Looking Through Your Magic Lenses

Some people believe I single out cops as bad guys. But that's only because *they* single out cops to excuse from the standards of civilized and decent behavior they hold most everyone else to.

I don't like or support *anyone* who initiates force or who violates property rights. *No one*. This is pretty much the minimum for being libertarian. If someone habitually violates life, liberty, or property I am not going to consider them a good guy. Their excuses and justifications don't matter to me. If they take a "job" that requires this type of behavior, then they are not "good" people.

There are no *good* mafia hitmen, no *good* cops, no *good* muggers, no *good* tax collectors, no *good* rapists. Doing the bad things for money doesn't make them better than doing them freelance. All the above can be nice people when not engaging in the worst part of what they do, but they can't ever be good people until or unless they *STOP* what they have been doing, make restitution, and never violate anyone again.

Yes, a bad guy can become a good guy in a heartbeat, but it requires facing, *honestly*, the evil he has been doing. Bad guys are never going to do this as long as people keep excusing them and patting them on the back for their "service".

So, no, I don't single out cops. I am against ALL bad guys, equally. It's only because some people refuse to hold cops accountable that it looks like I am singling out cops. It's an illusion. They are the ones singling out cops.