

D.A.R.E. is Corporatist Police State Indoctrination

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Totalitarian governments have always sought to break up families. Destroying the social capital (that is, trust) between individuals is integral for the hegemonic control of any given population. Turning children against their parents is *prima facie* evidence of absolute domination by tyrants.

Ever since [President Richard Nixon's declaration of drug prohibition in 1971](#), Americans have been besieged with all sorts of disingenuous legal tactics that are emblematic of a police state, rather than what is supposed to be a free country. For anyone who even bothered to study the subject objectively, it has been designed to fail from the very beginning, in much the same way [1920s alcohol Prohibition](#) was; the most damning proof of this are the skyrocketing crime rates and lucrative profit-making opportunities made possible by the very legal statutes mandating drug prohibition in the first place! One police state tactic, no less devastating than urban gang violence (much of which is usually over “drug turfs”), is that of [civil asset forfeiture](#), whereby the government is legally able to confiscate your property *without* criminally charging you with anything (even with those “victimless” crimes), provided that they flimsily claim that your property was *somehow* used in the commission of a crime.



Despite the fraud that is contemporary drug prohibition, [the Establishment](#) still pushes it onto Americans because it serves *their* interests for [incrementally](#) more dictatorial control over the population. Part of slowly generating support for the police state is to indoctrinate those citizens most susceptible to its propaganda; enter D.A.R.E., also known as [Drug Abuse Resistance Education](#). This non-profit corporate education curriculum turned government program is [described by D.A.R.E. America](#) as, “a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children from kindergarten through 12th grade how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives.”

This is rather interesting, for why is a police officer needed to teach children much of anything? Can you imagine public school teachers being expected to chase down and apprehend a mugger, or more likely than not, pulling drivers over at the side of the road for a moving violation, in addition to their more typical duties? Remember, since *anything* you say in front a police officer can (and will) be used against you in court, why are public school children subjected to being exposed to someone whose alleged sphere of “[Authority](#)” extends to kidnapping and incarcerating *anybody* they damn well please with total impunity?

Unfortunately, it doesn't stop there; D.A.R.E. America [admits on their own About page](#) that one of the key purposes of D.A.R.E. is to “humanize” the police, so that the children will *perceive* officers of the Standing Army as “helpful” not just “enforcing” the arbitrary dictates of the empty suit tyrants in the legislative branch of government. Since D.A.R.E. is aimed at changing the “normative” attitudes of students, I think it is quite accurate to state that [D.A.R.E. socially engineers children](#). I think it is not only propaganda for statist drug prohibitionists, but it is also a way to [turn children into informants against their parents](#). Consider the cases of [Joaquin Herrera and Darrin Davis snitching on their parents](#) to the police; interestingly, poetic justice is not without irony, for both Herrera and Davis personally suffered in the aftermath of their parents' arrests.

Perhaps all this police state indoctrination is worth it if it mitigates the illicit narcotics trade, right? Actually, wrong; many studies and academic research papers have determined that, at the very least, [D.A.R.E. is ineffective in deterring the youth from experimenting with drugs](#), and at most, [is actually counter-productive and thus worse than doing nothing](#). In light of how drug prohibition has utterly failed [to keep illicit narcotics even out of prison](#), why does D.A.R.E. continue to exist?

The most likely answer to this question lies in nothing more complicated than [corporatism](#). Not only is D.A.R.E. funded by the [military-industrial complex](#), but there are also four “licensed” *for-profit* corporate distributors nationwide of the non-academic merchandise who pay royalty kickbacks to the supposedly non-profit D.A.R.E. America, ranging anywhere between 42% – 71% of D.A.R.E. America’s annual income (this was revealed by their [IRS 990 tax returns between 1992 – 1994](#)). To make matters worse, D.A.R.E. America founding board member Robert Buckingham was also the executive vice president for the distributor Jack Nadel, Inc. (if that doesn’t spell “conflict of interest,” I don’t know what does).

While there is a [Texas D.A.R.E. State Coordinator](#), it would seem as if their mission of “establish[ing] a county community-based, self-sustaining D.A.R.E. program in every county in Texas” is thankfully not coming to fruition anytime soon. In 2004, [the Travis County Sheriff dropped D.A.R.E.; an annual evaluation report](#) published by the Austin Independent School District in 2000 stated that:

“During 1998 – 99, the local DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program (nationally known program of classroom instruction by uniformed police officers on the dangers of drugs and on ways to resist negative peer pressure) was discontinued.”

The Leander Independent School District has their own version of D.A.R.E. (known as C.A.P.P.; the [Chemical Abuse Prevention Program](#)) and the Round Rock Independent School District [simply provides hyperlinks for people to visit](#) on their own time outside of the classroom. Unfortunately, [the City of College Station still actively promotes D.A.R.E.](#)

So, what can be done about D.A.R.E. in your local area? First, you need to determine if it’s been discontinued or not, and if so, whether there has been a replacement “drug abuse education” program that is essentially D.A.R.E. in all but name. Look for the telltale signs of officer taught course material, encouragement for children to snitch on their parents, [manipulative promotional advertising that would make Bernays proud](#), corporatist kickbacks, and federal funding. Call up the local school district, the county sheriff, and any applicable city cops asking them whether they have a D.A.R.E. program. Depending on what you discover, perhaps it is past time for you [to pull your children out of public school](#) before they are tricked by those in government [to snitch on you](#), thus ruining both your life and their future.