

Indivisible Tucson Announcements

Jan 11, 2026

Quote of the Week:

"I have a message for ICE: get the f--k out of Minneapolis."

- Mayor Jacob Frey of Minneapolis

OUTLINE

1. ICE Out For Good
2. Boycott and Build
3. Today's email from Indivisible National
4. Highlighted upcoming events
5. Minutes from the Jan 04 meeting
6. Unseat Ciscomani
7. Articles, Resources, and Humor

1. ICE Out For Good

We are not backing down and this is not over! Stay tuned for additional events and trainings.

Coverage of our local events in Tucson:

Multiple protests in Tucson on Saturday against ICE operations following fatal shooting in Minneapolis

<https://www.kgun9.com/news/local-news/multiple-protests-in-tucson-on-saturday-against-ice-operations-following-fatal-shooting-in-minneapolis>

Graphic: ICE: What They Can and Cannot Do

ICE: What They **CAN** and **CANNOT** Do

NOT A POLICE FORCE

ICE is an immigration agency,
NOT general law enforcement.

STOPPING VEHICLES

Can only stop a vehicle if they have:

- Reasonable suspicion of an immigration violation **OR**
- An official warrant.

NO RANDOM STOPS

DETENTION RULES

Can **ONLY** detain if:

- Reasonable suspicion of being undocumented **OR**
- A valid immigration warrant.

CANNOT DETAIN U.S. CITIZENS

USE OF FIREARMS

Can **ONLY** draw gun if:

- **IMMEDIATE THREAT** of serious harm.

NO GUNS TO INTIMIDATE

BYSTANDERS

ICE has **NO** authority over:

- U.S. citizens
- People filming or passing by.

BEING NEARBY IS NOT A CRIME



ICE CANNOT STOP, DETAIN, OR THREATEN U.S. CITIZENS.

4TH AMENDMENT & DHS POLICY

Look, we all know very well that ICE will NOT respect our rights. That makes it all the more important that you KNOW WHAT THOSE RIGHTS ARE . . . so that you can report violations to our AG Mayes.

AG Mayes requests reports of ICE abuses:

"Any observed ICE abuse in Arizona should be reported to our office immediately:"

www.azag.gov/contact-us



AZ Attorney General Kris Mayes ✓

@AZAGMayes

Any observed ICE abuse in Arizona should be reported to our office immediately.

www.azag.gov/contact-us



2. Boycott and Build is on break until February, but in the meantime, see this extremely interesting article in The Nation (also linked in the Articles section of this newsletter)

Want to Stop ICE? Go After Its Corporate Collaborators

ICE can't function without help from the private sector. So we should force the private sector to stop helping.

<https://www.thenation.com/article/activism/ice-businesses-boycott-campaign/>

Over the past week, activists around the country successfully pushed Avelo Airlines to stop running deportation charter flights, and workers in Minneapolis pushed a local Hilton affiliate to stop renting rooms to ICE agents. But these wins are just a fraction of what could be achieved if the millions of people who are outraged by ICE's thuggery organize to pressure all companies to stop working with ICE.

The most strategic corporate targets fall into three categories: low-lift national targets, high-lift national targets, and local targets.

Also note these two items of good news:

Avelo Airlines to cut ties with ICE, end deportation flights

https://tucson.com/article_7c84fec3-11dc-4cd8-9e40-3f5506f7798b.html

Spotify has let their contract with ICE to run ICE's recruiting ads expire and will not be renewing it (no formal announcement available)

The Boycott and Build Team will be taking a break for several weeks and will not have a regular Zoom meeting again until February. Stay tuned here in late January for more information about that.

We will still continue to post on our Substack page periodically and do hope you will check that out. Please subscribe here <https://dontbuyittucson.substack.com/> to receive occasional posts delivered directly to your inbox and share with friends. If you prefer to just read without being a Substack subscriber, simply click "No Thanks" at the bottom of the Substack page to access all of our posts at your convenience.

And as always, you can check out our information on the ITAA website for ideas and inspiration: <https://www.indivisibletucson.org/boycott-and-build.html>

DON'T WAIT FOR THE BALLOT BOX. YOUR EVERYDAY CHOICES MATTER.
You vote every single day whether you like it or not.

1. You vote when you spend and invest your money.
2. You vote when you donate or share your financial resources with others.
3. You vote when you spend time on-line.
4. You vote when you generate data and store it in the cloud versus locally.

These types of votes matter at least as much as your vote at the ballot box. Please vote wisely.

