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Law enforcement is not on a pedestal above citizens. Recently, we're seeing ICE disregard laws and precedent without repercussions. In Multnomah county and in many other areas of America, police forces have threatened to or followed through on threats to not perform their duties because of policy disagreements. Both are criminal acts.

Police brutality is not a recent problem. POC have been targeted with violence from fellow citizens without legal impediment and police throughout American history. These threats are not being addressed or going away.

Anecdotally, I've had a home intruder in Portland while my family was in the home, called the police, and they didn't arrive for over 2 hours.

Citizens deserve the right to protect themselves from threats coming from any criminals and we need to have the ability to be on an even playing field. Law enforcement and military are not better than any citizen and giving them more rights is unconstitutional, morally hypocritical, and will further violence used against citizens.