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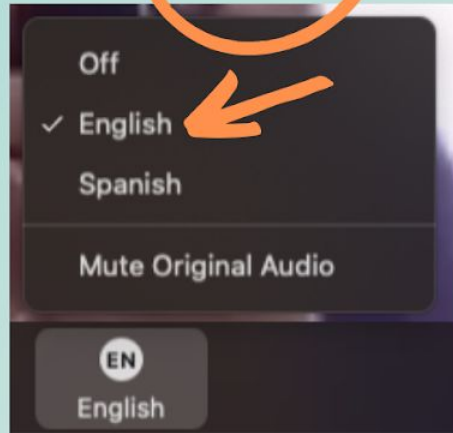
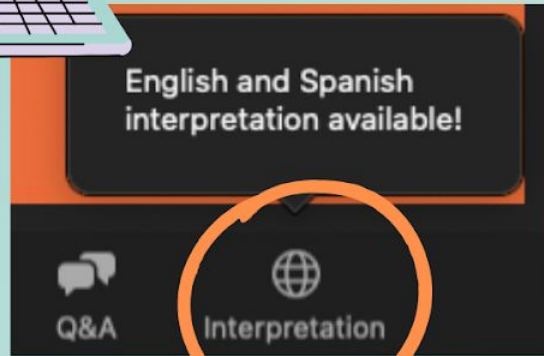
What is ICE? How Do They Operate?
(Session 1 of Our Workshop Series)

March 28, 2023

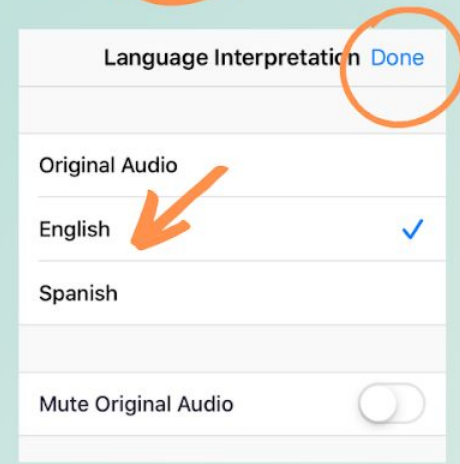
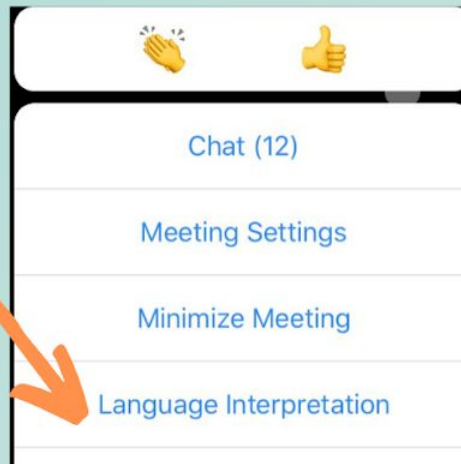
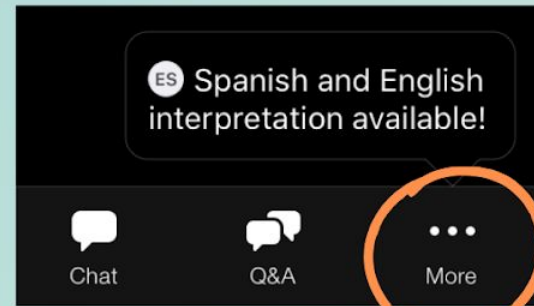
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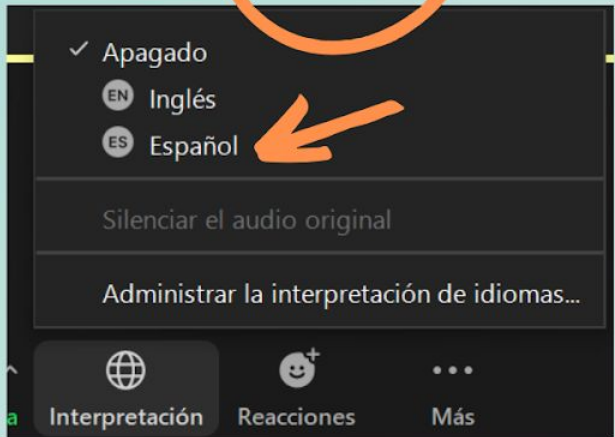
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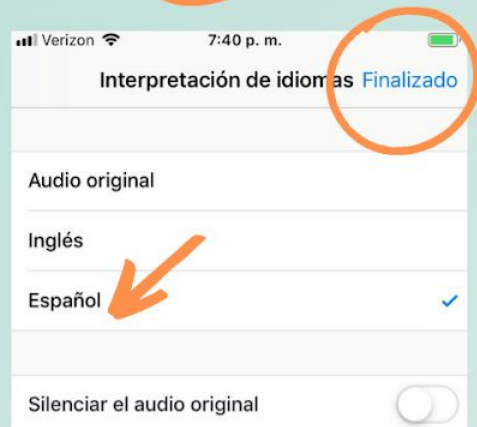
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Por computador



