

QUALIFIED IMMUNITY

“QUALIFIED IMMUNITY FUNCTIONS AS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CAN RAISE, BARRING DAMAGES EVEN IF THEY COMMITTED UNLAWFUL ACTS.”

Here is an example: In February, the 5th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals held that a Texas prison guard who pepper sprayed an inmate in his locked cell “for no reason” did not violate clearly established law because similar cited cases involved guards who had hit and tased inmates for no reason, rather than pepper spraying them for no reason.

COURTS HAVE GRANTED QUALIFIED IMMUNITY TO:

- ▶ Officers who **stole \$225,000.**
- ▶ A cop who **shot a 10-year-old** while trying to shoot a nonthreatening family dog.
- ▶ Prison officials who **locked an inmate in a sewage-flooded cell for days.**
- ▶ County officials who held a **14-year-old in pretrial solitary confinement for over a month.**
- ▶ A cop who **body-slammed a 5-foot-tall woman** for walking away from him.
- ▶ Police who **picked up a mentally infirmed man**, drove him to the county line and dropped him off at dusk along the highway, where he was later struck and **killed by a motorist.**

DEMAND THAT QUALIFIED IMMUNITY ENDS NOW!

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