

## Police Department Goes On Strike, People Seem Happier Without Them



What would happen if the police in your town went on strike? Would it be like a scene from the propaganda film *The Purge*?, where all of your once friendly neighbors become thieves and murderers? Or would the peaceful majority quickly begin to self organize to protect one another from the few in their communities who actually are thieves and murderers?

Every community is different and it is possible that different people would react differently, but for the most part, when these types of situations arise people actually don't descend into madness.

There have been many examples throughout history of people defending their families and communities in a decentralized manner, and recently there have some many examples of this in the news, in various different parts of the world.

This week it was reported that police in Acapulco, Mexico went on strike and the people of the city, for the most part, do not seem to want them back. It turns out that without the transit police there is less traffic, and without the municipal police there has been no noticeable increase in crime.

Jeff Berwick, Acapulco resident and founder of [The Dollar Vigilante](#), said that people in the city have seemed much happier since the police went on strike. In a recent report, Berwick explained how traffic actually ran much smoother without the transit police.

Weeks went on and you could tell that almost everybody had become aware of the lack of transit police and no one was adhering to red lights if there wasn't any oncoming traffic. The majority of people began treating red lights like a *'yield'* sign. They'd slow down, check that no cars were coming, and if there weren't, they'd just roll through the red light instead of sitting there for a minute or two, as traffic backed up behind them, he said.

There is certainly a legitimate need for a wide variety of community and property protection services, but these services can be provided spontaneously by members of the community, in a decentralized way.

Authority is made to be abused, and as long as police are given the special legal and economic treatment that they currently enjoy, the authority that they derive through those protections will be abused. There is no reason why the vital function of community defense should be monopolized by the state, which is traditionally corrupt itself.

Decentralized policing is already happening in many parts of the country. For an example, check out this video below, and learn about how decentralized groups that are not affiliated with the government are making the communities that they live in safer, without the need for aggressive force.

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