

Hey everybody!

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Copaganda

Last month I posted both parts of Episode 5 of the series on The Shield, a show that I am still obsessed with. If you ever find the time to watch the show, please reach out, I need to talk about it with people to tell if I'm crazy for thinking this show is a fascinating paradox or not.

Each one of these episodes has gotten bigger and bigger, and that is true for **Episode 6 (which is almost done), taking on The Marvel Cinematic Universe** and how it reflects American foreign policy's projected image as global police. I know this is a bit different of an angle for this series, but I wanted to talk about it for a few reasons.

I'm just putting the finishing touches on Episode 6 and it should be out for early patron access next week. Prepare yourselves, it's a doozy of a 50+ minute video.

First of all, the American view on global policing is something that's super prevalent in this massively successful series and it's not hard to see how it shapes attitudes about the police at home. Secondly, as the United States finds itself with a new presidential administration, I feel that it's a good time to check in and examine what the status quo Joe Biden wants to return to looks like. Finally, one of the most common landing places for veterans is in a police uniform, and therefore I think there's a lot to be said for looking at the underlying philosophy of the military and seeing how it relates to policing.

After that, **I'm going to take a quick break to make a shorter video about *The Sopranos*** and its landmark episode "College," which might be the single most influential episode of television in the last 30 years. That will also give me some time to do some more watching and researching on **Episode 7 of Copaganda: Spooky Cops**.

Here's a rough outline for the rest of the Copaganda series:

- Intro to Copaganda | Episode 1
- Blue Bloods | Episode 2
- Brooklyn 99 | Episode 3
- The Wire | Episode 4
- The Shield | Episode 5
- MCU | Episode 6
- Spooky Cops | Episode 7

After that, things are a little less organized, and I'd love to hear from you guys. Here are some ideas that have been puttering around in my noggin.

- How Cop Shows Tackle Mental Health - Criminal Minds, Hannibal, and various others
- The Status Quo - Law & Order

- Working Outside the System/Private Investigators - Veronica Mars
- Women on Cop Shows

If you have anything you'd like me to take a look at, leave a comment on Patreon or shoot me a message. I can't promise that I'll have anything to write about that subject but I'll definitely check it out. Plus it's always good to hear from you nice people.

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I've been really dragging my feet on setting up the Q&A this month because I keep trying to come up with ideas to make it work better. I'd love to turn it into a discussion podcast kind of thing, but I'm still working out the kinks on that. If you have any ideas feel free to let me know! In the meantime, we'll be doing the **Live Q&A this Sunday at 5pm EST**, although as always they are available for all you lovely people on demand. You can ask questions anywhere and everywhere, I'll find them.

You can check out my video on WandaVision on ye olde channel or my review of season 5 of The Expanse on the [blog](#).

Over the coming months, I'm going to be migrating the whole blog thing over here to Patreon to consolidate things into a kind of blog archive that will be findable through the tags filter. I'll have more info on this as it happens, but in the meantime, just a heads up for older blog posts. I don't know, sometimes they're fun to read years later.

Finally, I've updated the reading and watch lists, and organized them by their respective episodes of the Copaganda series. Feel free to read/watch along if you want to!

Please, please, please reach out to me if you have any comments, questions, concerns, thoughts, prayers, or even if you just want to say hi either here or at bumtugglies@gmail.com.

