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**Grey House Publishing Announces the Fourteenth Title in the
Opinions Throughout History Series:
*Law Enforcement in America***

Law Enforcement in America is the fourteenth volume in the new series, *Opinions Throughout History*. Each volume in the series is designed to follow the evolution of public opinion on a current and controversial topic that has changed throughout history. Each volume discusses both primary and secondary documents such as newspaper and magazine articles, speeches, court decisions and other legislation. Accompanied by expert commentary and analysis, these documents showcase the changing attitudes on these important issues of public interest over time.

This new volume starts with a detailed Introduction that discusses the public focus on law enforcement that has been ignited by the recent deaths of African Americans at the hands of police, but that has been simmering for centuries. A broad historical overview of policing in the United States explores challenges and problems and from the viewpoint of both police and the American public. A comprehensive Timeline highlights significant events from the establishment of the first policing systems in antiquity to the part that police played in the raid on the US Capitol in 2021.

The 28 chapters cover the most significant developments in law enforcement in the United States: citizen watches in Colonial America; westward expansion and the formation of the US Marshals Service; slave patrols; police unionization and corruption; the Pinkertons and private detective agencies; the first minorities hired in law enforcement and the importance of diversity in policing; important legal cases like the Miranda decision; the militarization of police; technological advances from forensic science to body armor to digital surveillance; and civil unrest from the 1960s era, the Rodney King riots, and recent Black Lives Matter and Defund the Police movements. What becomes evident is that public opinion of police is intrinsically tied to how well police perform their jobs as well as to overall job satisfaction in law enforcement.

The chapters are as follows:

1. Colonial Law
2. Policing Goes Federal
3. The Slave Patrols
4. Keeping the Peace
5. Private Guns
6. Representation Matters
7. Fighting Corruption
8. The Science of Policing
9. The Rise of the G-Men
10. The Police Administration
11. A Collective Shield
12. The Government versus the People
13. The Poisonous Tree
14. The Rights of the Accused
15. Keeping the Streets Safe
16. Crime Operators
17. The Development of Body Armor
18. Science Applied to Policing
19. The War on Drugs
20. The Los Angeles Problem
21. Big Data Policing
22. Starting Young
23. Under the Watchful Eye
24. The Value of Black Lives
25. Policing Borders
26. Defund the Police
27. Protecting Democracy
28. Policing in Lockdown
29. Conclusion

Each chapter starts with a brief Introduction, List of Topics Covered, and the source document discussed in the chapter. The body of the text discusses the document from its historical context to its relationship to contemporary public opinion. Most documents are reprinted in their entirety and clearly distinguished by a shaded title bar. In addition to helpful subtitles, photos and other images enhance the text, and sidebars provide an often lighter perspective on the time period being discussed. Pull quotes and other visual elements increase accessibility. Each chapter ends with a brief Conclusion, thoughtful Discussion Questions, and a list of Works Used.

The concluding chapter reflects on reform discussions and striking a balance between public safety and a community-based, less militaristic, approach to law enforcement. This volume also includes a complete list of Primary and Secondary Sources used throughout the text, a Glossary of relevant terms, a comprehensive Bibliography, and a detailed Index.

This exciting new series offers a wide range of insights into long-standing issues that Americans are most concerned about, and those that have encouraged vigorous debate among politicians and citizens at large. Using carefully-chosen original documents that cover a wide time span, *Opinions Throughout History* weaves a thoughtful and easy-to-understand analysis of how public opinion is formed and evolves, starting the discussion at an historical, seminal moment, and ending with where we stand today. This comprehensive, timely volume is a must for large public libraries, university libraries and social science departments, along with high school libraries.

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