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WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

IT'S IMPORTANT!!! OUR YOUTH ARE IMPORTANT!

POLICE MAGNET PROGRAMS WILL EXPAND IF THEY GO UNCHECKED. SANITIZING POLICING IN THIS WAY NORMALIZES THEIR PRESENCE IN

SCHOOLS, AND POLICE PROXIMITY TO YOUNG KIDS, ESPECIALLY

BLACK AND BROWN CHILDREN, INEVITABLY RESULTS IN

CRIMINALIZATION OR VIOLENCE.

POLICE MAGNET PROGRAMS EXTRACT RESOURCES THAT SHOULD GO

TO STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN ENRICHING PROGRAMS AND INSTEAD

USE THEM TO BOLSTER POLICING.



PAM is part of wider ecosystem of other police programs

LASPD Explorers

This program is in a similar branch to PAM as it seeks to introduce youth to the field of law enforcement. It incentivizes students by providing them with community service hours and both high school and college credit. The program isn't only contained in Los Angeles as the Explorers Program has competitions and meetings nationwide.

Ready and Able for Middle School (RAMS)

This program seeks out students in fifth or sixth grade who have faced multiple suspensions and links them to an officer who will try to create a positive relationship with the student and guide them down a path in order to "acclimate" them with a middle school environment.

Building Blue Bridges

This program is the branch of the LAPD meant to regain trust with the community by having officers engage with both students and the community to "work together."



INTRODUCTION

Youth have always been at the vanguard of resistance. For this reason, they've always been the target of attempts to control by parents, teachers, administration, and police. Often times this is done through coercion, violent tactics, which include citing and arresting students for things like truancy, vandalism, and "disturbing the peace."

The LAPD is in your schools! They have established programs to maintain control over, and recruit the youth of LAUSD. Magnet programs have been established in at least nine LAUSD schools for police training, allowing the police to heavily influence much of the student population. These programs also have much in common with military recruitment.

PAMI IS PART OF COUNTERINSURGENCY

The Bigger Picture

PAM and programs like it are ways the LAPD practice counterinsurgency. By targeting students the police state is able to indoctrinate the youth into complying with the idea of a policing system and to be more compliant with police action in the future. It's not the only program of its kind, it is part of an ecosystem of counterinsurgency.



BACKGROUND

★ Counter-insurgency

Counter-insurgency is an effort by those in power over a community to establish trust and legitimacy to avoid using resource-intensive, often forceful & violent means of coercion.

★ What is a Magnet?

A magnet is a school program that takes students from several different districts. They have a specialized curriculum meant to prepare students for a specific academic field (E.G Marine biology, STEAM, Visual and Performing Arts).



CRITERIA

Program criteria for PAM's also seem strikingly similar to the military as they prepare students for a law enforcement career. The military is known for the physical and mental tests one has to pass to join, as well as criteria to follow once inside of the military. Many of these criteria relate to the PAM programs where students are expected to dress in uniforms, address higher-ups with honorifics, maintain "proper" grooming, and so on. These criteria are extremely exclusive and rooted in anti-Black standards of acceptable "appearance."

RANKING

PAM programs also teach students about the rankings in law enforcement which are incredibly similar to the rankings shown in the military, and the authority given to a higher ranking officer gives more power to each student that takes on a role.

HISTORY OF MAGNETS

Established in 1968, magnet schools responded to the disparities between public schools in wealthy and poor neighborhoods. Their stated goal is to empower parents to choose a school in a different neighborhood to best serve their child. Applications are required, and schools do not have a 100% acceptance rate. High school magnet programs offer specialized curriculum based around a specific academic field, such as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math), Marine Science, Visual And Performing Arts, Police Academy, and many more.



The first American magnet school was McCarver Elementary school, created in 1968 in Tacoma, Washington. Created to address racial isolation, it was an instant success. After 50 years, it served over 400 preschool-5th graders from diverse backgrounds. Later in 1969, Boston began the nation's second magnet school, Trotter Elementary School. It was founded with the same goals of decreasing racial isolation as McCarver Elementary, and had similar success. In 1970, Minneapolis, Minnesota, opened four magnet elementary schools, and a magnet high school. Throughout the years, magnet schools have been a success, serving 2,554,826 children, which is 3.3% more than charter schools, as of the 2013-2014 school year. Now, LAUSD has 210 Magnet programs which are in various schools.

WHAT ARE PAMIS?

PAM is an acronym for Police Academy Magnet. PAMs label themselves as programs trying

to enrich and guide students to success. Under this cloak of an institution meant to help, they are spoon-feeding the youth propaganda. PAM was founded in 1995, with the money of corporate sponsors such as The Walt Disney Corporation, Sony Pictures, Bank of America, and more. They entice the unknowing youth with field trips and career exploration. This program serves the goal of grooming the youth into complying with the subjugation of police and encouraging them to pursue a career in law enforcement.

PAM indoctrinates the youth with the idea of law enforcement by providing them a pipeline from student to cop. In every single PAM program there is a designated LAPD and LASPD officer, placed there to "guide" students, and to share what police work is. PAMs are introduced at points in the youths' lives where they are most susceptible to change: their teenage years. PAMs are primarily located in high schools, but have also placed themselves in middle schools.



PAMI= MILITARY COMPARISON MILITARY RECRUITMENT VS. PAM TARGETS

- Military recruitment is notorious in low-income high schools, targeting students with little to no choice but to consider joining. Although community members organized to halt military recruitment and influence, Bush's No Child Left Behind Act allows federal funds to be pulled if schools don't allow military recruiters the same level of access to students as community colleges and universities.
- PAM in LAUSD has clearly targeted lower-income students, and all of their informational pages have suggested that the PAM program has a similar message to their students: this program will lead them to an assured, successful career.