

Things I teach my children about ICE

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Here are the five lessons I teach my children about ICE:

1. ICE agents are modern-day bounty hunters.
2. **ICE isn't focused on safety; it's focused on control.**
3. The U.S. **militarized immigration** by treating it as a security threat.
4. If ICE comes to your school stay calm & ask for a trusted adult.
5. ICE makes domination look like order and turn human movement into a problem, when it should be a right.

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ICE agents are modern-day bounty hunters.

ICE agents don't protect communities like local activists, teachers, and community helpers. Their job is to find, arrest, and deport people, mostly immigrants, often just because of their immigration status.

Like bounty hunters, they're paid to chase people down. Many ICE targets haven't done anything wrong, they're parents, students, and workers simply trying to live safer, better lives.

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ICE isn't about safety; it's about control.

ICE detains thousands of immigrants, many of whom are asylum seekers or people with no criminal record, in prison-like conditions, sometimes in private, for-profit facilities.

These centers have been documented to use solitary confinement, deny medical care, and limit legal access.

The criminalization and warehousing of immigrants instills fear and domination, not care, concern or safety.

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The U.S. militarized immigration

ICE agents often unnecessarily dress in tactical gear, carry military-style weapons, and use armored vehicles during raids, especially in immigrant communities.

These raids can resemble military operations, with agents storming homes pre-dawn, breaking down doors, and detaining people without warning. This intimidates entire neighborhoods and sows fear far beyond the individuals targeted.

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Talking to ICE

We would like to ask you some questions:
 "I don't want to talk without my parent or a lawyer. I need to call my mom or dad right now."
Show us some identification:
 "I'm not showing anything unless a trusted adult is here."
You need to cooperate with us:
 "I know my rights, and I'm choosing to stay quiet."
 *You can sing a song or hum while you wait to help calm you.

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ICE in Schools

- If ICE ever comes to your school, they cannot go into private areas without a specific warrant, and the school has a trained team ready to handle it without involving learners.
- Some school staff, including security, are trained to protect your rights and privacy; they are not allowed to help ICE unless approved by a judge.

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