

10 TO END ICE

Policy Roadmap for Abolishing Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

We were safe before ICE existed, and we will be safe(r) again in [A World Beyond Ice](#). ICE as it currently operates—unaccountable, militarized, and expanding—is causing irreparable harm that must stop. We must act now in order to shape what comes next.

#10toEndICE are ten demands at the federal level—along with policy targets at state and local levels—that will make ICE abolition both lawful and achievable. Use this roadmap as a tool to demand that we **#AbolishICE** now.

The Evidence

Public support for ending ICE has grown steadily. As of January 28, 2026, 80% of Democrats, 46% of Independents, and 15% of Republicans [support abolishing ICE](#). And 11% of people are undecided. Importantly, when given further options on [another poll](#), 42% of Republicans support “making significant changes to ICE to put more checks on its power.”

10 to End ICE Federal Demands

Reducing and ultimately abolishing ICE must happen at the federal level.

These are our 10 To End:

- 1 Cap ICE Staffing Levels and Reduce ICE's Budget**
Cap ICE enforcement staffing at 1,100 officers (a 95% reduction) and Customs and Border Protection at current levels. Reduce budgets to match staffing. Prohibit Customs and Border Protection from carrying out ICE operations.
- 2 Shrink Customs and Border Protection's Jurisdiction and Require Warrants For All Searches**
Remove the legal authority for Customs and Border Protection's warrantless searches from federal law — the Constitution should apply everywhere. Limit Customs and Border Protection jurisdiction to 10 air miles from any external boundary, ensuring the agency's focus is on the border.
- 3 Protect Immigration Judges**
Ensure immigration benches are fully staffed and put safeguards in place to prevent judges from becoming political pawns.
- 4 Cancel ICE Surveillance**
Cancel surveillance contracts with Palantir, Clearview AI, NEC, Paragon Solutions, and L3Harris immediately to prevent further harm to communities and pass a federal law that requires a judicial warrant to collect or utilize personal data.
- 5 Guarantee the Right to a Lawyer in Immigration Court**
Guarantee government-funded representation and case management for all people in immigration proceedings.
- 6 No More ICE Detention Camps**
Prohibit the federal government from purchasing or leasing any new detention property. Any property acquired after January 20, 2025, must be sold, with cities having the right of first refusal.
- 7 Ban Private Prison and Detention Contracts**
End all federal contracts with any private entity that owns, manages, provides, or supplies detention facilities.
- 8 Unmask or Release: Any Arrest by a Masked ICE Agent is Unlawful**
An arrest conducted by an ICE or Customs and Border Protection agent who conceals their face, fails to visibly identify their agency, or fails to display proper identification shall be unlawful under federal law.
- 9 Implement Real Standards for ICE Officers and Apply Them Retroactively**
Prohibit accelerated training programs, require comprehensive background checks before any enforcement duties, ban hiring of individuals affiliated with hate groups, and require all current officers to meet these standards retroactively.
- 10 Give Victims a Pathway to Justice**
Strip qualified immunity from ICE officers and pass the Bivens Act, making federal accountability real and enforceable.

Our Work in This Moment

Keep the message clear so our values don't shift, our commitment doesn't waver, and the line keeps moving forward.

Goals

NORTH STAR

Zero budget and full abolition of ICE.

NEGOTIATING FLOOR

Our policy roadmap. These are actionable, achievable demands that move us toward the abolition of ICE. They're the floor, not the ceiling.

Why both? Without clear demands up front, policies get watered down and support for meaningful change erodes. We've seen it happen. Better to stake your ground. You negotiate. You move the line.

State & Local Demands

In the absence of federal action from Congress and the White House, local jurisdictions can implement safeguards to hinder ICE and slow down the deportation machine.

Prohibit 287(g) Agreements

Pass state laws prohibiting local law enforcement from joining 287(g) agreements. *Note: Eight states (CA, CT, DE, IL, ME, NJ, OR, WA) have already prohibited 287(g) agreements.*

Increase the Number of Sanctuary Cities and Strengthen City Response

Local laws can prohibit local police from asking people about their immigration status, prohibit local departments from sharing access to resources with ICE, restrict ICE access to city-owned buildings, and prohibit the allocation of local funds for ICE-related infrastructure, data-sharing, and task forces.

Disrupt ICE's Purchasing, Leasing, and Usage of Detention Facilities

Local laws can prohibit local facilities from detaining people on behalf of Customs and Border Protection / ICE, establish moratoriums on approvals for building, zoning, and utility access for detention facilities, and impose steep tax penalties on all property that houses or services immigration detention.



Read more about our approach and the assumptions guiding our demands and download the full Policy Roadmap at 10toEndICE.org.