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Title of Submission:	Opening up the Garda to the working class people of Ireland
Comments:	<p>I have lived in working class areas of Dublin all my life. Which is the last 59 years. I have heard the myths that the Gardaí can do what they like and get away with it. These myths are very common in the working class areas in big cities.</p> <p>The Gardaí do not help to dispel this in the way they deal with simple questions about the service they provide.</p> <p>An example would be any disciplinary action taken against a member is not published. they will say it's Due to confidentiality however they could produce quarterly reports stating the number of disciplinary actions and the result of these actions.</p> <p>I know Gardaí "do not get away with it" but the lack of a simple report stating the action taken against members at same time not mentioning any members names but outlining what sanction was imposed.</p> <p>Would go some way to dispelling the myth.</p> <p>Another point I feel very strongly about is that the Gardaí investigate themselves I know the Garda ombudsman is there on a statutory basis however they must go to the Garda.s for the information and the Gardaí can decide not to give information freely</p> <p>I believe the Garda ombudsman must have its own staff its own budget and not get tied down in Legal arguments they need powers to go and insist upon Gardaí making statements. More teeth.</p> <p>I also believe that the Gardaí should police the laws within the state however I do not believe they should be in charge of the security of the state. I believe that the security brief should be given to a separate department. This would prevent too few people having too much power.</p> <p>The above may not make sense to you .but as a working class middle aged family man ( I have no convictions ) hope that some of what I have said will make some sense and help show what people think in the areas I live .</p> <p>Rds.</p> <p>█</p>