. Fourth



**Penalized for pointing out an obvious truth:** Officer Greg Anderson was fired for refusing to delete a post asking his fellow officers across the country, “Are you doing the right thing?” regarding enforcing COVID regulations.

Amendment violations — illegal traffic stops to check for papers. What are you the Gestapo? Is this 1930s Nazi Germany? You don't get to stop people unless you have reasonable suspicion or probable cause that they have committed a crime. And I know people that have personally been stopped saying we want to see papers saying you're essential.

### Just Following Orders

Anderson's point comparing enforcement of COVID-19 directives to Nazi Germany is not merely hypothetical, either. Just days before he posted his Instagram video, police in Meridian, Idaho, arrested a mother at a public park during a "play-date protest." Setting aside any opinions on the wisdom (or lack thereof) on the part of the mothers who held that protest, the one thing that really stands out from that arrest is a statement made by one of the officers on the scene. Captured in a mobile phone video posted on YouTube, the officer is asked by a woman who is off

camera, "So just kind of person to person, do you think that it makes sense to close the park down when people are going to the grocery store — they're touching everything?" The officer responds, "That's not for me to say, ma'am. I'm a law-enforcement officer; I'm not a government official or a law maker," as if the only direction police officers have comes from politicians.

The woman then reiterates that she is asking the question to him from one person to another. He replies, "I have my personal opinions and I've got to keep those to myself when I'm on duty. My job is to enforce the law." The woman then asks the pivotal question: "Do you think there is a limit at which you decide within yourself, 'I can't get on board with this — like, I can't agree with what our government and our elected leaders are telling us?'" His response could have been uttered by the cop who arrested Rosa Parks or the Nazi officers and officials who were tried at Nuremberg. He answered, "When I put on the badge and put on the uniform, I have

to take a lot of my beliefs — personal beliefs and things — and I've got to set those aside and I've got to enforce the law, whether I agree with that law or not."

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And from a merely practical point of view, it creates a climate where the lives and limbs of police officers are put at greater risk.

Anderson addressed that in his post, saying:

What really has been p\*ssing me off lately is these officers who have been going out here and enforcing these tyrannical orders. They're putting my job and my safety at risk because you're widening the gap between public trust and law enforcement officers. Look at what's happened to law enforcement in the last ten years. Less and less public trust and more often than not that's the result of isolated incidents blown out of proportion. They're not isolated anymore. They're happening every single day.

Our power that we hold as law enforcement officers is nothing more than a facade. It's a badge and a gun. If you haven't lived in anarchy, if you haven't seen combat, things can be stripped from people in a heartbeat, and that's what I'm afraid of. I'm afraid these actions are going to awake a sleeping giant, i.e., the American people. They are going to be put in a position where they won't have their rights trampled anymore, and us as law enforcement officers, we will have our ability to enforce the law stripped from us in about ten minutes. I think what is going to happen is we're going to see bloodshed in the streets. I don't want to see bloodshed in the streets on either side of this coin.

Anderson was originally praised by his command for his video. The next day, he



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was ordered to take it down. He refused and was suspended. He was told again to take it down or he would be fired. Anderson again refused, since he stood by what he said in the video. In a subsequent video, Anderson said he was told by his chief, “Greg, if you openly defy your governor, you can’t be a police officer in the state of Washington.” Anderson refused one final time to delete the video and was fired on May 14 — nine days after posting the video and receiving the praise of his command.

Even given that outcome, this much is certain: Anderson was — and is *still* — correct. Widening the gap between law enforcement and the people they serve is a bad idea. The death of George Floyd — caused (or at least helped along) by a police officer who should have been weeded out — is one of those “isolated incidents” Anderson mentioned. And whether it is being “blown out of proportion” or not, the reaction to it certainly is. The system is working in this case: All four officers involved were fired and charged with crimes related to Floyd’s

death. Derek Chauvin’s wife has left him and filed for divorce. He has been charged with second-degree murder and other crimes and will be tried in a criminal court. Those responsible will pay what they owe. But because of the breakdown in trust between law enforcement and the people — for which COVID-19 regulations are at least partly responsible — all of America is paying what it does not owe. Moving forward, America’s cities need more Greg Andersons and fewer Derek Chauvins. Proper vetting, training, and ongoing education about policing to protect rights is the only way to make sure we get that.

### Getting Involved

To that end, American citizens should join or form Support Your Local Police (SYLP) committees and work to show police in their communities that the relationship of trust works both ways and rests on the principle of good policing. The mission statement of an SYLP committee is to support your local police, *and keep them independent*. That means

independent from federal or even state control. If the Port of Seattle Police Department had enjoyed that independence, Anderson’s video would have continued to enjoy the praise of his command and could have been used to build bridges to the community, instead of allowing politicians to continue burning those bridges.

American patriots have a great opportunity right now. By showing support for local police at a time when they are taking such a beating, SYLP committees can help educate them about keeping their oaths of office even — and perhaps *especially* — during times of crisis. SYLP committees can also work *with* local police to educate state lawmakers about the correct principles of policing. Because COVID-19 is not the first — and will not be the last — crisis. Whatever comes next, America will need local, independent police to help her through it. For that to happen, America needs more citizens involved in SYLP committees.

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# WAR ON POLICE

## From Above and Below

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The rioters and looters police face daily are simply the hired guns of the wealthy, left-wing elites who fund them in order to promote socialism/globalism.

*by Steve Byas*

**I**t is not surprising that leftist radicals who loot, destroy property, and set fires would not like the local police. After all, there are laws against such criminal activity, and local police often arrest the radicals. What is not as well known is that these street radicals are supported financially by some of our country's wealthiest elites.

This may appear odd at first glance. Why would men and women who live in mansions support attacks upon the local police — the very people who protect the property of the wealthy tycoons?

Before examining *why* these elitists

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support violent street mobs, let us first establish that many do support them, both directly and indirectly.

For example, a liberal donor club, the Democracy Alliance, urges its donors to write big checks to groups that are financially supporting Black Lives Matter, the Marxist organization that has been leading many of the riots across America.

Democracy Alliance was created in 2005 by a small group of wealthy leftists, such as George Soros and Rob McKay, the heir to the Taco Bell fortune. According to *Politico*, the purpose was to "build a permanent infrastructure to advance liberal ideas and causes." Donors pledged to give at least \$200,000 per year to recommended groups. Donations total over a half a billion dollars.

Democracy Alliance member Leah

**Lives on the line:** Since May of this year, local police have had to don riot gear to control the rampant looting, arson, and other destruction of private property across America. In doing their duty, some police officers have been severely injured and even murdered by radicals wanting to see the end of local control of police.

Hunt-Hendrix, the granddaughter of Texas oil billionaire H.L. Hunt (who was in contrast a conservative patriot), is a leader in a group calling itself *Solidaire*, which has given hundreds of thousands of dollars to Black Lives Matter and other progressive social movements. Among *Solidaire's* activities is bailing out rioters arrested during "protests." Hunt-Hendrix was also active in the Occupy Wall Street movement.

