

WHO DOES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (I.C.E.) HURT? WHO DOES IT SERVE?

I.C.E. HURTS:

- **Tens of thousands of people with no criminal record whom I.C.E. has deported** back to countries where their lives are at risk. In 2003, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), set up to stop terrorists, replaced the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which performed many functions relating to immigration as part of the Justice Department. The enforcement arm of DHS, I.C.E.'s primary mission is to target those who have made it past the border and are living here, in many cases for years.
- **The more than 30,000 immigrants detained at any one time in I.C.E.'s detention facilities** across the country. Many are denied medical care and are subject to solitary confinement, and physical and sexual assault. In 2017, 12 people died in these centers. Despite detainees' hunger strikes and the demands of advocates, I.C.E. has taken no effective action against these abuses.
- **The families and communities of those suffering from the deportation or detention of their co-workers, neighbors, and family members.** I.C.E. creates ever-widening circles of terror and loss.
- **Asylum seekers fleeing persecution, torture and death.** Asylum seekers, even whose claims are deemed credible, are often placed indefinitely in detention without trial or bail. A determination on their asylum cases can take years.
- **Asylum seekers who are parents of children threatened by gang violence and political instability,** and who seek sanctuary in the United States. Under recent policy enacted by the Trump Administration, I.C.E. incarcerates parents desperate to save their children's lives *and places those already traumatized children into federal custody.* I.C.E. was bad under Presidents Bush and Obama, but it did not separate children from parents legally seeking asylum.
- **Immigrants from South and Central America and the Caribbean** who are deported far more than those from other countries. Also, in 2017, deportations of largely Muslim immigrants from Somalia, Bangladesh, and Pakistan more than doubled. This, along with Trump's Muslim ban and his rhetoric about rapist Mexicans, "shithole countries," and "animals" sends a message to people of color that they do not belong.
- **The United States' reputation as a refuge.** I.C.E. conducts raids in our schools, courts, and workplaces, spreading fear throughout our institutions. I.C.E.'s brutal treatment of unauthorized immigrants and asylum-seekers flies in the face of the country's foundation as a home for those fleeing persecution.

I.C.E. SERVES:

- **The for-profit prison industry.** The majority of I.C.E. detainees are housed in private, for-profit facilities managed by companies including Geo and CoreCivic. These corporations are reporting record-breaking profits, and their contracts include bed quotas: The more people they detain, the more money they make. The Department of Homeland Security pays an estimated \$159 per day for each person detained.
- **Supporters of President Trump's campaign promise to establish a "deportation force"** merely by "taking the shackles off" the existing I.C.E. apparatus. Since the 2016 election, seizures of undocumented immigrants with no criminal record have more than doubled.
- **White nationalists, nativists, and advocates of ethnic cleansing.** They want Trump to follow through on his threat to deport millions of non-white immigrants and to ban Muslim immigration.

