

U.S. Democrats unveil police reform bill

Democrats in Congress have proposed sweeping legislation to address racial injustice in U.S. policing and make it easier to prosecute officers for misconduct

KEY PROVISIONS OF JUSTICE IN POLICING ACT

► Ban use of chokeholds and carotid holds, such as knee-on-neck restraint that killed *George Floyd*

► Create National Misconduct Registry to track police accused of misconduct and prevent fired officers transferring to other departments

► Implement nationwide use of body and dashboard cameras by all police

► Abolish “no-knock warrants” which allow police to forcibly enter properties in drug cases

► Eliminate “qualified immunity” defence that protects police from civil litigation in cases of excessive force

► Classify lynching as federal crime

► Make police liable for constitutional violations carried out “knowingly or with reckless disregard”

► Federal funding to state and local law enforcement agencies conditional on training to prohibit racial profiling

► Give *Department of Justice* authority to investigate police for evidence of department-wide bias or misconduct, and provide state attorneys general with grants to carry out such probes

► Limit sale of military weapons to state and local police

