

Police Violence

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# Police can investigate nicely

- 30 years ago
- Busy street in Rochester, NY
- Trimmed church bushes with machete
- Cop drove by slowly, never even talked to me

# The scene in Sioux Falls

- Trimmed branches with a machete
- Had, but didn't need adjoining property owner permission
- Machete stowed before police arrived
- Detained by 4 cops who had no suspicion
- Deprivation of liberty – a crime
- Violation of civil rights – a crime
- Display overwhelming force to intimidate
- Bullies terrify

# Commanded to sit on the ground

- Promotes dominance, subservience
- Per Terry vs. Ohio, no authority to detain
- No authority for this command
- Conduct unbecoming a police officer – a crime

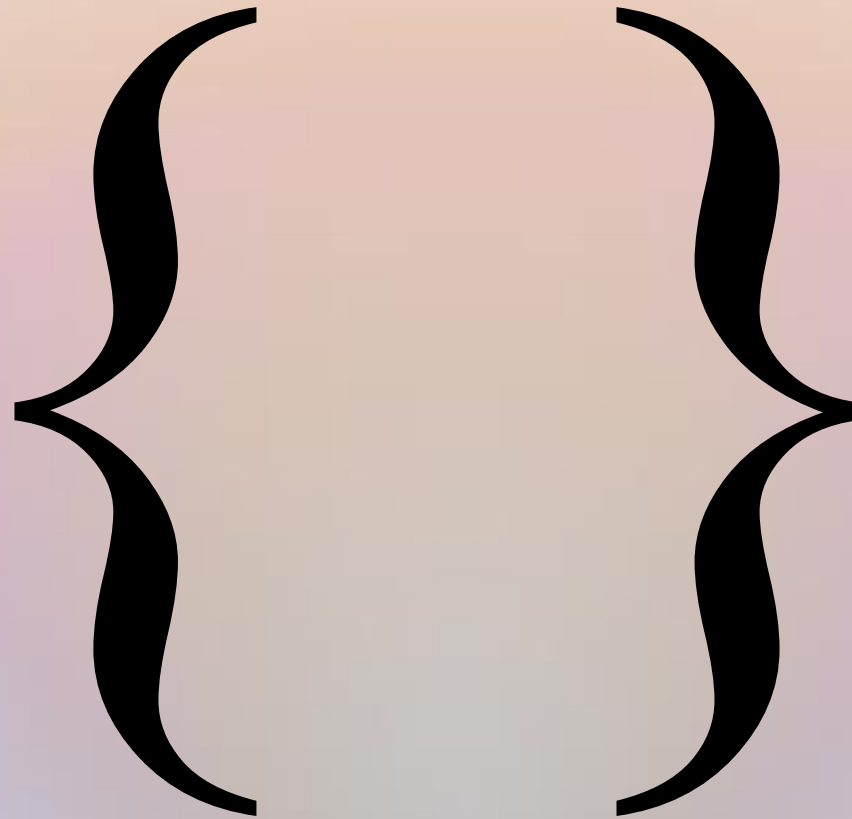
# Assault

- Surrounded by dastardly cops with guns
- One tried to grab my arm
- Body grabs are an attack
- If I reacted physically ...
- Expect physical, legal, emotional, financial attack
- Expect hospital and jail or morgue

# Reported a crime

- Captains in Sioux Falls PD
- Police chief
- Mayor
- City council
- City lawyer
- Minnehaha county state's attorney
- SD department of criminal investigation
- FBI
- USA department of justice

# Official response



# Police motivation

- Culture of fear
- Who benefits from collective fear?
- Pride
- Dominance is fun
- Zero accountability
- Tragically paid to destroy their own country



# USA condones police violence

- Protect police who commit crimes
- Why protect government agents?

# Political motivation

- Pride
- Denial
- Inertia
- Dogma: police commit no crimes
- No personal accountability
- **Average citizen has no political value**
- **No campaign contributions, no value**
- Most of us are peasants
- Corruption

# Reform needed

- Reform needed on many levels
- You can help
- We need to reclaim our government