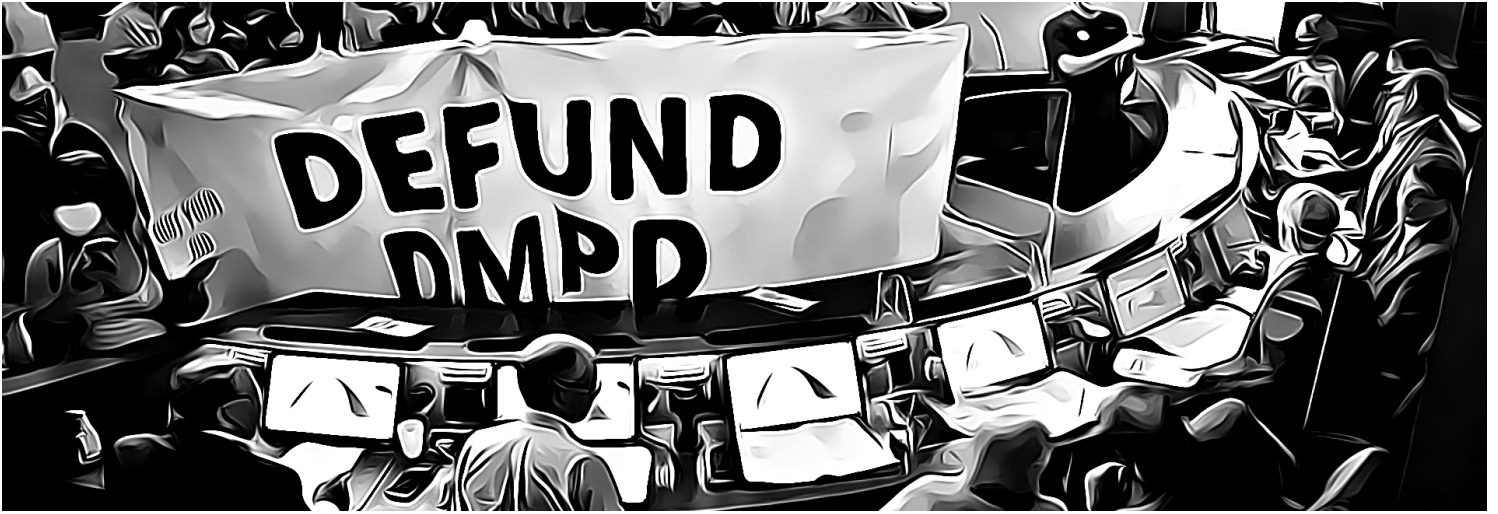


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SHUT SHIT DOWN! MOVEMENT DELIVERS ON PROMISE!

For twelve months the Des Moines Black Liberation movement has walked the streets promising that “if we don’t get it, shut it down.” At approximately 5:14, June 14th, 2021 the movement didn’t get it, so they shut shit down. The council, the police, the patio diners, the media and every liberal that ever questioned messaging can’t say they weren’t warned.

The illegal council meeting was interrupted after members unanimously approved a Disney World training vacation for racist cop Chad Steffen over vehement public objection. After taking control of the meeting, freedom fighters returned speaking time to the people who had been silenced by the mute button for 12 consecutive months.

Beforehand, the brave activists who took over the meeting were subjected to perceptive violence from armed white supremacists and forced to give up 4th amendment rights in order to enter the hall.

Paul Parizek, the leader of fascist terror group DMPD, went on public radio the following day to promise loyalists his forces were willing and ready to beat the dissidents, but were held back by the weak Democrats on city council. There are procedures to this shit after all, he said.

The direct action was noisy and annoying as intended. Illegitimate councilman Joe Gatto appeared visibly agitated while yanking around Josh Mandlebaum by the neck during the disruption. An exasperated Frank Cownie took the public meeting behind closed doors the following day, where the council continued to write six figure checks to real estate CEO’s.

Enraged reactionaries called for the demonstrators to be arrested and permanently imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay on WHOTV’s Facebook page.

The increased tension had immediate impact, with powerful forces already declaring the action childish and uncivil. The Iowa Freedom of Information Council renounced their support for the movement after helping no one acquire police documents at any time.

