

“Proportionality Clause.”

Proportionality is a foundational principle of justice. In practice across the United States, minor or nonviolent offenses are at times met with excessive force, degrading treatment, and systemic overreach. These responses diminish the integrity of lawful authority and erode the dignity owed to every individual.

Dehumanization exists along a continuum. Individuals who encounter institutional mistreatment often experience continued targeting beyond initial contact. This targeting extends into court systems, communities, reputations, and social environments. The resulting pattern compounds harm and reinforces cycles of marginalization and psychological injury.

The Union of Saints regards reputational harm as a serious and enduring injury. It carries consequences for personal safety, livelihood, and standing within the community. The Union affirms a doctrine centered on human dignity, proportional response, and accountability. All forms of dehumanization are rejected, whether they arise within institutions or are perpetuated within society.

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