Best,

Jackson

Reading List

Episode 1

- [VOX Crime Decline Theory Masthead](#)
- [A Culture of Poverty](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- [Black Pathology and the Closing of the Progressive Mind](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- [The Secret Lives of Inner-City Black Males](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- [Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics](#) (FBI)
- [Confronting the myth that “black culture” is responsible for violent crime in America](#) by German Lopez
- [Decivilization in the 1960s](#) by Steven Pinker (2011)
- [How 70 years of cop shows taught us to valorize the police](#) by Constance Grady
- [PART I: HOW POLICE CENSORSHIP SHAPED HOLLYWOOD](#) by Alyssa Rosenberg
- [PART II: HOW POP CULTURE’S COPS TURNED ON THEIR COMMUNITIES](#) by Alyssa Rosenberg
- [PART III: IN POP CULTURE, THERE ARE NO BAD POLICE SHOOTINGS](#) by Alyssa Rosenberg
- [PART IV: THE DRUG WAR’S MOST ENTHUSIASTIC RECRUIT: HOLLYWOOD](#) by Alyssa Rosenberg
- [PART V: BLUE LIVES: POP CULTURE’S MINORITY COPS](#) by Alyssa Rosenberg
- [Terry Crews on the Future of Brooklyn Nine-Nine](#) | Late Night With Seth Meyers
- [Trump Doubles Down and Democrats Respond to Protests](#) | The Daily Social Distancing Show
- [Breathe Easily, White America](#) by Laura Hudson
- [Evaluation of the New York City Police Department Firearm Training and Firearm-Discharge Review Process](#) by Bernard Rostker, Lawrence Hanswer, William Hix, Carl Jensen, Andrew Morral, and Terry Schell (Center on Quality Policing)
- [How Cops Are Trained To Shoot You In Your Home - SOME MORE NEWS](#)
- [Policing Is Fundamentally a Tool of Social Control to Facilitate Our Exploitation](#)
- [Policing: A Public Good Gone Bad](#)
- [Final Report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing](#)
- [REPORT OF THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMISSION ON CIVIL DISORDERS](#)
- [Today, Explained Copaganda](#)

Episode 2

- [Trump’s Justice Department has a powerful tool to fight police abuse. It refuses to use it.](#)
- [Massachusetts detective fired after post supporting Black Lives Matter](#)
- [Officer who raised allegations of corruption fired](#)
- [Family: Desert Hot Springs pushed former cop to suicide](#)
- [‘Rat Cop’ Joe Crystal Shunned From Baltimore Police Department After Reporting Officer Brutality](#)
- [Former Captain Ray Lewis Charged With Three Violations After OWS Protest; More Photos Of His Arrest](#)

- [How a Rookie Exposed a Ring Inside DPD](#)
- [How to Kill a Law Enforcement Career: The Case of Regina Tasca](#)
- [A Buffalo police officer says she stopped a fellow cop's chokehold on a black suspect. She was fired.](#)
- [Police Punish the 'Good Apples'](#) by Musa al-Gharbi
- [Study Finds Racial Bias In Police Traffic Stops And Searches](#)
- [Thousands of U.S. judges who broke laws or oaths remained on the bench](#)

Episode 3

- Beyond Survival: Strategies and Stories from the Transformative Justice Movement edited by Ejeris Dixon Leah & Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha
- [How does it feel to make police shows in 2020?](#)
- ['Brooklyn Nine-Nine's' Dan Goor on cop comedy, community policing and NYPD history](#)
- ['The Wire's' David Simon on the drug war and why he hates 'Cops' and 'Law & Order'](#)
- [Police in America Are Out of Control](#) by Musa Al-Gharbi
- ['Brooklyn Nine-Nine's' Dan Goor on cop comedy, community policing and NYPD history](#) by Alyssa Rosenberg (2016)
- [Incremental Change Is a Moral Failure](#) by Mychal Denzel Smith
- [PragerU and Tradition: The Conservative Utopia](#) by Big Joel
- [Patience Is a Dirty Word](#) by Ibram X. Kendi
- [Cops Are Always the Main Characters](#) By Kathryn VanArendonk
- [Andy Samberg Says Brooklyn Nine-Nine 'Rethinking' How to Make a Police Comedy](#)
- [Defund the Police](#) by Annie Lowrey
- [Broken Windows](#) by George L Kelling and James Q Wilson (1982)
- [Few Americans want to abolish police, Gallup survey finds](#) by Ben Guarino
- [Have Americans Warmed to Calls to 'Defund the Police'?](#) By Giovanni Russonello
- [An extensive study breaks down how police TV shows can normalize wrongful actions by their protagonists and inaccurately portray the reality of people of color](#) by Travis Clark
- [State Attorney General Calls for Stripping N.Y.P.D. Control From Mayor](#) by Ali Watkins
- [Nearly \\$1 Billion Is Shifted From Police in Budget That Pleases No One](#) by Dana Rubinstein and Jeffery C Mays
- [Shut down all police movies and TV shows. Now.](#) by Alyssa Roseneberg
- ['Brooklyn Nine-Nine's' funny, tough critique of bad policing](#) by Alyssa Rosenberg
- ["Brooklyn Nine-Nine" is one of the funniest, most important shows on TV](#) by Alyssa Rosenberg