Por teléfono inteligente



Housekeeping

- We're **recording** presenters and slides **only**
- **Spanish translation** is available
- Recordings and slides will be shared after Session 2
- Please put questions in the **chat**
- **Tech issues:** contact help@onpoint.pro

A note on language: for our training, we are using “noncitizen” to refer to people in the U.S. who are not U.S. citizens.

Who We Are

The [Immigrant Defense Project](#) fights to protect and expand the rights of all immigrants, with a particular focus on immigrants accused or convicted of crimes. We've spent a decade monitoring ICE policing and community arrests in the New York area.

The [Surveillance Resistance Lab](#) takes on state and corporate surveillance as one of the greatest threats to migrant justice, racial equity, economic justice, and democracy. We partner with organizers across movements to fight for government divestment from technologies that expand systems of control and punishment in public spaces, schools, workplaces, and at and across borders.

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Workshop Series Agenda & Goals

Session 1: Baseline understanding of ICE policing

- DHS political history and current moment
- How ICE operates and gets information
- Recent tactics in ICE policing and surveillance
- Ways to plug in and fight back

Session 2: Know Your Rights with ICE



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Political Context

The U.S. is built on history of exclusion and expulsion, the justification evolves over time



PROTECTING THE HOMELAND



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**Department of
Homeland
Security established
2002 to “protect
the homeland”**

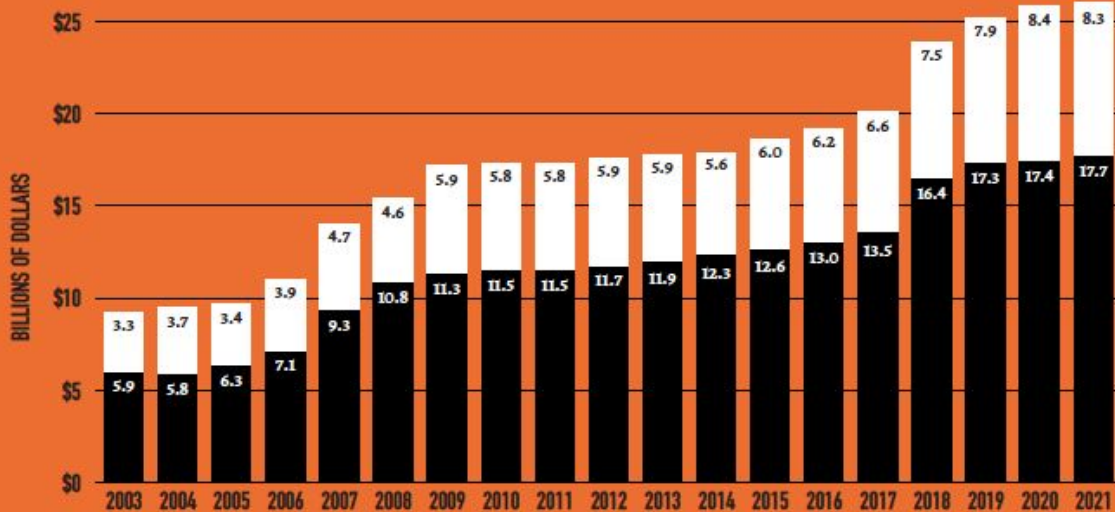
CBP & ICE Budgets

↑3X CBP and ICE budgets have almost tripled since the founding of DHS.

↑2000% The budget for border policing has increased by more than 2000% since 1990.

CBP & ICE Annual Budgets, FY 2003—2021

■ Customs and Border Protection ■ Immigration and Customs Enforcement



Source: Congressional budgets, gross budget authority as provided in Conference Reports, FY 2003—2021



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DHS FIVE MISSION AREAS



S&T'S ROLE:

To deliver effective and innovative insight, methods and solutions for the critical needs of the Homeland Security Enterprise



BORDER FENCING

1993:	<36 miles
2016:	>625 miles
Trump's goal:	500+ miles by 2020




BORDER PATROL AGENTS

1981	1996	2018	Today
2,000	6,000	10,000	20,000+

DHS & ICE feed off and rely on the
racially biased and classist
criminal legal system.

