

To Serve and Protect

We continue to analyze the endemic racism in the US, which must end at some point!

In the ABClatino radio editorial La Revista al Aire, I've commented on how the state, municipal police services and county sheriffs throughout the United States have Serving and Protecting as their motto.

What interesting two words: Serve and Protect. And one wonders, Serve whom? Serve the Population. Who else will it be? The police have the mission of serving the Population. And Protect, Protect Whom? Protect the Population.

If the police adhere to this mission of serving and protecting the population that is protected by the Constitution - which the police swear to defend - there should be no police brutality. There could be no police brutality. First, because police brutality towards the people that the police swear to serve and protect does not add up; it does not enter any logical reasoning. And then there is the Constitution that defends and that gives the guarantees so that the population can express their opinions, their discontent or their thanks peacefully, en masse, for the policies that are being implemented in their name, in the country. The right to demonstrate publicly is as important as the right to vote. We vote every four years, but the right to express our opinion is exercised day after day and cannot be curtailed through police brutality; because again I repeat, the police are here to Serve and Protect.

Another curious fact that I was analyzing, receiving the news from all the states - because the demonstrations against racism and police brutality have taken place in all 50 states - and I discovered something interesting and I want to share it with you. In the vast majority of cases, those acts of violence where the community went out to break windows, to steal, to set fire, those few acts invariably occurred after the police intervention to suppress the marches that until then had been peaceful. When the population moved without hindrance, there was no violent acts. When the police confronted the population with tear gas, rubber bullets, and began to run them, that is where the response begins, the counter response, breaking windows, stealing, burning. And I kept thinking, because peaceful marches are possible; most of the marches in the country have been peaceful. The population, once again, is exercising its constitutional right and what the police must do is serve and protect. Protect those who are exercising their constitutional right.

And I want to end this editorial by sharing something that a friend sent me on social networks and mentions a comment by the American actor Denzel Washington: "This is the way to stop racism: instead of saying '*an innocent black man was killed by a white corrupt policeman*' what we have to say is '*an innocent man, was killed by a corrupt policeman*'."