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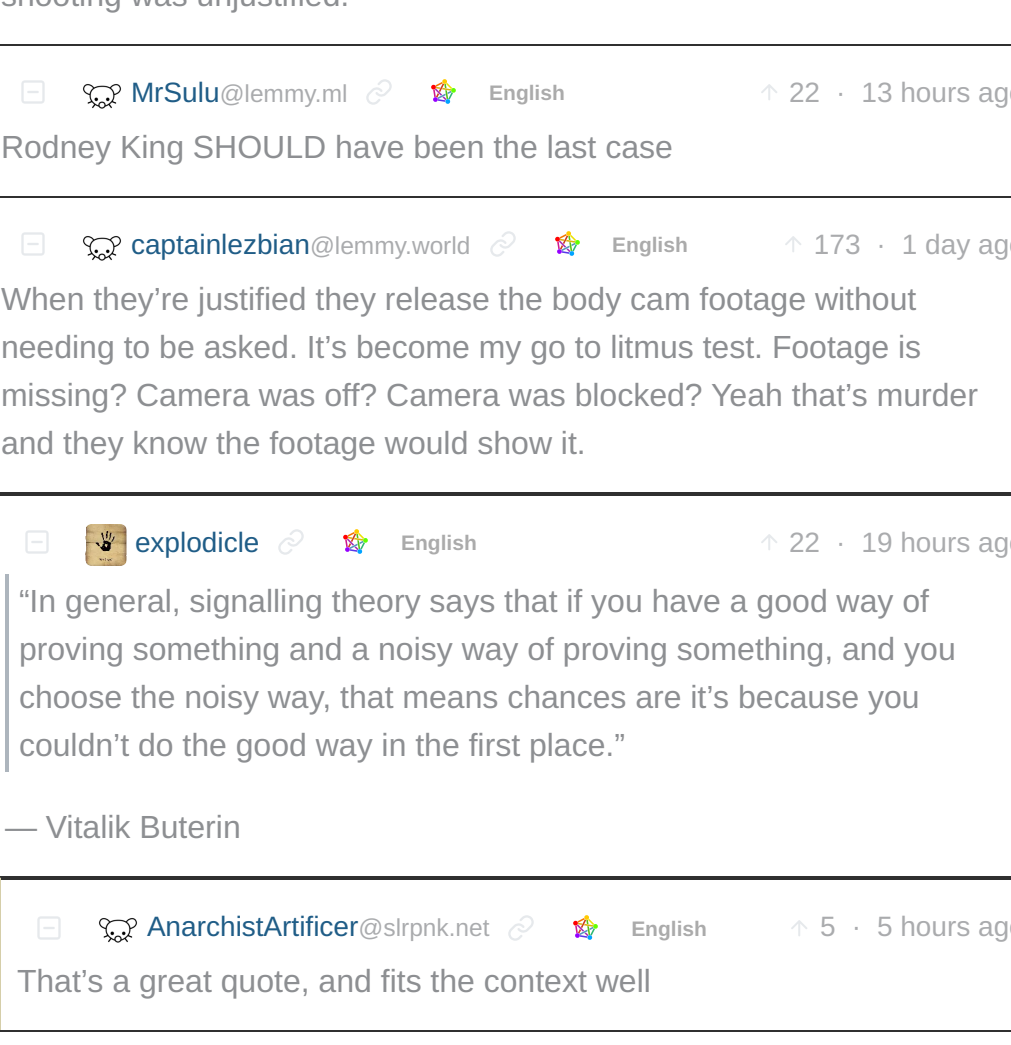
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Unarmed Black man killed by police - shocking video reveals the truth. Watch what really happened. ❤️🔥BlackLivesMatter #PoliceBrutality

South Florida cops claimed they were "forced to fire" at a 32-year-old Black man named Donald Taylor in August because he was armed and would not follow commands.

But newly surfaced video contradicts those claims, showing the Black man walking away from cops with his hands raised to his sides showing no guns in his hand when a Hollywood police officer fired a single shot as Taylor had his back turned to the cops, killing him.



