

The Movement to Defund the Police



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Racial Discrimination in the U.S.



A popular song played by Union musicians during the war

Recent Police Killings

- George Floyd → Floyd was killed by a police officer who knelt on his neck for 9 minutes after he allegedly attempted to use a counterfeit bill.
- Breonna Taylor → Officers arrived at Taylor's home to execute a search warrant. Believing it was a break-in, Taylor's boyfriend shot his firearm and Taylor was shot eight times.



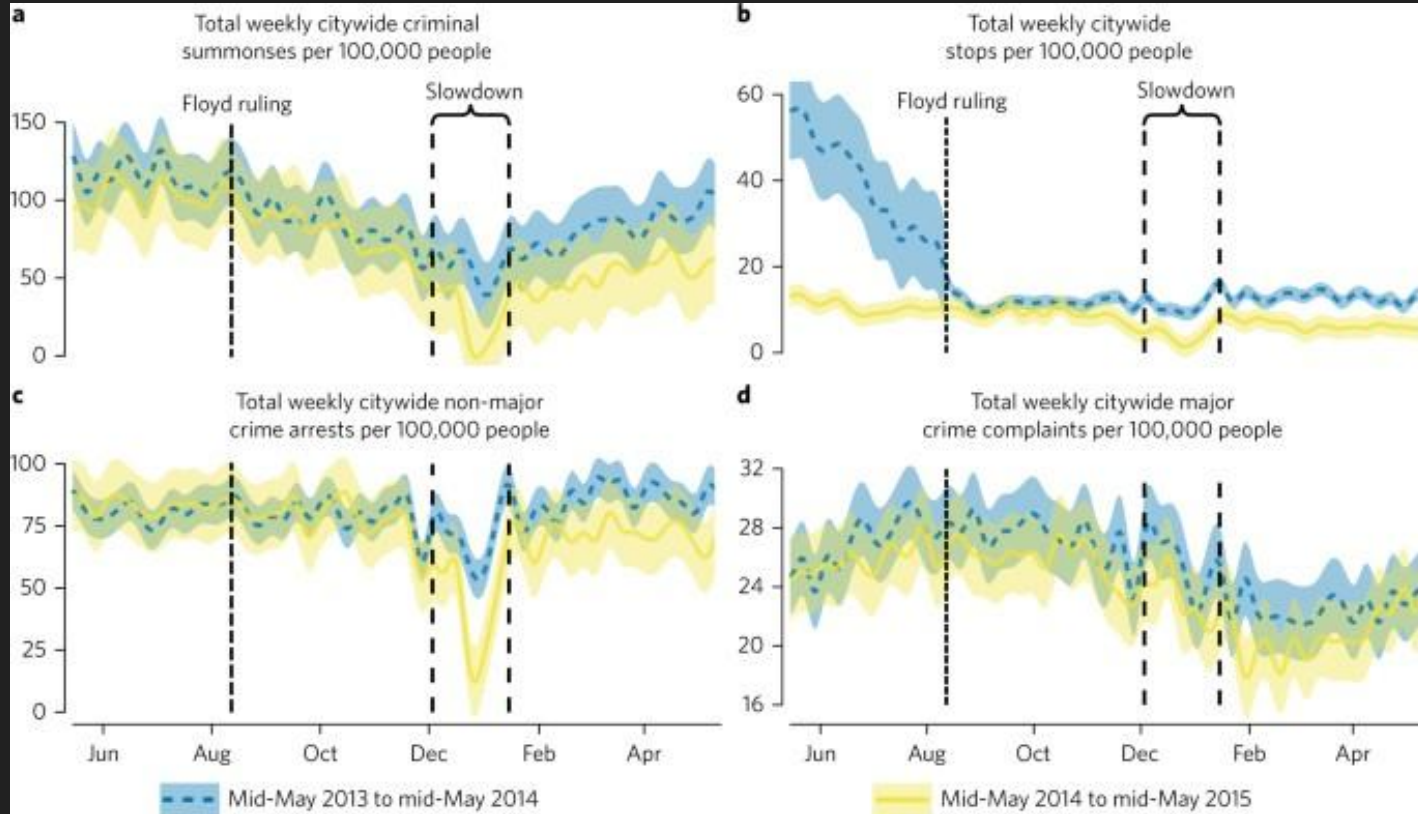
George Floyd | Wikipedia

Defund the Police: What Does it Mean?

- It refers to the reallocation of funds away from the police force and towards other government agencies funded by local municipalities.



For the Movement: Less Police, Less Crime



For the Movement: Stronger Social Services

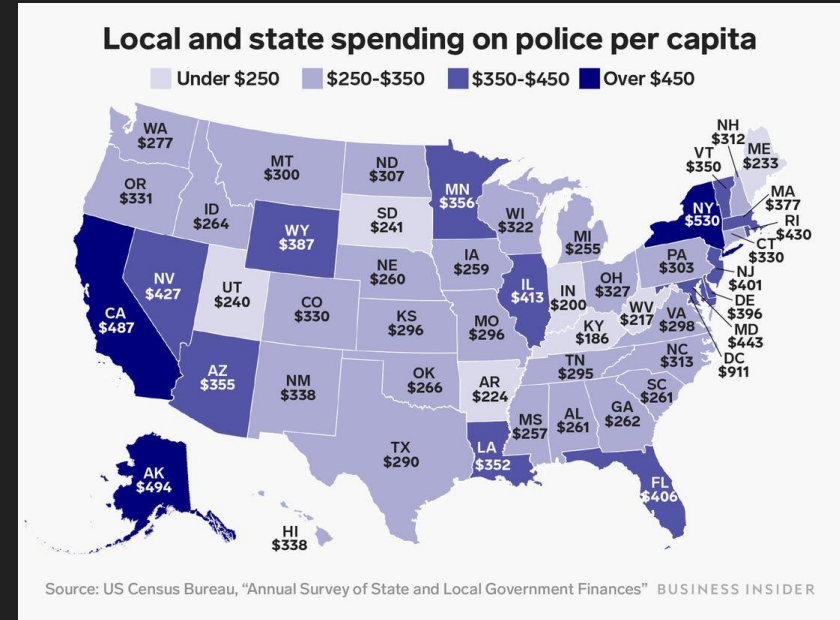
- Upon decreasing the police department budget, new funds would be available to strengthen social services dedicated towards health care, employment or education.
- In LA, mayor Eric Garcetti helped redistribute \$150 million from the police budget to spend on other local programmes that help citizens directly



