This article argues that the US is currently enmeshed in a potentially unstoppable global phenomenon that we characterize as a “paramilitary policing juggernaut.” This juggernaut is composed of a fusion of law enforcement and national security missions and technologies that is being driven by two forces. The first is the reaction of states to the clandestine effects of globalization and the second is the proclivity of police forces to adopt militarized forms of policing. We believe this fusion poses a growing threat to the provision of democratic policing in the US and abroad. This article therefore seeks to generate a public discussion of the consequences of police militarization at home and abroad and suggests some preliminary steps that could be taken to slow the process whilst this discussion proceeds.