Inclementimmigrant@lemmy.world · English · 17 · 3 hours ago

ACAB.

And why I never get picked for juries.

thingAmabob@lemmy.world · English · 11 · 5 hours ago

I've seen many body cam videos and people don't even get tased for kicking officers (even POC). Watching the video clearly shows the shooting was unjustified.

MrSlur@lemmy.ml · English · 22 · 13 hours ago

Rodney King SHOULD have been the last case

captainlezbian@lemmy.world · English · 173 · 1 day ago

When they're justified they release the body cam footage without needing to be asked. It's become my go to litmus test. Footage is missing? Camera was off? Camera was blocked? Yeah that's murder and they know the footage would show it.

explosicle · English · 22 · 19 hours ago

"In general, signalling theory says that if you have a good way of proving something and a noisy way of proving something, and you choose the noisy way, that means chances are it's because you couldn't do the good way in the first place."

— Vitalik Buterin

AnarchistArtificer@slrpnk.net · English · 5 · 5 hours ago

That's a great quote, and fits the context well

NotMyOldRedditName@lemmy.world · English · 69 · 1 day ago

Footage should be held by some independent 3rd party who will follow the rules on releasing it. It shouldn't be up to the cops.

OshagHennessie@lemmy.world · English · 37 · 1 · 20 hours ago

We tried that when Biden was in office and all these new body cam laws were passed. So many cops threatened to quit, politicians backed down and let police unions retain control of the cameras and recordings.

NotMyOldRedditName@lemmy.world · English · 19 · 17 hours ago

Damn, I had no idea that happened. So fucked.

Edit: Also, I kinda feel like the ones who threatened the quit, were the ones we wanted to quit ...

Drusas@fedia.io · 16 · 15 hours ago

They wouldn't have quit. That would have impacted their pensions.

NotMyOldRedditName@lemmy.world · English · 1 · 1 hour ago

I've just been thinking on this more, that really would have been fascinating to see it play out.

I think you're right for any old timers. New people it's not a big an issue. I feel like there may have been a big lawsuit though over if that would be reasonable grounds to quit and keep the pension? It could be entirely baseless, I don't know know anything about that, but that feels like what would happen for those that did quit or wanted to quit?

The ensuing aftermath though would have been a very interesting watch.

Edit: the ensuing aftermath also including all the changes in police misconduct stats.

Ensign_Crab@lemmy.world · English · 11 · 19 hours ago

Screw that. It should be held by a 3rd party openly hostile to police.

sfglz@lemmy.world · English · 3 · 3 hours ago

Exactly. The footage is there to keep the police from abusing their power, it's not supposed to be neutral in the first place.

dohpaz42@lemmy.world · English · 39 · 1 · 1 day ago

The cynic in me doesn't believe there exists any such party.

Drusas@fedia.io · 5 · 15 hours ago

I could do it. Problem solved.

bitjunkie@lemmy.world · Banned from community · English · 4 · 4 hours ago

I admire your gumption if not your efficacy

Soggy@lemmy.world · English · 11 · 18 hours ago

Public library systems; give them money from the police budget to get the job done.

NotMyOldRedditName@lemmy.world · English · 19 · 1 day ago

That's also fair.

bthest@lemmy.world · English · 8 · 20 hours ago

"Neutral third parties" that who would rely on police departments contracts.

If the cops want it released then it's released, if they want it buried then it's buried. Because the customer is always right.

Cop body cams should just be open to live streaming by anyone at anytime the same way unprotected security cameras are.

AnarchistArtificer@slrpnk.net · English · 2 · 1 · 5 hours ago

I think that would be a potential privacy problem for the people interacting with the cops, given that the majority of their interactions with people don't end up in a shooting. I once got pulled over when I was driving home from late night board games a few days after Christmas. I hadn't been driving erratically, they were just doing routine breathalyzer checks because there had been a lot of drunk driving in the area.