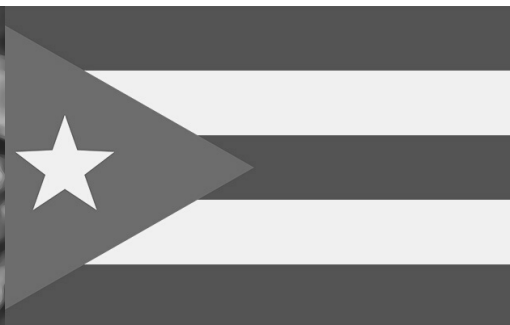
The protester’s demands of firing Scott Sanders, Dana Wingert and defunding the DMPD have not been addressed by the city as of press time.



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THE MAN, FIVE-O, PO-PO, PIGS, ONE-TIME, AND 12 - WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT POLICE

By PROFESSOR K

Let's face it, the police generally speaking, aren't exactly the most popular civil servants. Even though we are indoctrinated in our public schools in the form of primary leveled trade books, social studies and civics lessons, and police propaganda tailored toward elementary school aged children, if you are a child of color, odds are your parents also gave you a lesson (getting "THE TALK") with a stern lecture about not being able to trust various law enforcement officers due to their racist tendencies, and the overly violent ways they handle the situations in the communities they are assigned to "police". I remember this talk that my mother gave me that included her personal negative experiences with the police that included unjust police stops, illegal searches, sexual harassment/assault, and even an attempt at pandering (Pandering is the practice of procuring a person to be used for, or to travel for, prostitution. It also includes inducing, encouraging, or forcing someone to engage in or continue to engage in prostitution.)

Here in America, law enforcement as we know it is still in its adolescence. In fact, the U.S. police force is a relatively modern item if it were; sparked by changing notions of a liberal movement, but driven by economics and capitalism.

"This was particularly true in the South. The economics that drove the creation of police forces were centered not on the protection of shipping interests but on the preservation of the slavery system. (A fact our Governor voted against the education of our children on this very fact.) Some of the primary policing institutions there were the slave patrols tasked with chasing down runaways and preventing slave revolts, the first formal slave patrol had been created in the Carolina colonies in 1704."

During the Civil War, the military became the primary form of law enforcement in the South, but during Reconstruction, many local sheriffs functioned in a way analogous to the earlier slave patrols, enforcing segregation and the disenfranchisement of freed slaves. Moving quickly to more modern day policing, these notions of segregation and disenfranchisement seem to carry over. In the past 40 years, the expansion of racially targeted policing and policies such as stop-and-frisk and the "war on drugs" have helped fuel mass incarceration in the U.S., with African-Americans incarcerated at more than five times the rate of white people



DO WHAT THEY SAY YOU CAN'T

By PROTEST P

We will soon look back at 2021 as a strange time. Back in 2021 the majority of people supported a government-owned by multi-national oil and gas companies. A time where damaging a tar sand pipeline was punished by the state as an act of terrorism.

The people who legitimized this system saw the imprisonment of a radical water protector as legally just and deserved. Damaging a metal tube pumping poison into the air and water supply was seen as simply breaking something that didn't belong to you. Even if that something would eventually lead to the heat death of Earth, breaking it was bad and fossil fuel consumption was the only way to go, sans a few vanity 'green' energy projects. The people of this time seemed to overwhelmingly misunderstand thermodynamics.

There were few precious freedom fighters and pioneers who saw the apocalypse coming. They were punished viciously, raided by Federal governments and publicly scorned. If only more people believed then what we know for certain now. Humans needed 100,000 more Jessica Reznicek's if they were to have survived climate apocalypse. But no one stood up and answered her call to action.

They retreated back to their cushy lives voting blue and reiterating the absurd notion that 'renewable' energy ever would replace human dependence on hydrocarbons.

The tar sand pumped through the Bakken Pipeline would eventually contaminate the ever-dwindling freshwater supply in the Midwest. Hundreds of millions of gallons of water was later used to process the sludge into consumable energy. Drought and nitrate pollution would eventually lead to the water wars. Humans continued to light carbon on fire, eventually raising Earth's average temperature to unsustainable levels. Famine followed. Millions died at wet bulb temperatures.

