

Source “Prying Eyes” by Joanne Cavanaugh Simpson

APA Citation: CAVANAUGH SIMPSON, J. (2020). Prying Eyes. Retrieved from <https://pulitzercenter.org/reporting/prying-eyes>

<p>Text (Annotate)</p> <p>Hint: Divide the annotation into two parts- one style for main idea, another style for key details</p>	<p>Summarize (in your own words)</p>	<p>Questions / Inferences / Reactions</p> <p>Sentence starters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WH-Question (Questions) • I infer / think / believe / assume that... (inference) • This information / quote is interesting / confusing / surprising / etc. because... (reaction)
<p>On <u>June 6, 2020</u>, thousands of protesters <u>marched down the streets of Baltimore</u>. These protesters carried poster images of unarmed Black men and women killed at the hands of police: George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and many others.</p> <p>In the sky above the thousands of protesters, a plane (known as the Cessna T207) used its Surveillance System cameras were looking down, and recording people’s movements as protesters began marching, chanting “Say His Name” and “George Floyd”.</p>	<p><u>Paragraph 1 (Example)</u></p> <p>During June 2020, there were many protests against racial injustice and police brutality. In the city of Baltimore had thousands of protesters that occupied the city streets.</p> <p><u>Paragraph 2</u></p>	<p><u>Paragraph 1</u></p> <p><u>Question (Example)</u></p> <p>How did the police respond to these protests against police brutality?</p> <p><u>Inference (Example)</u></p> <p>I infer that these protests against police brutality were happening all over the United States (since George Floyd was from Minnesota and Breonna Taylor was from Louisville)</p> <p><u>Reaction (Example)</u></p> <p>This information connects to me because back in June 2020 I also participated in the protests in New York City.</p> <p><u>Paragraph 2</u></p>

Almost daily since April 2020, the Cessna has been flying in circles over Baltimore at altitudes between 4,000 and 9,000 feet, up to 11 hours a day. The Baltimore police “spy plane” program, as it is derided by critics, has hit the halfway point of its six-month experiment.

For Baltimore police, the purpose of the spy program is not to track protesters, but to locate witnesses, suspects, and vehicles related to serious “target crimes” such as homicides and armed robberies. After more than 700 hours aloft over the city, just one arrest has been made with aid from the program’s imagery data, according to Baltimore City Police Department (BPD). Meanwhile, major Black Lives Matter protests have been among public street activities widely captured and recorded.

Paragraph 3

Paragraph 4

Paragraph 3

Paragraph 4

The ACLU argues that Baltimore’s aerial surveillance pilot program poses a long-term threat. “Although there are no indications that the BPD has used this program to target particular protesters, it continues to record video of every protester’s daytime movements in Baltimore, in violation of their First Amendment rights...That is not a power that the government should have in a democracy.”

The Baltimore Police Department’s “spy plane” project has already cost \$3.7 million. The Baltimore Police also admitted that the program could potentially cost as high as \$8 million annually. There are questions to consider about whether constant aerial surveillance is likely to build trust between communities and police—an established key to solving and preventing crime—or erode it further.

Paragraph 5

Paragraph 6

Paragraph 5

Paragraph 6

Source [After Pouring Billions Into Militarization of U.S. Cops, Congress Weighs Limits](#) by Allision McCartney, Paul Murray, and Mira Rojanasakul (July 2020)

APA Citation: McCartney, A., Murray, P., & Rojanasakul, M. (2020). Police Militarization: 1033, DHS Programs Lead to Billions in Equipment Stockpiling. Retrieved from <https://www.bloomberg.com/graphics/2020-police-military-equipment/>

