

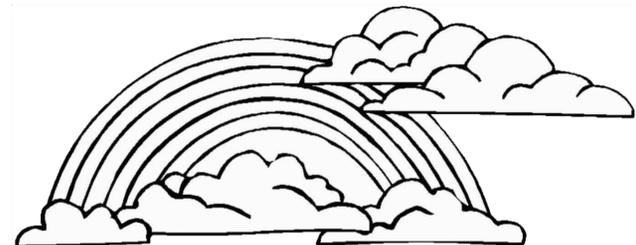
Juneteenth was founded on June 19th, 1865 when the last of the enslaved people in Texas were freed. Now, it is a celebration of blackness, and a remembrance of what our ancestors endured. On this 2020 Juneteenth, the "Say Grace" initiative invites you to dream with us. As a people, we have hit many milestones on the road to freedom. We urge you to join us in asking, "What will it take for us to become *truly* free?"

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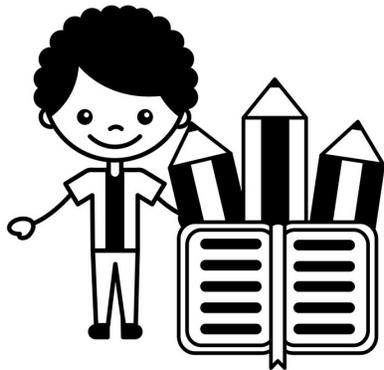
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WHAT
WOULD IT
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A Guide to Reimagining
Our Communities With More
Resources



WAIT, WHY WOULD WE WANT TO DEFUND THE POLICE?

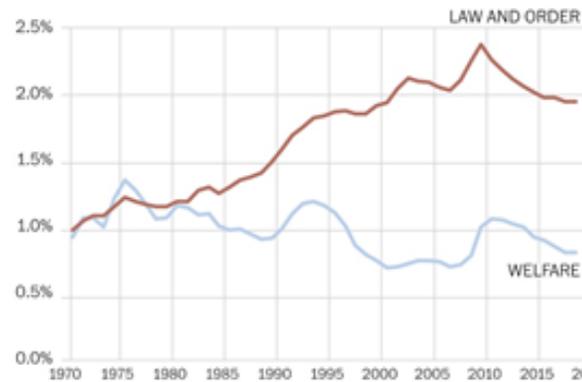


Defunding the police is a call to reduce excessive police funding, and redirect funds to public safety and community support such as social and youth services, housing, education, and other community resources that are often underfunded.

It's a process of shifting finances and priorities away from surveillance and policing in black and brown communities to healing, empowerment, and investment.

HOW MUCH MONEY IS SPENT ON COPS?

SPENDING ON POLICE VS CASH WELFARE



NATIONWIDE

The United States spends more than twice as much on police, prisons, and the court system as it does on cash welfare programs (Food stamps and Supplemental Social Security payments).

The US spends \$100 billion a year on policing, \$80 billion on incarceration, and \$732 billion on the military.

Many major cities spend as much as **40 percent** of their budgets on policing, limiting the resources available to community support programs.

CHICAGO

While education has been defunded, the CPD's budget has grown every year since 2012. **We now spend \$5 million on policing every day.** Not only do we have the second-largest police department in the country, but Chicago just this year gave up 1.8 billion of its budget to the police.

Imagine if we spent \$5 million a day on our youth. Imagine if we spent \$5 million a day on our elders. Imagine if we spent \$5 million a day on our schools, training counselors, providing vocational training, cleaning our parks, and feeding the community.

The fact is, our communities suffer because we do not have what we need. However, what we need is not out of reach. **Defunding the police is not about the police, it is about the people.**

