

While much policing has been oppressive and cruel, it is also true that a public institution for law enforcement is required. The capability problem informs us that laws, no matter how good, are meaningless without enforcement. A battered wife, child in a custodial dispute, victim of extortion or other crime must have somewhere to turn for enforcement of their rights and protection from predators.

Therefore any resolution that abolishes the police must also propose that an effective means of law enforcement will replace it.

In addition, it should be recognized that the police officers are persons and workers who, like any other worker, are under significant pressure to conform to institutional demands. There is no reason why an effective law enforcement institution cannot be consistent with the goals of the NLG to:

- (a) To aid in making the United States and the State Constitutions and law and the administrative and judicial agencies of government responsive to the will of the American people;
- (b) To protect and foster our democratic institutions and civil rights and liberties of all people;
- (c) To aid in the establishment of governmental and professional agencies to supply adequate legal services to all who are in need and cannot obtain it;
- (d) To promote justice in the administration of the law;

Regards,  
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