



Riot police deployed at a Black Lives Matter protest

May 2016: Louisiana passes so-called “Blue Lives Matter” legislation making resisting arrest a felony hate crime. This is widely understood to be the state’s response to Black Lives Matter protests occurring in Louisiana and other cities.

Photo source: <http://www.rawstory.com/2017/01/louisiana-police-chief-pushes-blue-lives-matter-law-to-make-resisting-arrest-a-felony-hate-crime/>



Dallas police officer runs during the shootout with Micah Johnson in 2016

July 2016: Alton Sterling of Baton Rouge, LA and Philando Castile of St. Paul, MN are killed by police within days of each other. The shootings launch protests in cities across the country, including Dallas, TX, where Micah Johnson shoots and kills 5 police officers. Johnson is killed by police using a robot carrying explosives, marking **the first time a robot is used by police to target and kill a suspect.**

Photo source: <http://www.cnn.com/2016/07/08/us/philando-castile-alton-sterling-protests/index.html>



July 2016: 14-year old Bresha Meadows is arrested and placed in juvenile detention for shooting her abusive father while trying to protect her family, launching a nationwide campaign calling for her freedom.

Photo source: <https://freebresha.wordpress.com/art/>



September 9, 2016: Over a hundred demonstrators from the Bay Area's Stop Urban Shield coalition successfully locked down outside the Urban Shield weapons and military training expo in Pleasanton, CA to protest the militarization of local law enforcement units. The expo brings in foreign military personnel including members of the Israel Defense Forces to train local law enforcement in military tactics.

Photo source: <http://stopurbanshield.org/category/updates/page/3/>



Armored tanks and hundreds of police officers deployed to Standing Rock camp

September 2016-February 2017: Native-led demonstration at Standing Rock, North Dakota over the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) results in deployment of private security and guard dogs, local law enforcement and the National Guard. Police use water cannons, rubber bullets and tear gas to attack water protectors—youth, elders, activists—camped out in below freezing temperatures. It is later revealed that Energy Transfer Partners, the corporation backing DAPL, hired private security firm TigerSwan to digitally surveil activists using counterterrorism surveillance tactics to share information with the FBI and local law enforcement.

Photo source: <http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2016/12/dakota-access-pipeline-standing-rock-oil-water-protest/>



Protestors at LAX airport in January 2017 are met with LAPD in riot gear

January 27-February 2017: Trump issues an executive order barring entry to the U.S. for nationals from seven Muslim-majority countries. The vaguely worded order results in chaos at airports across the country as U.S. Customs begin holding immigrants of varying immigration statuses in detention at airports. Widespread protests occur at airports across the country, with riot police brought in to many of these protests. District judges in Seattle, Hawai'i and several other states sue to suspend the bans.

Photo source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-lax-protest-20170129-story.html>



February 2017: Trump signs three executive orders aimed at increasing policing. One proposes increasing penalties on assaults on police officers, another directs law enforcement to increase information sharing and a third directs the Attorney General to prioritize fighting “illegal immigration” including hiring 15,000 more Border Patrol and ICE officers

Photo source:

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/news/politics/2017/02/09/president-trump-signs-executive-orders-crack-down-violent-crime/5LKriYDWuCzwlP6CzPWBRK/story.html>



Protestor locks himself to an ICE van transporting Guadalupe Garcia de Rayos, one of the first people facing deportation under the massive raids in early 2017

February 2017 onwards: Sweeping ICE raids are conducted across the country following threats by the Trump administration to increase deportations. Notably, almost 700 immigrants were arrested during these raids over 5 days in early February. Immigration rights activists in Arizona block an ICE van transporting a mother of two U.S. citizens to Mexico, one of many such actions to protest the increased raids.

Photo source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/ct-phoenix-immigrant-mother-deported-20170209-story.html>



Activists paint a mural reading “Resist, No Ban, No Wall” in the streets outside the ICE office in San Francisco, shutting down traffic for several hours

May 1, 2017: Bay Area activists stage simultaneous May Day/ International Worker Solidarity Day actions outside the San Francisco ICE office and Oakland Sheriff’s Department to protest local law enforcement’s collaboration with ICE

Photo source: <http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Protesters-fill-Bay-Area-streets-for-May-Day-11111960.php#photo-12823469>



Members of Bus Riders Unite call on the Portland City Council to block their proposal to build a new transit jail

March 2017: Portland's TriMet public transit system announces plans to build a new \$11M transit police precinct and jail which includes a detention center and interrogation unit. These plans will likely increase policing and arrests of low-income and black transit users.

Photo source:

http://www.oregonlive.com/commuting/index.ssf/2017/05/transit_police_precinct_become.html



June 2017: Two bystanders are killed on a Portland TriMet MAX train after intervening in an Islamophobic attack on two Black and Muslim youths. A fascist rally is planned in Portland's Chapman Square a week later, along with an anti-fascist counter-protest. During the rallies, Portland police officers request help from a member of private militia group Three Percenters in arresting an anti-fascist protestor.

Photo source: <http://www.opb.org/news/article/portland-oregon-arrest-patriot-prayer-trump-free-speech/>