



The Police and  
Sheriff's Department  
**#THICKREDLINE**  
Project

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HANDBOOK**

How to RedLine  
Your Department  
By the #THICKREDLINE Project



# THICK RED LINE

## Project



Dear Sheriff, Chief, Officer, or Deputy:

First, thank you for taking the time to review this information.

The Thick Red Line Project is a non-partisan grassroots movement which gives peace officers the platform and tools needed to reframe relationships with the politicians and administrators who stand between them and the people they directly serve.

### **Power corrupts.**

Due to the power of their offices, politicians and administrators are susceptible targets for the perpetration of fraud and deception. Whether conducted in public under the guise of "public welfare," or in the dark corners of government collusion with "special" interests, the actions of those in power often do not have the people's or the peace officers' interests in mind, or at heart.

### **Good people control the streets, not government!**

Officers - not politicians - do the real work of maintaining the peace, to "serve and protect" the public. Thick Red Line is here to help remove the corruption of political and administrative processes disguised as "law enforcement," so that you and your colleagues can "serve and protect" in the ways that matter.

### **Thick Red Line initiatives are not complicated; they are based in the simple truths of a free society.**

The Thick Red Line project arose from conversations with friends in law enforcement, and officers I met while being arrested for the victimless crime of protesting anti-freedom edicts. I know from experience that many officers feel trapped and *coerced* by politicians into enforcing "laws" that violate basic morality and human rights: "Laws" that serve little to no purpose in making communities safer or lives better. "Laws" that by all measure are anathema to freedom and liberty, and as such, unlawful under the Bill of Rights and Natural Law.

We created Thick Red Line to support officers with the information they need to understand the immorality and questionable legality of victimless crimes, red flag laws, taxation through citation/asset forfeiture, and medical martial law edicts.

We are organizing local communities, boards of supervisors, and elected officials to both encourage and support sheriffs, deputies, police chiefs, and officers in blanket refusals to enforce victimless crimes.

We are reaching out to innovative peace officers, elected officials, community leaders, and all individuals who understand how much this initiative would benefit both the police and the communities they serve.

We want to get this information into the hands of officers and communities around the world, especially where threats exist to defund police en masse without consideration to the harm this would bring to the public.

We believe that even enraged, anti-police groups will accept a Thick Red Line truce, as long as the police side with people over politicians, and agree to quit imposing social engineering and profiteering in the name of the law. This is the better way... This is where the line should be drawn: with peace, personal responsibility, and individual liberty. It is the only way to ensure equal rights and freedom for all!

**Howard Lichtman, Founder, Thick Red Line**



# Executive Summary

In light of the heightened friction between police and the public in 2020, the Thick Red Line project is a timely effort to restore respect for law enforcement, mend police-public relations, and keep the police and the public safe by abolishing victimless crimes. We believe we have a solution that safeguards both the police and the public, and dramatically reduces the amount of violence in society, costs to the taxpayer, and the prison population, while also freeing up the police to focus their efforts on stopping real crime.

## **Victimless crimes are not really crimes... and make the cops the criminals.**

A real crime, by definition, has a perpetrator and a victim. Murder, assault, rape, theft, and extortion are all obvious crimes because there is a victim. However, the “government” frequently institutes illogical, immoral, and counter-productive “laws” that penalize peaceful, non-violent people for “crimes” that have no victim. Drug possession, gambling, driving without a seat belt, or ignoring COVID-19 lock down and social distancing orders are examples of victimless crimes. In these cases, politicians attempt to use the police – immorally and even preemptively – to raise revenue from or enforce tyrannical orders upon overwhelmingly peaceful people through the use of force. When the police use force and coercion against peaceful people for victimless “crimes,” it makes the cops the criminals – individuals engaged in kidnapping and extortion, under the color of law, thus enraging local populations.

## **The solution: The Thick Red Line Pledge**

To restore trust and faith in the police, we are suggesting that individual sheriffs, chiefs, deputies, police officers, and elected officials organize their colleagues into a department- or union-wide refusal to enforce any law or regulation that doesn’t have a real victim. This would dramatically reduce the use of police force against the public, reduce the influence of organized crime (including drug, gambling, and prostitution markets), and dramatically reduce the number of people incarcerated for victimless crimes and forced to work as slave labor in for-profit prisons.

## **The Thick Red Line Pledge**

The officers of this department recognize natural law and understand that it is morally and logically impossible for the government or our badge to confer rights upon us that the population does not have and cannot delegate. We pledge to only act to protect lives, liberty, and property. We renounce the use of violence on peaceful people, and refuse to enforce:

- Victimless crimes, including prohibitions on sales of substances or services between consenting adults, gambling, mandated masks, possession of firearms, accident-less “speeding,” or other victimless traffic infractions
- Mandated medical interventions, including forced vaccination, mandated social distancing, or closure of businesses based on alleged public health issues
- Seizure of money or property through asset forfeiture
- Mandated tax stickers, emissions testing, insurance regulations, and other government revenue collection schemes in which the government doesn’t have a willing counter-party

## **How to Thick Red Line your police department.**

- **Sheriffs:** Issue a blanket declaration that your department will no longer prosecute victimless crimes.
- **Police chiefs:** Organize your command staff and officers to stand united against the demands of elected officials and city managers if they press you to police victimless crimes.
- **Command staff, deputies, and police officers:** Work with your sheriff or chief and ask them to do their part, if possible. If they are unwilling, organize with your colleagues and issue a blanket refusal of your own.
- **Elected officials:** Issue a proclamation instructing your local department to stop policing victimless crimes.
- **Others:** Contact Thick Red Line for help with building community support.



# The Basics

## Real crimes have victims. No victim; no crime.

- The Golden Rule: Treat others as you wish to be treated.
- Be responsible for one's own behaviors.
- Peace officers shouldn't use violence or extortion to enforce "laws" that violate anyone's person or property, unless a real crime – with a *real victim* – has been committed.
- The logical, moral, time-honored place to draw the Thick Red Line is: **no victim; no crime.**
- A government has no rights. Only an individual has rights.
- An individual cannot violate a non-person's rights.
- Government is an accuser that cannot be faced in any fair courtroom when the judge, prosecutor, and witness (i.e., the police) all work for the same organization.
- Democracy can never overrule the fundamental rights of the individual (e.g.,
- Natural Law or the Bill of Rights).
- No executive or administrative "order" may ever violate the unalienable rights of the people.

Officers delegated power by the people – not the politicians or "government" – cannot in good moral conscience allow themselves to be a tool of evil. To do so is a fundamental violation of all human dignity. It dishonors all those who came before us who have fought this form of tyranny throughout history.

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which is but an  
idea/concept that no  
one can touch, has  
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that no one can face.**

## The Government Cannot be a Victim

There are many who make the case that "government" was never intended to protect life, liberty, and property as claimed, but has always instead been used to rob and control populations. It is universally acknowledged among free people that a government's legitimate purpose is to protect life, liberty, and property. It is crucial that we immediately return to that minimum responsibility of the state.

"Government" is an intangible. "Government" exists only as an idea, a concept seeded in the mind of the people – often through *mandatory* "government" schools. It is an accuser that no one can face that acts out its own authority, in courts of its own making. Therefore, government cannot logically or ethically be a "victim". Furthermore, politicians and administrators cannot morally order the immoral use of police force against citizens in cases of victimless crimes. They may not, by any good measure of humanity, use government force to raise revenue through extortion of the people for victimless crimes.

