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## Dispatches: In Ferguson, a Police Failure to Communicate



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By Alba Morales

Law enforcement in Ferguson, Missouri, has repeatedly blamed outside instigators for violent acts that have led police to use teargas, rubber bullets, and pain-inducing sound cannons against protesters. Yet part of the problem in Ferguson also lies with law enforcement's failure to establish reasonable rules, communicate them clearly, and give protesters and observers a fair chance to comply with them.

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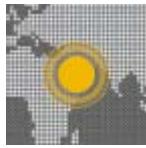
### Holder Should Press for Police Reform

A lot of the poor policing we're seeing in Ferguson may be going on elsewhere in the United States. US Attorney General Eric Holder should press state and local officials to review their regulations and policies on policing, but he should also look at ways the

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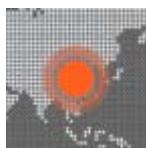


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