The Era of Mass Deportation: State of “Permanent Emergency”

			
<p>1882-2000 108 years</p>	<p>2001-2007 Bush, DHS est. '02</p>	<p>2008-2016 Obama</p>	<p>2017-2020 Trump</p>
<p>2,630,532 deportations</p>	<p>2,012,539 deportations</p>	<p>3,080,195 deportations</p>	<p>~935,347 deportations</p>

Current Situation under Biden

- Rolled back *some* Trump era policies:
 - Muslim Ban
 - large workplace arrests
 - rescinding of DACA
 - public charge rule
- Increased: electronic monitoring
- Continuing:
 - Title 42 expulsions
 - Family detention?
 - Prioritizing “threats” to national security, border security, public safety



2021-present
Biden

~131,188
deportations



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How ICE Gets Information

All immigration agencies under DHS help identify people for ICE to target for deportation.



Customs & Border Protection (CBP)
Border Patrol

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Immigration Applications

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Immigration arrests, detentions, removals

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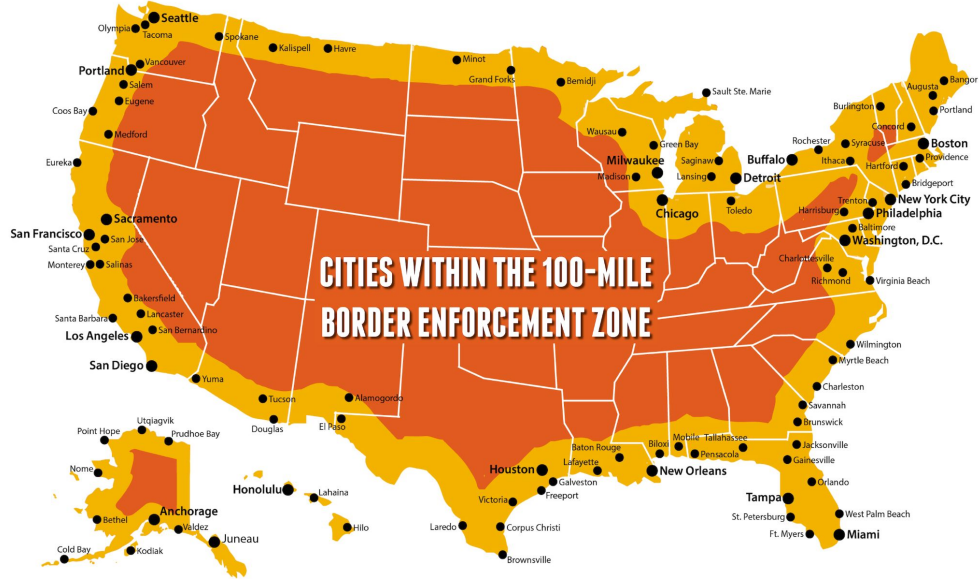
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- At borders & ports of entry

- Claims to have authority within 100 miles of all borders. This includes all of NYS!

- Customs
- Takes biometrics, like fingerprints



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- Handles affirmative applications:
 - Green cards
 - Renewing work permits
 - Applying for citizenship etc.
- Gathers biometrics, like fingerprints, & biographics



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**Enforcement &
Removal
Operations (ERO)**

**Homeland Security
Investigations
(HSI)**

- **ICE:** interior policing arm of DHS
 - Uses info from CBP & USCIS to locate noncitizens
- **ERO:** locate and deport noncitizens they believe are removable
- **HSI:** “criminal investigative agency”; works on joint task forces with state/federal law enforcement and agencies