## Crimes can only truly be committed upon persons.

These guiding principles are the foundation of all successful societies throughout history. They are the principles referenced as the foundation of the Bill of Rights. Everyone's rights are inherent and unalienable. Rights that came to them with life. These natural rights existed in successful societies long before politicians and "governments" came to be. The fundamental natural rights are inseparable from our beings. You, your friends, neighbors, relatives, and all people share them equally, none above the other.

All cultures that have succeeded from antiquity have done so by honoring these truths. As these truths are lost and ignored, so too have the offending societies declined and failed. This trend is without exception and should be a very sobering thought to us today as "governments" seek to curtail the very essence of what humankind has held dear for centuries.



## The importance of free speech and free assembly

Indeed, no good can come from taking away the essential liberties of free speech and assembly, no matter the risks we share.

To paraphrase Benjamin Franklin; those who would trade essential liberty for security will find in the end that they have neither.

No Natural Right can be taken from another without a victim to stand as accuser in the exercise of due process among the people.

No “government” can stand in as a “victim” in this process.

You, as an honorable peace officer, stand at the intersection of the powerful who would victimize the weak *on many levels*. From the simple thug in the street to the *devious and tyrannical in high office* who would use you to tread upon the people. A just people have empowered you to defend those who cannot fully defend themselves.

Today, that power still flows through the dangerous tool of “government” administration. Of which, we must be ever watchful and suspicious at its every reach into the private life of the individual. The individual is the smallest minority: the minority of one. As such, the individual is the most at risk.

The most easily violated by government. The least likely to find redress. *When the individual is protected in all rights, the whole of society is so protected.* For perfect freedom for all, protecting the rights of the individual must always be our collective aim.

The relationship of those who empower you to protect them (the people), and those who direct your day to day work and priorities (the politicians and administrators) is a relationship subject to constant political influence, manipulation, and even outright corruption.

The insertion of political whims by policy and lawmakers that are counter to fundamental rights are a constant risk. These immoral and illegal orders seem designed to come between you and the people you serve, all done in the name of “democracy,” which is mob rule dressed up for dinner. Government orders that negate fundamental rights are unlawful and should be treated as such. Those orders are a risk to both your safety and individual freedom and the safety of all. This is not acceptable. At the scene of any real crime there are only people. Government should not be a participant on any side.

Politicians’ and bureaucrats’ encroachment on these simple truths should be treated no differently than if they took out a loaded gun and directed its aim at both the police and the people. Action should be decisive and clear. Non-compliance and active resistance!

The defense of liberty among one’s neighbors is the ultimate example of self-defense

## THE THICK RED LINE

Is the blood that flows through the veins of us all

Government is the razor-sharp object we must guard against that would cut our ties and spill our blood.

It is well known that eternal vigilance in maintaining the free relationship among individuals is the price of liberty for us all.

# WHAT IS THE THICK RED LINE AND WHERE WILL YOU DRAW YOURS?

As politicians push peace officers into enforcing more and more tyrannical policies, from shutting down businesses and enforcing house arrest under medical martial law, to red flag laws and more, every honest, moral officer will need to draw a Thick Red Line in the sand over which they will not cross.

For many officers, their “red line” prevents them from confiscating firearms or enforcing mandatory vaccines. This is an important policy for you to consider, yourself, but will it take these extremes for you to reject tyranny long in the making?

Make no mistake, the Thick Red Line is as important in refusing to enforce seatbelt laws as it is to the coming calls for mandatory vaccinations, or the now openly discussed cancellation of the Second Amendment, as they stem from the very same ideology, and now, “legal” precedent.

The ideology at hand is that government rules you; you do not rule it. The precedent in our law is that peace officers have allowed themselves and their neighbors (the people) to live in this tyranny by failing to stand on the Thick Red Line in their defense. This is not how we “serve and protect” the public in need.

**It was a short path from seatbelts to lockdowns. What will we let the future look like?**

When those in “government” codify laws like the seatbelt laws without resistance, they are emboldened to plan and control more of our actions. Current executive actions to instate medical martial law can quickly lead to policies which will strip away rights to freedom of speech and assembly.

I hear you now saying, “This can never happen.” If you truly look, it already has. Once the principle of individual sovereignty and liberty is pierced, the dam that holds back the tyranny of Franklin’s warning is only about time and pressure. In the words of Steven King’s

*Shawshank Redemption* character, Red: “*Geology is the study of pressure and time. That’s all it takes, really... pressure... and time... and that big goddamn poster.*”

Pressure and time are the tools of the tyranny we face in “our” government and its masters today. While the corporate media serves as “*That big goddamn poster*” hiding their work and steering our focus away from their crimes and misdeeds.

The pressure and time of tyrannical waters rushing against the walls of the puncture. Every drop distilled from corrupt ideologies. Eroding the dam of the Bill of Rights and the eternal fundamentals of Natural Law from which those first 10 amendments were fashioned to protect the People.

**- Without a cure to that puncture, our dam against tyranny is destined to fail in a flood of despotism. -**

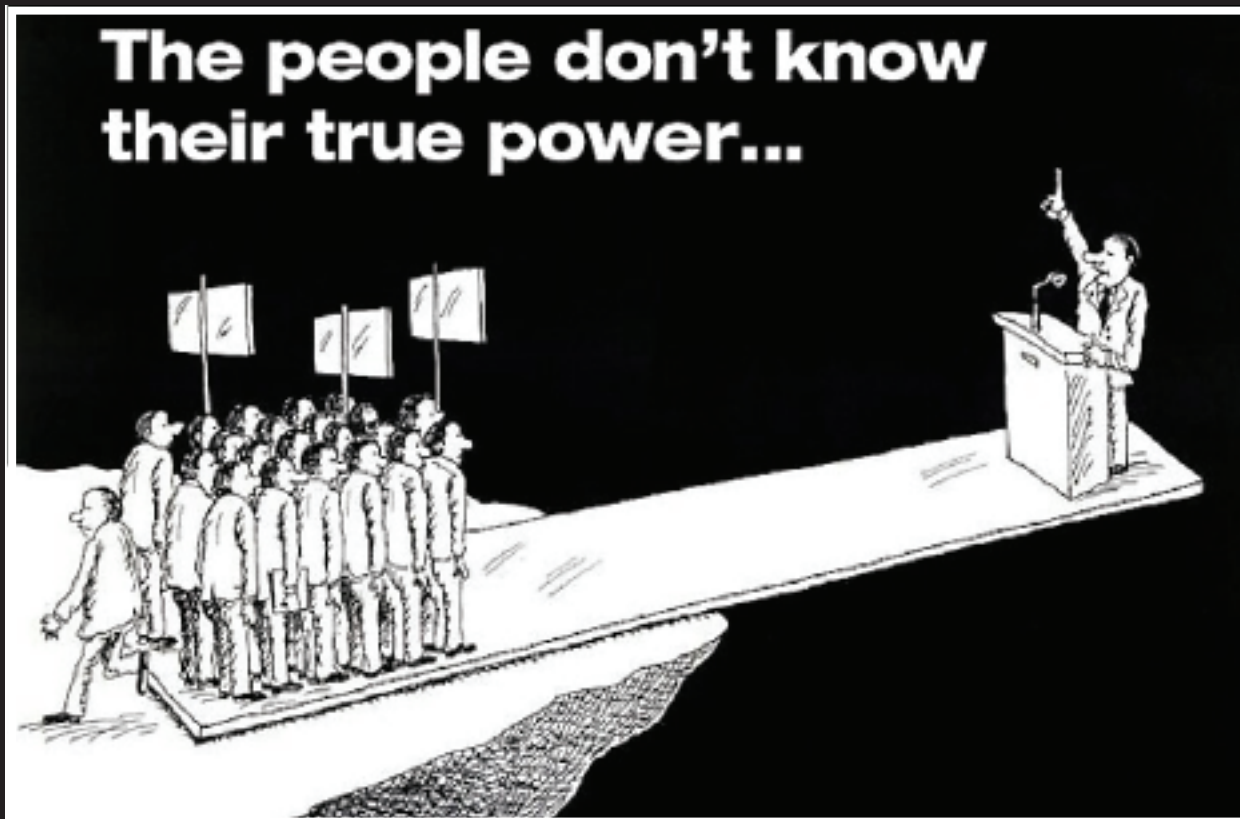
We are the ones who must patch the dam. Or, risk losing again in our society the great work, hopes, and sacrifices of past generations. Generations back to antiquity who have helped carve out this space for freedom.