Katana314@lemmy.world · English · 4 · 4 hours ago

I think when the police is well-made, it would fit with security camera workings. When you go shopping at the mall, pay for your stuff and leave, you're recorded, but the running footage is erased every 48 hours or so. It's only when the mall has a major shoplifting incident, or a mass shooting, would someone tag the period of the crime and save it all for review. Similarly, police would only need body camera review if there's a report they discharged their weapon, made an arrest, etc.

FauxPseudo@lemmy.world · English · 81 · 44 · 17 hours ago

Am I reading this correctly? That if you comply they still unalive you?

Edit: every single reply to this comment is to inform me they don't like a word. Not one of them addresses the actual evidence of lethal compliance. If this were Facebook that would make sense but Lemmy isn't MAGA land so I'm a bit confused by all this boomer shaped deflection.

AASB@lemmy.world · English · 2 · 31 minutes ago

From only this posted article, he didn't comply. He was murdered for ignoring them

Inclementimmigrant@lemmy.world · English · 3 · 3 hours ago

That has always been the case since I've been alive as a minority in America.

bitjunkie@lemmy.world · Banned from community · English · 5 · 3 · 4 hours ago

You don't get to say what you want without other people being allowed to say what they want back.

Phoenixxz@lemmy.ca · English · 42 · 2 · 13 hours ago

Yes, when you comply they might still kill you

Having said that, please stop using that "special language" or whatever the hell it is that you're using

It's called killing murdering, etc. "unaliving" is just dumb and shouldn't be used in a normal conversation

FauxPseudo@lemmy.world · English · 7 · 1 · 8 hours ago

Thank you for at least addressing the topic before attacking the language. I do actually appreciate it.

FatVegan@leminal.space · English · 20 · 2 · 13 hours ago

A tiktok adult calling everyone a boomer who disagrees with their brainrot speech is pretty funny

frog_brawler@lemmy.world · English · 4 · 6 · 5 hours ago

There's a large chunk of Lemmy that's barely literate. Using words that might confuse them hurts their brains.

frog_brawler@lemmy.world · English · 1 · 1 · 5 hours ago

deleted by creator

0_07@lemmy.dbzer0.com · English · 14 · 15 hours ago

That if you comply they still unalive you?

There's a reason they are required to wear body cam. They're the same brood that harbored the KKK.

Drusas@fedia.io · 15 · 4 · 15 hours ago

lol, calling people complaining about you not speaking plainly "boomer".

nimble@lemmy.blahaj.zone · English · 86 · 1 · 22 hours ago

This isn't Facebook/some-other-shitty-corporo-social-media. You can say murder

FauxPseudo@lemmy.world · English · 12 · 55 · 21 hours ago

I like the word. It embiggens the language.

AA5B@lemmy.world · English · 2 · 29 minutes ago

I agree that it's perfectly cromulent where it lends meaning. But in this case it's just not a sensible verb when thenacriveverb was more meaningful and accurate

frog_brawler@lemmy.world · English · 6 · 2 · 5 hours ago

I personally hate when people use "unalive" rather than "kill" or "murder" but it's not a battle I care to fight. With everything else happening right now, people that would focus on the word are shit-stains.

bitjunkie@lemmy.world · Banned from community · English · 1 · 2 · 4 hours ago

Whataboutism is for people incapable of holding more than one thought in their head at once

Hadriscus@jail.lu · English · 20 · 2 · 14 hours ago

I don't know, it sounds to me like you're trying to sanewash murder by using a "tamer" word than straight up "murder" -which this is, we agree on that. I get that's not your intention, but that's what it sounds like to me

bitjunkie@lemmy.world · Banned from community · English · 3 · 1 · 4 hours ago

The actual explanation is way simpler. They've adapted their vocabulary to moronic social media's censorship bots.

Hadriscus@jail.lu · English · 5 · 4 hours ago

Are the words "kill" or "murder" censored on social media ?

frog_brawler@lemmy.world · English · 2 · 1 · 2 hours ago

I'm not totally sure, but I don't think they're explicitly censored, more of a shadow-ban via algorithm (for the folks that give a shit about that kind of thing).

