

*Habit
Towards
Obedience*

Bolded words are to be read aloud in response

What we're most concerned with are militants, terrorists, illegals, and extremists—the rising tide of degenerate's waging war against order.

Drug pushers are terrorists.

Yes, we have found that police choppers, when used with sufficient regularity, have helped us surveil the city. Our hope is that citizens will internalize our presence so that the effects of state power are constant whether we're physically present or not. Helicopters will supply the crime deterrent link often missing in conventional ground unit deployment.

We have to face the fact that the whole problem is really the blacks; the key is to devise a system that recognizes this while not appearing to.

To address just this, we are asking officers to focus on minor "quality of life" offences, those anti-social acts that create disorder. Additionally, we have instituted "sensitivity training" for teams of officers deployed in targeted communities to serve as street level "communication points." We will become a constant presence. For this initiative we are receiving 30 million dollars from the Ford Foundation.

All poor must learn to work hard; that work is not just a means of sustenance, but what keeps social organization from breaking down. We do not want these unemployed, vagrant, and addict-types in our parks, malls, or tourist zones. They are parasites and they need to stop blaming society for their problems.

Right. We have adopted a "zero tolerance" policy and the numbers reflect this: In 1985 we incarcerated roughly 500,000 criminals in state and federal prisons. By 1990 we had doubled that number. By 1998, 1.7 million criminals had been taken off the streets and placed behind bars.

Those of us who live in the free world feel safer now than anytime in the past forty years. In 1990 there were 2,245 homicides in New York City; by 2012, there were only 536.

Considering the hundreds of thousands of crimes that take place in our country's prison system each year, it is crucial to the greater social well being to keep these individuals out of our communities.

Isn't it true that prisons can rehabilitate these anti-social citizens?

No, the criminal mind is inherently anti-social. Take, for example, how hierarchy is commonly established among inmates: through rape, among other hellish acts. Recently you may have heard this discussed in the news, but we prefer that inmates be given privacy in this regard. Prisons likewise discourage the media from covering what goes on beyond penitentiary gates. And indeed it is the prison administrators' right to do so, as the first amendment does not require them to grant the press access.

The public need not worry, we are committed to containing such deviant activity within the prison system. To do so, our officer's are encouraged to utilize a diversity of tactics including paramilitary forms of enforcement. We will fight these criminals for every street and we will win.

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