**- Responsibility for our actions will come to us. You can be assured of that. What is it going to be? -**

Without first applying a lasting repair to our dam on tyranny, and committing to a thick red line of vigilance to that its integrity, personal responsibility alone cannot lead us back to liberty and mutual respect in this society.

We must claw back from “government” ALL the Rights it now claims to usurp to lord over us. This is not a question or a “democratic” process. It is within our hearts and minds to do this now as individuals today, at this moment... We only need reclaim it. AND, it is ours immediately.





- Righteous Ideas All Share One Thing in Common. Respecting the Natural Rights of the Individual. -

Today we are in a war of ideas. Choosing sides is easy. No sophisticated "government" language can hide the fundamental core trait of any proposed law. Even the youngest children on a playground understand this concept instinctively.

- A law either infringes on the non-aggressive person's actions or, it does not.
- It either coerces an individual to act against his will or, it does not.
- It has a person as a victim or, it does not.

- All "legal" contrivances contrary to these rules are but, elaborate deceptions and morally bankrupt. -

We must hold up the standard our forbearers provided in the principles of individual freedom as the key to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. All free from coercion of any kind.

We are helping officers understand the *exact, specific, logical, moral place* that the THICK RED LINE should be drawn:

**No Victim, No Crime!**

**"Government" can have Zero (0) Rights as a Non-Person!**

## These are not just words that should be carved above the door of every courthouse

They are words we can live by with your brave participation!

Justice and Freedom for the ONE is the essence of Freedom and Justice for All, ourselves and our loved ones included.

Embracing the Thick Red Line shows you care about dramatically reducing the amount of violence in society. Improving the individual, and community relationships of us all.

Politicians would have us believe it is moral to use violence, and the threat of violence and state sponsored theft, to achieve compliance. If you have read this far, you now know that is a lie.

Today, politicians and bureaucrats will many times use fickle and contradictory governmental demands, edicts

and “laws” to achieve goals we may not have enough information to understand. These politicians are but people who share our common human flaws. Many politicians believe that the democratic process can override fundamental rights as if the mob’s desire to lynch is justified by their superior number.

These same politicians and bureaucrats expect you to stand between them and the people you serve while demanding enforcement of “laws” that are unethical or immoral and cause needless division.

Even worse many politicians have conflicts of interest where these victimless crimes can be used to suppress minorities, raise revenue on the population, and even pack for-profit prisons with largely non-violent, completely victimless “criminals” that are then used as essentially slave labor for politically connected companies.



“I’m just hoping we can keep this whole thing under control after the police find out we’re stealing their pensions!”

### You do not have to do this!

The Thick Red Line can protect your moral decisions in serving your neighbors.

The Thick Red Line supporters in your community can come to your defense when you are pressured by corrupt administrators. They can be the voices in your city hall. They can be the angels on your shoulders...

“Community policing” should not just be another hollow slogan.

**It should be a team effort  
with you and WE THE PEOPLE!**





**Thick Red Line is your lifeline to the People while on the job!**

People who are your family, friends and neighbors, others who recognize the Thick Red Line that binds us together can come to your aid and defense. Call out and extinguish the corruption in government.

- NO Government has Rights.
- No Group has Rights.
- NO ONE has “special” Rights.
- No one should suffer secret courts or “special” punishments at the hand of “government”.

**- This is who WE are. And this is who YOU are! -**  
**- We must be ever watchful of government power-**  
**- We must be ever vigilant to draw the Thick RED line. -**

Government, is a system brought on by humans whose only application is force and redistribution over other humans. It creates nothing by itself. With that awesome power must come equal respect for government’s destructive potential and the fragility of individual rights for each of us... On and off the job.

The individual is truly the smallest minority and under the greatest threat at all times. Rights do not come to groups granted by government. They are inherent in the individual by nature. They are, as it recognizes and references directly in the Declaration of Independence, unalienable.

**- When interacting as an officer you are standing on the Thick Red Line -**

You are the only one who can decide when to use your delegated mandate to protect with force, or violence. That judgment is yours alone, and *you alone are responsible for your actions*. At times those decisions must be made without all information or time to assess properly the information you have. The Thick Red Line should be your guide. Not some “government” rules of engagement more properly designed for war and oppression. Equally, *qualified immunity is a lie perpetrated to oppress the People and a fake shield to the immoral in uniform who would claim it*. Bravery is measured by personal risk and moral fortitude. Not by the uniform or the shine on a badge.

Remembering from where your authority comes, must be your first thought and instinct. Your first decision, whether leading an engagement, or choosing to follow other officers, will chart the course of escalation or de-escalation of any situation. This will affect lives. Some forever...

Your government training has not alone prepared you for this. In fact, it has prepared you to act as an enforcer of politician’s will, not a protector of the People’s rights. Some among us must relearn...

This is the moment for true bravery in each officer’s life and in each of your interactions, no matter how extreme or mundane the engagement. The responsibility should be humbling to all who choose to serve. It is here in these moments where respect and honor is earned and character revealed.

## If You Are Guided by the Moral Principles of Thick Red Line. You Have Nothing to Fear

The Thick Red Line empowers you to say: **NO!**

***The Most Powerful Word in the World!*** No, to those that would ask you to violate the moral truths of human history.

**Beware! Government does not want you  
to serve the People.  
Government wants you to serve it!**

Only the bravest can resist the power of training, indoctrination, and manipulation through nefarious incentives and promises. Even using fear of the People by calling them “civilians”, “subjects”, “targets” and other dehumanizing terms.

In serving special interests who may prop them up, politicians eternally try to obscure the fundamental relationship of the police officer to the individual he protects and serves. Through training and carrot and stick incentives, union manipulation and collusion, even militarization, and federalization disguised as assistance or “partnerships” police forces have been steered by dark interests to drive wedges between us as individuals on every conceivable dividing line including race and gender.

**- Do not believe these lies! -**

This training is designed to manipulate and tribalize you in a *Thin Blue Line* mentality. To instill fear and suspicion in you where compassion and bravery should live. These “specialists” will even use your responses in training to disqualify you if you show an understanding of these eternal truths that may not be easily dislodged from your mind, heart, and soul.

**- If you truly wish to serve, hold these truths dear -**

WE NEED YOU! Officers like you can make a difference. The act of standing up for what is right is inspiring to others on the force, and even those you may not think are noticing in the community.

