

Why should the police department continue receiving funds? The topic of defunding police has been a highly debated issue. In this ongoing debate, it is apparent that the proponents' argument is much stronger than opponents' argument because they prove that police defunding will provide housing for communities; it also reduces low-level crimes and improves ~~a better the~~ quality of life.

Firstly, the proponents' argument is stronger than the opponents' argument because they prove that defunding the police will provide housing for communities. For example, the proponents claim that "Greg Casar, Austin, Texas, City Council Member, stated, "We should be treating homelessness not with policing but with housing." (3) This proves that cutting the police budget will divert fundings to programs such as homelessness to ~~improve better the~~ people's lives.

Secondly, the proponents have a stronger argument in favor of cutting the police budget than their opponents because it reduces low-level crimes. For instance, the proponents state that "New York City police pulled back on "broken windows" policing that focused on actively patrolling for low-level crimes, about 2,100 fewer major crimes were reported, which represents a 3-6% drop in a matter of weeks." (1) This suggests that fewer low-level crimes were reported when police stopped responding to minor crimes instead of major crimes.

On the contrary, the opponents are against changing police reforms. They claim that ~~according to EJI states~~ "these reforms can help to "change the culture of policing to build trust, legitimacy, and accountability." (3). Also, they argue that the level of police misconduct is overrated. However, the proponents have a stronger argument than the opponents because they ~~argue that according to state that~~ "Mariame Kaba, a "prison industrial complex abolitionist," ~~states, "Enough. She stated,~~ "We can't reform the police. The only way to diminish police violence is to reduce contact between the public and police." (2) This suggests that police efforts have not succeeded in curbing police violence in the ways ~~that the~~ policies ~~were~~ intended.

In summary, the proponents' argument to end funding for police is better supported than the opponent's argument. The proponents prove that cutting the police budget will benefit communities. It also reduces minor crimes and ~~helps to improve~~ other social programs. By shrinking police funds, we can invest in health programs, while keeping the city safer.

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