OshagHennessie@lemmy.world · English · 67 · 2 · 20 hours ago

Don't speak the words our corporate oppressors demand. They want you to believe concepts like sex, murder, drugs, and suicide are too adult, too dirty to be discussed explicitly in public.

Don't believe them. Say the words you mean. Use language that's accurate, not what's preferred by oligarchs for "marketing reasons".

ltdidtrickledown@lemmy.world · English · 40 · 2 · 19 hours ago

It embiggens the language.

It does not.

RIPandTERROR · English · 2 · 15 · 17 hours ago

It does

NigelFrobisher@aussie.zone · English · 29 · 20 hours ago

Double plus ungood

The Quuuuill@slrpnk.net · English · 9 · 1 · 17 hours ago

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newspeak

Personally I disagree and think it's more like the linked article. But you are also entitled to your opinion and i may just be a relic of an older time

bitjunkie@lemmy.world · Banned from community · English · 2 · 1 · 4 hours ago

Implying older is intrinsically worse

The Quuuuill@slrpnk.net · English · 1 · 1 · 4 hours ago

not trying to, just trying to imply that in order for the youth to listen i have to talk them in a way they'd wanna hear

FauxPseudo@lemmy.world · English · 3 · 19 · 17 hours ago

My favorite part of this is how every reply is someone butthurt about the word I used and doing everything in their power to avoid the issue by focusing on the language and not the message.

I_Has_A_Hat@lemmy.world · English · 12 · 1 · 7 hours ago

Yea, using a cutesy, made-up, baby word to describe fucking murder is a bit distracting. Who the fuck would have guessed?

The Quuuuill@slrpnk.net · English · 18 · 17 hours ago

ㄟ(っ) I think the reason you're awash in upvotes for your original comment is because it's simply a known thing for most of us and we don't have anything to add. It just is what we know and what we've been fighting against my entire adult life. Conservatives will push all kinds of propaganda that doesn't map to reality like "obey the law", "just comply", "all lives matter". The police will shoot first and ask questions later, and those questions won't have anything to do with law enforcement.

But there's been a VERY long progression of reducing the amount of inter-generational connectivity and making sure that we barely even speak the same languages or dialects and some of us got caught off gaurd by your use of neotalk that's been coaxed into us really by corporate social media platforms censoring certain forms of speech critical of the systems of torture we exist under. For example, what we today call PTSD 100 years ago was called shell shock. Then it was called combat fatigue. Then combat stress reaction. Then it was PTSD. After that it was divided into cPTSD. And that's an example of the terminology changing for reasons that we can very much find ways that it actually is positive. Each shift expanded the definition to include more people and more experiences. It's easy to find the justification that while it divides successive combat veterans and how they talk about their own traumatic experiences and how the systems of torture that exist have broken them.

Most of us find it harder to find this silver lining in neotalk from corporate social media platforms. We just see our dialect eroding beneath us. But you don't. And our generation has to do more to reach out to you and listen to you so that you have any reason to listen to us. So while I personally disagree, I refuse to let myself be upset about it, or butthurt as you put it (given that I'm not upset, I'm not even close to butthurt). All I can do is point out that inter-generational connectivity is intentionally broken by our oppressors by manipulating how we use language and hope that someday you'll have this experience ready to help you talk to a younger generation who speaks differently from you. I hope you do so with grace, love, and patience.

That's all I was getting at

FauxPseudo@lemmy.world · English · 1 · 7 · 16 hours ago

It's weird how the chat is assuming this is an age difference issue. That's low key chopped.

The Quuuuill@slrpnk.net · English · 4 · 1 · 14 hours ago

chopped as in the AAVE use, or the co-opted TikTok use?

Hadriscus@jail.lu · English · 3 · 1 · 14 hours ago

what does chopped mean in this context?

