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.

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?

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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.

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.
62% of shootings by police happen in neighborhoods where family income is less than $50,000, and 2 out of every 3 of those shootings happened in majority POC neighborhoods.

Phoenix police point and train guns on our people over 400 times every month.

14% of people shot by Phoenix police are black, even though black folks only make up 7% of population.

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

PEOPLE KILLED BY POLICE PER 1,000,000 RESIDENTS

- PHOENIX: 10.34
- LAS VEGAS: 5.60
- LOS ANGELES: 5.21
- DALLAS: 4.71
- HOUSTON: 4.53

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.
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.

Yeah. 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.

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

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