And YES voting at the ballot box matters! With primary season coming up we need to be electing officials who will hold billionaires in check and work to build a system that works for us all. Be sure you (and everyone you know) are registered, that your registration is current, and that when you vote that your vote is counted. The following website can help you do all of that:

<https://iwillvote.com/>

Additional resources for voting:

AZSOS - my.arizona.vote

<https://my.arizona.vote/WhereToVote.aspx?s=individual>

[vote.org](https://www.vote.org)

<https://www.vote.org/am-i-registered-to-vote/>

3. Email from Indivisible National: 01/11/2026:

This is pathetic

This weekend, local Indivisibles and allies are hosting protests in cities and towns across the country to respond to the escalating violence of Trump's secret police force. While the grassroots are leading a national weekend of action, this is how Democratic leaders in Congress have responded:

Top Democrats decline to say if they would push to rein in ICE funding after Minnesota shooting

*Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries denounce the killing but offer no concrete pledges
Independent (Jan 8, 2026)*

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/democrats-ice-shooting-minnesota-funding-b2896967.html>

We're in the streets, and Democratic leaders are dodging questions about whether an agency that teargasses babies and kills innocent people should continue to have a budget bigger than most countries' militaries. **It's pathetic.**

We need leaders who will stand up for American communities being terrorized by Trump's fascist death squads. We need leaders who don't have to consult poll-tested messaging to answer: "No, we shouldn't be giving ICE more money to kill and brutalize innocent people." But if we want leaders who don't let us down again and again, we'll have to put in the work. That's why we're running the largest primary campaign in Indivisible's history.

If you're ready to fight for a better Democratic Party, with authentic candidates and bold leaders capable of rising to this moment, please consider chipping in or signing up to be part of our primary work this year.

The raids on our communities, human rights abuses against immigrants and peaceful protestors, and escalating violence by Trump's secret police are all being turbo-charged by a massive increase in ICE's budget passed by Republicans last year. We're seeing the consequences in real-time and the response cannot be to just issue denouncements and calls for investigations. **Democrats committing to using their leverage to rein in ICE's violent, lawless behavior is the bare minimum.**

We need a Democratic Party that unifies in opposition to this regime. We can't hold the regime accountable if we have to waste time and resources pleading, begging, and

cajoling our elected leaders to do their damn jobs and stand up for their constituents and the Constitution they swore to uphold.

We are going to do the work to win back control of Congress this year, and on the road to November we will run the largest primary campaign in Indivisible's history to build a Democratic Party whose first instinct is to fight -- not fold. If this is the kind of opposition party you want, pitch in today and help us build it.

In solidarity,
Indivisible Team

4. Highlighted upcoming events



Ready to up your resistance to the Trump Regime?
Come to a Nonviolence Direct Action Training! (**Jan 17 or 24**)

Dates and locations

- Sunday, January 11 at Reid Park, Ramada 18, 1 – 5 pm ALREADY COMPLETED
- **Saturday, January 17** at Reid Park, Ramada 18, 1 – 5 pm (see map below)
- **Saturday, January 24** at Mountain Vista Unitarian Church, 3235 W. Orange Grove, 1 – 5 pm

[Map of Reid Park with Ramada 18 circled \(pdf\)](#)

For each training, please arrive 15 minutes early.
Bring water and folding chairs (to Reid Park only).

Training includes

- Principles and Practice of nonviolence (Gandhi, King)
 - philosophical, historical and tactical
 - the power of sacrifice
 - nonviolence: more effective than violence
 - motivation: tactical vs. moral
- Action scenarios/role plays, including one or more about blockades, sit ins, talking to National Guard, dealing with ICE, protecting elections
- Consensus decision-making
- Legal consequences
- Support roles

Sign up <https://tinyurl.com/NonviolenceTrainingSignUp>

Training and refreshments provided by Good Trouble Action Group

Jan 20 “Cacerolazo” Against Trump/ICE

TUCSON — Call-up Courage & Cast-out Despair: “Cacerolazo” Against Trump/ICE, for Venezuela 🇻🇪

Tuesday, January 20th — 4:15pm

Tucson Federal Building — 300 W Congress & Short March

Organizer: Defend Tucson! ¡Tucson Se Defiende! Coalition

Details & Registration 

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdeDQh-VEfeUFW5yTLJOPu2FHqpmAQIXi1G1xV1nWz56m9NAw/viewform>

5. Minutes from the Jan 04 meeting

Meeting Minutes are attached as a pdf:

[Minutes-Monthly-Meeting-2026-01-05-FINAL.pdf](#)

(The transcript of the meeting Chat is including in the pdf)

These minutes are posted on the website:

<https://www.indivisibletucson.org/2026-monthly-minutes.html>

The next general membership meeting for ITAA will be on Monday, Feb 02, 4:00 p.m.

