



ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement)

The Big Ugly Bill:

- **Greatly increases funding for ICE, militarizing and threatening American communities in an extreme way. The ICE budget represents more money than most countries spend on their militaries. The law provides \$170 billion through 2029 for border patrol and immigration goals, as well as the detention and deportation of record numbers of people. By comparison, the 2024 ICE budget was \$9.9 billion.**
- **Directly attacks the civil rights of immigrants. The law explicitly approves the use of these funds for family detention. The law proactively allows for the indefinite detention of children and families in blatant violation of protections found in the Flores Settlement Agreement, a judicial settlement that puts guardrails on the U.S. government's detention of migrant children, including limiting duration of stay.**
- **Provides about \$32 billion for immigration agents and operations related to enforcement and deportation; these funds will be used in deeply harmful ways: for racial profiling and indiscriminate and terrorizing raids, further unleashing the kind of lawless immigration enforcement experiments that threaten the very underpinnings of democratic rule.**

Right to Habeas Corpus:

Habeas corpus is a legal procedure that allows individuals to challenge unlawful detention. It is a fundamental right of all people, be they citizens or undocumented immigrants. For the past five months, immigration enforcement has been the focus of the Trump administration's most egregious abuses of civil liberties, as exemplified by the administration's removing people to El Salvador's CECOT without hearings by citing the "Alien Enemies Act", even AFTER they were ordered to stop the deportations by the Wash. DC Court of Appeals.

According Border Czar Tom Homan, every undocumented immigrant is a criminal alien. Three-quarters of immigrants removed have no documented criminal background. Absent Trump administration consistent and inaccurate claims that undocumented immigrants present an outsized criminal threat, no argument exists for this level of spending.

Abuse of the right to habeas corpus tipping point of the spear for much of the current administration's authoritarian impulses and actions.

For more information, see:

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