Someday soon the prosecutors and the judge that sentenced Jessica Reznicek will feel the pain on climate collapse. When their friends start dying, when the very system they depend upon for validity falls apart because of the heat, the weather, the starvation, they will look back on this decision with regret and admit what Jessica Reznicek did was right, but it will be far too late to apologize.

Even our black and brown children were targeted by the so-called "police resource officers" within our public schools although now, the Des Moines Public Schools has initiated the removal of school resource officers (SRO's) from the schools, and has implemented a strategic plan to eliminate the need for them that includes community building and prevention, restoring the community, and diversion that includes restorative justice, and interventions outside of formal charges and involvement in the juvenile justices system.

Do you think that law enforcement agencies and imprisonment actually deter violent crime? I certainly don't! I would submit that if it did, the United States would truly be the model for policing across the world, and we would be one of the most peaceful countries on the planet. Each year, state and local governments spend upward of \$100 billion dollars on law enforcement. That excludes the billions of dollars that law enforcement agencies receive in federal grants and resources. "Defund the police" means reallocating or redirecting funding away from the police department to other government agencies, and non-governmental agencies funded by the local municipality. The allocation of these resources into law enforcement instead of education, affordable housing, food programs, and accessible health care has caused significant harm to communities.

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If that seems too simple for you, that is because it IS that simple. Defund does not mean abolish policing, and even some who say abolish, do not necessarily mean to do away with law enforcement altogether. They want to see those rotten apples of policing that we are always hearing about plucked, and new fruit that have been properly nurtured and matured allowed to replace them. "We have failed [African Americans], and we need to entirely reshape the system. We need a full-on cultural shift in how our Minneapolis Police Department and departments throughout the country function," said



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the mayor of Minneapolis during an interview for ABC News.

The Drake University Continuing Education and Professional Development program has been offering training to Iowa law enforcement agencies for the past few years. The class offered, called Cultural Awareness for Law Enforcement Personnel, claims to initiate the process of seeing past stereotypes by raising each cadet's awareness of the culture in which they live and work. Once cadets are tuned into the

“Policing doesn't keep us safe.”

elements of their own culture, they will be exposed to their own implicit bias and guided down a path of exploring and implementing the best strategies for connecting with those from other cultures. Sounds good right? In 2019, CBS news conducted a study that included 150 police departments. Each of the three largest cities in the US was polled, and the results were startling. At least 69% reported they do have implicit racial bias training and 57% of those departments said it was added in the five years since Michael Brown was shot to death by a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, sparking months of protests nationwide.

About 59% of the agencies that responded to follow-up questions say they do not have a way to measure the success or failure of those programs. Why would a law enforcement agency have no way to properly assess how well (or not well) the programs they are paying for are working?

THE HOUSELESS CONSPIRACY

And other ridiculous shit liberals say about the houseless

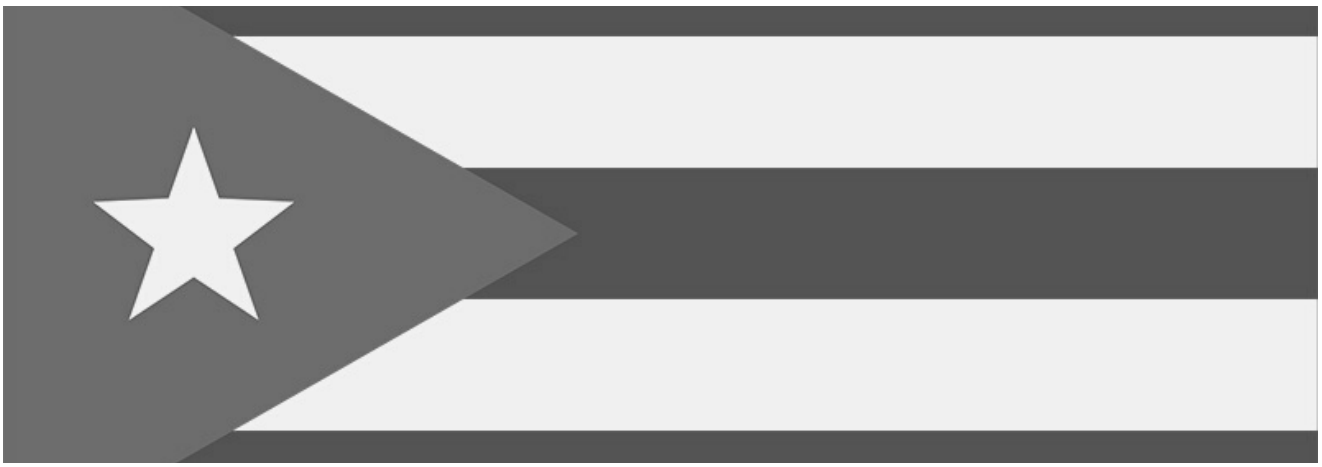
As the days grow long and the weather warms, we stagger towards the greatest economic crisis of this century. There's an eviction crisis kicking off and you can't afford to rent an apartment anywhere in the US on a low income. COVID is back and even the most rabid antivaxxers in government are suddenly rushing to get shots. During this time the most insufferable members of our community feel obliged to take a shit on panhandlers because the sight of visible poverty caused by the crisis hurts their tender nerves.

