

COPS DON'T KEEP US SAFE

**A Zine based on
Phoenix Futuro:
A People's Report on
Policing and Safety**



In 2018, Poder in Action talked to over 10,000 mostly Black and Brown people in Phoenix about their perceptions and experiences of police and ICE in response to a rise in police shootings and threats of deportation under Trump.

In the following pages, we'll show you a bit of what we learned, and why it's more important than ever to reimagine community safety, and build a world without police.

WE'RE TAUGHT COPS MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE AND WE CAN TRUST THEM WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN.

BUT OUR FINDINGS SHOW A DIFFERENT REALITY. WE DON'T ACTUALLY TRUST OR FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH POLICE...AND WE SHOULDN'T.

ONLY 1 OUT OF 4 RESPONDENTS SAID THEY ALWAYS TRUST THE POLICE

LESS THAN 5% OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS SAID THEY FELT SAFE WHEN SEEING A POLICE OFFICER OR VEHICLE

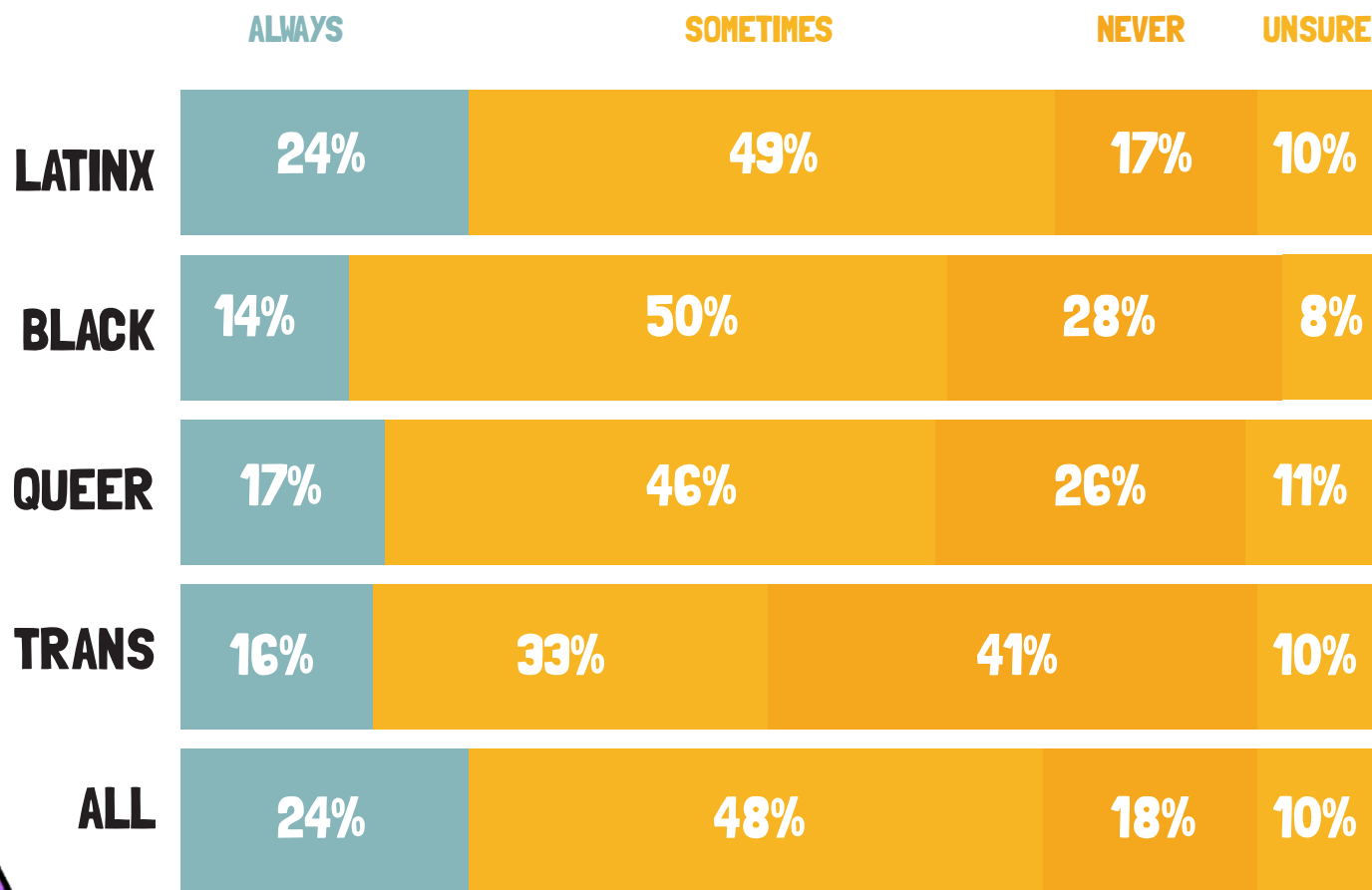
I wish these cops would stop trolling my neighborhood. They're definitely not making me feel any safer.