2 more replies →

michaelmrose@lemmy.world · English · 3 · 1 · 13 hours ago

It's hard to say something profound about something so ugly and sad. It's easy to critique language so you will have a lot more of what is easy. I'm angry at the issue but I don't know what to say about it myself.

5gruel@lemmy.world · English · 2 · 2 · 9 hours ago

Wait what, why would it be hard? Ugly and sad things are probably the most important to talk about with more weight and significance than happy topics.

melsaskca@lemmy.ca · English · 4 · 4 · 7 hours ago

I was on your side until you said that the hate you were getting was from a specific group. Would you even be commenting if a Boomer was "unalived"?

BlameTheAntifa@lemmy.world · English · 23 · 20 hours ago

Correct. To cops, Floridians, and especially Floridian cops, *black lives don't matter*.

mousemouse · English · 6 · 1 · 19 hours ago

Exactly. There's no incentive to comply. They completely gave away their authority. Just kill them all.

unmagical@lemmy.ml · English · 171 · 1 day ago

Within days of the incident, the Hollywood Police Department began to release misleading statements about the murder, suggesting that the officer fired his weapon because Donald was armed.

Even their made up, post hoc explanation isn't a valid justification. How do the police constantly "forget" that in the most heavily armed nation in the world it's completely legal-and not uncommon-to be armed?

gdog05@lemmy.world · English · 86 · 1 day ago

There's this second amendment loophole about being armed while black that our society just seems to be okay with.

bitjunkie@lemmy.world · Banned from community · English · 5 · 4 hours ago

He was 3/5ths armed, your honor

gdog05@lemmy.world · English · 1 · 1 · 3 hours ago

Damn, that is brilliant. That's a clever fucking concept and I'm probably going to steal it at some point.

Devolution@lemmy.world · English · 42 · 3 · 1 day ago

Well... If they can lie about a white woman, the sacred cow of whiteness, causing her own killing, what hope does this guy have?

Cient@lemmy.dbzer0.com · English · 9 · 2 · 14 hours ago

She was a lesbian. That negates the whiteness and then some apparently.

CleTheSane@lemmy.ca · English · 5 · 2 · 16 hours ago

white woman, the sacred cow of whiteness

Women are not treated as sacred but they are treated as livestock.

If it's not a white male its life doesn't matter.

UnspecificGravity@pietfed.social · English · 12 · 1 day ago

If these were regular people instead of cops these guys would be catching obstruction and accessory charges.

ArcaneSlime@lemmy.dbzer0.com · English · 10 · 5 · 1 day ago

Well tbf, not in CA. They make it hard to carry legally unless you're one of those "better" than the rest of us, like rich actors and silicon valley types.

But you're right that alone isn't justification, even if he was carrying, even if it was illegal, it's still not a death sentence unless he's *actively* trying to use it for murder, at most it's a felony charge.

TheRealKuni@pietfed.social · English · 27 · 1 · 1 day ago

Well tbf, not in CA

This was Hollywood, FL, not Hollywood, CA.

ArcaneSlime@lemmy.dbzer0.com · English · 11 · 1 day ago

Ah yes an important distinction indeed, in that case nevermind on that!

(Who the hell named it that? That's as dumb as having like, a Paris in Texas! ...don't tell me...)

zod000@lemmy.dbzer0.com · English · 1 · 14 minutes ago

Florida is full of places like that: Hollywood, San Antonio, Jupiter, etc.

TheRealKuni@pietfed.social · English · 7 · 23 hours ago

At least there isn't a Miami somewhere cold like the Midwest. Say, Ohio for example. 🤔

Spot@startrek.website · English · 4 · 19 hours ago

Ohio has a whole county named Miami

UnspecificGravity@pietfed.social · English · 10 · 1 day ago

Hollywood FLORIDA is a city in which literally anyone can carry a gun with or without a permit.