There is no need to create original anti-houseless tropes because these classist motherfuckers have been recycling the same one's since the Reagan administration. The concept that poverty is fake and those who panhandle have discovered an easy way to strike it rich is called the Welfare Queen Myth. Those who subscribe to this nonsense propaganda, use the same 5-6 talking points while dumping on the most vulnerable members of society. No surprise, they all highlight the contradictions of capital when lightly scrutinized.

The most common anti-houseless trope is that panhandlers are part of a nationally organized conspiracy to defraud oblivious motorists out of their hard earned cash. Panhandling is not a visible sign of capitalism in decay you see? Oh no. The houseless are actually secretly wealthy and have learned to get by the easy way. They are truly fake poors because abject poverty and desperation doesn't happen here.

These 'houseless spies' often claim to spend hours at a time watching panhandlers (these same will claim to be hard workers) and are convinced of this conspiracy. To them, ownership of a used Honda Civic and cell phone are indicators of vast material wealth, thus the houseless person isn't really poor. Because we all know you can simply exchange your old beater for housing in the US. Not having a car or cell phone sure makes 'just get a job' a lot harder.

Smug libs typically point towards shelters as the solution to panhandling, arrogantly suggesting the US already has a social safety net in place that adequately addresses the crisis. The smug lib will go on to suggest 'there is plenty of help out there' but the



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houseless simply make a choice to live in poverty and likely do so because they have medical problems. So rather than help that person, the smug lib will reserve judgment and reflexively punch down on the vulnerable, hiding a deep seated insecurity that says “At least that’s not me!”

‘Just go to the shelters!’ they scream, ignoring the implicit fact that two of Des Moines largest shelters operate as indentured servitude operations, designed to keep the poor permanently houseless and working for free at thrift stores.

The housed love to assume every street panhandler is an addict, who ‘would probably just spend my money on booze and cigarettes.’ This is an easy way to elevate yourself to the moral high ground while doing absolutely nothing. Since people that own homes consume a lot more alcohol and tobacco than the houseless, I would challenge the housed to quit their own addictions or attempt to sleep outside for a few days without a little sedative to calm the stress. You fuckers drink because going to the office stresses you out. Imagine it from their perspective and the next time someone without a house asks, buy them a beer.

’ALWAYS UNTIL VICTORY’

The Des Moines Defender editorial board denounces the attempted color revolution currently ongoing in Cuba and stands firmly with both the Communist Party of Cuba and the people of Cuba. The revolution of 1959 will not be betrayed. All anti-imperialists must unite in unconditional support for the people of this great nation.

The counter-revolutionaries paid by the US government to assemble these demonstrations come directly from the imperial playbook recently used in Hong Kong, Venezuela and Bolivia. Luckily, the Cuban people have survived much worse. There is no need to panic. The masses came out and outnumbered the imperialists in support of the revolution. The streets of Havana are quiet. Five-hundred MAGA’s waving US flags have no power in a country that has defeated the US militarily multiple times.

