



# What's Wrong With ICE?



It is easy to forget that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has only existed since 2003. Both Republicans and Democrats agreed to the necessity of "border security," and the separation of children began under Obama.

In its 15 years, ICE has done nothing but harm. If the news and images of the past few months have made you angry, if you now feel like a line has been crossed, know that the only thing that has changed is that you are finally hearing about it.

ICE has already committed crimes that meet the United Nations definition of genocide and is on track to exceed the worst atrocities in American history. Thousands of people are missing, families are torn apart, and hundreds have died in ICE custody.

## Join us.

We are the Democratic Socialists of America. We require no purity tests, loyalty oaths or background knowledge. Let's get together to abolish I.C.E. and capitalism! Join us or learn more: [sausa.org/join](https://sausa.org/join)



We are weaponizing our legal system against entire ethnic groups of people. The United States criminalizes whole families, charges people as gang members when they have never broken any American law, and bans the people of entire nations from entrance.

are profitable. Detainees are held in for-profit facilities and the more people ICE arrests, the richer capitalists become. Each generation before us fought to end the injustice they saw in their lifetimes. It is now our turn, we must abolish ICE.



Throughout American history there have been repeated legal imprisonments and deportations of entire communities.

During WWII, the United States government interned Japanese Americans in concentration camps and killed 1,862 people.

During the 1929-1936 Mexican Repatriation, 2 million Mexican Americans (60% of whom were citizens by birthright) were deported to a country that was foreign to them.

Andrew Jackson forced Indigenous Americans into camps, and then on the Trail of Tears, killing 4,000.

After the Civil War, the 13th amendment abolished slavery, but it made an exception for prison labor. Abolitionists ended the convict lease system, but then the chain gang system replaced it merely thirty years later.

That system was brought to an end by the Civil Rights Movement. But again, almost thirty years later, the American Legislative Exchange Council created the legal groundwork for the for-profit prisons we see now.

Under Capitalism, there will be no natural end to concentration camps and inhumane incarceration because they