ArcaneSlime@lemmy.dbzer0.com · English · 5 · 1 day ago

AH well yeah that is different then lmao.

disregardable@lemmy.zip · English · 47 · 1 day ago

by focusing on the crimes he was accused of

You mean the crimes where everyone walked away alive??? Seriously, with no other explanation, I have to assume the cop murdered this person because they were too lazy to tackle him. There's zero other reason to shoot.

leftzero@lemmy.dbzer0.com · English · 10 · 10 hours ago

There's zero other reason to shoot

Pig could be a racist, an homicidal maniac (which seems to be a requirement for the job), a little coward with no trigger discipline hiding behind its gun (*another* requirement) firing due to a nervous spasm; it could have heard an acorn fall and thought it was under fire and started blindly shooting "defensively" (happens more often than you'd think), aiming at a playful neighbor's dog, under its monthly murder quota, being initiated into a cop gang, high off its mind on a cocktail of PCP, meth, and cocaine from the evidence room, or more probably some combination of most of those...

SaveTheTuahawk@lemmy.ca · English · 54 · 18 · 1 day ago

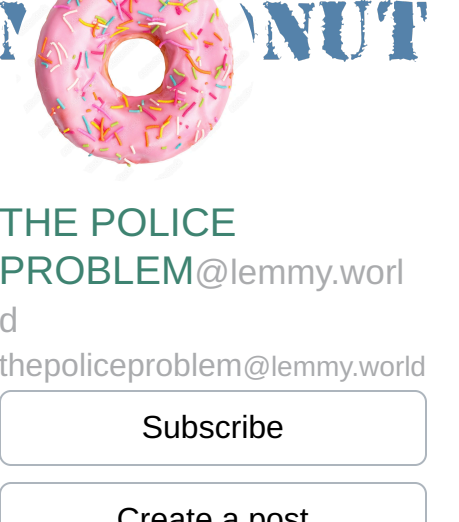
Funny how people from the USA hate the idea of CCTV and the SuVellAnCe sTaTe but public videos are the only proof of abuse of power.

swelter_spark@redditthat.com · English · 5 · 5 hours ago

I think it's understandable that people don't want technology being used in invasive ways, or as a means of control, but they're okay with it being used to determine if someone committed murder.

The Quuuuill@slrpnk.net · English · 6 · 13 hours ago

there's a lot of good replies here that approach the issue from different angles, the biggest one being 'who benefits from mass surveillance,' in this current climate, that is the cops, the cops have spent the last 15 years showing us that they are not accountable to anyone or anything, you propose that video evidence will help hold cops accountable, my issue is that we already have video evidence in many cases and they're still not, take it back to Rodney King, if you want, the cops have never faced consequence even when it's clear they're in the wrong.



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The police problem is that police are policed by the police. Cops are accountable only to other cops, which is no accountability at all.

99,999% of police brutality, corruption, and misconduct is never investigated, never punished, never makes the news, so it's not on this page.

When cops are caught breaking the law, they're investigated by other cops. Details are kept quiet, the officers' names are withheld from public knowledge, and what info is eventually released is only what police choose to release — often nothing at all.

When police are fired — which is all too rare — they leave with 'law enforcement experience' and can easily find work in another police department nearby. It's called "Wandering Cops."

When police testify under oath, they lie so frequently that cops themselves have a joking term for it: "testilying." Yet it's almost unheard of for police to be punished or prosecuted for perjury.

Cops can and do get away with lawlessness, because cops *protect other cops*. If they don't, they aren't cops for long.

The legal doctrine of "qualified immunity" renders police officers invulnerable to lawsuits for almost anything they do. In practice, getting past 'qualified immunity' is so unlikely, it makes headlines when it happens.

All this is a path to a police state.

In a free society, police must always be under serious and skeptical public oversight, with non-cops and non-cronies in charge, issuing genuine punishment when warranted.

Police who break the law must be prosecuted like anyone else, promptly fired if guilty, and barred from ever working in law-enforcement again.

That's the solution.

♦ ♦ ♦

Our definition of 'cops' is broad, and includes prison guards, probation officers, shitty DAS and judges, etc — *anyone who has the authority to fuck over people's lives, with minimal or no oversight.*

♦ ♦ ♦

RULES

Real-life decorum is expected. Please don't say things only a child or a jackass would say in person.

