

US Court Ruling: You Can Be “Too Smart” to Be a Cop

Police department disqualifies anyone whose IQ is “too high”

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Can a person actually be “too smart” to be a cop in America? “Considering all the police brutality and officer-involved shootings in the news these days, here’s a rhetorical question for you: how well does this hiring practice bode for cops actually being able to follow the Constitution or use proper discretion while “protecting and serving” America? A [federal court’s decision back in 2000](#) suggests that, yes, you actually can be”.

Robert Jordan, a 49-year-old college graduate, scored a 33 on an intelligence test he took as part of the application process to become a police officer in the town of New London, Connecticut. The score meant Jordan had an IQ of 125.

The average score for police officers was a 21-22, or an IQ of 104. New London would only interview candidates who scored between 20 and 27.

Jordan sued the city alleging discrimination, but the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York upheld that it wasn’t discrimination. “Why?” you might ask. Because New London Police Department applied the same standard to *everyone* who applied to be a cop there.

And the theory behind it?

“Those who scored too high could get bored with police work and leave soon after undergoing costly training,” [ABC News](#) reported back then. While at least acknowledging the basic fact that such a policy might be “unwise,” the court deemed it had a “rational basis” because it was put in place to lower cop turnover.

The police department went on to continue automatically disqualifying anyone whose IQ was “too high.” Jordan went on to become a prison guard instead.

And there you have it.

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Does this snapshot from the past at least partially help explain how we got to where we are

as a nation today — a total police state? Wow, and the [Pentagon has been giving these guys tanks](#) straight off the battlefields in the Middle East to drive down American streets, too.

[Recent public opinion polls](#), just by the way, show trust in police is pretty abysmal; 65% feel that our police departments do a poor job of holding officers accountable for misconduct.

Well America's local law enforcement agencies — of which there are 18,000-plus, more than any other country in the world — aren't exactly encouraging geniuses to apply to be officers here; in fact, geniuses don't stand a chance even if they wanted to (which, I guess if they are geniuses, they probably *don't*).

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