

History of Evolution of Police:

- NPR: Social Control: <https://www.npr.org/2020/06/05/871083599/the-history-of-police-in-creating-social-order-in-the-u-s>
- Letter to Obama: Critique: <https://theintercept.com/2020/06/03/obama-george-floyd/>
- American Police: Podcast: <https://www.npr.org/2020/06/03/869046127/american-police>
- Zinn Education Project: <https://www.zinnedproject.org/news/teach-history-of-policing/>
- Video: NPR: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wPu6-1yy8-o>
- **How Racist Policing took over Cities:**
<https://www.vox.com/2020/6/6/21280643/police-brutality-violence-protests-racism-khalil-muhamad>
- **American Police: Long Transcript of History:**NPR: <https://www.npr.org/transcripts/869046127>
- **The Root: Slave Patrols and the Police:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qtz5WPd86o>

Defunding the Police - background readings

- [How I Became a Police Abolitionist](#) by Derecka Purnell
- [Policing is Fundamentally About Social Control](#) by Alex Vitale, The Jacobin,
- [Defund or Reform the Police?](#) NYT 6/11/20
- [How Do The Police Actually Spend Their Time?](#) NYT
- [8toAbolition.com](#)
- [Justice Teams Network - webinar series on “We Take Care of Us”](#) - alternatives to the police
- [The Atlantic: What does Defund the Police Actually Mean](#)
- [How I Became a Police Abolitionists: Atlantic](#)
- Cities Grew Safer, Police Budgets Kept Growing (NYT):
<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/06/12/upshot/cities-grew-safer-police-budgets-kept-growing.html>
- Police Reform, Defunding, and Abolition:
<https://www.vox.com/21312191/police-reform-defunding-abolition-black-lives-matter-protests>
- How Cops See the World: Ideology and Justification of Racist Violence
 - <https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2020/7/7/21293259/police-racism-violence-ideology-george-floyd>
- PBS Interview: Defunding the Police + More Info: good sections:
<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/watch-live-what-is-the-defund-the-police-movement-answering-your-questions>
- Kimberly Jones Video- social contract

Videos:

- [Vox: What Defund the Police Really Means Video](#) (10:00)
- John Oliver: Policing (33:00) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wf4cea5oObY>
- Trevor Noah: What does it mean to defund/abolish the police? (22:00)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PVW2eaCyC5c>
- Trevor Noah: Police Unions <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fe509BFCxYE> (6:30)
- Trevor Noah/Wesley Lowrey: Police Violence (6:52)
 - They Can't Kill us All: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXi3dKUgRy0>

From PBL:

1. Michelle Alexander: America, This is your chance:
https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/08/opinion/george-floyd-protests-race.html?smid=fb-share&fbclid=IwAR0JOkT4v8l_AjN1uADDzKrrRB63Q3s9ArC8jyICikPTAVoP3jDU9KFO-Ks
2. : New Yorker: How do we change America?
https://www.newyorker.com/news/our-columnists/how-do-we-change-america#intcid=recommendations_the-new-yorker-bottom-recirc_f5255c8e-e00e-40e9-92b0-ba06921b999c_similar2-3
3. An America Spring of Reckoning:
https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2020/06/22/an-american-spring-of-reckoning#intcid=recommendations_the-new-yorker-bottom-recirc_f5255c8e-e00e-40e9-92b0-ba06921b999c_similar2-3

We train police to be warriors and then send them out to be social workers:

<https://www.vox.com/2020/7/31/21334190/what-police-do-defund-abolish-police-reform-training>

Resources on the campaign to defund OPD:

- [Alternatives to Police in Mental Health Response - fact sheet](#)

From Emily:

[Public Safety - imagine the world w/out police](#)

Instagram - whocanicall

Budget Info: Oakland

- Oakland City Budget & OPD Budget- 2017-2019:
<https://www.eastbayexpress.com/SevenDays/archives/2017/05/01/town-business-oaklands-proposed-26-billion-budget>

City Council

- New Oakland City Council Members who Beat the Odds:
<https://www.kqed.org/news/11715714/the-new-oakland-city-council-members-who-beat-the-incumbents-and-the-odds>
- City Council Vote: June→ not to defund- but a slash in the budget (has police viewpoint)
<https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2020/07/21/oakland-officials-debate-further-police-defunding-amid-rising-crime-stats/>

OPD

- OPD and Rape Cases- 13% lead to arrest:
<https://www.eastbayexpress.com/oakland/why-do-oakland-police-dismiss-so-many-rape-cases/Content?oid=27794553>
- Oakland Ceasefire Program:
 - <https://www.eastbayexpress.com/SevenDays/archives/2018/08/22/study-finds-significant-reduction-in-gun-homicides-in-oakland-via-ceasefire-strategy>
- Defund OPD: Resources on Budgets/Demands
 - <https://www.defundopd.org/>

Local Issues/Alternatives

- MH First- Mental Health Responders- APTP-
<https://oaklandside.org/2020/07/28/a-new-mental-health-crisis-response-team-is-organizing-in-oakland-to-create-an-alternative-to-the-police/>

History of Protests

- <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-06-09/a-history-of-protests-against-police-brutality>”

Task Force:

- <https://www.eastbaytimes.com/2020/07/28/oakland-city-council-oks-task-force-with-goal-of-defunding-police-by-50/>
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Reform:

- HOW to reform American police:
<https://www.vox.com/2020/6/1/21277013/police-reform-policies-systemic-racism-george-floyd>