

## WHAT “BACK THE BLUE” MEANS

what you really support when you back the blue.

### Police Misconduct

#### What is blue lives matter?

Blue lives matter is a **countermovement** that emerged after Black Lives Matter activists began protesting systematic racism and police brutality.



Criticized as a **reaction to the anti-racism movement** and for disregarding the disproportionate deaths of black Americans.

### Thin Blue Line

Refers to the idea that police provide a **“wall of protection.”**

#### Code of Silence

In the U.S., this has transformed into the idea of the **“Blue Wall of Silence,”** which is a phrase that refers to an unwritten code of silence used to cover up police misconduct.

In a survey of a new academy recruits:

79%

said that a law enforcement **Code of Silence exists** and is fairly common throughout the nation.

52%

said that the fact a Code of Silence exists **doesn't really bother them.**

In a survey of current officers:

46%

said they had witnessed **misconduct** by another employee, but **concealed** what they knew.

80%

of officers who admitted to internationally withholding the information about misconduct were **upper administrators.**

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