<p style="text-align: center;">Text (Annotate)</p> <p>Hint: Divide the annotation into two parts- one style for main idea, another style for key details</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Summarize (in your own words)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Questions / Inferences / Reactions</p> <p>Sentence starters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WH-Question (Questions) • I infer / think / believe / assume that... (inference) • This information / quote is interesting / confusing / surprising / etc. because... (reaction)
<p>During the <u>spring and summer of 2020</u>, protesters have been mobilizing across the country against racism and excessive force by police. These protesters have been countered by law enforcement officers more heavily armed than ever, <u>including military rifles and helicopters</u>.</p> <p>Over the past two decades, many police departments have legally acquired guns and vehicles intended for military use in wartime combat. Three federal programs have allowed local and state law enforcement to arm itself with military equipment.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Paragraph 1 (Example)</u></p> <p>2020 has seen a large number of protests against police brutality and racial injustices. During these protests, the police have responded with force, using military equipment such as rifles and helicopters.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Paragraph 2</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Paragraph 1 (Example)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Question (Example)</u></p> <p>How did the protesters react when they saw the military equipment? Did the military-like response of the police make the situation worse?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Inference (Example)</u></p> <p>I infer that the protests were started over the outrage from the unjust deaths of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Reaction (Example)</u></p> <p>I remember seeing the footage of the cops with their body armor and military trucks. It was scary to see.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Paragraph 2</u></p>

<p>The first program was Section 1033 of the 1997 National Defense Authorization Act. Under this policy, the Defense Department has transferred excess or unused equipment to state and local law enforcement agencies. Therefore, over 6,500 law enforcement agencies across the country have acquired more than \$7 billion worth of guns, helicopters, armored vehicles and ammunition.</p> <p>Since 2003, state and local law enforcement agencies have received \$24.3 billion from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The DHS's two programs, the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI), were intended to provide local agencies with tools necessary to combat terrorism. Police departments have used this funding for projects such as increasing surveillance.</p>	<p><u>Paragraph 3</u></p> <p><u>Paragraph 4</u></p>	<p><u>Paragraph 3</u></p> <p><u>Paragraph 4</u></p>
--	---	---

However, DHS funding has not always been used for fighting terrorism like it was supposed to. The 2014 police brutality protests in Ferguson, Missouri were spurred by the fatal shooting of an unarmed Black teenager by a police officer. Afterwards, it was reported that \$9.4 million of military equipment was used for the militarized police response to the protesters. In 2020, the DHS plans to give \$1.03 billion to state local agencies through these programs, a \$25 million increase over the year before.

We should examine the consequences of militarization and how it changes the mission of police to protect and serve with the mission of the armed forces to engage enemy targets. If police officers behave like soldiers, this might erode trust and diminish relations between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

Paragraph 5

Paragraph 6

Paragraph 5

Paragraph 6

Explaining what military equipment U.S. police use and where they can be found.

Mine-resistant vehicles

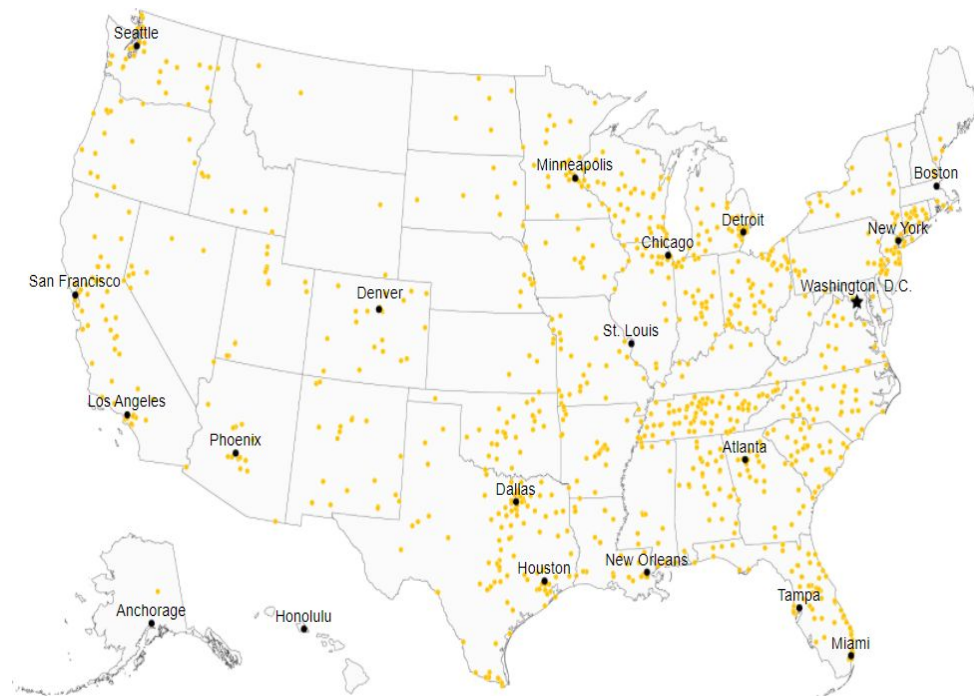
Mine-resistant vehicles became a visible sign of police force in recent protests in Detroit, Cincinnati and Bellevue, Washington. More than 1,000 law enforcement agencies across the country possess a mine-resistant vehicle (often referred to as an MRAP).

