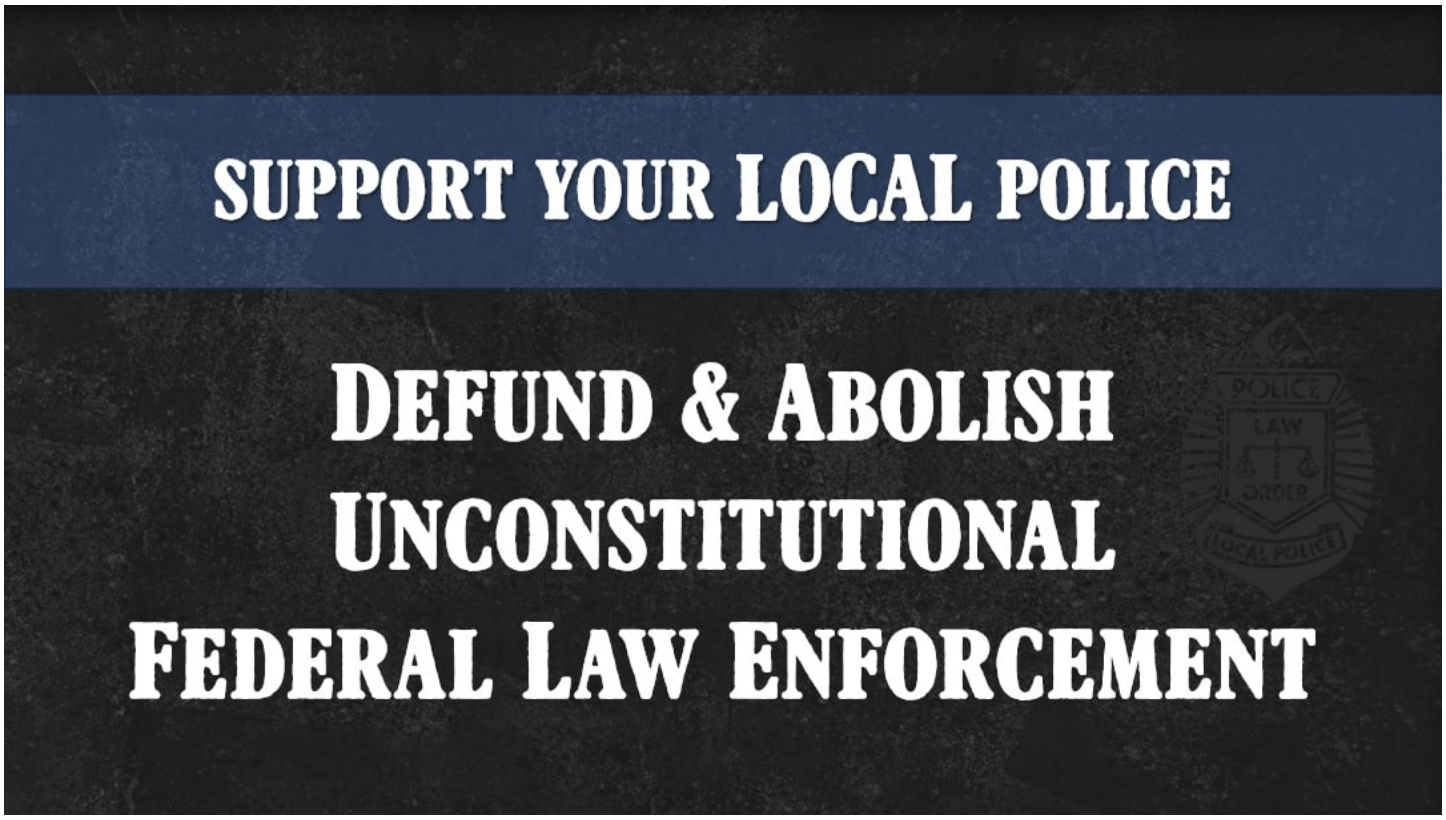


Defund & Abolish Unconstitutional Federal Law Enforcement

The federal government is increasingly meddling in and taking control over local law enforcement, threatening the autonomy of local police and leading to a federalized national police force. ***Congress must defund and abolish every federal agency that threatens the independence of local police and county sheriffs.***

One of the many ways America is exceptional is that it is the only country whose law enforcement is completely locally controlled. Every other country has at least some national control over law enforcement.

