

## **The Real Purpose Behind the Defund the Police Movement**

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### **Abstract**

The concept of public police departments can be traced back to the city of Boston in 1838. Currently there are about 18,000 state and police agencies in the United States. The very nature of the police mission is cause for controversy between the citizens they protect and the agencies themselves. Use of force is often necessary in making an arrest and proper force is often needed for the protection of both the police and the suspect. This becomes even more controversial when the force used leads to the death of the suspect.

These fatal shootings are always made public, though often the true facts behind the shootings are sensationalized and very inaccurate by media accounts. The forces behind the Defund the Police movement have used these incidents to demand that police departments be “defunded”, in effect, making them obsolete and unnecessary. This paper will look at the real purpose and agenda behind the “Defund the Police” movement.

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