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The Road to Privilege Violence

Politicians provide impunity to violent groups in exchange for help staying in power.

Politicians gain the support of business leaders by letting them use private violence for self-defense and to suppress unions and activists.

Politicians politicize police, courts, and militaries to ensure immunity for violent groups. They incentivize brutality to hide political violence and show they are “tough on crime”.

Mafias, gangs, and vigilantes market themselves as able to offer justice and security to marginalized communities — often in exchange for extortion.

Justice and security institutions become corrupt and predatory, particularly against the poor.

As impunity grows (in many countries, over 90% of murders go unsolved), violence becomes normal and inhibitions lower. Homicides while drunk, or to solve problems with neighbors and co-workers increase.

The middle class hires private security and lives in gated communities to protect themselves. They vote for repressive zero-tolerance measures that backfire, increasing state violence and strengthening criminal groups.

The marginalized don’t vote, because of electoral violence or a lack of options to change the system. The governing order of Privilege Violence is maintained.
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Exiting Privilege Violence

Society begins to self-police, citizens pay taxes, violence falls, and state strengthens

Politicians centralize power and use intelligence, informants, and asset seizure to fight violent groups

Society insists on fighting violence while upholding the rule of law, rejecting repressive politicians

Politician uses symbolism and proven policies to govern for all citizens

Politician makes dirty deals with violent groups

Experienced politician understands how to implement change within a corrupt system

Social movement for a more inclusive country votes a politician into office to carry out policy change

Government becomes repressive

Majority of the middle class supports a more inclusive social contract

Politician makes dirty deal but doesn't reform state. Corruption increases.

Novice reformer from outside the system can't make change stick

Polarized middle class supports greater repression to fight violence

Violent groups compete among themselves and violence increases, affecting the middle class

Social organizers try to convince voters to make the governing system fairer and more inclusive