No wonder our people **don't feel safe** around cops!

For real tho. PHX police are one of the **deadliest** police departments in the country. they've killed at least 160 people since 2010.



HOW OFTEN DO YOU TRUST POLICE?



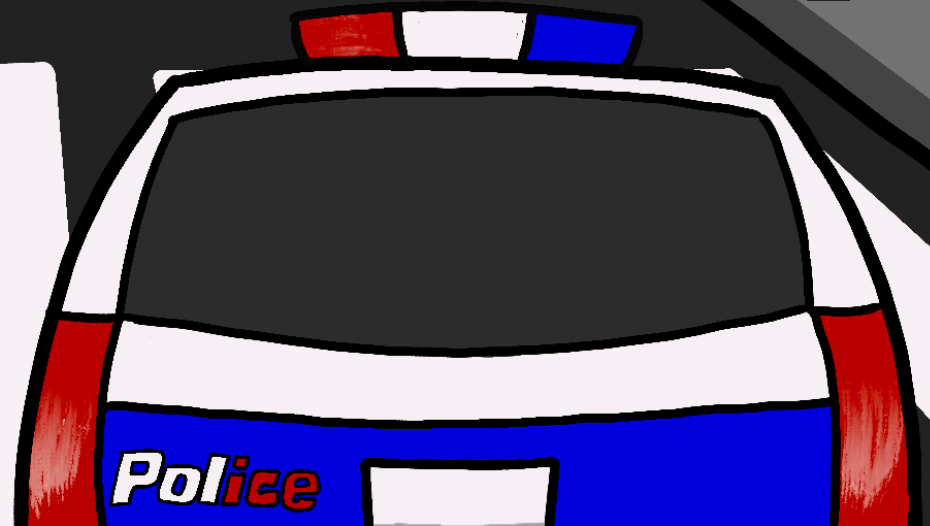
THIS DISTRUST DIDN'T COME OUT OF NOWHERE. OUR FINDINGS CONFIRM WHAT OUR PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SAYING FOREVER...WHAT WE LOOK LIKE AND WHERE WE LIVE IMPACTS HOW POLICE (MIS)TREAT US.

THE ODDS OF TRANS RESPONDENTS OR SOMEONE THEY KNOW BEING PROFILED OR TARGETED BY POLICE IS 88.82% HIGHER THAN FOR CIS-GENDER RESPONDENTS

THE ODDS OF QUEER RESPONDENTS EXPERIENCING MISTREATMENT IS 106% HIGHER THAN FOR STRAIGHT RESPONDENTS

I saw in the survey Poder did that the odds of Black respondents being profiled or targeted by police is **31% higher** than for white folks.

I believe it. I heard Phoenix Police called ICE **6,000 times** in less than **3 years**. Just seeing a cop car makes me anxious.



14% OF PEOPLE SHOT BY PHOENIX POLICE ARE BLACK, EVEN THOUGH BLACK FOLKS ONLY MAKE UP 7% OF POPULATION.