Episode 4

- ['The Wire,' the burning of Baltimore and the limits of art](#) by Alyssa Rosenberg
- [Cast Members From 'The Wire' Plead For End To Violence In Baltimore](#)
- [The Education of 'The Wire'](#) by Alan Siegel
- ["The Wire": David Simon reflects on his modern Greek tragedy](#)

- [THE WIRE CREATOR DAVID SIMON TO EXAMINE 'THE AUDACITY OF DESPAIR'](#) (2009)
- [Stealing Life](#) by Margaret Talbot (2007)
- [Justice \(Part 1\) | ContraPoints](#)
- [Ezra Klein interview with Phillip Atiba Goff \(Center for Policing Equity\)](#)
- [Why The Wire is one of the Most Brilliant TV Shows Ever](#) by Thomas Flight
- [Canceling 'Cops:' Why Hollywood Loves Portraying The Police](#) by 1A
- [Angela Davis on Racism, Capitalism, and Revolution](#)
- [Activist Angela Davis discusses race, capitalism](#) in the Daily Princetonian
- [Marxism! | The Whole Plate: Episode 9](#) by Lindsay Ellis
- [The Wire and the World](#) by Helena Sheehan and Sheamus Sweeney
- [Balzac of Baltimore](#) by Scandalum Mangatum
- ['There are now two Americas. My country is a horror show'](#) by David Simon (2013)
- [Behind The Wire](#) by Meghan O'Rourke
- [Listening In to The Wire: Part IV](#) by The Fader
- The Meaning of Freedom by Angela Davis
- [The Other Police Violence](#) by Barbara Bradley Hagerty
- [Episode 113: Hollywood & Anti-Muslim Racism \(Part 1\)](#) by Citations Needed
- [Episode 60: Kitten Rescues, Lip-Syncing & Christmas Traffic Stops](#) - Your Guide to Clickbait Copaganda by Citations Needed
- [Ta-Nehisi Coates on Storytelling, Challenging Obama, and the Kaepernick Situation](#) on The Bill Simmons Podcast
- [The politics of The Wire \(again\)](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Episode 5

- [A History of Violence: Why I Loved Cop Shows, and Why They Must Change](#) by Alan Sepinwall (2020)
- [Sepinwall on TV: 'The Shield' final season review](#) by Alan Sepinwall (2008)
- ['The Shield' finale, 3 years later](#) by Alan Sepinwall (2011)
- [All hail The Shield - the scuzzy forgotten classic of TV's golden age](#) by James Donaghy (2019)
- [Rampart Scandal Timeline \(Frontline\)](#)
- [The Shield, "Family Meeting": Goodbye, Vic Mackey](#) by Alan Sepinwall (2008)
- [The Shield: Shawn Ryan post-finale Q&A](#) with Alan Sepinwall (and others)
- [The Shield: "Family Meeting" \(AV Club\)](#) by Steven Hyden
- TV (The Book) by Alan Sepinwall and Matt Zoller Seitz
- [The Rampart Scandal - Horrible Crimes Committed by Police](#)
- [Bad Cops](#) by Peter J Boyer (2001)
- [One Bad Cop](#) by Lou Cannon (2000)
- [Policy of Truth](#) by Jeff Weiss (2020)
- [Is there any such thing as an 'anti-war film'?](#) By Tom Brook (2014)
- [Examining why false confessions occur in the U.S. criminal justice system](#) by Erin Blakemore (2019)

- [Homicide detective's book describes 'How the Police Generate False Confessions'](#) by Tom Jackman
- Difficult Men by Brett Martin
- [Gang Wars: The Failure of Enforcement Tactics and the Need for Effective Public Safety Strategies](#) by Judith Greene and Kevin Pranis (Justice Policy Institute, 2007)
- [How Did Chicago Get So Violent?](#) By Leon Neyfakh

