

FROM 'NEIGHBORING' TO JUSTICE: LEGISLATION AND LITIGATION

During Operation Metro Surge, people from Minnesota and elsewhere protected and supported vulnerable communities at risk of arrest and deportation, called 'neighboring.'

U.S. federal agents violate constitutional and human rights laws in these roundups. Unless we have laws to prosecute the violators, abuses of the law will continue.

Many state legislatures have passed laws to hold federal violators accountable. We urge Minnesota legislators to pass laws to end impunity, bring accountability, and secure justice.



People arrested by ICE,
June - July 2026

91,000

Source: Stateline

ICE's arrest goal for 2026

730,000

Source: TIME Magazine

Number in detention now

70,000

Source: American Immigration Council

Children in detention
on any given day

225

Age 3 and under: 25
Source: Brookings

CONSTITUTIONAL VIOLATIONS

Non-citizens on U.S. soil have constitutional rights.

ICE agents violate constitutional amendments:

- **4th**: protects against unreasonable searches and seizures.
- **5th**: guarantees protections for individuals in legal proceedings.
- **10th**: reserves powers not granted to the federal government to the states or people.
- **14th**: guarantees citizenship, due process, and equal protection under the law.

INTERNATIONAL LAW

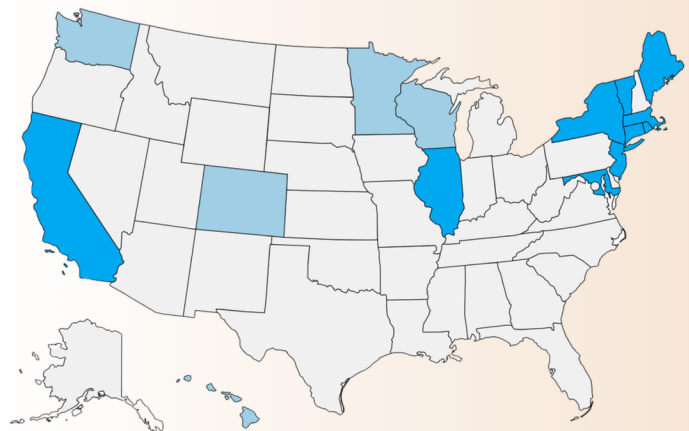
ICE agents have committed crimes under international law:

- **Ethnic cleansing**: expelling a population using force and intimidation to render an area ethnically homogeneous.
- **Enforced disappearances**: detention or abduction, followed by denying or hiding the victim's fate.
- **Refoulement**: forcibly returning asylum-seekers or refugees to a country where they fear persecution.
- **Mandela Rules**: standards for the minimum treatment of prisoners to prevent abuse.

LEGISLATION

States are passing bills to enable lawsuits against federal officers in state courts for violating the Constitution.

State Legislation
as of August 2026



■ state with passed legislation
■ state with pending legislation

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