

END DHS ABUSES

1 Abolish ICE and Border Patrol and End DHS Profiling Based on Protected Categories

ICE, Border Patrol, and supporting DHS infrastructure are brutalizing perceived immigrants and their neighbors, regardless of immigration status. Simple guardrails or administrative tinkering will not resolve the ongoing, widespread violence and rights violations.

→ **Solution:** Abolish ICE, Border Patrol, and DHS operations and offices that drive and facilitate their abuses. Replace the current immigration infrastructure with practices that promote true public safety for all and humane immigration policies that affirm the inherent humanity of all people, regardless of their immigration status.

2 Remove DHS Agents from Our Streets

ICE, Border Patrol, and other DHS agents are instilling fear and spreading violence in cities across the country targeted by the Trump Administration. Their wanton conduct has torn families apart, unduly surveilled social justice advocates, suppressed lawful protests and accurate news coverage, and caused deaths.

→ **Solution:** Eliminate the authority of immigration agents to conduct roving interior enforcement within America cities. Prohibit the suppression of demonstrators under the guise of federal building security.

3 End Sweeping Domestic Surveillance and Intelligence

DHS has focused its broad surveillance and intelligence tools and authorities on racial justice and immigrant rights advocates helping vulnerable communities. DHS also shares biased, unreliable information it packages as “intelligence,” with local police who use it to investigate residents. Although such surveillance has long targeted civil rights and racial justice advocates, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Trump Administration has weaponized its surveillance resources to an unprecedented level to quell dissent and suppress protest.

→ **Solution:** Shut down harmful DHS intelligence offices and programs.

4 Dismantle Federally Led Law Enforcement Task Forces

Under the guise of fighting terrorism, federal-state/local task forces have long targeted people in the United States based on ethnicity and religion. They harm vulnerable communities while providing no tangible public safety benefits. The Trump Administration adopted this model to implement its inhumane immigration agenda and to criminalize those who oppose it.

→ **Solution:** Eliminate homeland security, joint terrorism, and similar task forces plagued by abuse.

NEEDED ACTIONS TO END DHS ABUSES

5 Safeguard Our Personal Data

National security agencies traffic in enormous amounts of personal data to target racial justice advocates, immigrants, allies, and those who oppose this administration's policies. The Trump Administration has gone even further by seizing social security, tax, and other sensitive information.

→ **Solution:** Wall off our sensitive data from DHS and other security agencies that abuse it against us.

6 Slash Funds for Private Surveillance

Unaccountable private contractors sell harmful surveillance tools and our sensitive data to the federal government. They are shielded from certain accountability measures that apply to public but not private tools and data. At the same time, these same private contractors profit off taxpayer funds used to fuel today's nationwide violence wrought by

DHS agents against our immigrant communities and communities of color.

→ **Solution:** Prohibit federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies from spending any public monies on private tools and data.

7 Build Accountability Mechanisms

ICE and other DHS agents violate people's civil and constitutional rights with little, if any, legal recourse. Barriers to accountability exist in most cases. Further, federal agencies have failed to cooperate with state and local entities in criminal investigations of DHS officers. This is unacceptable.

→ **Solution:** Congress must pass the Bivens Act and End Qualified Immunity Act to allow victims of DHS abuses to seek legal remedies when their rights have been violated. Federal agencies must conduct independent, transparent investigations of officers' potential violations of law or constitutional rights, and permit state and local agencies to investigate actions of DHS officers."

End DHS Abuses

1. Abolish ICE and Border Patrol and End DHS Profiling Based on Protected Categories
2. Remove DHS Agents from Our Streets
3. End Sweeping Domestic Surveillance and Intelligence
4. Dismantle Federally Led Law Enforcement Task Forces
5. Safeguard Our Personal Data
6. Slash Funds for Private Surveillance
7. Build Accountability Mechanisms



Photo by Richard
Tsong-Taatarii/
Getty Images