Support for violent groups has been going on for years. Susan Sandler, a board member of Democracy Alliance, helped finance the Organization for Black Struggle. The Organization for Black Struggle organized protests that quickly became violent in the aftermath of the Ferguson, Missouri, incident in which a black teenager, Michael Brown, attacked a police officer, causing the officer to defend himself

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**Funding societal breakdown:** Mega-rich leftist tycoons such as George Soros contribute millions of dollars to organizations whose purpose is to undermine the work of local law enforcement and to incite social unrest. Though they don't walk through the mobs writing checks, he and others like him finance leftist groups who then finance street radicals.

and shoot and kill Brown (a recitation of events that was verified by the Obama administration).

As early as 1968, wealthy individuals and corporations were already at it. James Simon Kunen was a leader of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), which, in 1968, almost shut down Columbia University in New York City by occupying buildings and disrupting classes. Kunen later wrote a book about his experiences with

SDS, entitled *The Strawberry Statement*.

In the book, Kunen wrote, "Also at the [SDS] convention [held during the unrest at Columbia], men from Business International Round Tables — the meetings sponsored by Business International for their client groups and heads of government — tried to buy up a few radicals. These men are the world's leading industrialists and they convene to decide how our lives are going to go. These are the guys who wrote

the Alliance for Progress. They're the left wing of the ruling class."

Kunen added, "They offered to finance our demonstrations in Chicago." The "demonstrations" in Chicago were similar to today's "protests," which were actually violent riots in which the police were portrayed by the media of that day as being the instigators of the violence.

"We were also offered Esso (Rockefeller) money," Kunen wrote. "They want us to make a lot of radical commotion so they can look more in the center as they move to the Left."

This illustrates how money is filtered through various groups, which enables wealthy leftists to finance radicalism. This is why so many of these supposedly grassroots groups appear as if from nowhere — they are funded by billionaire leftists, buying up radicals.

### Radical Transformation of America

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A commonality behind this funding of radical groups is that the financiers are usually closely affiliated with, or members of, globalist organizations such as the Council on Foreign Relations or the Bilderbergers, groups that wish to upend American society so that Americans accept the call to cede power to a global government. (Since Americans are so well off in this country, globalists work to create angst among societal groups, exploit jealousies, and undo the common belief in American exceptionalism, to prompt Americans to believe that dictatorial globalism is a better alternative.)

Perhaps no organization better typifies the ruling establishment of the United States than the New York-based Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). When Hillary Clinton was secretary of state, she welcomed the opening of a new branch of the CFR in Washington, D.C., saying, "It's good to have an outpost of the Council down the street from the State Department. We get a lot of advice from the Council, and this means I won't have as far to go to be told what we should be doing and how we should think about the future."



And who can forget that then-Vice President Joe Biden used the occasion of a meeting with the CFR to brag that he had gotten a state prosecutor in Ukraine fired, threatening to withhold a \$1-billion U.S. loan guarantee if the firing didn't happen. Of course, Biden did not add that his son Hunter was on the board of a company that was at that time being investigated by that very state prosecutor.

The CFR was formed in the aftermath of President Woodrow Wilson's failure to get the U.S. Senate to ratify the Treaty of Versailles in order to join the League of Nations. Opponents in the Senate rightly feared the league would become a world government and destroy America's national sovereignty. After this failure, the CFR was formed by powerful elitists to promote the concept of internationalism, now usually called globalism.

One of the tools the CFR uses to promote what it sometimes euphemistically calls "global governance" is its magazine, *Foreign Affairs*. *Foreign Affairs'* articles are supposedly nonpartisan, but almost every issue since Donald Trump was elected president has included *multiple* articles attacking him, particularly his use of the phrase *America First*. Its articles can also be expected to promote various progressive causes, including gun control, but especially the idea of globally controlled "free trade" and other ideas that tend to advance its globalist ideology.

For example, in its September/October 2020 issue, *Foreign Affairs* included an article by Laurence Ralph, a left-wing professor at Princeton who is the director of the Center on Transnational Policing. Ralph received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He is strongly anti-police. In his book *Renegade Dreams: Living Through Injury in Gangland Chicago*, he discusses gunshot violence, advocating much stricter gun control.

Ralph's article, entitled "To Protect and to Serve: Global Lessons in Police Reform," is a call for the "radical transformation" of the United States, particularly with "sweeping national law enforcement reforms." He claims that modern local police departments have been "shaped by the legacies of slavery and Jim Crow" and that they evolved from the "slave patrols" that controlled "enslaved people before emancipation." (This is historically in-

accurate, as the first three police departments were in Boston (1838), New York City (1844), and Philadelphia (1854), all non-slave states.)

Ralph twists statistics to advance the notion that local police departments exist largely to systematically oppress black people. He cleverly notes that white officers are responsible for 68 percent of the police killings of people of color, but considering that white officers are a large majority of police departments (because a majority of Americans are of a white European ancestry) this is not surprising. This also logically means that a third of the police officers who kill people of color are not white. Ralph's statistics also do not consider whether the officers were being attacked by the person of color.

While Ralph, who is an African-American, assumes that racism is systemic in America's local police departments, that is only a pretext to the message of his article, which fits nicely with the CFR's goal of "global governance," which is that control of local police needs to be transferred to the national level (which, I would suspect, is part of an eventual plan of globalists

to have *global* law enforcement). Ralph praises Denmark and Iceland for having "instituted mechanisms for police oversight at the national level."

He added, "Compared with law enforcement infrastructures in countries that have lower levels of police violence, the U.S. law enforcement infrastructure is extremely decentralized. There are nearly 18,000 police agencies in the United States."

The solution, then, according to Ralph, is more control at the national level. He praises consent decrees, for example, in which a local government is bullied by the U.S. Department of Justice into allowing the monitoring of its activities and the implementation of federal-directed "reforms." He offers Japan as a model for the United States because there "police departments are coordinated and trained by the National Police Agency." (It might be noted that General Douglas MacArthur, who took control of Japan when the country surrendered in WWII, expressed hope in his autobiography that Japan would emphasize *local*, rather than national, law enforcement.) Ralph insists that such nationalization of police makes "deadly violence [by the police] far less likely."