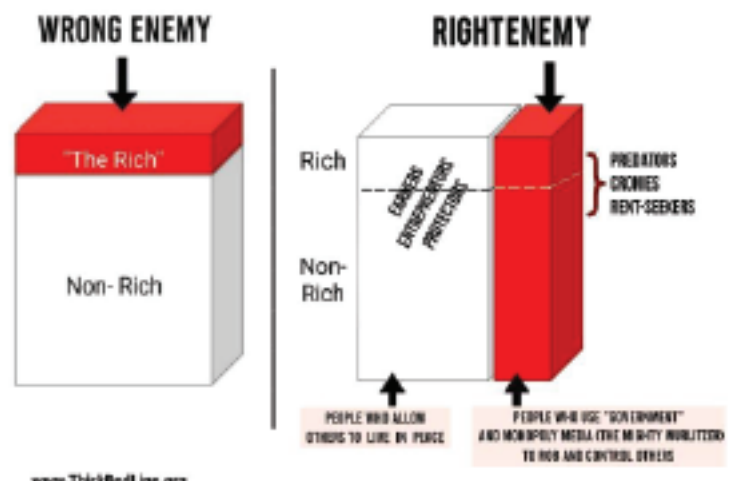
Do not let sophisticated and intense training, cause you to forget the simple truths and rules of morality in law.

Learn the things your training does not teach about Natural Law and the principles you are learning here with the Thick Red Line Project.

You know your neighbors best. Your true job as a *peace* officer is building relationships. Do not let them convince you to act at their bidding but at the bidding of Freedom and in support of your neighbor’s freedom.

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**NO VICTIM, NO CRIME=**  
**Peace & Equal Rights For All**





# WHEN DID THESE GUYS.. BECOME THESE GUYS?

## Stand Strong on Conscience, Morality and Sacred Honor

When you arrive at a scene it is your actions that may determine the future fates of all involved. Those actions must be guided by moral fortitude and true bravery. It is far easier to display both when you know the People are behind you. Standing with you on the Thick Red Line...

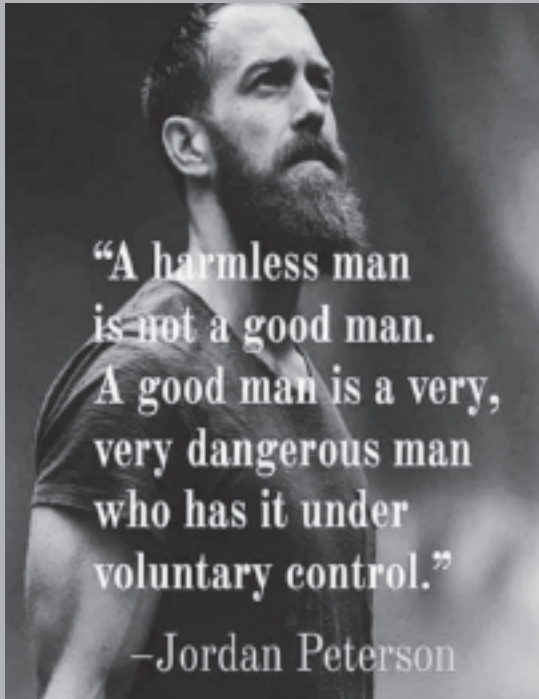
Over the years, government has functioned to codify thinking contrary to freedom in our society. Ignorant and evil people are more likely today to occupy positions of power than wise and moral ones.

## Good people do not crave power over others

Like our police training, the school system has also fallen victim to the power hungry. An "us against them" narrative exists along every fake racial, religious or other identity the "government" and "special" interests can conjure.

This is divide and conquer. It has become systematic in government institutions. It is seemingly beyond the reach of the People. Children are taught counterintuitive obedience to "laws" that are immoral, illogical and counter-productive. They are learning to fear the police and courts. Sadly, this fear is justified in too many cases. Civics is no longer taught in most public schools. Children become adults robbed of an understanding of how to participate in their own freedom.

At the same time people in government and others, will use manipulative language in the media to tout that all police are heroes and saints to be worshipped which we should know is impossible. We are all human, and as such flawed and capable of all behavior and levels of character that reside in the human spirit, good and bad. We too are individuals. We need not be a blinded blue line used as enforcers to the whims of would be tyrants.



# Natural Law vs. Gov't Law

(Politician Scribbles)

The difference between a “good law” and a “bad law” is a victim. Good laws have them, bad laws don’t.

It is literally that simple... and that complex in that it represents a legal and moral system called natural law with more than 1,000 years of tradition across multiple cultures.

Morality in Natural law is so simple that a child can understand... **which is exactly the way “rules” should be...** It breaks down to 5-7 “laws” that are obviously universal “wrongs” *because there is a victim*: assault, theft, murder, rape, and coercion are examples of “wrongs”.

## What Is A “Right”? Anything that is not a “Wrong”!

A “Right” is anything that isn’t a “Wrong”. It is your Right, and everyone else’s natural law Right, to do whatever you want, so long as you aren’t infringing on the equal natural law rights of others.

That is the beginning and end of morality,

Whereas; Because you & everyone else has the same Natural Law Right to defend your own life, liberty, and property. That is a right you can, by mutual agreement, delegate to a security guard or militia to exercise on your behalf and in your defense.

**Whereas and because none of us have a Natural Law Right to decide what our neighbor chooses to do, not do, buy, or consume; whether or not they should wear a seatbelt, mask, or be forced take a vaccine on their private sovereign person.**

Therefore, it is **logically** and **morally impossible** for any elected or unelected “government” **to delegate “Rights” it does not have**, or ask you to enforce laws contrary to these truths.

**If we as individuals (We the People) do not have the moral natural law right to do a thing (Steal/“Tax”, Extortion, Kidnapping, forcing someone to wear a seat belt or mask etc.) then we cannot “delegate” a “Right” we do not possess to a “representative” or “Government” or agent or officer.**

Because we are sheriff’s, deputies, or police officers makes no difference. In fact, our choice of career places the greatest responsibility upon us in our daily work for the People to insure the Thick Red Line is reestablished and maintained and this truth is upheld in honoring our oath to serve.

By refusing to enforce laws that have no victim you are saying YES to morality and saying: NO! to any “government” who would have you rob your friends, neighbors and community to raise revenue to pay for their political promises and bankrupt ideas.



# Understanding Victimless Crimes

## The Basics of Morality

Even a cursory understanding of history reveals that all laws and governments are not “Just”. Fugitive slave laws, Jim Crow laws, and laws mandating that people be turned over to a “government” for ethnic or religious reasons are well known examples where “Law” and “Order Following” led to tyranny and oppression on a massive scale.

Politicians count on peace officers not questioning immoral or unethical orders and enforcing immoral and unethical “laws” on their friends, neighbors and relatives to raise revenue for their schemes.

Luckily, any officer can understand the basics of morality and ethics to be able to push back on immoral, illogical and/or unethical “laws” and orders.

