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Utahns should be really upset, up in arms and calling their representatives. Instead, it's The Daily Beast, *The Atlantic* and almost every other national news outlet that are rightfully concerned about civil rights. California teen Lauren Gibson was arrested in Garfield County on an enhanced hate crime charge for stomping a Back the Blue sign. The Utah dailies instead focused on the defense from Sheriff James D. Perkins, who said his deputy acted in a "proactive and compassionate manner." There's little doubt that Gibson was acting like a pissy and aggressive teenager, but that should draw a misdemeanor charge—at most—not a year in prison. The ACLU agrees. A hate crime? That typically involves violence, not just a juvenile, angry confrontation. *The Salt Lake Tribune* did note, at least, that Garfield County has a little history of enhancing charges against unpopular groups that don't like police. It may not be in Utah's Dixie, but it's close enough.