The Reality of Defunding the Police

- Democrats are the party of defunding the police and closing schools. In the past year alone, over 25 cities have defunded or considered defunding their police departments. Approximately $1.7 billion has been cut from police departments nationwide. These cuts come while many school districts in Democrat communities continue to ban students from learning inside the classroom.

  - Democrats in San Francisco cut nearly $120 million from its police department’s budget. Schools in San Francisco remain closed as Democrats in the city debate renaming schools instead of reopening them.

  - Democrats in New York City slashed nearly $1 billion from its police department’s budget. The NYPD saw a 72% increase in police retirements last year. While students were left at home, crime levels spiked throughout the city.

- Calls to defund the police have led to low morale and low officer retention rates. Police officers are leaving the force in mass across the country. Almost 4,000 officers have left their posts in the past year alone.

- Crime rates are up in cities that have defunded the police.

  - New York City saw a 97% rise in shootings and an almost 45% increase in homicides after defunding their police.

  - Austin, Texas saw 50% spike in homicides after defunding their police.

  - Los Angeles saw a 11.6% rise in homicides after defunding their police.

  - Crime was so bad in Minneapolis, that the city actually refunded the police to help combat rising crime levels.

- President Biden has not firmly rejected the defund the police movement. Instead, he has nominated people who support defunding police departments—such as Vanita Gupta, who is nominated to be the third highest law enforcement official at the Department of Justice.