**Natural Law** –The Natural, Moral & Obvious Standard for the Decision to Use or Threaten Violence

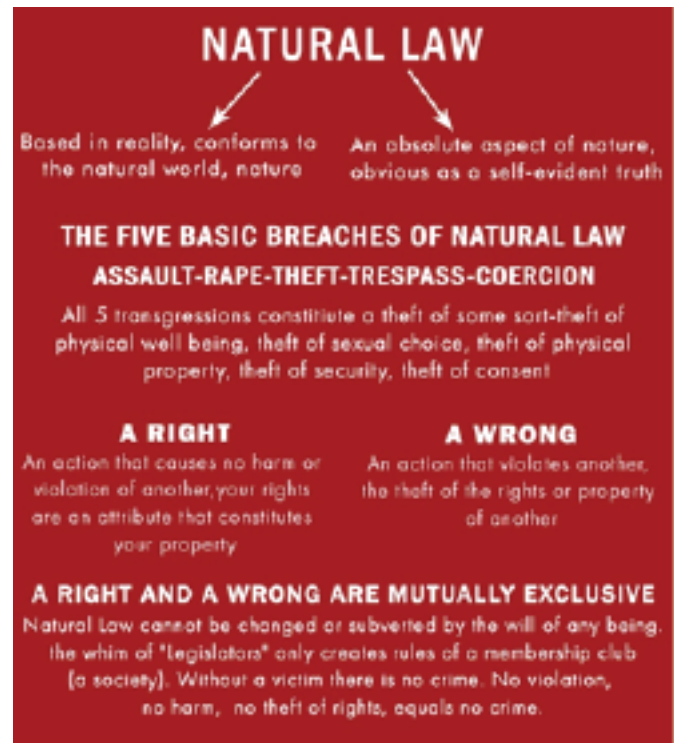
Obviously, any system of law should be so simple that even a child could understand it. That system exists and has existed for over 1,000 years and it is known as Natural Law. The whole of the law can be broken down into one simple truth: Do No Harm.

People that harm other people are rightly called criminals and their crimes are apparent because there is a victim.

When politicians and “Government” try to enforce morality and/or socially engineer society using “Law” they frequently pervert the concept of “Law”. It changes the dynamic of the police as protector to police as oppressor. This attempted change from peace officer to law enforcement has poisoned the relationship between the police and the People. The People rightly resist having violence used against them in the enforcement of victimless crimes and revenue generation through citation and confiscation.

**Enforcing Victimless Crimes Makes the Police the Criminals.**

The ugly, hard bitter pill that modern policing needs to swallow is that when peace officers use violence against peaceful people that aren’t harming anyone it



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makes criminals out of cops. When you arrest someone for voluntary and consensual production and consumption of goods, services, or activities, or not closing their business based on alleged health emergencies, flawed disease models and media propaganda, the arresting officer becomes the criminal. Violating the fundamentals of free choice and association. No temporary perceived security can justify such an act in the name of law. “Laws” that violate the fundamental laws of man are *no* laws at all.

An officer arresting someone that hasn’t harmed anyone else, is wrong. The officer has crossed the line to crime in their actions. An officer is personally liable and morally responsible for any harm caused in detention, and any consequences that may extend from that action as to lost opportunity and physical or emotional damages. It is no different than effecting a kidnapping, and holding the person and/or property at ransom. “Government” as non-person and cannot be harmed and deserves no reward or restitution from the People ever!



# The Population Is Starting To Notice

## And Explain this Inherent Unfairness to their Kids

More and more community organizations are noticing the inherent unfairness of victimless crimes. Recently, around 2000 mathematicians signed a letter urging the mathematics community to boycott collaboration with the police. The smartest folks on the planet are openly distrustful of their supposed protectors.

This is from a series from the Portland Childcare Collective on how to talk to kids about the police.



## Embracing THICK RED LINE Is Inherently Beneficial to You, Your Department, and ALL of Society!

Even if your department isn't under assault and facing a potential defunding of your operations, going *THICK RED LINE* will dramatically improve relations with your community! *THICK RED LINE* restores respect for law enforcement by refocusing your department on PROTECTION instead of ENFORCEMENT.

If your department is facing calls for defunding, then going *THICK RED LINE* proves to the community that you are a noble department focused on the right things.

**Begin to defuse racial tension and civil unrest by abandoning the practices that cause racial tension and unrest!**

# Ending Victimless Crimes Breaks the Backs of Drug Cartels, Pimps, and Human Traffickers. It Reduces Overdoses, Police Corruption, and Eliminates 60,000+ High Risk SWAT raids a Year with Additional Benefits to Officers, The Public, Taxpayer and Society.

As prohibition of alcohol proved, whenever government makes something the population desires illegal it doesn't get rid of that substance, it creates a very profitable black market that imposes a de-facto "value-added tax" that is collected by organized crime. The result is outrageous profits for criminals with well-known problems and consequences for police and the population:

➤ **Overdoses** – Illegality forces both addicts and recreational users to roll-the-dice with potentially adulterated substances since they can't buy guaranteed pure drugs of measured potency.

➤ **Violence and Crime** – Prohibition raises the cost of addictive drugs astronomically vs the free market leading many addicts to turn to crime to finance their habit AND because drugs are illegal it attracts organized crime (vs. the local drug store) that settle their disputes with violence leaving the population in the crossfire vs. having access to courts.

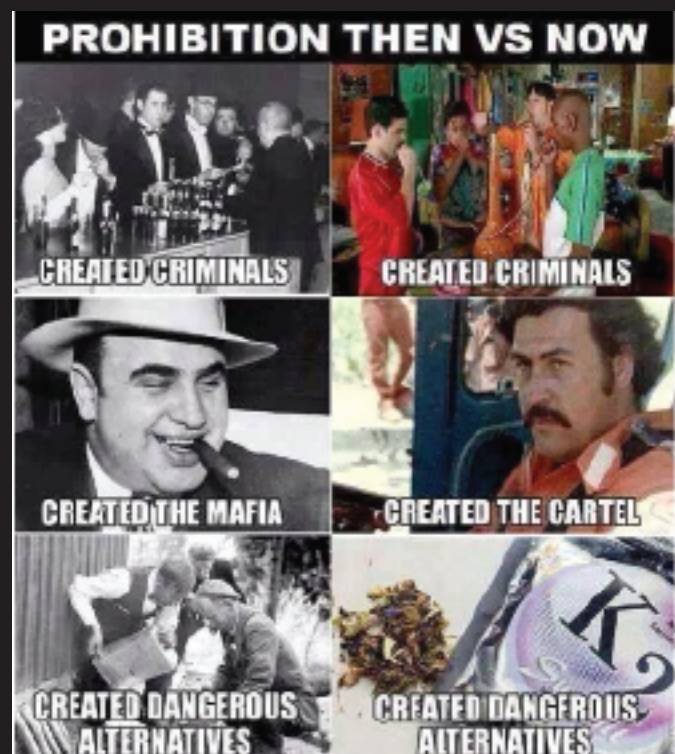
➤ **Creating Addicts** – Perversely, the drug war actually creates a financial incentive for drug dealers to spend their own money to create addicts! If a drug dealer can give a teenager free drugs until they are hooked then chances are that drug dealer is the only one the kid knows so the drug dealer has a captured customer. Compare that with legally addictive alcohol where no similar financial incentive exists because it can be readily purchased anywhere.

➤ **Police Corruption** – Corrupt cops can control the drug trade in a given market leading them to support prohibition and go along with it's enforcement.

This is well known and former DEA spokeswoman and self-described agency "Chief Propagandist" Belita Nelson has publicly testified to that fact the agency is dishonest in its policies: *"Marijuana is safe, we know it is safe. It's our cash cow and we will never give it up... If you think the DEA are the good guys, they are not. They are really not."*

*We are talking about corruption on steroids".* Honest

and intelligent police officers, judges, and prosecutors who also realize this have organized themselves into Law Enforcement Against Prohibition LEAP which has recently been renamed to **Law Enforcement Action Partnership** to address a wider range of institutionalized criminality in monopoly policing including arrest quotas, civil asset forfeiture, "stop and frisk" and police militarization among others.