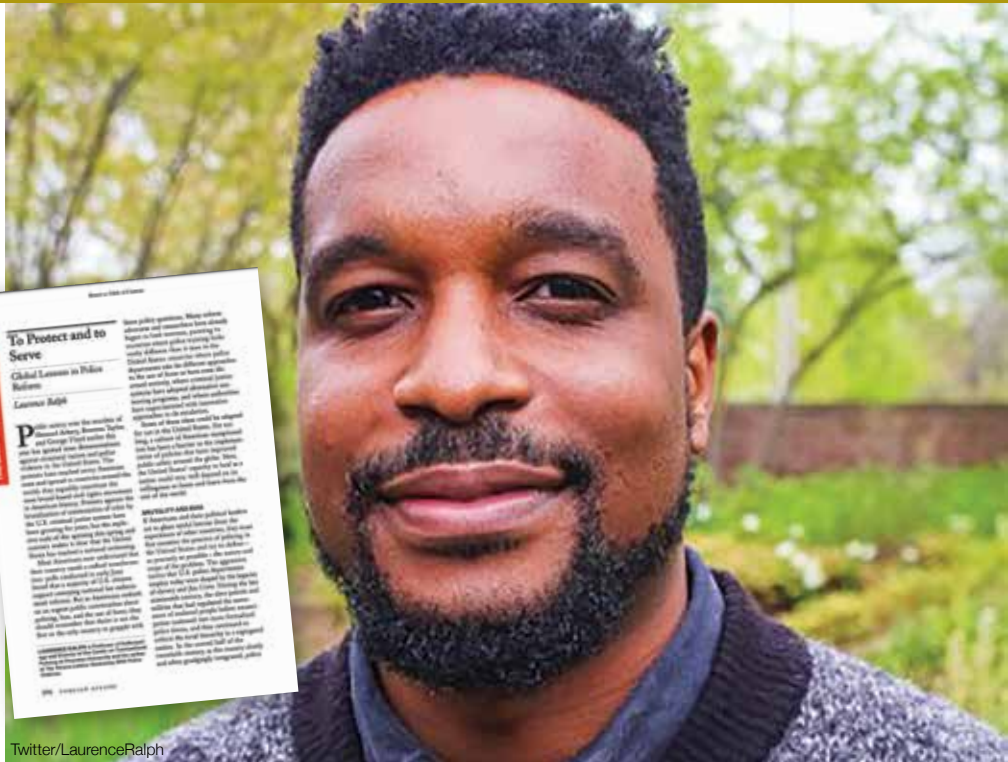


**Clout:** Hillary Clinton, while she was secretary of state, said she was pleased the Council on Foreign Relations had opened a branch in D.C. She said this helped her know what foreign-policy decisions to make. The CFR has power, and it wants federally controlled police.

In his *Foreign Affairs* article, Ralph suggests that part of the problem is “the prevalence of guns in the United States, which is comparable in this regard to no other country on earth. Faced with a heavily armed populace, U.S. law-enforcement agencies often argue that they must have military-grade weapons and the right to use deadly force.” He cites an article in *The Atlantic*, which asserted, “Where guns are abundant, civilians are more likely to kill civilians and cops, and cops are, in turn, more likely to kill civilians.” *The Atlantic* article added that “police violence” (as they called it) in the United States “can be sufficiently addressed only through legislation that reduces the availability of firearms.” Of course, such claims are specious: The places in the United States with greatest prevalence of guns, mainly rural areas, see little violence perpetrated with guns, and many U.S. cities and other countries with very strict gun control, such as Chicago and Mexico, are practically war zones.

It is important to note that despite the assertion that the CFR and *Foreign Affairs* are nonpartisan, they are clearly favorable to multiple progressive causes such as gun control and a welfare state. For example, Ralph’s article in *Foreign Affairs* calls for more social welfare as part of the solution to what he sees as the problem of local control of the police.

But mainly, Ralph clearly sees nationalization and even globalization as desirable, favorably citing the reduction of police forces in the European Union countries. Not surprisingly, he supports the national movement to “defund” the police as the first step toward abolition of locally controlled police and re-directing the money toward social programs. In this regard, he approvingly cites Nita Tennyson, the 20-year-old organizer of a “die-in” protest in Chicago. Tennyson explained why she organized the die-in: “In my neighborhood, there are no grocery stores. We live in a food desert. There are a bunch of schools getting shut down. The mental health facilities are shut down, too. And that just leaves people with nothing to do. They become a danger to themselves and their community. But if we had those resources [instead of the money going to



**Like-minded leftists:** Laurence Ralph, a left-wing professor from Princeton, wrote an article for *Foreign Affairs*, the journal of the globalist Council on Foreign Relations, advocating more gun control and a shift of control of the police from local authorities to the federal government.

local police], we wouldn’t even need the police.”

Summing it up, Ralph called for shifting the “billions” that go to local police departments toward “health care, housing, education, and employment.” However, since the 1960s, trillions of dollars have been spent in these areas, and violence continues, so that is not the answer. In fact, it is irrefutably true that a main reason there often aren’t adequate health services, grocery stores, and jobs in inner cities is *because of the high crime there*.

As ludicrous as Ralph’s polemic is, it was given space in *Foreign Affairs*, the journal of the Council on Foreign Relations, an organization made up of some of the most powerful people in the country.

But the CFR is not the only example of what could be described as “pressure from above” joining with “pressure from below” in the effort to transfer the responsibility for law enforcement from the state and local governments to the federal government, and possibly even a world government, eventually.

### Why Do Elites Support Radicals?

Which brings us to the question of *why*. Why would men and women of great wealth want to finance radicals in the streets, who rail against the super-rich, and those who call for the centralization of law enforcement in the United States?

Bluntly put, socialism and centralization of law enforcement both mean *control* of the population. Some individuals are motivated by money, others by fame, and still others find fulfillment in other things such as their spending time with their families. But for some, *power* is the greatest motivation. The average person probably cannot understand this desire, but we know from history that such power-hungry individuals do exist.

George Orwell touched on this question in his classic dystopian novel *1984*. In the book, O’Brien — a member of the socialist oligarchy that controlled that fictional future society — tells Winston Smith (the central character who had defied the ruling class), *why* the oligarchy wanted power over other human beings. “The Party seeks power for its own sake.



We are not interested in the good of others; we are interested solely in power.... One does not establish a dictatorship in order to safeguard a revolution; one makes the revolution in order to establish the dictatorship.... The object of power is power.”

We cannot be sure what motivates all of these super-rich elites to finance street radicals, or why so many in academia, politics, entertainment, and the media support them, or why there are those who want to rule others. Perhaps many are just paternalistic, but whatever their motivation in seeking power, to them it is crucial to control law enforcement in order to have that power. Leaving the control of the police in the hands of the state and local governments leaves much control out of elites’ hands.

It is obvious that the elites cannot simply publicly announce that they want to terminate local control of the police because they want more power over us. Instead, they offer altruistic reasons, as Laurence Ralph did in his *Foreign Affairs* article. As an academic, Ralph might very well be sincere in thinking that nationalization, or even globalization, of the police forces

would be a good idea. But for those who love liberty (and can recognize the logical flaws in narratives such as Ralph’s), it is a bad idea.

There are real cases of police misconduct, because police officers are human beings. What is not the answer to rooting out the tiny minority of rogue cops is to abolish local control of police. The attempt to defund and even abolish local police is simply a prelude to nationalization and eventual globalization of police.

Those seeking to nationalize the police offer interim policy changes, such as eliminating laws that protect the police, and creating a database of police use-of-force incidents, or letting Congress (or perhaps federal bureaucrats) develop training requirements for local police. Regardless of what those training requirements would turn out to be, the regulation of police powers should not be federalized. Living inside the Washington Beltway does not make one smarter or more moral than those of us who live in the rest of the country.

