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No-knock raids have gone from 2,000 a year to as many as 70,000 a year in the past 20 years, according to some sources. The exact number is not known, since many police departments won't release their records.

There are literally thousands of stories, dating back to the 70's, of "informants" giving false information – and even police misconduct – that resulted in damaged or destroyed property at best and injuries or death of innocent Americans and family pets at worst. Family pets are routinely shot, even when they are chained or caged.

No-knock raids have been banned by civilized society since 1604. Most state laws require law enforcement to announce themselves prior to conducting any raid or executing a search warrant. Yet in at least 65% of SWAT deployments, violent entry is made after the tap on the door fails to elicit an immediate response, often times in the dark of night while families are sleeping inside.

Initially, the tactic was used only in extreme situations, such as active shooter scenarios or hostage situations. Today, between 80-90% of these raids occur merely to serve a search warrant for suspects of non-violent crimes.

According to ACLU, up to 65% of these raids conclude with "no contraband of any kind" being found.

Citizens have no way of knowing if it's an intruder or the police when their door comes crashing down, and citizens who defend their home and loved ones, believing they're being attacked by a gang of thugs, are quickly shot.

And it isn't just innocent civilians and their pets that are seriously injured or killed – paramilitary raids put law enforcement at extreme risk as well.

Law enforcement often justifies paramilitary raids to retain the element of surprise, thus preventing the flushing of evidence down the toilet, but that can be avoided simply by shutting off the water supply to the home.

States must act to ban the practice of no-knock raids for non-violent crimes and the no-knock warrants that precipitate them, reserving use of this tactic only when facing a hostage or active shooter situation.

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