## Ending Prohibition of Sex Work Breaks the Backs of Pimps

Enforcing prohibition has the unintended consequence of creating/strengthening the relationship of the opportunist Pimp who provides "protection" as his charges are unable to rely on the protections of the police for their property and person due to their prohibited status. Relegated to expect non-personhood in the eyes of the "law" they are prejudged as unworthy of the basic protections we all and deserve in a free society.

The freedom to engage in voluntary activities that the majority disapprove of are among the most important to recognize and protect. *Judge not lest ye be judged.*

Ending prohibition of sex work would bring those people into the light. Where those engaged could seek the basic freedom and protection that should be afforded us all.

## THICKREDLINE

Dramatically reduces the costs associated with apprehending, trying, and incarcerating victimless crimes



# What Does Refusal To Enforce Look Like “On The Street” And In Your Department?

Non-compliance is easy! Don't enforce bad laws!

1. Determine if a law represents a victimless crime:

## The Thick Red Line Project's Guide to Victimless Crimes



The THICK RED LINE Project aims to de-fang/privatize vs. de-fund the monopoly police and restore honor to their profession by supporting them in a widespread refusal to enforce victimless crimes.

### Other Reasons to Refuse to Enforce Victimless Crimes

1. Orders that are repugnant to the Constitution are Null and Void
2. The defense of “I was Just Following Orders” doesn't protect you legally, morally or karmically from the consequences of your actions.



# Understanding The Potential Consequences Of Refusal To Enforce

## What are the potential ramifications to the officers for taking a THICK RED LINE stand?

We already know that there are officers around the country and world who are refusing to enforce victimless crimes. but there can be retribution for individual officers especially in departments that have, official and/or unofficial quota systems based on predatory traffic enforcement or civil asset forfeiture.

This is why we recommend that individual officers build consensus with the other officers or deputies and supervisors, officers, and the Sheriff or Chief. If you are united and supported by your fellow officers and the People, there is no way the politicians can force you.

**This section is coming soon. We are interested in speaking with labor attorneys and police union officials to better understand the ramifications. Please contact us at [Info@ThickRedLine.org](mailto:Info@ThickRedLine.org) to help or contribute.**

## What is the Impact on Sheriff and Police Department Revenue?

In short, we don't know because it is different with every department as some jurisdictions where drug decriminalization have dramatically reduced arrests and incarcerations while in other jurisdictions, prohibition-fueled violence and enforcement continue.

We suspect the answer is it is a wash... when you include the costs of incarceration, court costs, facilities, overtime, and pension expense which, unfortunately, usually come out of other budgets which creates the wrong incentives to reduce enforcement of victimless crimes that are actually costing counties, cities, and towns more money than they bring in while creating injustice and unintended consequences.

### Refusing to enforce victimless crimes would cost municipalities the following revenue:

- Fines and fees for victimless seatbelt, speeding, DUI and other victimless traffic enforcement
- Asset forfeiture
- Federal grants of military equipment

### While on the other side of the ledger the municipalities would save money in these areas:

- Excessive officer labor for revenue-generation
- Investigation, litigation, and judgment expenses related to use of force or civil rights violations.
- Excessive court and jail expenses related to prohibition-related arrests
- Jailers, public defenders, court clerks, stenographers, judges, prosecutors,
- Prisoner transportation, food, facilities.

**Important – This is an area where we would like to expand. We are interested in organizations that have done research into the costs and revenue associated with victimless crimes. Please contact us at [Info@ThickRedLine.org](mailto:Info@ThickRedLine.org)**

# Organizing and/or Privatizing Your Department

## 1. Discuss with Your Closest Friends First (in and outside the department)

- Contact us at [Info@ThickRedLine.org](mailto:Info@ThickRedLine.org) (or [ThickRedLine@Protonmail.com](mailto:ThickRedLine@Protonmail.com) to assure confidentiality)
- Build support among your circle of influence first
- Elicit support from the respected leaders and elders in your department and community next

## 2. Organize an off-site department-wide meeting to discuss the opportunity

- Once you have support from formal and informal leaders in the department organize an off-site meeting at a local library, church or other meeting venue.
- Explain the rationale and field questions

## Alternatives to Monopoly Policing

If the government's monopoly laws, police and courts disappeared tomorrow, the overwhelming majority of society would not turn to murder or crime. Not because there wasn't an "official law" prohibiting it but because most people aren't murders or thieves. Most people could safely get away with innumerable petty theft today with little risk of getting caught: from their employer, from their colleagues, from their neighbor's open garage, from their friend's homes and purses but they do not. Not because they fear being caught in the act by the monopoly police but from a myriad of reasons ranging from religious beliefs, to strong personal ethics, understanding of karma, to fear of being fired or shunned from their social circles. The fact that a bureaucrat or politician wrote down stealing is wrong on an official piece of paper is way down on the bottom of the list. A study by professors James D. Wright and Peter Rossi that surveyed nearly 2,000 incarcerated felons concluded that criminals are more worried about running into armed victims than law enforcement. Absent monopoly policing all these protections and deterrents would still be in place.

## Private Defense Agencies

Because there is a universal demand for safe streets, businesses, and neighborhoods there is obviously a market for private protective services. Indeed, because bureaucratic monopoly policing is focused on victimless crimes, it is doing such a poor job with respect to protection that private security companies flourish even in competition with a "free" provider. These companies often offer innovative services: home security systems, 24x7x365 monitoring, and armed response. Not only do these companies have similar training and equipment as the police but in many ways they are far superior in the eyes of the public: They only act in defense of life, liberty and property, do not pretend to have "qualified immunity" and have no incentive or ability to engage in road piracy or arresting peaceful people for victimless crimes.

## PRIVATE POLICING WORKS!

**Detroit's Threat Management Center** – In a city where the average police response time is 5Xs the national average and the crime rate is skyrocketing the Detroit Threat Management Center is a private security company that provides security services for business and individuals ranging from walking business owners to or from their cars for \$10 to riding shotgun on cigarette trucks that were getting hijacked at an alarming rate which has dropped to zero. The company will help residents for free when called and even has a public access television show where they teach self-defense.



**Video: Detroit Threat Management:**  
**Anarchy in Detroit by Reason TV: YouTube**  
<http://youtu.be/HnPZ1yuoFlc>



# Privatization of Monopoly Government Police Departments

Because the legitimacy of “government” is now being widely and openly questioned by the population, forward-thinking Sheriffs and Chiefs will already be thinking about how they can privatize operations in an era where monopoly policing no longer has the support of the population.

## Positioning Your Department For Privatization

1. Reduce headcount to only what you need to protect life, liberty and property. You can completely eliminate officers assigned to narcotics, vice, school resource officers, and D.A.R.E programs.
2. Reduce intimidating, invasive, and extravagant expenditures such as armored vehicles, drones, sting-ray cell phone towers, SWAT Teams and license plate readers.
3. Refocus the department on preventing real crimes: Murder, Burglaries, Rapes, and Robberies
4. Become a scholar on police privatization and the existing alternatives from private protection companies like Detroit Threat Management to private communities who are providing their own police services.
5. Plan for a transition year where tax revenue collected under the threat of force will be replaced with voluntary payments from merchants and private residences. Expect and embrace competition with Brinks, ADT, Westec and other private security companies.
6. Create partnerships with alarm system providers, insurance investigators, and other self-interested businesses.
7. Renounce qualified immunity. Your officers don't get a pass on morality or facing the consequences of their actions.
8. Think and focus like an entrepreneur on delivering a quality service (crime prevention and restitution vs. retribution) where your officers are focused on protecting the customer vs. raising revenue off the population.