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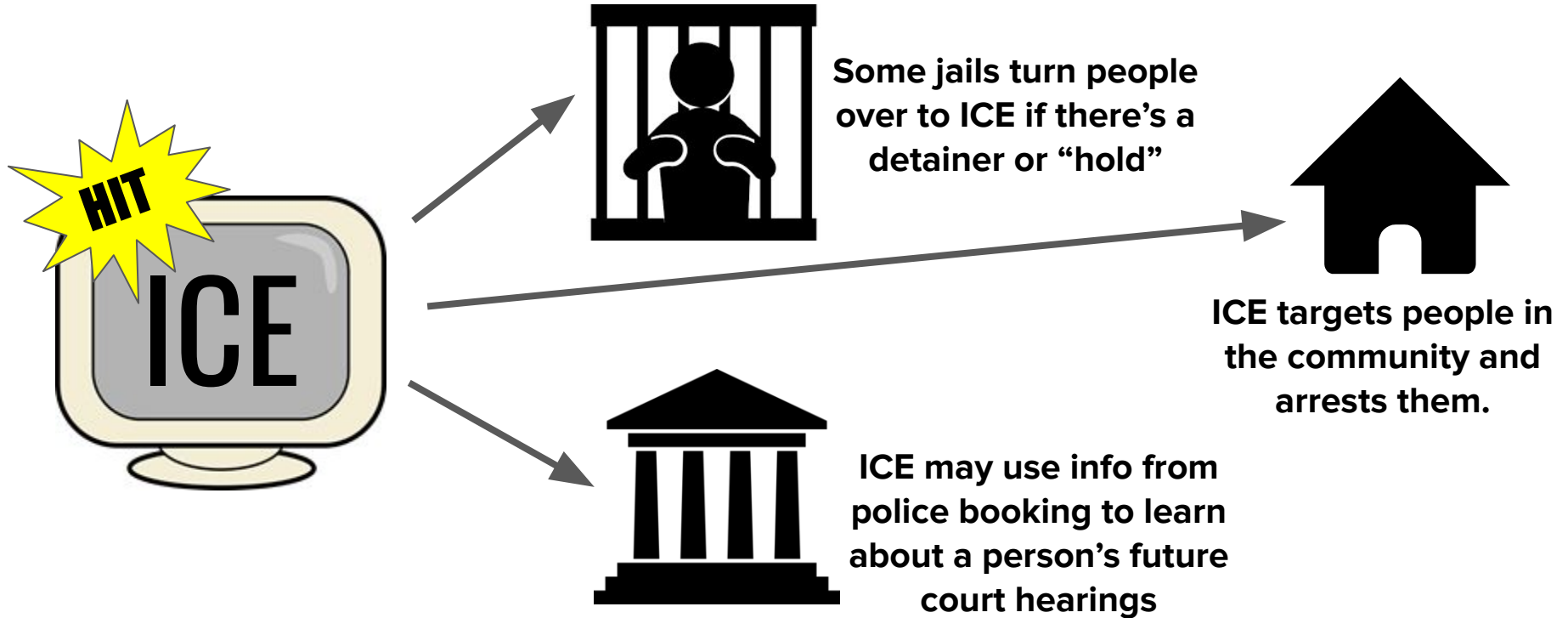
**ICE relies on local police
and the criminal legal
system to identify and
target noncitizens
for arrest.**



**At the time of an
arrest by local
police, fingerprints
get automatically
shared with ICE.**



ICE then decides if they will try to deport the individual and where to find them

