

The Case for abolishing the police (5): “What about the reforms?”

[The Bethlehem Gadfly](#) [George Floyd killing](#) October 16, 2020

🌀 Latest in a series of posts in the wake of the George Floyd murder 🌀

The 2020 NCC Peace and Social Justice Conference

Police-Free Future panel, October 15, 2020
video

Here PV confronts the efficacy of the “reform” stage in the **Futility Cycle**.

Our officers have had the much ballyhoo’d body cameras for about a year (considerable cost — were they paid for by a grant?), and it would be good to have a report on whatever impact and effect, if any, the cameras have had.

The abolitionists don’t see these kinds of reforms as particularly meaningful.

WHAT ABOUT BODY CAMERAS, TRAINING AND REFORMS?

Video footage wasn't enough to get justice for Philando Castile, Samuel DuBose, Walter Scott, Tamir Rice, and far too many other victims of police violence.

Minneapolis has been the poster child for reform. 5 different review boards & millions of dollars for “community policing” brought us to this moment where MPD is under statewide investigation for human rights abuses.

PV is quite Minneapolis site-specific here, indicating that Minneapolis has been the poster child for reform. Trying everything. Progressive. Cutting-edge.

But the reforms “haven’t done much at all.”

“Haven’t led to more accountability.”

Camera use “doesn’t lead to justice.”

This time we’re only looking for a minute of your listening time.

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