It should also be emphasized that the creation of local civilian review boards

will only weaken local control of law enforcement. These boards would likely be dominated by local anti-police activists who would predictably focus on real or supposed examples of local police misconduct, simply adding to the outcry for a federal takeover local police functions.

There are tens of millions of interactions that occur each year between local police and members of the public — of all ethnicities — and tens of millions of times these interactions end peacefully. Confrontations that end in death or serious injury are rare. There is simply no evidence that there exists systemic racism in America’s local police forces. The average cop does not seek out individuals to mistreat.

Turning control of policing over to the federal government would not result in the elimination of every single bad cop. On the contrary, we could cite multiple examples of *federal* law enforcement, from actions of the DEA, the FBI, the ATF, and others, in which innocent American citizens have been mistreated. In National Socialist Germany, Adolf Hitler took control of law enforcement away from the German states and local government, and turned it over to the Gestapo, who proceeded to beat, kidnap, torture, and kill perceived opponents. While some will argue that the United States is not Nazi Germany, we should understand that human nature is no different in our country than in totalitarian regimes such as Hitler’s or others such as that of Joseph Stalin.

This is why the Founders wisely placed checks on the power of the federal government when they created the Constitution of the United States. This is why they left most criminal law issues, and policing, in the hands of the states and local governments. It is often said that one can’t fight city hall, but actually, one has a much better chance of fighting city hall than of fighting a federal police force — or a global police force.

Powerful forces, such as those that run the Council on Foreign Relations or those that create organizations that fund street radicals, hate local control of law enforcement, because if it is controlled locally, that means they do not control it. And they want to control it, because they want to control you. ■



**Defunding freedom:** “Defund the police” is a slogan being pushed both by street radicals and their allies in public office. It is part of an effort funded by leftist elites to apply pressure from below to end local control of the police and empower the globalists. This is a recipe for tyranny.





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# BLACK LIVES MATTER

## Behind the Facade

The group Black Lives Matter is not, as its name suggests, concerned with saving black lives. It is about promoting radical Marxism in the country — nothing more.



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**Unthinking zealotry:** In a scene that has become typical across America, a white Black Lives Matter protester shrieks at black police officers for allegedly helping to uphold “systemic racism.”

*by Alex Newman*

At this point, the scenes of pampered white college kids with purple and green hair shouting at black police officers about how “BLACK LIVES MATTER” have become something of a joke among sensible Americans — and within the law-enforcement community. However, the Marxist organization calling itself “Black Lives Matter” (BLM) is no laughing matter. In fact, this organization poses an extreme threat not

just to blue lives, but to the communities they protect as well.

Among the most significant threats posed by BLM is the violence its members and leaders have unleashed in cities and towns across America — especially against police and those who seek to protect life and property. Amid BLM unrest and rioting in St. Louis, for instance, a 24-year-old involved in the chaos has been charged with murder for shooting and killing retired St. Louis Police Captain David Dorn, a black man who was helping to defend his community. As BLM protests swept America in 2016, a “black power” activist shot 12 police of-

ficers, killing five, after a BLM rally in Dallas, Texas.

Civilians are in the cross hairs, too. During a BLM protest in Provo, Utah, in June, BLM activist Jesse Taggart, 33, of Salt Lake City, began shooting passers-by. He was charged with attempted aggravated murder, aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury, rioting, and more. More recently, when young mother Jessica Doty Whitaker of Indianapolis responded by saying “All Lives Matter” after being confronted by BLM activists, they shot her in the head and killed her. BLM activists then taunted her family on social media.

BLM activists have been terrorizing churches, too, even burning one to the ground in Kenosha, Wisconsin, despite the “Black Lives Matter” sign outside. In Troy, New York, BLM activists beat church attendees, shrieked at black members of the church, chanted “hail Satan” outside, and threatened to burn it to the ground. Outraged about a gun giveaway, the mob also threatened to call Child Protective Services on parents there. A shrieking mob of BLM activists in D.C. confronted a couple for refusing to raise their fist in solidarity, with one asking the victim, “Are you Christian?”

BLM leader Tef Poe, who was flown to Geneva to testify at the United Nations “Human Rights Council” about the alleged evils of American police, promised on social media to “slap these Ferguson pigs with war crime charges and torture charges.” He also took to Twitter to threaten “white people” that he and other “young [expletive removed] such as myself are fully hell bent on inciting riots everywhere we go.” He was not kidding, and there are plenty of others

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**Terror leaders:** BLM co-founder Opal Tometi (right), whose parents migrated to America from Nigeria, poses next to mass-murdering socialist dictator Nicolás Maduro of Venezuela.

who feel the same way, as recent months have proved beyond a shadow of a doubt.

Charles Wade, another BLM extremist, was also flown to Geneva to speak at the UN Human Rights Council, which was re-constituted and supposedly improved after Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi was elected to lead it but still includes many of the most savage mass-murdering regimes on Earth as members. (Trump ended U.S. participation in the discredited UN body.) In 2016, Wade was arrested for child trafficking and prostituting a child after he was caught pimping out a teenage girl from a hotel room.

Those heinous crimes are just the tip of the iceberg. In towns and communities across America, BLM leaders and activists have been charged with vandalism, looting, rioting, unlawful assembly, and more while burning down buildings and terrorizing local residents. Minority neighbor-

hoods and minority-owned businesses have been particularly hard hit as young, white BLM activists from the suburbs go into inner-city communities to riot and unleash terror under the guise of “protecting” black lives. But there is a method to the apparent madness.

### Marxist Group Involved in Occult

That BLM is a Marxist group working to tear down the family and destroy freedom under the obviously phony guise of protecting “Black Lives” is something of a truism at this point — it’s beyond dispute. In fact, BLM founders boast about it. “We are trained Marxists,” bragged BLM co-founder Patrisse Cullors when asked about the group’s “ideological frame” in a now-infamous interview with The Real News Network. “We are super, uh, versed, um, on, sort of, ideological theories.”

Separately, another BLM co-founder,

self-styled “queer feminist” Alicia Garza, acknowledged that convicted communist and cop killer Assata Shakur was the primary inspiration for the group. “When I use Assata’s powerful demand in my organizing work, I always begin by sharing where it comes from, sharing about Assata’s significance to the Black Liberation Movement,” Garza explained in a piece about the origins of BLM. Many BLM activists continue to wear shirts that say “Assata Taught Me” during protests. Assata was convicted of helping to brutally murder New Jersey State Trooper Werner Foerster 47 years ago.

It’s not just Marxist ideology that BLM is infatuated with. In fact, the group and its leaders love mass-murdering Marxist dictators, too. While BLM regularly demonizes President Trump as a racist tyrant, the group openly celebrated the late mass-murdering communist tyrant who enslaved Cuba, Fidel Castro. When the dictator died, after impoverishing one of the richest nations in the Western hemisphere and driving a million refugees out of Cuba, BLM expressed an “overwhelming sense of loss.” BLM praised “El Comandante” Castro for, among other things, protecting Shakur, “who continues to inspire us.”