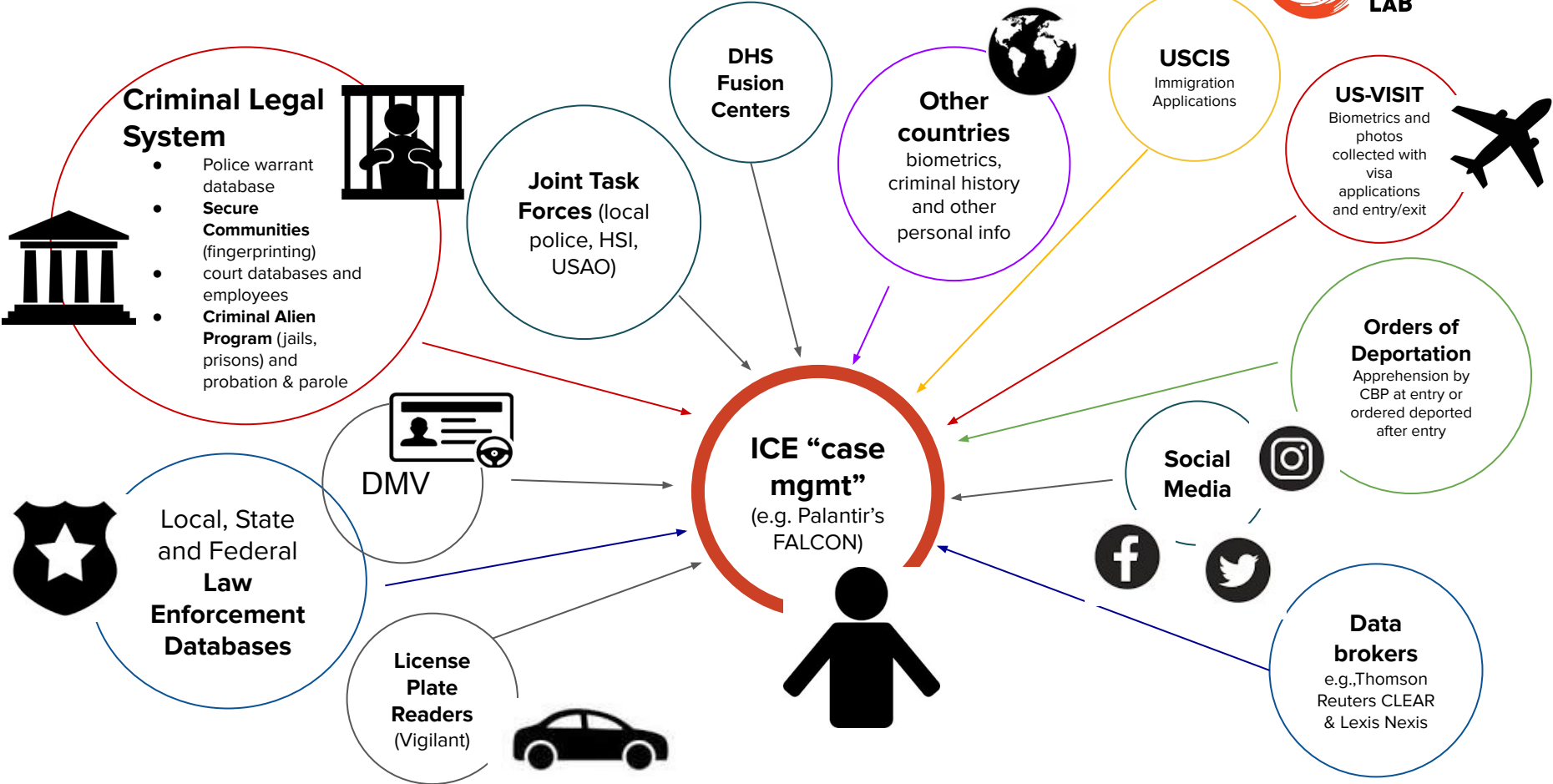




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What ICE Surveillance Looks Like

Sample of ICE's Data Sources



Explicit Surveillance Technologies



How the Face-Recognition Device Works | Police adopt a gadget that can match a face or iris against criminal databases

IRIS RECOGNITION

Officer holds the device, which attaches to an iPhone, a few inches from a suspect's eye and takes a photo.

The MORIS system analyzes some 235 features in the iris, which is a unique identifier akin to a fingerprint.

The system looks for a match in a database of criminal records.



The MORIS device

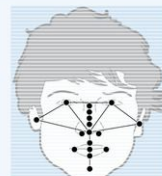


FACIAL RECOGNITION

Officer uses the cellphone camera to snap a photo from a distance of 2 to 5 feet.

Based on technology from Animetrics Inc., the system analyzes about 130 distinguishing points on the face, such as distance between eyes and nose.

System then scans the database of criminal records looking for a likely match.