The illegal and inhumane US block aid on Cuban imports has caused an economic and social crisis now exasperated by COVID. That same oppressor now turns to fellow colonizers and uses buzzwords like ‘freedom’ and ‘democracy’ which clueless liberals and western chauvinists will gobble up without the slightest amount of critical thought. Democrats have found themselves in the uncomfortable position this summer, multiple times, standing side by side with Trumpers at counter-revolutionary protests with Gusano’s in Miami, never asking themselves, “Am I the bad guy?”

Joe Biden is attempting to incite a war and justify an invasion of a sovereign nation in an attempt to overthrow a democratically elected government and replace it with a right wing dictatorship friendly to the US. This is not harm reduction. This is illegal. His goal is classic US geopolitics. Cut off South America from the world and then blame socialism. The old hawk would invade Iraq again if he could.

Biden’s war dogs have arrived to attempt to finish what Kennedy started. May the revolutionary peoples protect the revolution.

Perhaps their participation in these trainings are for face value only, and aren't really a meaningful or sincere part of police doctrine? The three Iowa cities that were used in this study were, Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, and Davenport; all of which utilize implicit racial bias training. The average amount of training/frequency of this training is four hours once per year for officers that are on the street amongst those cities. De-escalation training (more on that later) averages three hours once per year. Given the horrible image that our law enforcement agencies have, a person might find the amount of these training a bit...lacking. Speaking of trainings lets talk about:

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Body cameras, trainings, and other so-called reform measures will not end cycles of police violence

In Minneapolis and other U.S. cities, body cameras and other reform measures were implemented as part of the Obama administration's multimillion-dollar response to the call for police accountability—and have proven largely ineffective.

The reasons that these things have been deemed ineffective are pretty much, no brainers. Everyone has known for quite some time that body cams can be and are regularly shut off, and don't come close to reducing the violent acts that law enforcement officers perpetrate on a day-to-day basis. As we discussed earlier, trainings on implicit bias has shown no demonstratable effect. (In Chicago, it was even found that officers accused of abuses were leading these trainings).

If this sounds familiar to you, it should. Here in Des Moines, the police faced pushback after putting a sergeant who has been disciplined for excessive force on a five-person team that leads de-escalation training. City Manager Scott Sanders defended the decision to make Sgt. Michael Fong a trainer this past week.

He wrote that he and Police Chief Dana Wingert met privately with “sincerely concerned residents,” but he told the mayor and council members in the email that he didn't find their arguments persuasive. Members of Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement and others have repeatedly and publicly asked that Fong and another officer, Sean O'Neill, be removed from their roles in the department's de-escalation training. (AP news article published April 1, 2021) Fong was named in an excessive force lawsuit in 2013, resulting in an \$800,000 settlement.

On a date yet to be determined, Des Moines officers will be taught by a third-party nonprofit organization. The organization is called the Police Executive Research Forum, or PERF. Sounds good right? Its NOT! My first questions was who exactly makes up the board of directors for this organization? I was not surprised by the answer I found. One hundred percent of the membership of the board was comprised of... you guessed it; law enforcement officers.

This seems a bit disingenuous to me, how about you? In an opinion editorial in the Miami Herald written by the Executive Director of PERF Chuck Wexler, he actually had the audacity to say that policing was getting better. There are several red flags regarding PERF that include being funded \$1,075,000 from 1998-2017 including four grants in criminal justice and community & economic development from the MacArthur Foundation. Say what? This is the same organization that has a giant photo from a Black Lives Matter protest that serves as the highlight for their involvement with one of their capstone initiatives; Equitable Recovery which they define as, “reinventing systems to create more resilient, inclusive communities”. For your amusement, The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation (former owners of Bankers Life and Casualty) is a private foundation that makes grants and impact investments to support non-profit organizations in approximately 50 countries around the world. It has an endowment of \$7.0 billion and provides approximately \$260 million annually in grants and impact investments. It should be noted that this foundation is particularly left leaning, but Mr. MacArthur was particularly conservative.

Now back to this PERF agency. Upon closer inspection, this organization is, at its core, still very law enforcement oriented. In their document, “Guiding Principles on Use of Force”, there are several sections that still serve to placate and protect police departments and individual law enforcement officers.

