

New Poll: Majority of Americans Believe Push to 'Defund the Police' Sparked Upsurge in Violent Crime

While some on the far Left are hanging onto the slogan, many Democrats are abandoning the "Defund the Police" effort as violent crime in the U.S. trends upward.

All of this comes, too, amid a new Morning Consult/Politco survey showing that, to various degrees, 75% of Americans believe "the defunding of police departments" is "a reason that violent crime is increasing in the United States." Forty-nine percent said it is a "major reason," while 26% called it a "minor reason."

Nevertheless, some, like Rep. Cori Bush, D-Mo., are determined to stick with the mantra to "Defund the Police."

"I always tell [fellow Democrats], 'If you all had fixed this before I got here, I wouldn't have to say these things,'" Bush told Axios during an interview Tuesday, conceding that progressives ought to do a better job of explaining that "defund"—in the eyes of many Democrats—means taking money from police forces and giving it to social services.

If the Left loses the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives, Bush told the outlet it will not be due to things like "Defund the Police." Instead, she argued, it will be because Democrats failed to pass major legislation.

As for the survey, it also found 66% of voters believe increasing police funding would lower crime rates. Only 22% said it would not decrease crime across the country. Another 10% of respondents had no opinion on the matter.

Conversely, 20% of survey participants suggested reducing funding to police forces would lead to lower crime rates. The majority—68%—disagreed.

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