Source: WSJ research. Photo of MORIS device: BP Technologies



GUNSHOT DETECTORS +

SMART TRUCKS +

ENVIRONMENTAL SENSORS +

WATER ANALYTICS +

AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS +

SMART WATER NETWORK +

TRAFFIC CONTROLS +

BODY CAMS +

SMART BUSES +

DRONE CAMERAS +

SMART TRASH CANS +

LIGHT SENSORS +

PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC SENSORS +

SMART WATER METERS +

SMART LANDFILL +

911 POLICE APPS +

SMART POWER METERS +

MOBILE APP FOR BUSES +

BIKESHARE SERVICE +

PUBLIC BROADBAND +

PUBLIC WIFI KIOSK +

URBAN SMART CARDS +

PARKING MONITORING +

SMART RAIL +

CLOUD SERVERS +

CCTV +

LOCATION BEACONS +

FIRST RESPONSE PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATION +

SOCIAL NETWORK MONITORING +

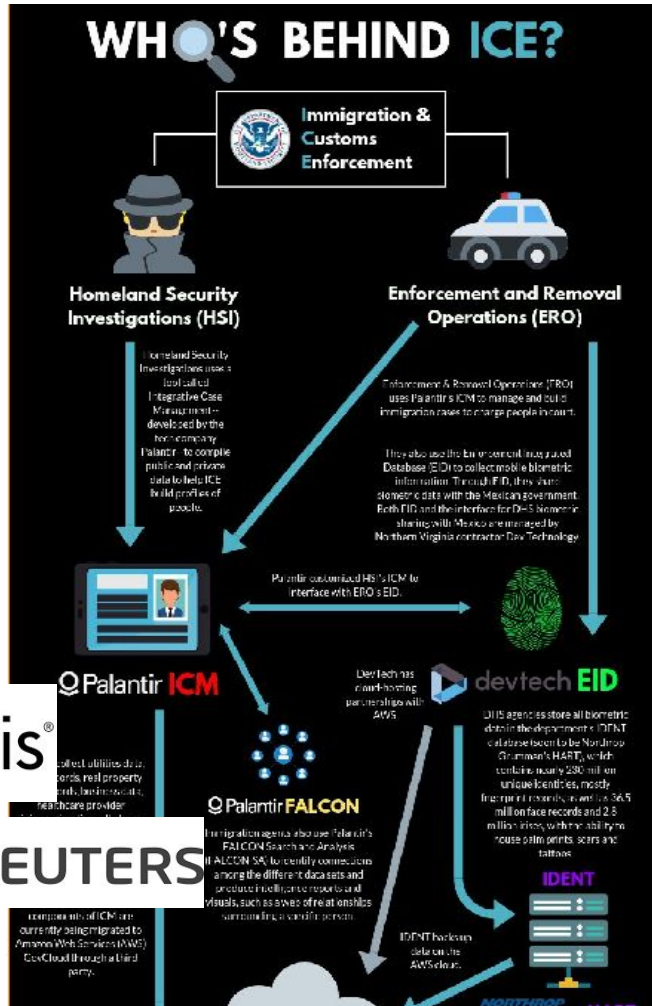
SMART GRID



So what does ICE surveillance do?

- Denial of Rights
- Who does/does not belong

The Big Business of Homeland Security



DHS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

How Tech Corporations Bring the War on Terror to Our Neighborhoods





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ICE Policing Trends

Common ICE arrest tactics

At and around homes

- Wait outside of homes early morning to see who lives there/their routines
- 1-2+ agents will often knock on the door and yell “Police!”
- Often push their way inside when a door is opened

On the street and in the community

- Often by people’s homes as they leave for work or court
- Occasionally go to people’s workplaces if they are public (restaurant, etc.)
- Often call out people’s name to confirm their identity

**ICE agents usually dress in “plain clothes” and don’t identify themselves before making an arrest

Common ICE arrest tactics

In cars

- ICE agents in unmarked cars stop vehicles they think are carrying noncitizens they have targeted for arrest
- May question everyone in the car for ID

Jail turnovers and cooperation from local law enforcement

- May issue a “detainer” or request for the jail or police to hold someone for ICE to arrest
- Pick-up individuals as they are released from criminal custody

ICE agents are trained to mislead and lie using “ruses”, like **pretending to be local police** by:

- Dressing in similar colors as local police
- Wearing vests that say POLICE
- Saying they are the “police”
- Carrying guns
- Showing a photo of a fake “suspect”, pretending to investigate a “crime” or asking to speak to a specific person



FAQ: does ICE arrest people on the ground who they haven't targeted?

- Yes. ICE may also arrest witnesses who are present and vulnerable to deportation. ICE calls these “**collateral**” arrests.
- ICE may identify people in real time through:
 - use of **mobile fingerprint devices**
 - through **racial profiling** like asking “do you have papers?” or to see passports

FAQ: ICE arrests & “protected areas”?



ICE internal policy: avoid arrests at or near “protected areas” (except for limited circumstances)

- Schools & places where children gather
- Religious institutions & funerals
- Medical or mental health care facilities
- Social service centers
- Places for disaster/emergency response aid
- Parades, protests & public demonstrations

****ICE still surveils protected areas.**



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How do I get involved?

Immigration is complicated!

Get an individualized consultation to learn about:

Your immigration status

If you have options to change your status

If you are at risk of an ICE arrest

One place to start:

[Immigrant Advocates Network](#) National Legal Service Directory

How to plug in?

- **Advocacy and organizing - check with local organizers!**
 - Say no to corporations behind ICE ([#NoTechforICE](#))
 - Protective policies at the local level: “sanctuary city” and beyond
 - Rapid response collectives
- **Bail fund networks**
 - [Find local organizations](#) working against immigration policing
- **Know Your Rights sessions - next week, April 4, 2023 at 2pm ET!**

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