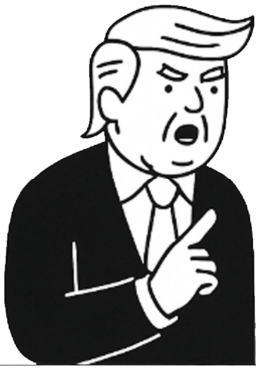


Why We Fight For Due Process



Since inauguration, Trump has worked to dismantle the U.S. immigration system and to shatter the moral fabric of a country built by immigrants.

War Powers, No War



The Trump administration used the Alien Enemies Act, a wartime law rarely invoked in over 200 years, to secretly deport immigrants to brutal prisons abroad, like CECOT in El Salvador, without trial or due process. This weaponization of obscure legal authority violates constitutional protections and sets a terrifying precedent: that a president can disappear people without accountability.

"Show Me Your Papers" Nation

Trump created a nationwide registry requiring non-citizens, including kids as young as 14, to report to ICE or face arrest and prosecution. This forced registration scheme criminalizes presence, turns everyday life into a trap, and turns local police and vigilantes into immigration agents, eroding trust and civil liberties for everyone.



Militarized Roundups

Trump is deploying tens of thousands of law enforcement and National Guard troops to hunt undocumented people in homes, schools, and neighborhoods. This militarized crackdown shifts federal agents away from real crimes, turning the U.S. into a police state where anyone can be targeted based on suspicion, not evidence.



Deporting Dissent

Trump's administration revoked visas and deported students and activists for criticizing him, targeting people like Mahmoud Khalil simply for their views.

Weaponizing immigration to punish speech and silence critics threatens democracy itself, turning political disagreement into a deportable offense.



No One Is Safe

U.S. citizen children, including those receiving cancer treatment, were placed on ICE deportation flights. Others were deported to countries they had no connection to, like South Sudan or Libya.

This isn't just cruel: it's lawless. When the government deports sick kids and admits "mistakes" without fixing them, no one's rights are secure.



Communities Fight Back



Across the country, people are standing up: challenging ICE arrests, creating local protections, and demanding accountability. Some police and city leaders are refusing to join Trump's deportation force. These grassroots efforts show that solidarity and local resistance can slow federal overreach and protect our neighbors.

Why We Fight

This is about more than immigration. It's about the kind of country we are.

We fight because disappearing people, punishing dissent, and ruling by fear are the tools of authoritarianism, not democracy.

We fight to defend freedom, fairness, and the rule of law, for everyone.



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