## Private Police FAQs

### **What about people who couldn't afford protection?**

Private security companies such as Detroit Threat Management help non-customers in the communities that they protect for free for a variety of reasons: First, it is good marketing in the community. Second, taking criminals off the streets ultimately protects their clients as well. Finally, good guys like to bust bad guys!

### **What is to stop a Private Defense Agency from going rogue and taking over a neighborhood or town like a warlord?**

Unlike the monopoly police, PDAs can easily be fired by switching providers. It is unlikely that a successful company would endanger their business and doubtful that the employees would go along with it especially knowing they would be facing an armed population and likely retaliation from rival Private Defense Agencies who would immediately be hired to deal with an imminent threat like a rogue PDA.





# By The Numbers

Excerpts from the Prison Policy Initiative's 2020 Report: *Mass Incarceration: The Whole Pie 2020* and the *Drug Policy Alliance's Drug War Statistics Page*, and other resources.

The American criminal justice system holds almost 2.3 million people in 1,833 state prisons, 110 federal prisons, 1,772 juvenile correctional facilities, 3,134 local jails, 218 immigration detention facilities, and 80 Indian Country jails as well as in military prisons, civil commitment centers, state psychiatric hospitals, and prisons in the U.S. territories.

Every year, over **600,000** people enter prison gates, but people go to jail **10.6 million** times each year.

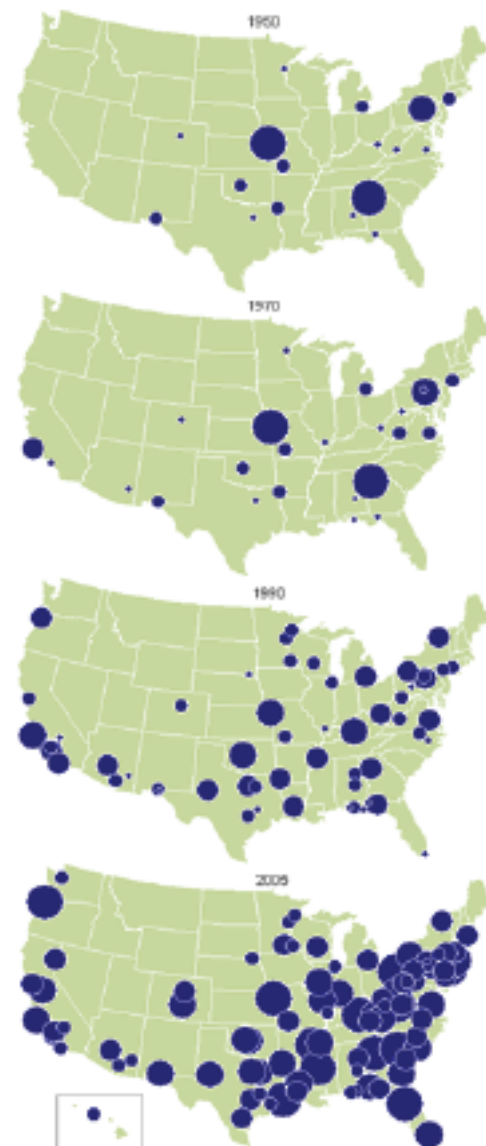
About **5,000** people in prison — less than 1% — are employed by private companies through the federal PIECP program, which requires them to pay at least minimum wage before deductions. (A larger portion work for state-owned “correctional industries,” which pay much less, but this still only represents about 6% of people incarcerated in state prisons.)

But prisons do rely on the labor of incarcerated people for food service, laundry and other operations, and they pay incarcerated workers unconscionably low wages: our 2017 study found that on average, incarcerated people earn between 86 cents and \$3.45 per day for the most common prison jobs. In at least five states, those jobs pay nothing at all. Moreover, work in prison is compulsory, with little regulation or oversight, and incarcerated workers have few rights and protections. Forcing people to work for low or no pay and no benefits allows prisons to shift the costs of incarceration to incarcerated people — hiding the true cost of running prisons from most Americans.

in 2019, the Council of State Governments found that 1 in 4 people in state prisons are incarcerated as a result of supervision violations.

The “massive misdemeanor system” in the U.S. is another important but overlooked contributor to over-criminalization and mass incarceration. For behaviors as benign as jaywalking or sitting on a sidewalk, an estimated 13 million misdemeanor charges sweep droves of Americans into the criminal justice system each year (and that’s excluding civil violations

## Federal Prisoners Since 1950



and speeding). These low-level offenses account for over 25% of the daily jail population nationally, and much more in some states and counties.

Another 39,000 people are civilly detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) not for any crime, but simply for their undocumented immigrant status. ICE detainees are physically confined in federally-run or privately-run immigration detention facilities, or in local jails under contract with ICE. An additional 3,600 unaccompanied children are held in the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), awaiting placement with parents, family members, or friends.

Amount spent annually in the U.S. on the war on drugs: **\$47+ billion**

Number of arrests in 2018 in the U.S. for drug law violations: **1,654,282**

Number of drug arrests that were for possession only: **1,429,299**

Number of people arrested for a marijuana law violation in 2018: **663,367**

Number of those charged with marijuana law violations who were arrested for possession only: **608,775**

Percentage of people arrested for drug law violations who are Black or Latino: **46.9%** (despite making up just 31.5% of the U.S. population)

Number of people in the U.S. incarcerated in 2016: **2,205,300** –the highest incarceration rate in the world.

Number of people in the U.S. incarcerated for a drug law violation in 2016: **456,000**

Number of people in the U.S. who died from an accidental drug overdose in 2018: **68,000**

Number of states that allow the medical use of marijuana: **33+District of Columbia.**

## Mass incarceration directly impacts millions of people *But just how many, and in what ways?*

Incarcerated today  
in prison or jail  
**2.3 million**

Formerly incarcerated  
in state or federal prison  
**4.9 million**

Ever convicted of a felony  
**19 million**

Have a criminal record  
**77 million**

Have an immediate family member who has ever been to prison or jail  
**113 million adults**

Most face "collateral consequences"  
even after their sentence ends  
such as voting, housing,  
education, employment,  
and other restrictions

Compiled by the Prison Policy Initiative from 2016 and 2017 Bureau of Justice Statistics data; Shannon, et al. (2017) *The Growth, Scope, and Spatial Distribution of People With Felony Records in the United States, 1948-2010*; and FWD.us (2018) *Every Second: The Impact of the Incarceration Crisis on America's Families*

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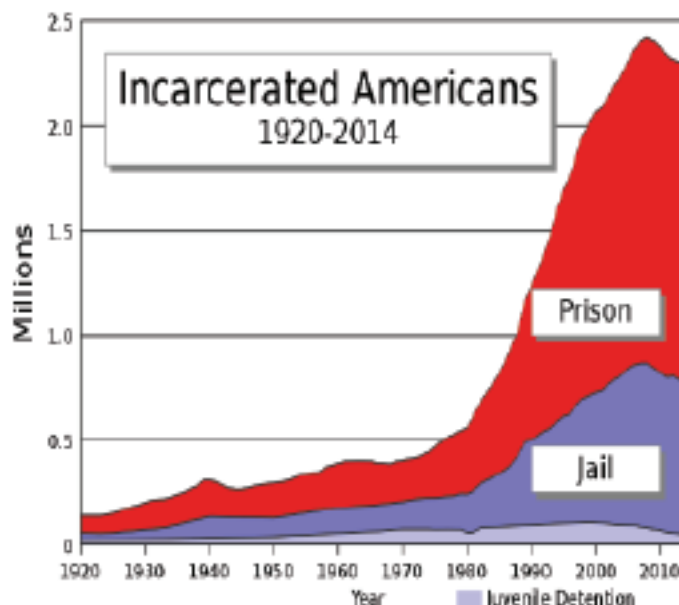
Number of states that have legalized marijuana: **11**  
(Alaska, California, Colorado, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, Oregon, Vermont and Washington State) + District of Columbia.

