

Since the rising rhetoric about defunding police, I have noticed increased lawlessness especially on the road. As police have been less visible on the streets, I have seen an extraordinary increase in speeding and other violations ie driving through red lights and aggressive driving(using break down lane to pass vehicles).

I am concerned that the loss of police presence will lead to more disobedience of our respectable civil laws. Logically, with more laws broken, I am concerned about innocent people being injured or killed.

In my opinion, I recommend we increase police presence and funding(I do support effective police reform to avoid these recent tragedies-but at same time, we need to teach the public to trust our police and obey them. When a police officer pulls you over, you cooperate and show proper respect as you may have broken a law). You cannot trust human nature to be good without teaching them about the importance of civil laws and the fear of punishment if you break the laws. We cannot move towards anarchy. We must have the strength to do what is right and good for all people. We need more order and not less.

As a society, we need to return to virtuous and civil living. We need to end racism and all evils as best we can. We need to keep our focus on faith, hope and love. We need to value prudence, temperance, fortitude and justice. These timeless virtues as well as others have brought us out of the dark ages into a better world. We need to embrace and teach them again. We need to return to these virtues in guiding reform. We need to move forward and not backwards. We need to respect our civil laws and continue to enforce them fairly. We need to increase our police force until mankind learns to live in peace and harmony. Respect(valuing all life), responsibility, and discipline should be nurtured and not minimized or feared.

Respectfully,

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