

## Pros and Cons of Defunding the Police

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## **Introduction**

Over the years, abolitionists have called for defunding of police. “Defund the police” slogan became popular in 2020 after the death of George Floyd due to police brutality. Literary police defunding refers to reallocation or redirection of funds away from the police department to other government units funded by the local governments. Hitherto, defunding is more of a reduction of duties and responsibilities rather than abolishing police department. Defunding the police is essential because it will pave way for experts in service delivery while reducing violence. However, based on the accountability of police defunding should not be facilitated.

## **Arguments for Defunding the Police**

Police services have resulted in violence due to oppressive and violent handling of blacks. Nevertheless, they enjoy a pool of opportunities in discriminating against colour thus increasing overall crime (Bloom & Labovich, 2020). The police unit is usually outfitted with extra equipments such that at times of protests when public force exceed they cause violence. These funds ought to be concentrated on more basic human activities such as housing, education and employment. Police violence is therefore justified concern in defunding the police.

Defunding police will pave a way for experts in service delivery. Despite being concerned with life quality issues, policing department has failed because police are trained on provision of security rather than service delivery. For instance, police lack knowledge in handling complicated issues such as nursing and care delivery. Defunding police will mean concentrating funds to the experts in a particular field of service (Bloom & Labovich, 2020). No matter the idea, concentration of funds to experts will be more relevant and significant to the community.

### **Arguments Against Defunding the Police**

Globally, police service is recognised as full of responsibility and accountability in the management of government resources. Police unit tends to protect government resources further by ensuring zero corruption and unethical funding malpractices (Akbar, 2020). Based on the debate, it's clear that crime will never end due to perceived malpractices upon transfer of police services to other units. Hence, police accountability in the management of public resources provides an evidential reason against defunding.

### **Conclusion**

Defunding the police is critically important as it results in reduced violence and improved service delivery due to the acquisition of experts in service delivery. The defunding policy should be grounded on human welfare concern. Hitherto, given the accountability and responsibility of the police department, defunding of police is deemed ineffective.

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