

## Crime and Law Enforcement

Securing American Greatness champions policies that create safer communities. That means keeping criminals off our streets. Polling suggests that attention to rising crime rates is a priority for a growing number of Americans.

One way to keep criminals out of our communities is to keep them in jail. There should be no cashless bail for violent criminals. Period.

We also need police to be visible in the community to deter crime and be seen by and accessible to law-abiding citizens.

A poll from Pew Research released earlier this year found a growing share of Americans believe [reducing crime should be a top priority for the president](#).

The policies taken by elected officials and other policymakers show quite different views on addressing crime and policing. For example, former President Trump opposes cashless bail for violent offenders. Vice-President Kamala [Harris wrote in a post](#) on Medium in 2019, “End money bail.”

As President, Donald [Trump rejected calls to defund or dismantle the police, opting for reforms instead](#). In June 2020, amid nationwide protests against police brutality, [Trump signed an executive order on policing](#). The order aimed to address issues like racial discrimination and excessive force. The order encouraged state and local law enforcement agencies to assess and improve their practices.

Conversely, Harris [stated](#), “We have confused the idea that to achieve safety, you put more cops on the street” and that it is “outdated, it is wrongheaded thinking to think” that more police officers make communities safer. Additionally, she [applauded](#) Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti for cutting police funding by \$150 million.

In 2021, the Pew Research Center reported that more Americans favor than oppose the death penalty: 60% of U.S. adults favor the death penalty for people convicted of murder, including 27% who strongly favor it. Former President Donald Trump has been a [strong supporter](#) of the death penalty. During his presidency, he reinstated the federal death penalty. He also advocated for the death penalty for drug traffickers and mass shooters.

In her role as Vice President, Harris has taken a strong stance against the death penalty. She condemns it as “[immoral, discriminatory, ineffective](#), and a gross misuse of taxpayer dollars” and advocates for its abolition.

Effecting change demands strategies that can lead to a reduction in crime. We believe Trump's tough-on-crime approach is a more effective strategy than policies such as ending cash bail and addressing systemic issues within the justice system.