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

All law enforcement has its roots in upholding white supremacy.

Policing in its current form does not really keep us “safer”. Police violence is actually a leading cause of death for Black men: A recent study found that 1 in 1,000 Black men can expect to be killed by police, and public health experts have described police violence as a serious public health issue.

(Edwards, Lee & Esposito, 2019)

Much of the work police do is merely engage in the daily harassment of Black communities for minor crimes or crimes of poverty that shouldn't be criminalized in the first place. Out of the 10.3 million arrests made per year, only 5 percent are for the most serious offenses, including murder, rape, and aggravated assault. These are the ones that truly threaten public safety. The other 95 percent of arrests are for things like traffic violations, marijuana possession, & unlawful assembly, this means that police spend the most resources going after minor incidents that actually don't threaten everyday life but do lead to exorbitant and unaffordable fines, mass criminalization and incarceration which is a whole different bag of apples. Safeguards that are currently in place (including body cameras, cultural sensitivity and trainings on implicit bias, just aren't working. Here in our fair city of Des Moines, the police department has the largest

line item in the budget in the city's \$195 million general fund the City Council administrates. Are you ready for this? \$74.2 million for the Des Moines Police Department. So the police are taking up over ONE THIRD of the city's general fund! Have you reaped any benefit from this astronomical amount of money the city thinks the DMPD needs to successfully operate? Odds are, you've never even seen any of the Neighborhood Based Service Delivery officers assigned to our neighborhoods whose primary objective is to “assist neighborhoods in identifying and prioritizing concerns, planning a course of action and implementing solutions to solve problems”. If you live in the Enterprise Community, (Chatauqua Park, Cheatom Park, King-Irving, & Mondamin Presidential neighborhoods), your NBSD officer is Sgt. Bernell Edwards. He can be reached at (515) 205-1312.

That's all for now family. I'll be back next time with more fascinating information about why you should be wary of the whole criminal justice system.

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LIBERALS IN THE WILD

For the last four months correspondents from the Des Moines Defender have embedded within two liberal political organizations, OPE! PAC & New Iowa Project while posing as reformists. These particular groups offer unique insight into the mind of the lib and their profound desire to benefit politically from the movement, while not actually supporting any of the directives.

Their weaknesses are profound and apparent. It is no surprise they are blaming “defund the police” in advance for their inevitable 15 point loss in 2022. The liberals were willing to share the following intel with anyone willing to laugh at a painfully unfunny Kim Reynolds joke:

This trait is a commonality. They all insist on refraining from calling out their friends and acquaintances when they go astray, out of a misguided desire not to rock the boat.

Many gossip behind people's backs, rather than submitting their concerns to the local party. The libs agree to ignore important issues that do not affect them, and avoid blame and responsibility. There is a pride for their own opinions over the orders of others, and many demands for special consideration.

They make personal attacks and pick quarrels rather than promoting unity and debating rationally. Many wrong views or reactionary views are heard without correction. There's an overall failure to agitate and spread their political views, acting like an ordinary person and not someone devoted to social equality. Additional failures to stop, or feel indignant at, wrong or counter-revolutionary views. Each meeting is a muddled, half-hearted effort, without putting themselves into their work. “Has anyone considered organizing a voter registration drive then sitting back and hoping for the best?” The libs are very proud of their contribution to social change, and refuse to involve themselves in more menial tasks because of it. They are aware of their mistakes, but do little to nothing to change them.

Liberalism is extremely harmful in a revolutionary collective. It is a corrosive which eats away unity, undermines cohesion, causes apathy and creates dissension. It robs the revolutionary ranks of compact organization and strict discipline, prevents policies from being carried through and alienates the Party organizations from the masses which the Party leads.

THIS SUMMER IN CAPITALISM

DHS ATTACKS WATER
PROTECTORS WITH HELICOPTER

VICE PRESIDENT TO IMMIGRANTS:
"YOU'RE NOT WELCOME HERE!"

WHITE HOUSE LABELS ANTI-
FACISTS AS TERRORISTS

IOWA PASSES LAW ENABLING
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BIDEN VOICES SUPPORT FOR
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DES MOINES FACING SEVERE CLEAN
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