ABOUT BALLOTS AND POSTMARK DATES

This topic came up during the meeting and in the chat. The USPS recently changed how they do postmarks: now letters and packages will be postmarked with the date they are processed at a postal facility rather than when they are dropped off in a mailbox. This raised concerns about mail-in ballots here in Arizona. I reached out to the **Pima County Recorder's Office**, and they sent this reply:

The USPS procedural changes will **not** affect mail-in ballots in Pima County. Unlike some states, Arizona election law does not rely on the postmark date. Ballots are counted based on the date they are **received into our custody**, not the date they are postmarked.

The speed or method of mail processing by USPS has not changed in a way that would impact ballot delivery. As long as voters mail their ballot by the recommended mail-by date or return it to an authorized drop-off location by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, their ballot should be received without issue.

Regarding mail processing, ballots mailed in Tucson may be routed through regional USPS processing facilities, which can include Phoenix, before being returned to Pima County. This is part of standard USPS operations and does not affect ballot security or validity.

-- The Pima County Recorder's Office

[Margrit adds: Keep in mind that you can drop your mail-in ballot at a drop box, or at a early voting location, or at the Recorder's office. If you drop off your mail-in ballot at a voting location on election day, it may be several weeks before your vote is counted, because of the signature verification process. So if you are using a mail-in ballot, try to get it in as soon as possible, so they can verify your signature

before election day.]

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND WHAT THEY MEAN

We listed some accomplishments from 2025 at the Monday zoom meeting, and I wanted to add a few words about WHY this is a good thing to do, and what exactly all these actions accomplish.

(1) Public-facing activities

[NOTE: Much of the following is adapted from an address by Leah Greenberg during the Oct. 23, 2025 "What's the Plan?" zoom meeting, on the topic of Why No Kings?]

Public-facing activities such as protests and demonstrations, letters to the editor, posting flyers, attending and speaking at town halls and civic meetings -- all of these send a message to both individuals and corporations that there is a large and organized resistance that they need to take into account. It puts them on notice that they will be called out if they cave and collaborate. It also encourages them to stand up to authoritarianism - they see that they can do it too, and that it can work.

So first, these activities hold open the space for broader social pushback.

Second, these activities create a sense of a shared movement that helps resisters see that they are a part of something larger than themselves -- and this empowers us.

Our public activities are also recruitment opportunities, bringing new people into the Indivisible movement.

(2) Mutual aid and community support, including court accompaniment

These connect us to broader Tucson, strengthen the bonds that tie our communities together, and remind us that we need to help everyone, for the good of all.

(3) Forming new connections, and celebration

We formed connections, brought others together, informed ourselves and

others, recruited new activists, collaborated with other groups, and these connections are the glue that hold us all together.

Celebrating our activities helps everyone learn more about the Indivisible Tucson organizing ecosystem, and inspires us all. When we celebrate each other we lift each other up, and we keep the energy and the learning going.

In a year-end email, Indivisible National said,

"Celebrating victories against the regime is one of the most brazen acts of defiance we can engage in."

The same email listed these accomplishments at the national level:

- Historic levels of peaceful, powerful mobilization.
- Building real infrastructure.
- Stomping the regime, electorally.
- Evolving into corporate pressure.
- Standing Indivisible against ICE.

We were a part of all of these!! THANK YOU!!!

6. Unseat Ciscomani

OUR MISSION

The Unseat Ciscomani Team is holding Rep Ciscomani accountable to the voters of Southern Arizona's 6th Congressional District. We believe he should understand how his congressional votes impact his district and that he should be responsive and truthful to us instead of blindly following the President's political agenda.

Since it appears he cannot or will not do his job, we are working to replace him in 2026!

Our team is over 80 members strong and welcomes your participation!

If you want to help, contact:

Ken Minkoff at kminkov@aol.com.

All you need is willingness to act. We will help you find the right actions to take!

Check on our BEAUTIFUL webpage (THANKS TO KASIA WILCZEK)
at <https://www.indivisibletucson.org/ciscomani.html>

CHECK OUR GROWING WEBSITE AT [HTTPS://JUANLIES.COM](https://juanlies.com) (Thanks to STEVE LINDER)

Please share the link everywhere you can so we can disseminate the truth about Juan

AMPLIFY OUR POSTS (Like, comment, and/or share)

Our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/HoldCiscomaniAccountable>

Our Instagram page: <https://www.instagram.com/HoldCiscomaniAccountable>

Our NEW Blue-Sky page

<https://www.pressureciscomani.bsky.social>

Our AZ CD-06 Substack Page:

<https://cd6pressureciscomaniteamofitaa.substack.com/>

Please check out these latest articles from our Substack feed:

Health Insurance Subsidies Are Saved; Ciscomani Falls Off His Horse

<https://cd6pressureciscomaniteamofitaa.substack.com/p/health-insurance-subsidies-are-saved>