The last of the three BLM co-founders, Nigerian-American Opal Tometi, is a proud and open supporter of mass-murdering Venezuelan dictator Nicolás Maduro. The brutal socialist regime — Cuba’s closest ally — has slaughtered and tortured thousands of dissidents in recent years. Photographs of Tometi hugging the dictator during a summit have been circulating online for months, with one photo even appearing on a Venezuelan state-owned propaganda website. During her speech at the event, Tometi quoted Shakur. Interestingly, senior officials in Maduro’s “Bolivarian” regime have cryptically boasted of sending a “Bolivarian Breeze” of unrest to the United States.

One of the leading fundraisers for BLM, vice chair of Thousand Currents Susan Rosenberg, is an actual convicted terrorist who was a member of the communist terrorist group Weather Underground. Among other crimes, Rosenberg was convicted for her role in the 1983 bombings of the U.S. Capitol Building, the U.S. Naval War College, and the New York Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association. The Weathermen were working with Com-

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munist Cuban intelligence. According to FBI operative Larry Grathwohl, who infiltrated the leadership, the plan was to work with foreign enemy powers to occupy the United States, intern tens of millions of Americans, and “liquidate” some 25 million who could not be re-educated.

Key planks of Marx’s communist ideology are openly promoted on the BLM website. Under the headline “What We Believe,” for instance, the radical group promotes the Marxist ideal of dismantling the nuclear family and replacing it with communal women and communal child rearing. “We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure,” the statement of beliefs explains, saying that “villages” should be in charge of raising children rather than parents. BLM also brags about fostering a “queer-affirming network” that will “dismantle cisgender privilege.”

One of the key tactics used by Marxists to overthrow nations and societies is to divide them up into various groups, labeling some as “oppressors” and others as “victims.” In Russia, the primary division exploited by communists was “class,” with everyone being divided into “proletariat” or “bourgeoisie” as well-funded and highly trained Marxist agitators fanned the flames of hate and resentment. In more prosperous Western nations such as the United States, those tactics proved less effective. And so Soviet and international communist opera-

tives began to fan the flames of race hatred in the United States instead.

In essence, Marxism is a repudiation of everything that underpins Western civilization and the United States: private property, the idea that all are created equal, the nuclear family, values rooted in the biblical tradition, and now even basic truths about biological gender. In the book *Marx and Satan*, Pastor Richard Wurmbrand, after being tortured for almost a decade in a communist prison, argued that the communist ideologist was not an atheist, but rather an ardent hater of God. He cited Marx’s own writings as evidence. Governments inspired by Marx slaughtered over 100 million of their own people during the 20th century.

Interestingly, BLM co-founder Cullors was caught on tape talking with the founder of BLM Los Angeles about their summoning of spirits. “Hashtags are for us, are way more than a hashtag, it is, um, literally almost resurrecting a spirit so they can work through us to get the work that we need to get done,” said Cullors, adding that BLM is a “spiritual” movement more than anything. “I started to feel personally connected and responsible and accountable to them, both from a deeply political place, but also from a deeply spiritual place.” The BLM LA leader described speaking to a spiritual entity named “Wakisha,” saying, “I didn’t meet her in her body.”

## Not About Black Lives

Of course, the name Black Lives Matter was very strategic, since virtually nobody would disagree with that premise. But if the KKK renamed itself Don’t Torture Puppies (DTP), would speaking out against the KKK be tantamount to support for torturing baby canines? Obviously not. The same is true with BLM. In fact, activists who have been involved in BLM protests told the Law Enforcement Intelligence Brief that the national organization Black Lives Matter does not represent all of those protesting in the street, many of whom are simply seeking what they see as justice over alleged police abuses against minorities.

Clearly, BLM is not actually about “black lives,” either. The entire premise of the movement is the allegation that systemically racist police in the United States are murdering and oppressing black Americans on a large scale. They also claim that America is a systemically racist nation that keeps black people down. However, the facts show just the opposite to be true.

For starters, America is the only nation in the world founded on the “self-evident” truth that all people are “created equal” and are “endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights.” Second, as explained recently by Exodus Faith Ministries head Bishop E.W. Jackson, who is black, Americans of African descent do better than those of African heritage any-

St. Louis Police



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**No BLM tears shed for this black man:** Retired Police Captain David Dorn (left) was murdered during a Black Lives Matter riot, while protecting his community against looting.

where on the planet. Nigerian immigrants to the United States do better on average than European-descent Americans, too.

The data on police is clear, too. According to statistics published by the *Wall Street Journal*, “A police officer is 18 times more likely to be killed by a black male than an unarmed black male is to be killed by a police officer.” Many of the officers murdered by black males were black. And despite the media narrative, just nine unarmed black men were shot and killed by police in 2019, compared with 19 unarmed whites, the data reveal. Ironically, multiple studies have revealed that police are actually *more* likely to shoot white suspects than black suspects.

But if BLM were truly concerned about black lives, there would be plenty of work to do. When retired Police Captain David Dorn was murdered protecting his community during a BLM riot, no BLM leaders or spokesmen shed a single tear. Not a peep has been spoken by BLM or its allies about the over 7,000 black men who died at the hands of other black men in 2019. Nor has BLM even mentioned the fact that Planned Parenthood aborts over 250 black unborn babies every single day.

### Behind the Scenes

Following the money reveals a great deal. Even before there was a real “Black Lives

Matter” movement, radical left-wing billionaire George Soros was funding efforts to create it. In a 2015 report from the Open Society Foundations’ U.S. Programs Board, the Soros machine boasted of spending \$650,000 to “invest in technical assistance and support for the groups at the core of the burgeoning #BlackLivesMatter movement.” The goals included the “dismantling of structural inequality” supposedly caused by “local law enforcement,” and also to “create a national movement.”

According to an investigation published by the *Washington Times* in early 2015 that relied on Soros foundations’ tax filings and interviews with key players, the far-left billionaire poured some \$33 million in just one year into organizations fomenting the unrest surrounding the killing of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. The Marxist co-founders of BLM were also working closely with Soros-funded groups even before founding BLM.

Just this summer, the *New York Times* reported that Soros poured some \$220 million into “racial-justice organizations.” According to the Open Society Foundations through which Soros funneled his tax-exempt fortune, the massive new donations will help “end policing as we know it.” “It is inspiring and powerful to experience this transformational moment in the racial justice movement,”

Open Society Foundations’ President Patrick Gaspard said in a statement about the almost quarter-billion dollar injection of money into BLM-inspired advocacy.

For perspective, it is worth knowing more about Soros, a man who said on national television that he felt no guilt over helping Nazis confiscate Jewish property during World War II. Soros, who has been convicted of insider trading in the accumulation of his vast wealth, also said publicly that Communist China has “a better functioning government than the United States.” He has even argued repeatedly that the regime in Beijing, which has slaughtered more people than any government in human history, should “own” what he described as the “New World Order.”