Number of states that have decriminalized or removed the threat of jail time for simple possession of small amounts of marijuana: **26+** District of Columbia

Number of people killed in Mexico's drug war since 2006: **200,000+**

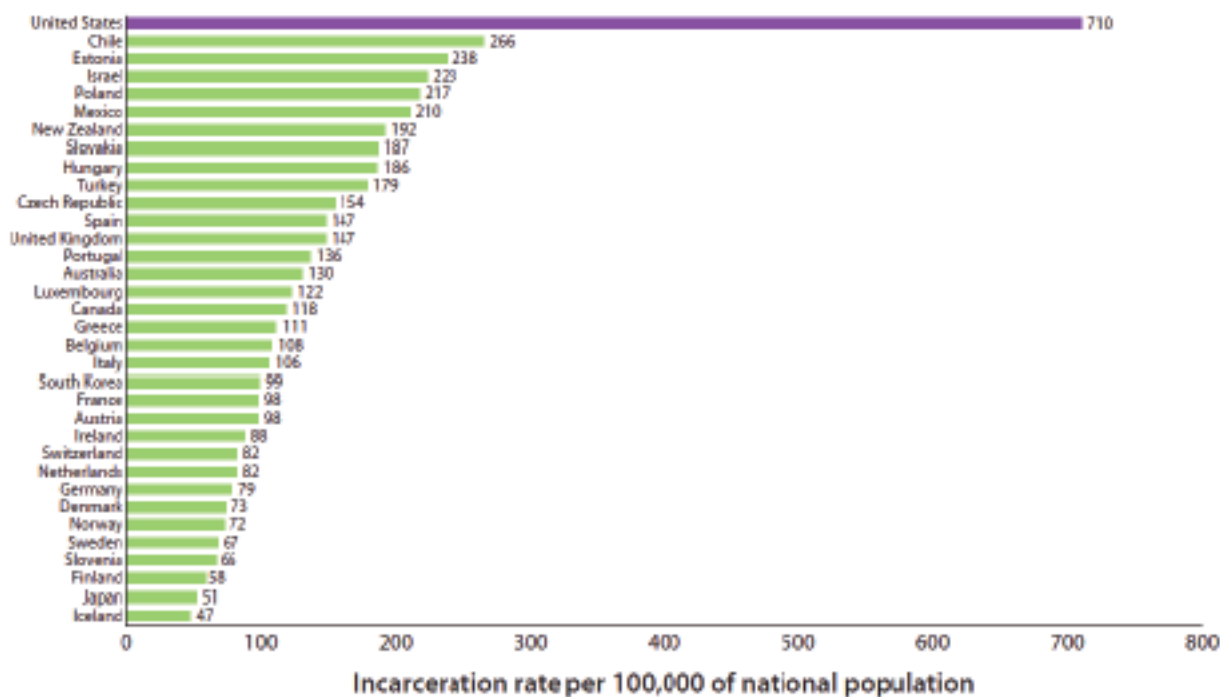
Number of people killed in the Philippines drug war since 2016: **12,000+**

Number of students who have lost federal financial aid eligibility because of a drug conviction: **200,000+**



## Incarceration Rates in OECD Countries

With an incarceration rate of 710 inmates per 100,000 residents, the United States stands in stark contrast to the typical incarceration rate of 115 among OECD nations.



## Further Reading

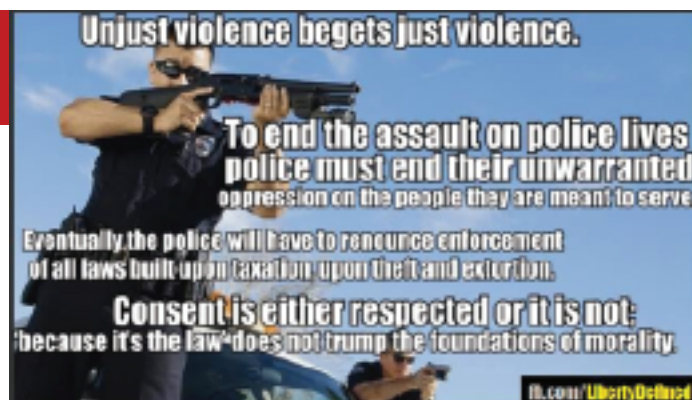
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by Peter McWilliams

(ISBN 0-931580-58-7)

A book criticizing the existence of laws against consensual crimes.

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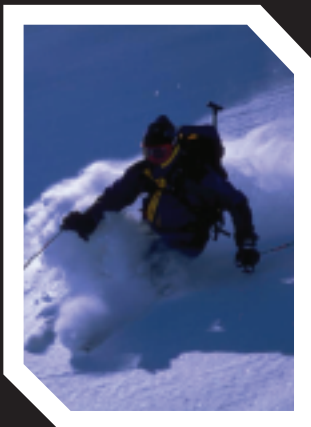
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## >> About The Project

# THICKREDLINE

The **Thick Red Line** project is an effort to restore respect for law enforcement by abolishing victimless crimes. We are concerned for the safety of both the police and the public in the wake of the George Floyd riots. We believe we have a solution that safeguards both and dramatically reduces the amount of violence in society while reducing costs to the taxpayer, dramatically reducing the prison population, and freeing up the police to focus on real crime.

### **Victimless Crimes are Not Really Crimes... And Make the Cops the Criminals**

A real crime, by definition, has a perpetrator and a victim: murder, assault, rape, theft, and extortion are all obvious crimes because there is a victim. The “government” frequently institutes illogical, immoral and counter-productive “laws” (politician scribbles) that penalize peaceful, non-violent people for “crimes” that have no victim. Drug possession, gambling, and making arrests for ignoring Covid-19 lock down and social distancing orders are examples of victimless crimes where politicians attempt to get police to use violence immorally and preemptively on overwhelmingly peaceful people frequently to enforce government mandates based on suspicious government science (mask mandates, lockdown orders, etc.) and/or raise revenue. When the police use violence and coercion against peaceful people for victimless crimes it makes the cops the criminals who are engaged in kidnapping and extortion under the color of law.

### **The Solution – The Thick Red Line Pledge**

To restore the trust and faith in the police, we are suggesting that individual Sheriffs, police chiefs, deputies, police officers and elected officials organize their colleagues and departments through their union and/or collectively without the union into a department-wide refusal to enforce any law or regulation that doesn't have a real victim. This would dramatically reduce the violence in society committed by the police, reduce the influence of organized crime by getting rid of drug, gambling and prostitution markets, and dramatically reduce the almost 500,000 people incarcerated for victimless crimes who are frequently forced to work as slave labor in for-profit prisons.

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