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In today's challenging political landscape, the prospect of police reform has been one of the main topics for the mainstream media. However, the reality is that often than note, the potential need for police reform has been widely used as a weapon to discredit the force. Moreover, using those potential reforms has created wide anti-police propaganda. Yet, the reality is that you can still support the police and the prospect of reform at the same time. Therefore, in this article, we will provide a better insight into why the police force is still the backbone of America.

#### **Blue Lives on the Line**

The main factor that many anti-police voices forget is the fact that the police officers put their lives on the line daily. Moreover, the increased violence and internal divide resulted in an increased burden on the police. That can be observed through a simple statistical comparison. For instance, violence against the police in the last decade is dramatically lower compared to the 1970s. However, every coin has two sides. Simply said, more police officers have been shot so far this year compared to last year. Therefore, it is safe to say that the blue lives are on the line and that is one of the key factors why there should be more broad support and respect for the force.

#### **Keeping it Together**

The harsh reality is that American society is divided like never before. Those internal divisions often spilt into violence on the streets. Moreover, this civil unrest could have opened the Pandora box and spark even more violence. The police are the force that (besides all the challenges) managed to keep the country together. In the same time, it is the police officers that were working hard on the streets to maintain law and order and to prevent chaos.

The policy serves as a neutral force in those situations where there are disputes and even armed confrontations. It keeps citizens that are not involved in those clashes safe and protected. Now, to put the narrative that every cop should be defunded because of a few bad ones is simply a biased anti-police sentiment. That is the same as in any workplace, if you have a few bad workers, you simply do not punish all the other good employees. Things simply do not work like that.

### A Society without Police – Recipe for Anarchy

A world without police can cause some dire consequences. For instance, the case of Portland and the so-called CHAZ is the prime example of how things can get out of control. What started with just protests, quickly escalated into violence, riots and property looting. The domino effect of that property damage can cause real unrest in the broad community. After all, no serious investors would want to run their business nor rational thinking people will want to live in an area that lacks law, order and safety. So by backing the police force, you are backing your wellbeing and the wellbeing of the entire community. After all, the prospect of peace and prosperity does not align with anarchy. And police is one of the main pillars for peace, prosperity and harmony. Therefore, a society without police is a biased, imature and unrealistic imagination.

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# **Final Thoughts**

On a final note, we can conclude that the police represents the key element that keeps the law, order, and maintains peace in our society. Sure, there are some issues that need to be addressed, particularly in our large cities. But asking the police to do better requires the main prerequisite to be fulfilled. And that is more universal respect for the police and backing for the men and women in blue.