Of course, Soros is not alone in funding BLM. Dozens of America’s top companies have also been funding the movement — especially the California-based tech giants. Major foundations including the Ford Foundation and Borealis have been pouring money into the movement as well. The head of the Ford Foundation famously told Norman Dodd, the chief investigator for Congress’ early-1950s Select Committee to Investigate Tax-Exempt Foundations and Comparable Organizations, that the outfit was working to “so alter life in the United States that it could be comfortably merged with the Soviet Union.”

Interestingly, even the Russian regime of Vladimir Putin appears to have had a hand in backing BLM. According to CNN, which is highly biased in favor of BLM, a Kremlin-controlled “troll farm” in St. Petersburg, Russia, known as the Internet Research Agency, bought BLM ads on social media promoting protests and unrest aimed at Baltimore and Ferguson. The goal was to sow discord and chaos in the United States, CNN “intelligence” sources were quoted as saying. Congress found related oddities during a probe by the Senate Intelligence Committee of Russian meddling in U.S. politics.

Clearly, there is much more to BLM than simply ensuring that “Black Lives Matter.” In fact, the slogan itself appears to be nothing more than a slick cover story for a dangerous movement threatening America’s law-enforcement community, the family, the rule of law, and the nation itself. ■



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**Terrorist inspiration:** Terrorist Assata Shakur (aka Joanne Chesimard), the acknowledged inspiration behind BLM, was convicted of murdering New Jersey State Trooper Werner Foerster.





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# ANTIFA

## WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW

Antifa members are generally young, white militants who have bought into the promises of socialistic utopia, and are willing to use violence to achieve it.

by William F. Jasper

**A**s we write (late August 2020), mobs led by Antifa continue wreaking havoc not only across the United States, but throughout Europe, Australia, and Latin America as well. An in-depth report on the international communist/anarchist networks linking the worldwide Antifa “phenomenon” is a subject beyond the scope of this briefing, which focuses on Antifa in the United States.

### ANTIFA — Initial Takeaways

- On May 31, 2020, President Donald Trump tweeted that soon Antifa would be

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designated a “terrorist organization” — and rightfully so.

- U.S. Attorney General William Barr has accurately referred to Antifa and Black Lives Matter (BLM) as “revolutionary” groups, stating further: “They’re essentially Bolsheviks. Their tactics are fascistic.”

- A.G. Barr notes that Antifa-BLM agitators use anti-police sentiment and race issues to promote “some form of socialism, communism,” and he has condemned the Antifa-BLM tactic of using demonstrators as human shields to “provoke violence” and engage in “urban guerilla warfare.”

- After defending Antifa’s crime for months, even Ted Wheeler, the far-left mayor of Portland, Oregon, finally condemned Antifa rioters after their vicious

**Real fascism, real fascist violence:** Antifa thugs, with their black-red/fascist-communist flag, engage in mayhem and violently attack innocent people they falsely charge with being racist and fascist.

arson of a police station on August 6, 2020, trapping dozens of people inside. Wheeler accused the Antifa arsonists of “attempting to commit murder,” and police officers said the rioters told the police they were there to kill them.

- Contrary to the “peaceful demonstrators” narrative, Antifa has been engaged in criminal, violent, destructive, seditious, and terroristic actions for the past several years, as thousands of arrests and hundreds of videos document beyond question.

- Antifa leaders and activists openly and defiantly identify as Marxists-Leninists and Maoists, with some even calling themselves Red Guards, after Mao Tse-tung’s mass-murdering communist youth gangs in China.

- Antifa leaders and activists (on their websites and at their demonstrations) prominently display quotations and images of communist leaders Mao, Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin, and Karl Marx, along with communist symbols such as the hammer and sickle, clenched fist, and red star.

- Antifa is closely linked to the Revolutionary Communist Party, the Workers World Party, and other revolutionary communist groups allied with Communist China.

- In addition to declaring war on capitalism, the police, and America in general, Antifa cadres have called for assassinating President Trump and killing police officers, while carrying out violent attacks on the police.

- American Antifa cadres and their communist party comrades have worked and trained with “foreign actors,” including ISIS and al-Qaeda terrorists, and German and Italian Antifa communists.

- The media, Democratic politicians, and left-wing academics, notwithstanding all of the above (and more), continue to portray Antifa sympathetically, even heroically, justifying their violence as a righteous reaction to “right-wing” fascism and racism.

In the remainder of this report, we will be expanding upon the points listed above. Since so-called Antifa groups burst full-



blown onto the political scene four years ago, they have been escalating their violent, revolutionary acts throughout the United States. Antifa-led riots, arson, vandalism, destruction of statues and monuments, and violent assaults on people (Trump supporters, MAGA hat wearers, law-enforcement officers, conservative college speakers, Republicans — anyone who gets in their way or opposes their violent ideology) have been growing in frequency and ferocity.

The 2016 presidential election provided the stage that introduced most Americans to Antifa, as the masked, black-clad revolutionary network led violent anti-Trump “demonstrations” in dozens of cities across the United States. Antifa thugs rioted and disrupted President Trump’s 2017 inauguration and violently attacked people who were attending the event. That was repeated with mob attacks on the Republican National Convention in August of 2020. While claiming to be “antifascist,” Antifa radicals engage in precisely the same type of bullying, intimidation, and terrorizing employed by the fascist Black Shirts of Mussolini and Brownshirts of Hitler to neutralize their opposition.

When President Trump declared he would be designating Antifa as a terrorist organization, media organizations, including the left-wing “fact checking” Snopes website, defended Antifa and declared that the terrorist designation would be impossible, since Antifa is a fluid, amorphous “movement,” not an organization, based on the concept of “leaderless resistance” or “phantom cell” structure. “Without any official structure to the group, or much evidence linking antifa to specific acts of violence, it would be difficult to prove that that body of activists is behind anything,” Snopes declared.

The Antifa obsession with secrecy, decentralization, and masking of their identities does indeed make it more difficult (as with other organized crime syndicates) to identify and prosecute them for their criminal and subversive activities. However, with the arrests of hundreds of Antifa rioters over the past several years, the veil of secrecy is being pierced. And in hearings before the U.S. Senate in August 2020, Justice Department officials stated that they had opened around 300 “domestic terrorism” investigations into the

violence across the country since May 28, when the rioting over the death of George Floyd began. Meticulous follow-through on these investigations should lead to many convictions and unravel the secret ties and organization behind the planned chaos.

Many of the leading current Antifa militants are veterans of the Occupy Wall Street “movement,” which pioneered the masked “black bloc” signature attire and “direct action” violence that have become the Antifa brand. The Occupy Wall Street “protesters” were led and schooled by 1960s veterans of the violent SDS (Students for a Democratic Society) and the murderers-bombers-terrorists of the Weather Underground, such as the infamous Professor Bill Ayers.

