



Charlottesville is INSIDE the zone federal law allows warrantless searches for people w/o immigration documentation. Most major US cities are also inside this zone.

(^ use "colleagues" broadly; other folks, not just for staff/faculty)

Off the top of my non-expert head, I'm aware of local ways ICE impacts my neighbors & yours: * Maria, seeking asylum from violence in another county, forced to live in a church on the edge of campus (a 4min walk from my UVA Library lab) for sanctuary for many months while appealing an unfair deportation process (our city) is in the middle of a state, not near federal borders. I don't think that's an unusual belief, but it's incorrect! So even though I'm no expert, I wanted to help folks notice that immigration laws & rhetoric impact folks negatively right here where we live (central Virginia), not just "elsewhere".

^ Our undocumented colleagues ^ on campus (represented by [undocuVA linktr.ee/undocuVA](https://linktr.ee/undocuVA)) as well as international campus & ICE detention center w/in a 60-90min drive of us, also smack in the middle of the state (Farmville)

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is ICE here too

a minizine on how citizenship laws & rhetoric impact you + your neighbors here in Charlottesville, not only "elsewhere"

* rhetoric = how we talk about things; different ways we could choose to frame a topic

Abolition Strategies: police, bail, cages, borders
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 mass deportation has a geography and choke points

- Which police forces would be mobilized to support them? Where would people be warehoused? A military base, a jail, a government owned building complex? How will you get the word out to neighbors that raids are happening? Who would you like to see respond and how will you reach them on short notice?
- How would mass deportation work in your town? Where are the businesses or neighborhoods where mass ICE raids will take place? Where is the nearest ICE office that would organize them? What are the bus or mass transport companies they might use? Which airport would they head to?*

—12/23/2024 Bluesky posts by Vicky Osterweil
 You can be reading & thinking now about what to do if you see racist randos or immigration officials acting illegally and/or unjustly regarding human rights. Start w/a guide on what to do if ICE comes to your workplace: nilc.org/resources/a-guide-for-employers-what-to-do-if-immigration-comes-to-your-workplace

Know your rights, if detained or arrested by immigration:
nilc.org/resources/know-your-rights-what-to-do-if-arrested-detained-immigration
(many language versions available!)

Rights explainer for both citizen & non-citizen folks:
aclu.org/know-your-rights/im-migrants-rights
(Spanish version available)

UVA resources for undocumented local folks:
linktr.ee/undocuVA, including UndocuALLY training for allies

Everyone's affected: Increased rules & racist rhetoric about who gets the rights & courtesies of citizenship don't just hurt non-citizens (though it's wholly enough that it does!!).

Anyone who "looks like" a non-citizen is at higher risk of detention or other harm. And there is no real "looks like" a non-citizen, because citizenship doesn't cause changes in human appearance; such laws just give cover to discriminate against BIPoC, the unhoused, & other oppressed folks.

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