Is 'Too Nice' a Problem?

Nobody asked but ...

POTUS recently exhorted a gathering of LEOs to not be "too nice." Why do cops misperceive that when they please politicians, it is entirely removed from pleasing the public, except for its authoritarians? Politicians play to the authoritarians, who in turn are happy to tell everyone not only how to vote, but how to worship wielders of violence, and, well, how to do everything.

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