Coordinating with communist and socialist parties worldwide, together with Marxist, Maoist, and Trotskyist organizations, the Occupy movement succeeded in bringing millions of demonstrators into the streets around the planet. However, Occupy’s fixation on Marxist economics and class warfare caused it to fizzle as economies began recovering following the 2008-2009 financial crisis. Occupy activists then sought to diversify by attaching themselves to other “progressive” causes, such as protests concerning immi-

gration, global warming, oil/gas pipelines, LGBTQ rights, police brutality, prison reform, and racism. In each case, they seek to radicalize and militarize cadres that they can recruit into more violent street confrontations.

Antifa has dramatically increased its profile by joining up with Black Lives Matter. By uniting with BLM, Antifa, which is primarily a white, radical group, has been able to broaden its reach and harness black anger for its revolutionary purposes. This has been a relatively easy maneuver, since BLM’s co-founders (Patrisse Cullors, Alicia Garza, and Opal Tometi) have boasted of being “trained Marxists” and “queer black women” who are trying to overthrow the American system of “oppression,” “hetero-patriarchy,” “capitalist exploitation,” and “racism.” Like Antifa’s, BLM’s heroes are communists: Marx, Lenin, Che Guevara, Angela Davis, Assata Shakur, Mumia Abu Jamal, the Black Panthers, etc.

By labeling themselves as “antifascist” and labeling everyone to the right of Stalin as “fascists,” “racists,” and “Nazis,” the Antifa thugs have succeeded in conferring immunity upon themselves; no matter how violent they get, they can justify their violence as opposition to the evil of fascism/Nazism/racism. They do not have to



**New fascist-communist KKK:** Far from being subtle, many Antifa groups openly display their communist pedigree and loyalties with red flags, hammer & sickles, communist slogans, and images of Marx, Lenin, and Mao.

While Antifa secrecy has made it difficult to pin on its activists many of the murders they are suspected of perpetrating or participating in, they are not as clean as their media champions suggest.



**Planned chaos:** From the start of the Trump administration, Antifa hoodlums announced their plan to make America “ungovernable.” Here, Antifa disrupters gather in Portland, Oregon, on January 20, 2017, to “protest” the inauguration of President Trump.

prove that their victims are fascists, Nazis, or racists; they need only accuse to justify physical attack. Of course, they only succeed in this transparent deception because of massive sympathetic coverage by the leftist mainstream media, which continue to insist on referring to Antifa hoodlums as “antifascist activists” and casting them as heroic champions of the downtrodden — years after mountains of irrefutable evidence show them to be dangerous terrorists.

One of the many intersections demonstrating the Antifa-BLM-communist-terrorist confluence is a videotaped speech (that has been transcribed and printed on many leftist-anarchist-Antifa websites) by Drexel University professor Idris Robinson in Seattle entitled “How It Might Should Be Done.” It is a speech in which he celebrates the rioting and looting taking place in Se-

attle and across the country and pays tribute to Bolshevik dictator/mass murderer V.I. Lenin, as well as communist revolutionaries (and convicted cop killers) Mumia Abu Jamal and Assata Shakur. He pointedly disputes as “delusional” the claims of “progressive liberals” who assert the George Floyd “protests were peaceful and non-violent.” Robinson exults in the facts of burning cities, burning police stations, and “cops being shot at,” and repeatedly stresses that this is “revolution,” “insurrection,” “an uprising,” “an insurgency,” and “civil war.”

In an open appeal to sedition, treason, and subversion, Robinson tells his audience, “We must harness civil war as an emancipatory liberatory power. The fundamental goal is to break apart America into a constellation of federated communes.” This breaking apart of America

— essentially declaring war on America — he says, can be accomplished by updating the revolutionary program of Harry Haywood, the black Communist Party USA member chosen by the Soviet Politburo in the 1930s to lead a race war of secession to create a Soviet-style “Black Belt Nation” in the American South.

Robinson also approvingly cites communist theoretician Noel Ignatiev. Ignatiev, who was a white Harvard professor, is most infamous for coining the term “white privilege” and calling for “abolishing” the white race. His rantings are the staple of BLM-Antifa tracts and demagoguery.

### Antifa: Terrorists R Us

The American far-left is a bewildering assortment of communist parties and organizations that categorize themselves as Marxist-Leninist, Maoist, Trotskyist, anarchist, anarcho-communist, or socialist. Most of these organizations originated over the past several decades as breakaway factions of the Moscow-directed and Soviet-funded Communist Party USA (CPUSA), or as breakaways from the breakaways. Many of them advocate violent “direct action,” while the CPUSA poses as the advocate of peaceful action. Communist organizations such as the Workers World Party (WWP), Freedom Road Socialist Organization (FRSO) and the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) are among the violence-prone groups that provide leadership to the Antifa militants.

The WWP boasts: “We are THE Trotskyists. We stand 100% with all the principled positions of Leon Trotsky, the most revolutionary communist since Lenin.” Trotsky, one of the original Bolsheviks, called for violent, immediate “world revolution,” but lost the post-Lenin power struggle to Stalin. The WWP also describes itself as “a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist party dedicated to organizing and fighting for a socialist revolution in the United States and around the world.” The WWP’s involvement with Antifa was most prominently exposed with the arrest of four WWP communists (Takiyah Fatima Thompson, Dante Emmanuel Strobino, Ngoc Loan Tran, and Peter Hull Gilbert) in the highly publicized toppling of a Confederate statue in Durham, North Carolina, on August 14, 2017. It has also



been involved in the ongoing Antifa attacks on statues of Christopher Columbus, Robert E. Lee, George Washington, St. Father Junipero Serra, and others. The WWP uses its *Workers World* newspaper and website to promote and coordinate Antifa actions. It also works with Alessio Arena, general secretary of Italy's Antifa-supporting communist group, Fronte Popolare.

The Freedom Road Socialist Organization says on its website: "FRSO is recruiting and building towards the creation of a new Communist Party based on Marxism-Leninism. Its newspaper *Fight Back!* and its websites (FRSO.org and fightbacknews.org) have promoted the Occupy-BLM-Antifa violence as righteous responses to "racism," "oppression," and "Trump fascism."

Researcher/author/journalist Trevor Loudon has documented the extensive role of the pro-Beijing FRSO's trained Maoist agitators in orchestrating violent riots from New York to Minneapolis to

Chicago and elsewhere. FRSO was among the revolutionary groups providing leadership at the violent disruptions of President Trump's inauguration on January 20, 2017. FRSO leader Steff Yoreck told street rioters then, "We need to stay in the streets the entire four years opposing Trump and making the country ungovernable." That is precisely what they are doing.

Defenders of Antifa, including the writer of the Snopes article mentioned above and the "experts" he quotes, assert that no fatalities can be attributed to Antifa. While Antifa secrecy has made it difficult to pin on its activists many of the murders they are suspected of perpetrating or participating in, they are not as clean as their media champions suggest.

Connor Betts, the 24-year-old anti-Trump, anti-police Antifa supporter who shot and killed nine people and wounded 14 in Dayton, Ohio, in 2019, was a self-described socialist and atheist who supported Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren. Betts appeared to have a special hatred for Im-

migration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and his social-media postings referenced anti-ICE campaigns by Antifa/communist groups. He also considered Antifa militant Willem Van Spronsen to be a "martyr."

