

Ten Facts You Should Know About the American Police State

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1. More than [500 American](#) citizens have died after being tased, a device considered “non-lethal.”
2. The yearly cost of the War on Drugs to the American [taxpayer](#) is about \$40 billion. The estimated cost to end hunger worldwide is \$30 billion yearly.
3. There are more than [80,000](#) military raids conducted by police every year in the United States.
4. There are roughly 2.3 million people locked up in the [United States](#) with another 5 million on probation or parole. The overwhelming majority are for non-violent crimes.
5. UNICOR, an establishment inside the US Federal Prison System uses its confined pool of labor to produce [war goods](#) for the US military.
6. In [36%](#) of US SWAT raids, no contraband of any kind is found after the officers risk everyone’s life and engage in reckless actions that cost lives.
7. An average London resident is recorded over [300 times a day](#) by Big Brother’s video surveillance apparatus.
8. The only nation to maintain a [higher incarceration](#) rate than the United States is Germany ... under the Nazis.
9. 97% of [reported](#) police brutality victims are people of color.
10. Every [98 minutes](#), a cop kills a family pet. There have been [no recorded](#) officer deaths from a dog in last decade.

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