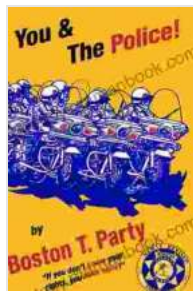


You The Police Boston Party: A Movement for Police Reform in the City of Boston

You The Police Boston Party (YTBP) is a grassroots organization that emerged in Boston, Massachusetts, in the wake of the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin in May 2020. The organization's mission is to advocate for police reform and accountability in the city of Boston, particularly in communities of color that have been disproportionately impacted by police violence and systemic racism.



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History and Context

YTBP was founded by a group of activists, community organizers, and concerned citizens who were outraged by the killing of George Floyd and the long history of police brutality in the United States. The organization's name is inspired by the 1970s television series "You The Police," which highlighted the daily lives of police officers and their interactions with the

public. YTBP aims to reclaim the phrase "You the Police" and to shift the power dynamics between police and the community by giving the public a voice in shaping police policy and practices.

Boston has a long and troubled history of police misconduct and racial bias. In 2014, the city entered into a consent decree with the U.S. Department of Justice following a federal investigation that found "a pattern and practice of excessive force, discriminatory stops, and unconstitutional searches" by the Boston Police Department (BPD).

Goals and Strategies

YTBP's primary goals are to:

- End police brutality and excessive force.
- Increase police accountability and transparency.
- li>Build trust between police and the community.

The organization employs a variety of strategies to achieve its goals, including:

- **Community engagement:** YTBP holds community meetings, workshops, and public forums to listen to residents' concerns and develop solutions.
- **Policy advocacy:** YTBP advocates for legislative changes and reforms that promote police accountability and community oversight.
- **Legal action:** YTBP has filed lawsuits against the BPD and the city of Boston to hold them accountable for misconduct and systemic racism.

Campaigns and Initiatives

YTBP has led several high-profile campaigns and initiatives to advance its reform agenda. Some of the most notable include:

- **Campaign to End Police Brutality:** Launched in 2020, this campaign calls for an end to the use of excessive force and deadly force by police officers. YTBP has organized protests, rallies, and community outreach events to raise awareness about the issue and pressure city officials to take action.
- **Campaign for Independent Police Review:** YTBP advocates for the creation of an independent civilian review board to investigate complaints against police officers. The organization believes that a civilian-led board would be more impartial and responsive to the needs of the community than the current internal affairs process.
- **Campaign for Community Control of Police:** YTBP proposes a radical restructuring of the BPD that would give the community a direct say in the hiring, firing, and disciplinary procedures of police officers. The organization envisions a police force that is accountable to the people it serves.

Impact and Achievements

YTBP has had a significant impact on the conversation about police reform in Boston. The organization's advocacy efforts have helped to raise awareness about the issue and put pressure on city officials to take action. Some of YTBP's notable achievements include:

- In 2020, the city of Boston passed a landmark ordinance that created a new Independent Review Bureau to investigate complaints against police officers.
- YTBP has played a key role in the ongoing negotiations between the city and the Department of Justice over the consent decree.
- The organization has trained hundreds of community members on their rights when interacting with police and how to file complaints.

Challenges and Future Directions

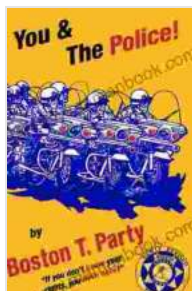
Despite its successes, YTBP faces numerous challenges in its quest for police reform. These challenges include:

- **Political resistance:** The Boston Police Patrolmen's Association (BPPA), the union representing BPD officers, has strongly opposed YTBP's reform efforts. The BPPA has accused the organization of being anti-police and has sought to discredit its leaders.
- **Institutional inertia:** The BPD has a long history of resistance to change. The department has been slow to implement reforms, even those mandated by the consent decree.
- **Limited resources:** YTBP is a grassroots organization with limited funding and staff. This can make it difficult to compete with the well-funded lobbyists and public relations firms that represent the BPPA and other opponents of police reform.

Despite these challenges, YTBP remains committed to its mission of achieving police reform in Boston. The organization is working to build a

broad coalition of supporters, including community groups, labor unions, and elected officials. YTBP also plans to continue its legal advocacy and community engagement efforts.

You The Police Boston Party is a powerful and influential force for change in the city of Boston. The organization's advocacy efforts have helped to raise awareness about police brutality and systemic racism, and have pushed city officials to take action. YTBP is a model for grassroots organizing and community empowerment. The organization's work is essential to building a more just and equitable city for all Boston residents.



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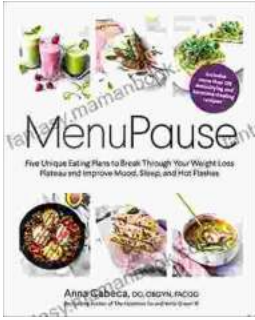
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