Van Spronsen, a Dutch anarcho-communist, was killed on July 13, 2019, in a confrontation with police in Tacoma, Washington, while trying to set fire to an ICE detention center, and after pointing his rifle at the police officers. Van Spronsen's death was mourned by Antifa groups, which viewed him as a fallen comrade. In his "manifesto" published after his death by Antifa-supporting websites CrimethInc and ItsGoingDown.org, Van Spronsen extolled violent anarchist Emma Goldman and communist historian Howard Zinn, whose best-selling *A People's History of the United States* has indoctrinated millions of students in anti-American, Marxist-Leninist dogma.

On August 29, Antifa militant Michael Reinoehl, who described himself as "100% Antifa," gunned down Trump supporter Aaron "Jay" Danielson in Portland, Oregon. Five days later he was killed in a gunfight with local and federal law-enforcement agencies, as they sought to arrest him for the murder of Danielson.

Unlike Black Lives Matter, Antifa groups do not have a central website or an identifiable leadership hierarchy. Many Antifa groups do have (or have had until recently) Facebook, Twitter, and other social-media accounts and websites for their cities or regions, which they have used for organizing and coordinating actions. After years of fomenting riots and violence, however, some of these groups are being deplatformed by Facebook and Twitter. This is largely thanks to public pressure and outrage over the hypocritical double standard exercised by these liberal-left Big Tech social-media firms that have deplatformed conservatives who had not engaged in or promoted violence of any kind, but had merely been deemed guilty of politically incorrect speech. Websites that are being used for promoting, propagandizing, organizing, and coordinating for Antifa include Jacobinmag.com, itsgoingdown.org, enoughisenough14.org, crimethinc.com, fightbacknews.org, frso.org, non.copyright.com, roar-conference.com, workers.org, refusefascism.org, revcom.us, and cpusa.org. ■



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**ARSON AND DESTRUCTION AT JUSTICE CENTER**  
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**MAY 29, 2020**

Individual #1 Individual #2 Individual #3 Individual #4 Individual #5

Individual #6 Individual #7 Individual #8 Individual #9 Individual #10

**DETAILS**

The FBI's Portland Field Office is assisting partner agencies by asking for the public's help in identifying the individuals who participated in criminal activity or may have been a witness to criminal activity inside the Multnomah County Justice Center on May 29, 2020. The Justice Center is located at 1120 SW 3rd Ave, Portland, Oregon 97204.

**No more catch & release:** Soros-backed radicals elected as local prosecutors have refused to prosecute rioters in many cities. The federal DOJ and FBI are now going after rioters/arsonists destroying federal property in Portland, Seattle, and many other cities.

BY LARRY GREENLEY

## The War on Local Police **Is the Deep State's Communist Revolution!**

**T**he number of Black Lives Matter (BLM) anti-police protest rallies held around the world after George Floyd's death has been unprecedented. By mid-June there had already been BLM demonstrations in at least 1,700 places within the United States, and in over 4,000 cities and towns worldwide.

As to how many American cities experienced BLM riots, a recent study out of Princeton University reported that "48 of the 50 largest cities in the United States have experienced riots associated with the Black Lives Movement since late May," and ditto for 74 of the largest 100 cities.

How did the BLM protests occur so far and wide? Part of the answer is "pressure from above" by the Deep State's Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). Very soon after the first BLM protests over George Floyd's death, thousands of CFR members and tens of thousands of their allies were busy promoting and legitimizing the BLM protests. This top down support for BLM was so influential due to where the CFR members and their allies are employed, such as key positions in government, politics, news media, entertainment media, academia, foundations, think-tanks, etc.

For an example of the CFR's promotion of the BLM movement, see "Global Lessons in Police Reform" in the September/October 2020 issue of the CFR's house organ, *Foreign Affairs*: "Public outcry over the murders of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd earlier this year has ignited mass demonstrations against structural racism and police violence in the United States.... The explosive scale of the uprising this spring and summer makes it clear that the United States has reached a *national reckoning*. Most Americans now understand that their country needs a *radical transformation*." (Emphasis added.)

And where does BLM get its money? CFR members, such as George Soros, along with like-minded allies in dozens of top companies have showered BLM with hundreds of millions of dollars in recent years.

The all-too-often progression of peaceful BLM "protests" to dangerous BLM riots is much easier to understand when you look below the surface of the BLM branding and marketing. Easily found is the Marxist and communist history of BLM, as revealed in "Black Lives Matter: Behind the Facade" on page 35 of this issue:

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That BLM is a Marxist group working to tear down the family and destroy freedom under the obviously phony guise of protecting "Black Lives" is something of a truism at this point — it's beyond dispute. In fact, BLM founders boast about it. "We are trained Marxists," bragged BLM cofounder Patrisse Cullors....

Separately, another BLM co-founder ... Alicia Garza, acknowledged that convicted communist and cop kill-

er Assata Shakur was the primary inspiration for the group.

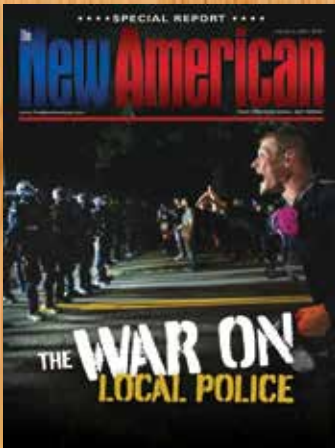
And, speaking of BLM riots, there's BLM's overtly communist ally, Antifa, which seems to take part in all the bigger protests/riots. Here are a couple of quick facts on Antifa from "Antifa: What We Need to Know," page 40: "Contrary to the 'peaceful demonstrators' narrative, Antifa has been engaged in criminal, violent, destructive, seditious, and terroristic actions for the past several years, as thousands of arrests and hundreds of videos document beyond question.... Antifa is closely linked to the Revolutionary Communist Party, the Workers World Party, and other revolutionary communist groups allied with Communist China."

Knowing the above facts about the BLM and Antifa movements, now consider that 57 years ago Robert Welch, founder of The John Birch Society (JBS), introduced a new campaign for the JBS, "Support Your Local Police." He did this in response to riots that were (in his words) "getting to be a regular part of the American scene." And he forecasted, "The police will be 'crucified' ... for practically everything they do in the line of duty."

This JBS campaign has endured to this day. The uncanny thing about all of this is that Welch's July 1963 explanation (quoted immediately below) of why Americans needed to support their local police not only still sounds exactly right, it clarifies just what the ultimate goal of the present-day anti-police movement is: "The Communists know, as the American people do not, that the city and community police forces now constitute one of the most important remaining obstacles to the gradual, insidious, and at first invisible, establishment of the mechanics of their Communist police state."

Please go to <https://jbs.org/sylp/> and join or form a Support Your Local Police — *And Keep Them Independent!* committee. ■





## The War on Local Police

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