If you're here to support the police, you're trolling. Please exercise your right to remain silent.

Saying cops ANYONE should be killed lowers the IQ in any conversation. *They're* not about killing people; we're not.

Please don't dox or post calls for harassment, vigilantism, tar & feather attacks, etc.

Please also abide by the instance rules.

If you've been banned but don't know why, check the moderator's log. If you feel you didn't deserve it, hey, I'm new at this and maybe you're right. Send a cordial PM, for a second chance.

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so then what happens with more surveillance availabe? the police have easier time carrying out their activities, which so often includes extra judicial killings. the reason us americans are wary of expanding the surveillance state is we've been doing that every year since 2002. none of us are safer. the extrajudicial killings have not stopped, they've only gotten more visible and are used as a form of terrorism. i understand where you're coming from that you find our attitude odd, but a lot of it stems from first hand experience that more evidence of police wrongdoing continues to not bring us closer to any police reform

  **OshagHennessey**@lemmy.world   English  53  1 · 20 hours ago







It's not difficult to understand.

We hate the idea of only our government and the police benefitting from and having control over that surveillance. We hate the idea of being taxed so we can be constantly monitored, then prevented from accessing the surveillance footage we paid for when it could exonerate us or hold police accountable.

Surely you can understand it's more about who controls and benefits from the surveillance than the surveillance itself?

  **imetators**@lemmy.dbzer0.com   English  7 · 14 hours ago

CCTV is not panacea from abuse of power, unfortunately. They have plenty of CCTV in Russia and yet there are still cases of power-tripping politicians/oligarchs/nepobabies. As per usual, video evidence is either disregarded or tucked away from society's eyes. Doubt heavy surveillance would do much for US or any country where law is not applied to everyone.







  **pivot_root**@lemmy.world   English  66 ·  24 hours ago

The problem with mass surveillance is that, for it to be impossible to abuse, it both must be and can't be publicly transparent.

If access is only provided to a small group and they are corrupt, it will be used against the out-group while denying the out-group any hope of using it for justice against the in-group. This is the current state of affairs right now with big tech, digital surveillance, and government CCTV.






If all the data was publicly available without safeguards—which is the only way to prevent the above problem—the problem shifts to it being used by bad actors for harassment and blackmail. No matter who you are, if you're always watched by a camera, you will be eventually be recorded accidentally or intentionally breaking a law or some moral code. For digital surveillance, something could easily be taken out of context and used to irrecoverably damage your reputation before you get the chance to defend yourself.

When the solution to either situation is the same problem causing the other, there is no middle ground or way to reconcile them. The only way to prevent both is to just *not* have mass surveillance, and instead provide a framework allowing the public to create recordings that can only be used to protect themselves.

  **Immarsano**@lemmynslw.com   English  3  4 · 21 hours ago

the problem shifts to it being used by bad actors for harassment and blackmail

It's in *public*: no expectation of privacy exists. This could in principle already be done.






  **OshagHennessey**@lemmy.world   English  15 · 20 hours ago

You're right, there's no expectation to privacy in public.

HOWEVER, if I follow you around in public, every time you leave your house, all day, every day, and record all of your public activities when I do so, that's still a crime, and it's called "stalking".

Furthermore, when there is no reasonable suspicion a crime has occurred, merely investigating that public footage would be akin to following that person in public, which is defined as a "search" in the eyes of the law.







So, the sticky legal issue is, you can legally record it. But, unless you have a reasonable suspicion someone has committed a crime, the fourth ammendment prevents you from watching it. If all one needs to do is watch a video to violate our rights, its perfectly reasonable to expect us not to want that video watched.

  **Seleni**@lemmy.world   English  9 · 19 hours ago

If you give me six lines written by the hand of the most honest of men, I will find something in them which will hang him.

-Cardinal Richelieu

Be very careful with that desire of yours to be able to watch all people all the time the second they step out into public. Even in a magical world where all laws are sensible and just—which is, notably, *not* the situation in the real world—it is still possible to do a lot of harm with that kind of information.