However, this important feature is under attack in the United States. Initiated and led by communists and Marxists, there is an active push to destroy locally controlled police and replace them with a nationalized police force. Unfortunately, many "conservatives" have also supported greater federal involvement and oversight in law enforcement.

Federal agencies are increasingly meddling in law-enforcement matters and usurping the role of local police and county sheriffs — even though this is unconstitutional under the 10th Amendment. The primary agencies involved in this subversive effort include:

- ***Department of Justice*:** The DOJ has a major role in the federalization of local police. For example, it runs the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program (see below), which saw its funding more than triple between fiscal years 2015 and 2023 (more information below). Additionally, the DOJ runs an "Equitable Sharing" program and has forced many cities into consent decrees, both of which severely reduce the autonomy of local police departments.
- ***Federal Bureau of Investigation*:** The FBI, an unconstitutional federal agency within the DOJ, is increasingly violating Americans' rights and engaging in unconstitutional domestic law enforcement activities.
- ***Department of Homeland Security*:** The DHS is increasingly meddling in local-law-enforcement

activities and taking control over local police departments. For example, DHS "fusion centers" (see below) are converting local police departments into subdivisions of the federal surveillance state (more details below), and it is engaging in other unconstitutional surveillance activities.

Additionally, the article "Police: National or Local?" published in the October 31, 2022 issue of *The New American*, expounds on these examples and lists several other examples of federal meddling in local law enforcement. They include:

• ***COPS*: The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)** in the Department of Justice was established by Clinton Attorney General Janet Reno, with plans to implement a six-year, $8.8 billion grant program that would enable state and local law-enforcement agencies to hire or redeploy 100,000 additional police officers. Since 1994, *COPS* has invested more than $14 billion to help advance federally directed "community policing."

• ***Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP)*:** Under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the BZPP is flooding local jurisdictions with Big Brother surveillance technology such as night-vision cameras, facial-recognition technology, license-plate readers, traffic light camera video feeds, etc.

• ***FLETC*: Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC)**, according to the FLETC website, "provide tuition-free and low cost training to state, local, campus, tribal and territorial law enforcement agencies. Programs are conducted across the United States and are normally hosted by a local law enforcement agency. Training is also conducted at FLETC facilities located in Glynco (Brunswick), GA; Artesia, NM; Charleston, SC; and Cheltenham, MD."

• ***Fusion centers*:** According to DHS, "Fusion centers conduct analysis and facilitate information sharing, assisting law enforcement and homeland security partners in preventing, protecting against, and responding to crime and terrorism." By the end of 2012, the DHS had marked 1,849 locations scattered throughout the 50 states that would serve as regional surveillance collection centers. The DHS has spent many millions of dollars establishing these federal-local "collaborative" efforts. They have not exhibited a single terrorist caught during the program, though thwarting terrorism served as justification for the program.

• ***1033 Program*:** Section 1033 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 1997 gave the secretary of defense permanent authority to militarize local law enforcement by transferring war-fighting equipment — tanks, Humvees, MRAPs, Bearcats, Stingrays (for cellphone monitoring), full-auto rifles, grenade launchers, and more — to police, ostensibly to fight the "war on drugs" and "war on terrorism." This juicy carrot comes with the stick of federal training and monitoring. The same "progressives" who supported this militarization of the police now denounce this militarization of the police.

Finally, basically every federal agency has its own law-enforcement branch, giving them the ability to enforce their unconstitutional edicts. Examples of such agencies include (but certainly aren't limited to) the ATF, IRS, TSA, EPA, FDA, USPS, Education Department, and the Treasury Department.

Congress must defund and abolish the DOJ's COPS program, as well as the FBI, DHS, and all other unconstitutional federal law enforcement. **Under the U.S. Constitution, the federal government has no role in domestic law enforcement; such activities are reserved to the states and, by extension, localities.** *This is for good reason —* ***local police and county sheriffs are key to protecting citizens against tyranny, but in countries with federalized police, nothing is stopping the central government from violating people's God-given rights.***

National police are the hallmark of dictatorships and oppression around the world. The autonomy of our local police is paramount to the survival of our Republic. ***Accordingly, contact your U.S.***

representative and senators, and urge them to defend the U.S. Constitution — and support independent local police — by defunding and abolishing federal law-enforcement agencies and programs.