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## Biden Doesn't Support Defunding Police, but Favors Conditions on Federal Aid to Police

Although many officials, including New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and nine of the Minneapolis city council's 13 members, have called for defunding or even ending local police departments, former Vice President and Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden is apparently not one of them.



The calls for defunding the police departments were a response to the death of George Floyd at the hands of Derek Chauvin, a Minneapolis Police Department officer who knew Floyd when they had both worked as security guards at the El Nuevo Rodeo club in Minneapolis.

The actions of this single police officer have fueled protests that have been taken over by highly organized professional agitators from the George Soros-funded Antifa and have also been used as a pretext to call for the defunding of our local police departments.

A report in the *New York Times* confirmed a statement from Biden's campaign that he "hears and shares the deep grief and frustration of those calling out for change" and that he "supports the urgent need for reform." However, noted Andrew Bates, a campaign spokesman, Biden is opposed to cutting police funding and believes that more spending is necessary to help improve law enforcement and community policing.

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When Biden was asked by CBS anchor Norah O'Donnell on June 8 if he supported defunding the police, he answered, "No, I don't support defunding the police. I support conditioning federal aid to police based on whether or not they meet certain basic standards of decency and honorableness."

If Biden's long career in politics has taught him anything, it is that a candidate for national office cannot afford to alienate the "moderate middle" that decide most elections.

While Biden has distanced himself from the more radical elements likely to tarnish his image among moderate voters, his reference to conditioning federal aid to police based on criteria set by Washington indicates he is on board with the agenda that seeks to use anarchy in the streets to justify federal control from above.

As *The New American* noted on June 8 regarding the Minneapolis City Council's plans to "dismantle" the police department,

Eliminating local police forces will only exacerbate the lawlessness currently being fomented by the political Left and media's promotion of looting, rioting, arsenal, and cop-killing under the guise of "social justice protests."

But the creation of chaos is the plan, after all, and always has been the plan of those who seek to



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create revolutionary social and political change. When things get bad enough, people are willing to accept authoritarianism to bring the chaos to an end — and who's better positioned to end the chaos than those who created it in the first place?

Federal control and nationalization of our nation's local police departments is the goal, and the protests organized by Black Lives Matter and escalated by Antifa are staged for the purpose of giving the would-be tyrants justification to create a police state.

Biden's plan to tie federal aid to police to federal conditions indicates he is willing to become a key player in this process of federalizing our police.

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