

In 1894, a commission was formed in New York City to rout out corruption and brutality in the New York City Police Department. Some of the reforms were accepted and implemented. From that day up til today, people have suggested all kinds of ways to reform policing and police departments all over the country. At least every 20 years since then there has been a major commission to get rid of the systemic problem of police harassment, brutality, assault, and murder, of especially black and brown people. None of them have gotten rid of the problem. If we do not go all the way and call for the abolishing of policing now, and do all in our power to implement it, we will be having this discussion 20 years from now, 40, years from now, ad infinitum.

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