Mine-Resistant Vehicles 1,099

Stations With Mine-Resistant Vehicles 1,029 out of 6,522

Total Value \$744,488,353

Median Value \$705,421



Source: Defense Logistics Agency



Source [After Pouring Billions Into Militarization of U.S. Cops, Congress Weighs Limits](#)

Explaining what military equipment US Police use and where they can be found.

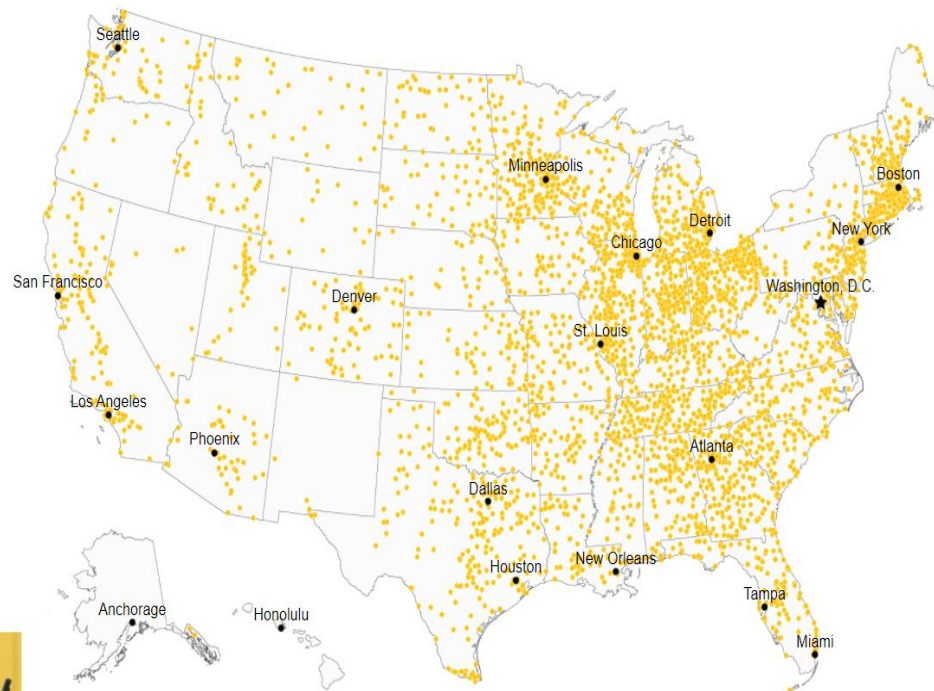
Guns

Rifles and their accessories, like magazine cartridges and sights, are the most commonly distributed items in the Defense Department program. About 75,000 guns distributed through the program are currently in the hands of law enforcement, including several gauges of rifles, shotguns and glock pistols.

Guns 66,375

Stations With Guns 4,507 out of 6,522

Total Value \$26,134,165 **Median Value** \$499



Source: Defense Logistics Agency



Source [After Pouring Billions Into Militarization of U.S. Cops, Congress Weighs Limits](#)