  **pivot_root**@lemmy.world   English  6 ·  19 hours ago



The knowledge that someone is being recorded in public spaces doesn't make them cognizant of every possible law they may be breaking or prevent them from breaking one unintentionally.

There are different laws at different levels of government, and it's unreasonable to expect somebody to comprehensively know every law on the books for everywhere they happen to be. For example, you have likely broken a city bylaw you weren't even aware of. And unfortunately, ignorance of the laws is typically not an absolute defence when breaking them. Furthermore, there are tons of archaic laws still on the books that are absurd by today's standards. They're not worth the cost to waste time investigating otherwise-innocuous civilians over, but that calculation changes when there's an army of volunteers doing it for free.

But, let's assume somebody does know every law—they're still human, and humans make mistakes. Opportunistic blackmailers could use the public camera pointed at this person's house to record the 50 instances where he/she accidentally parked two inches past the driveway and onto the sidewalk.

Would the city care if someone handed them an envelope of timestamped, verifiable evidence of finable offences? Maybe! It's free money and little effort for them to act on, and you can't run under the assumption that they will act in good faith when presented with evidence used as blackmail when you can't even trust them to act in good faith when they're the only ones with CCTV access. And even if the city won't care enough to follow up with such a tip, it doesn't matter as long as victims *think* they will.

No matter which way access is regulated, mass surveillance networks only create more problems than they solve.

  **Drusas**@fedia.io    4 · 15 hours ago

And in the US, police will look for any possible interaction to charge you with if they decided they want to.

  **DPEWGF**   English  3 · 19 hours ago

Do you know what CCTV stands for?


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cK6WYs2JipQ>

  **miguel**@fedia.io    58 · 1 day ago

This is why I'm not looking to cops to save me from ICE.

  **modus**@lemmy.world   English  52 · 1 day ago

Cops were never there to save you from anything at all.

  **miguel**@fedia.io    21 · 1 day ago

Agree entirely. Every time these news releases come out with "oh, we're going to have cops escort ICE" or "cops are going to arrest ICE for (random broken law)" I'm like... really?

  **modus**@lemmy.world   English  14 · 1 day ago

Didn't t FOP in Minnesota just say they stand with ICE?

  **Tippy**   English  20 · 1 day ago



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**“FOP Stands with ICE”
Minnesota Fraternal Order of Police Condemns Rhetoric**

(Minneapolis, MN) The Minnesota Fraternal Order of Police stands with the men and women of Law Enforcement across the country. Over the past month, while Federal law enforcement has been doing their job in Minnesota, political and community leaders have condemned and vilified them.


The hateful and anti-law enforcement rhetoric by Mayor Frey and other politicians have made their jobs and those of local and state law enforcement more difficult and dangerous. The job of law enforcement is difficult and dangerous enough without the agitation by leaders in our state and communities.

When citizens are accused of a crime, they are given the presumption of innocence as afforded by due process. When there is an incident involving law enforcement, politicians and activists immediately condemn those involved and are scrambling for sound bites. They do not afford them the same due process but rather convict them in a public court of opinion while an investigation is barely beginning.

The Minnesota Fraternal Order of Police condemns these attacks on law enforcement and calls on politicians and leaders to stop the anti-law enforcement rhetoric and to ask for calm while the facts come out.

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The National Fraternal Order of Police is the oldest and largest law enforcement organization in the United States, with more than 382,000 members.

  **Drusas**@fedia.io    4 · 15 hours ago

ICE are *not* law enforcement.

  **Viking_Hippie**@lemmy.dbzer0.com   English  12 · 1 day ago

To quote Ulysses Everett McGill: I don't want FOP, god dammit!

  **SaveTheTuahHawk**@lemmy.ca   English  10 · 1 day ago

They would join ICE if they didn't already have sweet pension.

    **BabySaver**@lemmy.world   English  11 · 1 day ago

MURDER!

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