



HOSTILE OCCUPATION
POLICE TACTICS AND TRAINING

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Marshall law. The endpoint of many if not most right-wing conspiracy theories. In these theories, it is always enacted following some false flag operation or mass covert round-up of "patriots". The truth is much less sexy, we've been under Marshall law for decades. This becomes truer the more marginalized you are as well. It wasn't done with some big covert mission or some false flag but instead deliberately and slowly by militarizing the hardware and, most importantly, the tactics of US police forces all over the country. In this piece we will examine who is training US police, the mindset they are being taught, and just how insidious that mindset is. The bottom line is regardless of body cams or equipment the police see themselves as a standing army waging a war against a hostile populace. Here we will why that is the single most dangerous thing about the US Police.

To begin let's look at the way police refer to and present themselves. While Mayor of New York City, Michael Bloomberg said "I have my own army in the NYPD, which is the seventh-largest army in the world." When looking at the internal culture and structure of modern police it becomes obvious that this is very literal. From the rank names (sergeant, corporal, lieutenant, captain), to the fact that many high-ranking officers refer to lower officers as "troops", and the militarized uniforms it is obvious that the distinction between the police as theoretically civilian civil servants and a standing army does not exist within the police themselves. They refer to themselves by military titles, use military terminology, and dress distinctly as military in the modern age. Evidence to support the

army." People treat indirect militarization as if it is something that is a continuing process when it has already happened. Every police officer in the US, many trained by Israeli commandos and ex-Army Rangers are militarized at a conscious and subconscious level. There is no reforming that. Every cop currently serving has been conditioned as a soldier and we will continue to live and die as an occupied people as long as they are on our streets.

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Rise of the Warrior Cop by Radley Balko

above is near-constantly heard in police training seminars around the country and have been for decades. These seminars are hosted by current or ex-military officers and have the tone of Robert Duvall's character in *Apocalypse Now*. It's easy to hear these things and get a very disturbing picture of how police see themselves. One of the most popular police trainers in the US is a man named Dave Grossman, a former army Ranger teaches police officers something he calls "Killology" and uses it to "teach officers to kill with less hesitation" according to an article in *Insider*. For proof of how dangerous this looks no further than the murder of Philando Castille by officer Jeronimo Yanez, one of many US police who have taken Grossman's class in the over two decades he has been teaching it. The more you investigate US police training the more you see it is focused on seeing everyone as a threat and killing any threat for= your protection. It is no wonder that more than 1000 citizens are killed every year by cops when "killology" and "kicking ass and having fun" are the standards.

When discussing what to do about police militarization in the US there is a lot of talk of equipment and appearance and the like. What's less discussed is that the culture and individual mentalities of police officers are intentionally built from the ground up to Mimic armies. An army that is in our streets every single day, in fact almost 3 times a day, killing citizens. In *Rise of the Warrior Cop*, Radley Balko says "THERE ARE TWO FORMS OF POLICE MILITARIZATION: DIRECT and indirect. Direct militarization is the use of the standing military for domestic policing. Indirect militarization happens when police agencies and police officers take on more and more characteristics of an

argument is further compounded by many US police who are veterans, found in a study by the City of New York University students to be 19 percent compared to 6 percent of the civilian population being veterans. This occupation mentality is further proven by the conditions they are trained in from the academy.

"When I entered the Washington, D.C., police academy in 2016 as a recruiting officer in the district's volunteer police reserve corps, I quickly discovered that I was joining a paramilitary organization." - states Rosa Brooks in the fantastic article "Stop Training Police Like they are joining the Military" featured in *The Atlantic*. There has been much made of the equipment that police have but, in many experts' opinions, it is not nearly as dangerous as the training they receive. If the police didn't have tanks and guns then they would be killing civilians with their bare hands and training is the reason why they have= this mentality regardless of having it before joining the police, though many do. "When police recruits are belittled by their instructors and ordered to refrain from responses other than "Yes, Sir!" they may learn stoicism—but they may also learn that mocking and bellowing orders at those with less power are acceptable actions. When recruits are ordered to do push-ups to the point of exhaustion because their boots weren't properly polished, they may learn the value of attention to detail but they may also conclude that the infliction of pain is an appropriate response to even the most trivial infractions." -Brooks states later in the article. The point of military training is to break a person down then rebuild them as a killing machine that will follow orders without questioning the morality of those orders. Why is that training being given to

police officers? Many argue that it is because of the danger of the job but statistically this does not pan out because, as stated in the article "Being a Police Officer is not even in the top 10 most dangerous jobs" from Medium, being a cop is statistically nowhere near as dangerous as being a logger, fisherman, or pilot. Here is another quote of importance from the aforementioned Medium article, "After being repeatedly warned that their lives are always in danger, they're trained that to protect themselves from this immanent, ever-present threat they must

- (1) shoot first if they feel threatened.
- (2) shoot to kill, and
- (3) don't stop shooting until the "target" is on the ground and not moving."

The training is given to police is not the training of a group here for our protection but instead, a group here to subjugate us and protect themselves at all costs and that is why for every police officer killed in 2019 there were 21 civilians killed by police officers. The occupation is here and has been for decades.

The last point we will address is **who is training US police**. The answer put simply is the Military and not only our military but also Israel's. As stated in a Department of Justice report on widespread corruption in Baltimore PD and written about in an article by Amnesty International USA, "Baltimore law enforcement officials, along with hundreds of others from Florida, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, California,

Arizona, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Georgia, Washington state as well as the DC Capitol police have all traveled to Israel for training. Thousands of others have received training from Israeli officials here in the U.S." The implications of this are terrifying as the main the function of Israel's military is to maintain and occupy the open-air prison that is Palestine. One specific tactic that was developed in Israel and is now used by US police with brutal results is Kettling. "The chaos looked to be an example of "kettling," a crowd-control tactic used by police that corrals demonstrators into a confined space, so they can't leave. Once blocked from getting out, police can make arrests or slowly disperse the demonstrators. The situations can become volatile if cops use force, leaving people without a way to escape" said a Vox report in reference to events at a protest in New York in 2020. Kettling was developed by the Israeli military and taught to police and is now a common if not ubiquitous sight at protests in the US. As stated in the same Vox article, "After the Bronx incident, dozens of people were detained, with reporters, protesters, and eyewitnesses saying the march did not become chaotic until cops charged in". Kettling and other tactics taught by the Israeli military, notorious for their extreme and usually fatal reactions to peaceful protest and disproportionate displays of force, lead to nothing but an increase in violence at protests.

"Why serve an arrest warrant to some crack dealer with a .38? With full armor, the right shit, and training, you can kick ass and have fun."US MILITARY OFFICER WHO CONDUCTED TRAINING SEMINARS FOR CIVILIAN SWAT TEAMS IN THE 1990S. (Rise of the Warrior Cop by Radley Balko). Quotes like the one