

Cartoons for the Classroom

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WHEN DID THIS...



BECOME THIS..?



By Ed Hall / Courtesy of AAEC

Do 'combat police' create respect or fear?

Between the lines

"Law-enforcement agencies across the U.S., at every level of government, have been blurring the line between police officer and soldier. . . Police forces have often adopted a mind-set previously reserved for the battlefield." - Author Radley Balko

<http://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2014/08/ferguson-police-face-civil-rights-protest-dressed-for-military-combat/375962/>

Additional resources

More by Ed Hall

<http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/browse.cfm/HallE>

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Talking Points

1. Have you seen the recent newspaper photo that inspired Ed Hall's cartoon? Where was the photo taken? What were the circumstances?
2. Do military weapons and tactics help police fight crime? Why or why not?
3. Police say they need military weapons and armored vehicles for protection. How do the dangers of police work compare with other jobs? Do combat arms and tactics endanger the public?
4. Are police becoming more or less isolated from the community? Do you know the officers patrolling your neighborhood? Do you find police to be friendly or intimidating?