Based on what I have seen, read and experienced myself in the past 10 years or so I have the following to say:

The main issues I see with the police are: corruption, some brutality (towards any race and not just black), lack of accountability and unfortunately laziness that comes from the lack of accountability. All under the patronage of the police union whose presidents quite often have a criminal past themselves. That being the case how we can expect decency from the cops! The police steal, take bribes, deal drugs, extort money, participate in human trafficking, plant drugs, commit perjury and so on. There are many examples of such actions (but I do not want to make this post too long) even though we know only of very few of these as they are kept under wraps.

Even when they get caught (very rarely) they get away with it as they are above the law. James Forcillo, for example, would have gotten away (he claimed he had no choice as his life was threatened) if it was not for a good video incriminating him. Nevertheless the cops still lied for him when testifying in court. They were caught lying yet nothing happened to them! If I commit perjury I go to jail yet cops are untouchable. Why nobody is protesting this is beyond me. I think that people just assume that cops are crooked. Have you noticed how every time some injury or death happens to a person at the hands of a cop, it is always the cop claiming that he acted in his self-defense and was fearing for his/her life and cases get dismissed. I could write pages of what I know. Just in June there was a cop caught involved in the tow truck wars and another charged in underage human trafficking. That is disgusting! They are supposed to serve and protect us!

On a more personal level I contacted cops twice in the past year to report crime. One crime happened to me, the other in public (ongoing drug dealing in neighborhood). In both cases the cops basically laughed at me. No interest whatsoever. They were not even interested in taking a report. One cop actually lied to me even though he knew that I knew that he was lying! When I called him out on it. He said: “Let’s agree to disagree”! He was a bully. They can afford to be lazy because they are protected by the mafia boss – union. They are accountable to no one and the SIU or OIPRD are a joke.

Therefore all this defund the police is missing the point completely. It will do nothing regarding the behavior above and the police will always find ways to fund themselves anyway or they will just become more lazy.

POLICE NEEDS A REFORM, A MAKEOVER, A CHANGE IN CULTURE

And we know the Police Union will use every trick in the book to fight this and intimidate politicians.

Thank you for reading my comments. If you need more information please email me.

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