

New York's New Direction: Mamdani Pushes for Social Workers to Replace Police

Could we be seeing the end of New York City's Police Department?

The election of socialist Zohran Mamdani has undoubtedly sent shock and warning signals to people all across the nation. Now, with the addition of his "chief architect" to his incoming staff, the NYPD may be facing a significant slash.

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Elle Bisgaard-Church, who was a major player in Mamdani's campaign, has helped devise a plan that would have social workers respond to nonviolent crimes in the city, according to Fox News.



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This "Department of Community Safety" has a goal to "...replace police officers with mental health professionals to deal with non-life threatening emergencies..." Fox noted. One of the department's main focuses will be on subway station areas. The department is expected to cost around \$1.1 billion to fund.

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Previously, Bisgaard-Church stated, "I still feel daily, deeply ashamed to live in a place where we allow people to sleep on concrete at night." She said that the changes needed

for the city are about “political choice.”

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While mental health care is essential, we cannot replace physical safety with social workers. Removing trained police officers could leave New Yorkers vulnerable to crime and chaos. As Mamdani pushes forward with this plan, the city—and the nation—will be watching closely.

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