Episode 6

- [The Hidden Power of Superheroes: The Ability of Superhero Movies to Influence Political Attitudes](#) by Justin Cole
- [Weakness is a Crime: Captain America and the Eugenic Ideal in Early Twentieth-Century America](#) by Brian E. Hack
- [Pentagon Quit The Avengers Because of Its 'Unreality'](#)
- [Loose Canon: Captain America](#) by Lindsay Ellis
- [American Heroes: Frivolity and Horror in 2008's Summer Superhero Movies: The Dark Knight, The Incredible Hulk, and Iron Man](#) by J. M. Tyree (Film Quarterly)
- [Fighting the Battles We Never Could: The Avengers and Post-September 11 American Political Identities](#) by Annika Hagley and Michael Harrison (American Political Science Association)
- [The Militarization of Marvel's Avengers](#) by Brett Parry (Studies in Popular Culture)
- [US Military Budget, Its Components, Challenges, and Growth](#) by Kimberly Amadeo (The Balance)
- The 'War on Terror' and International Security by Paul Rogers (Royal Irish Academy, 2011)
- [Should America be the world's cop? What the experts say](#) by Abram Van Engen (PBS)
- [Why Is America the World's Police?](#) By Sam Lebovic (Boston Review)
- [America Has No Reason to Be So Powerful](#) by Stephen Wertheim (New York Times)
- [The role of the media in boosting military spending](#) by Justin Lewis (Cardiff University) 2008
- [Believe we're spending too much on defense? Think again.](#) by Robert J. Samuelson (Washington Post)
- [FDR's Five Policemen: Creating the United Nations](#) by Stephen Schlesinger (World Policy Journal, 1994)
- [The United Nations: A history of success and failure](#) by Peter Nadin (Australian Institute of Policy and Science 2019)
- [American Exceptionalism: An Appraisal—Political, Economic, Qualitative, and Quantitative](#) by Lall B. Ramrattan and Michael Szenberg (The American Economist, 2017)
- [Should America Still Police the World?](#) By Daniel Immerwahr (The New Yorker, 2020)
- [What, exactly, is 'American exceptionalism'?](#) By Ian Tyrrell (The Week, 2016)
- [Read Hillary Clinton's Speech Touting 'American Exceptionalism'](#) August 31, 2016
- [The Myth of American Exceptionalism](#) by Stephen M Walt (Foreign Policy, 2011)

- [Text of Mitt Romney's Speech on Foreign Policy at The Citadel](https://www.politico.com/video/2011/10/romney-delivers-foreign-policy-speech-at-the-citadel-013464) 10/7/2011
<https://www.politico.com/video/2011/10/romney-delivers-foreign-policy-speech-at-the-citadel-013464> (7:45)
- [Lockheed and the Future of Warfare](#) by Time Weiner (New York Times, 2004)
- [Two officers who helped fight the Capitol mob died by suicide. Many more are hurting](#) by Peter Hermann (Washington Post)

Watch List

Television

- Blue Bloods
 - 122, 206, 218, 310, 313, 322, 323, 420, 502, 504, 1005
- Brooklyn Nine-Nine
 - Season 1
 - 101-106, 113, 116, 119, 122
 - Season 2
 - 201, 202, 207, 209-211, 214, 219, 223
 - Season 3
 - 301-303, 307, 308, 311, 317-321
 - Season 4
 - 401-403, 411-412, 416, 418-422
 - Season 5
 - 501-502, 510, 513
 - Season 6
 - 601
- Dragnet
 - 101, 102, 111, 113, 114
- Hannibal
 - Season 1 & 2
- Hill Street Blues
 - 101
- Naked City
 - 101, 102, 103
- NYPD Blue
 - Season 1
- The Shield
 - Seasons 1-7
- The Wire
 - Seasons 1-5 (special emphasis on season 4)
- The Boys
 - Season 2
- The X-Files
 - Season 1
- Buffy the Vampire Slayer

- Seasons 1-6

Film References

- Police Academy (1984)
- The Naked Gun (1988)
- Hot Fuzz (2007)
- 21 Jump Street (2012)
- The Avengers (2012)
- Captain America: The First Avenger (2011)
- Captain America: The Winter Soldier (2014)
- Captain America: Civil War (2016)
- Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015)
- Avengers: Infinity War (2018)
- Captain Marvel (2019)
- Iron Man (2008)
- Iron Man 2 (2010)
- Iron Man 3 (2013)
- Spider-man: Homecoming (2017)
- Spider-man: Far From Home (2019)
- Avengers: Endgame (2019)
- Black Panther (2018)