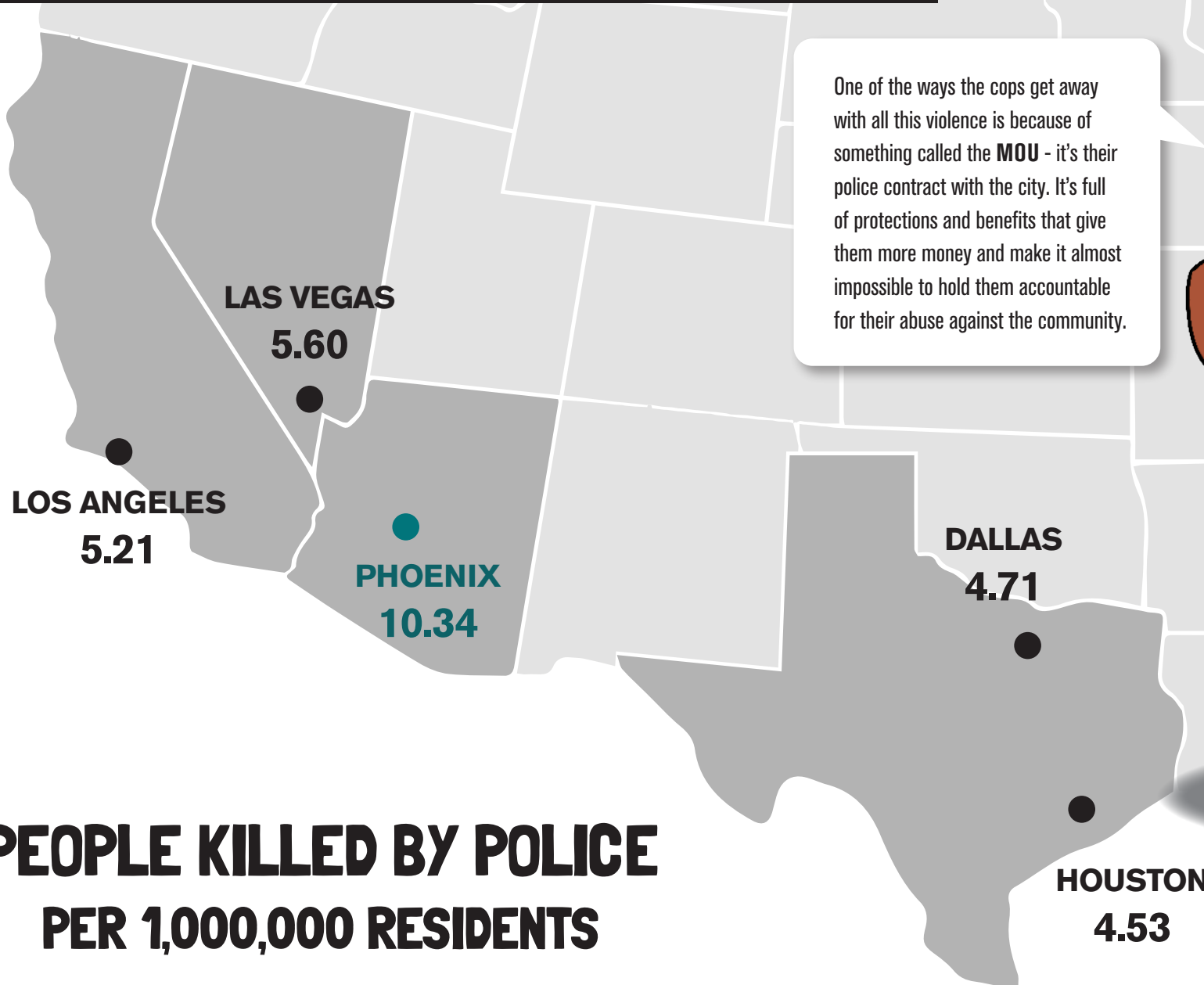
PHOENIX POLICE POINT AND TRAIN GUNS ON OUR PEOPLE OVER 400 TIMES EVERY MONTH

62% OF SHOOTINGS BY POLICE HAPPEN IN NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE FAMILY INCOME IS LESS THAN \$50,000, AND 2 OUTTA EVERY 3 OF THOSE SHOOTINGS HAPPENED IN MAJORITY POC NEIGHBORHOODS

3 OUT OF 4 PEOPLE GETTING GUNS POINTED AT THEM BY POLICE ARE BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE



PHOENIX POLICE IS THE DEADLIEST FORCE IN THE COUNTRY



One of the ways the cops get away with all this violence is because of something called the **MOU** - it's their police contract with the city. It's full of protections and benefits that give them more money and make it almost impossible to hold them accountable for their abuse against the community.



**PEOPLE KILLED BY POLICE
PER 1,000,000 RESIDENTS**

POLICING ISN'T WORKING FOR ANY OF US. OUR COMMUNITIES GET STRONGER, SAFER, AND HEALTHIER WHEN WE HAVE WHAT WE NEED TO THRIVE.



Damn. Our people wanna be safe, but cops aren't doing it for us.

**STREET
CLOSED**

Yuppppp. Just think if they'd put that kinda money into things that'd actually **make our neighborhoods safer and healthier** but I don't know how we could ever change things.

**END POLICE
VIOLENCE!**

**DEFUND
POLICE,
INVEST IN
PEOPLE**

**STOP SPECIAL
PROTECTIONS
FOR COPS!**

BREAKDOWN OF PPD BUDGET

**\$745 MILLION IN 2020 \$85,000 EVERY HOUR
\$2 MILLION EVERY DAY \$1,400 EVERY MINUTE**



For real. And local politicians aren't helping anything. Do you know how much money they give phoenix police every year?!

PODER'S MISSION IS TO BUILD POWER TO DISRUPT AND DISMANTLE SYSTEMS OF OPPRESSION AND DETERMINE A LIBERATED FUTURE AS PEOPLE OF COLOR IN ARIZONA.

We can get the changes we want to see,
we just have to bring our people together.
It's all about people power.



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