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-Explain Data in your own words.

Defund the Police. What In The World Does That Mean?? Is it a good idea?? Are police officers overpaid or underpaid?? All interesting questions when on the subject on Defund The Police. The Defund the Police Movement is not to eliminate police departments and dismantle millions of peoples' source of income and at the same time letting crime run rampant. The purpose is to quote Alicia Garcez, "Reinvesting funds toward the resources that our communities need. Did you know that over \$750 million plus is given to police departments out of taxpayer dollars? That statistic is from Philadelphia alone, and only a recent change made in decreasing the amount of money they receive.

Policing has been around officially since the 1830s. The police have always been here. The goal of being taken into custody/system/jail/prison is for 4 primary goals: Retribution, Restitution, Rehabilitation, and Incapacitation. Police officers are responsible for maintaining public order and ensuring public safety in addition to preventing and detecting crime.

With that condensed history in mind on policing and their job I move to my next point; We all know that 911 is the number to call when there is trouble, when there is crime, domestic, health, mental, and illness concerns. But we do not need them for every situation. In the definition above I stated what police officers are here to accomplish. Nowhere in any definition of policing or the job of the officers is: to rehabilitate drug "addicts", help those with mental illness, etc. Everything I have told you is backed with research by several professionals, but this is the most bizarre fact I have seen. An article by Thomas Breen, in June of 2020 has stated that 95.6% of police calls have ABSOLUTELY NOTHING to do with violence i.e public order, safety, or crime. This says to me that the calls made to police departments should be immediately forwarded to other professionals who are able to handle and work with people instead of throwing them in a cell.

That was a lot, but at the same time it might not have been enough for you. You still may think that police officers and their business should continue to receive more than half of the city's earnings, and you are completely entitled to your opinion. But I believe that the wealth that is given to the PD should be spread to other professions and departments. Kind of like Robin Hood, taking from the rich and giving to the "poor". Maybe you can do your own research about how much police departments are paid and how few people actually do not get the help and assistance they need as a result of too much money being spent on an individual profession. I encourage you to do so, you might not change your mind but it will open your eyes!