LA Mayor Eric Garcetti on the LAPD Budget | Youtube

Against the Movement: Police Reform

- Police budgets are not equal across the U.S.
 - They range from \$100 million in Virginia Beach to \$5 billion in New York City
- Differences in funding create areas of greater conflict as police are not adequately trained and educated to do their jobs.
- President Biden has voiced his support of police reform: “We don’t have to defund the police departments. We have to make sure they meet minimum basic standards of decency”



Local and State Police Budgets per State | Business Insider

Against the Movement: Police as Protectors of the Poor

- Poor communities that can't afford private security or self-protection options could suffer from police defunding.
- Defunding the police, therefore, could widen the gap between the rich and the poor.

Preference for Amount of Time Police Spend in Your Area

Would you rather the police spend more time, the same amount of time or less time as they currently spend in your area?

	More time	Same amount of time	Less time
	%	%	%
Black Americans	20	61	19
White Americans	17	71	12
Hispanic Americans	24	59	17
Asian Americans	9	63	28
U.S. adults	19	67	14

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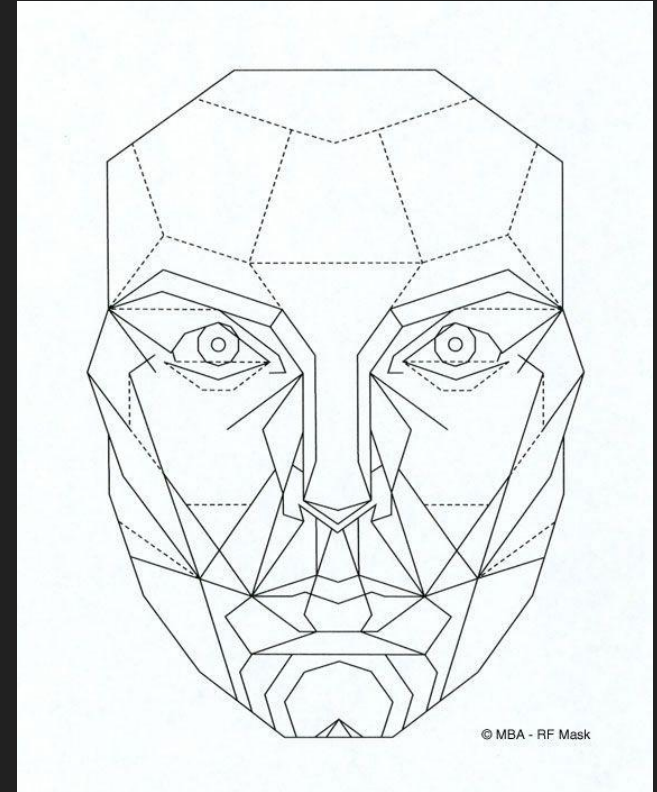
A Proposed Solution

- Racial discrimination, having existed in the U.S. for over two centuries, may be insuperable.
- I propose, therefore, the elimination of the societal characteristic at the root of this conflict: **diversity**.
- Through surgical and medical means, every citizens would be transformed to a certain archetype, creating a **homogenous society**.
- Every person would be the same in terms of skin color, eye color, height, face size, arm length, and physical traits of the like.



A Proposed Solution: The Archetype

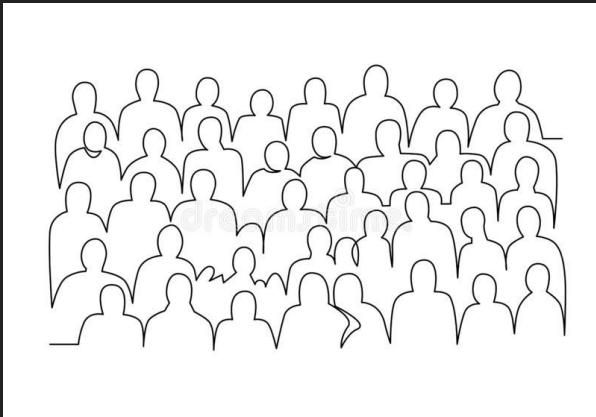
- An ideal bodily architecture would be decided upon that must be abided by.
- The current plastic surgery industry has developed many techniques to achieve this goal:
 - Face lifts, pins, reshapings, replacements and implants
- Once all citizens undergo the procedures necessary, the result would be a population that is equal in physical appearance and less likely to engage in conflict.



The Ideal Facial Structure | Pinterest

A Proposed Solution: The Benefits

- Police brutality, which often occurs on the basis of race and other physical traits, would be eliminated.
- Less hostility and divisive conflicts between individuals would create safer mono-ethnic communities.
- Unity in physical appearance would motivate citizens to work together to elevate their country politically, socially and economically.



The ideal homogenous crowd | Dreamstime

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