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The war on drugs has been a primary driver of the police militarization that has contributed to the police killings of Breonna Taylor, Aiyana Stanley-Jones, and so many others. The history of police militarization is inextricably linked to federal drug policy, and much of the funding for police militarization has come from programs created, in part, to enforce drug prohibition.

To address police killings and violence, we must end the war on drugs and prevent law enforcement and policymakers from using drug use and sales as a pretext for equipping and training police-like armies.

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