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Biden's Budget

- Last year, as cities across the country were [burned](#) and [looted](#), Democrats pushed to “defund the police” who risk their lives to keep us safe.
- White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki [falsely claimed](#) Republicans are to blame for defunding the police. Here's the truth: it is Democrats who call for defunding the police and Democrat-run cities that followed through. Here are just a [few](#):
 - New York
 - Philadelphia
 - Washington, D.C.
 - Baltimore
 - Los Angeles
 - San Francisco
 - Minneapolis
 - Seattle
 - Portland, Oregon
 - Oakland, California
 - Oakland slashed police funding by nearly \$18 million. Now, crime is “out of control” with homicides up 90%, carjackings up 88%, and shootings up 70%.
 - Oakland Police Chief LeRonne Armstrong warned that the funding cuts will force the department to cut 50 officers and two new police academy classes, even as five officers leave the department every month.
 - Astonishingly, just hours after Armstrong's warning, [armed robbers held up a news crew](#) interviewing Oakland's head of violence prevention outside city hall.
 - Austin, Texas
 - Hartford, Connecticut
- Bowing to pressure from “defund the police” Democrats at the [local level](#), more than [20 major cities](#) reduced their police budgets. The result? More violent crime and communities left in shambles.
- Democrats are hypocrites when it comes to “defund the police.”



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- Democrats want to deny security for you and your family while insisting on special security for themselves.
 - The latest example: Jamaal Bowman, who pushes for “[the reallocation of resources](#)” from police, [insisted](#) on special police protection for his home.
 - Democrat New York mayoral candidate [Maya Wiley](#), who wants to slash \$1 billion from the NYPD, has paid for a private security patrol.
 - Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who advocates for “[defunding police](#),” spends thousands on security services.
 - Rep. Ilhan Omar, who has called for [dismantling](#) the Minneapolis Police Department, spends thousands on security services.
 - Rep. Ayanna Pressley, who supports defunding the police, calling it a “[reckoning](#),” spends thousands on security services.
 - Rep. Cori Bush, who has repeatedly proclaimed her support for “[defund the police](#),” spends thousands on security services.
 - Rep. Maxine Waters [requested a police escort](#) for the SAME TRIP on which she told protestors “to get more confrontational.”
- During his campaign, Joe Biden said funding should “[absolutely](#)” be redirected away from police departments.
- American small businesses, families, and communities are experiencing the devastating effects of anti-police rhetoric and police department budget cuts at the hands of Democrat politicians.
- Americans living in Democrat-run cities are suffering from historic and devastating [spikes](#) in violent crime:

CITY	HOMICIDES	SHOOTINGS
Atlanta	↑ 58%	↑ 40%
Portland	↑ 533%	↑ 126%
New York City	↑ 13%	↑ 64%
Los Angeles	↑ 22%	↑ 51%
Chicago	↑ 5%	↑ 18%
Philadelphia	↑ 37%	↑ 27%

- The Democrat elites running their cities into the ground aren’t the people who suffer from their policies. Instead, it’s often the poor and disadvantaged citizens they represent.
- The [vast majority of Americans oppose defunding the police](#) – even with this surge in crime, the Democrat push to defund the police lives on. It’s clear – for Democrat politicians, it’s your safety last, far-left activists first.