

Why local police should not cooperate with Federal Immigration forces.

Greetings Honorable Members of the Committee on Judiciary,

My testimony regarding LD 1971 begins with excerpts from the book On Tyranny by Professor Timothy Snyder and then followed by a brief request.

Page 48: "Authoritarian regimes usually include a special riot police force whose task is to disperse citizens who seek to protest, and a secret state police force whose assignments include the murder of the dissenters or others designated as enemies. And indeed we find the forces of the latter kind deeply involved in the great atrocities of the 20th century, such as the Great Terror in the Soviet Union of 1937–38 and the Holocaust of European Jews for betrayed by Nazi Germany in 1941–45. We make a great mistake if we imagine that the Soviet NKVD or the Nazi SS acted without support. Without the assistance of regular police forces, and sometimes regular soldiers, they couldn't not have killed on such a great scale.

In the great terror in the Soviet Union, NKVD officers recorded 682,691 executions of supposed enemies of the state, most of them peasants or members of national minorities. Perhaps no organ of violence has ever been more centralized or better organized than the NKVD of those years. A small number of men carried out the neck shots... They could not have possibly carried out this campaign without the assistance of local police, legal professionals, and civil servants throughout the Soviet Union. The Great Terror took place during a state of exception that required all policemen to subordinate themselves to NKVD and its special tasks. The policemen were not the principal perpetrators, but they provided the indispensable manpower...

The holocaust began not in the death facilities, but over shooting pits in Eastern Europe... every large scale shooting action of the Holocaust (more than thirty-three thousand Jews murdered outside Kyiv, more than twenty-eight thousand outside Riga, and on and on) involved the regular German police. All in all, regular policemen murdered more Jews than the Einsatzgruppen. Many of them had no special preparation for this task. They found themselves in an unknown land, they had their orders, and they did not want to look weak. In the rare cases where they refused these orders to murder Jews, policeman were not punished.

Some killed from murderous conviction. But many other others who killed were just afraid to stand out. Other forces were at work besides conformism. But without the conformists, the great atrocities would have been impossible."

This ends the excerpts from a remarkably perceptive book. I urge you to be NON-CONFORMISTS. To not conform to the pressure to allow our local police to become part of a national enforcement movement that begins with a readily identifiable "enemy" which later is assigned new "enemies" to arrest. The Soviet Union had its Great Terror and now today we have many millions of USA citizens that are truly terrorized by the actions and rhetoric of the Federal Government. Ronald Reagan once said in a debate, "The nine most terrifying words of the English language are 'I'm from the government and here to help you'". Now the nine most

terrifying are, "We are the law and demand that you conform". Once all law enforcement has been subordinated who will be the next set of "enemies" to focus on? Educators? Union officials? Leaders of "enemy" non-profits? "Enemy" media organizations?

You may not have understood it, but our nation is in a state of terror never experienced before. STAND OUT from the crowd think, STAND UP to the ANNEXATION of local police departments.

AND BE NON-CONFORMISTS.

Respectfully submitted,
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