Ciscomani Votes NO on the ACA Extension Bill

We will remember in November

<https://cd6pressureciscomaniteamofitaa.substack.com/p/ciscomani-votes-no-on-the-aca-extension>

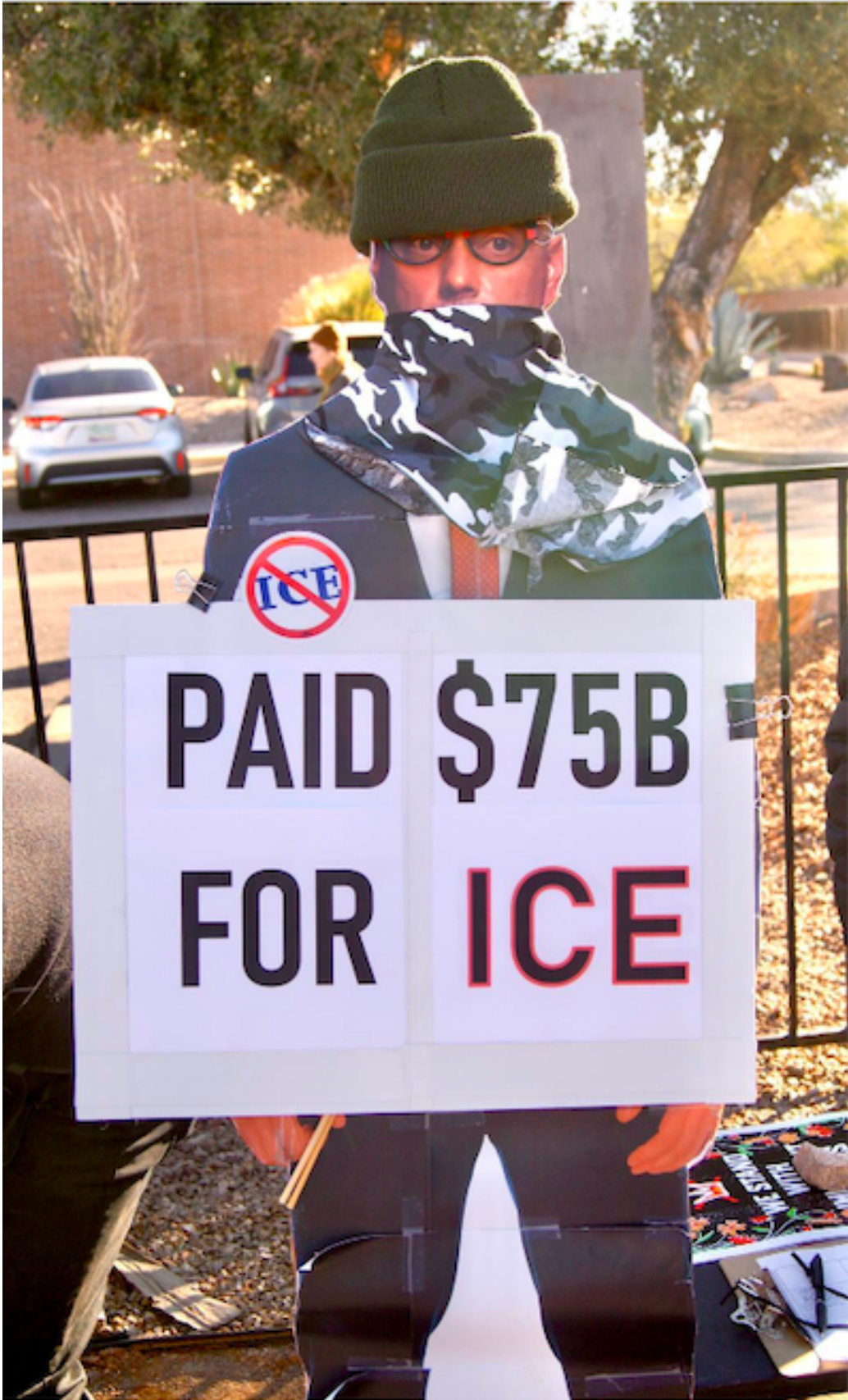
Download and post some flyers:

<https://www.indivisibletucson.org/ciscomani.html#downloads>

FOUR ISSUES TO FOCUS ON THIS WEEK IN OUR UNSEAT CISCOMANI CAMPAIGN

1. ITAA is preparing to have their membership vote on whether to formally endorse Ciscomani's leading Democratic opponent - Jo Mendoza. Stay tuned for more details!

2. We are hammering Ciscomani's support for masked ICE raids in light of the recent shooting in Minneapolis. 650 people attended Saturday's demonstration at his office, focusing on getting ICE out of Tucson. Some photos:





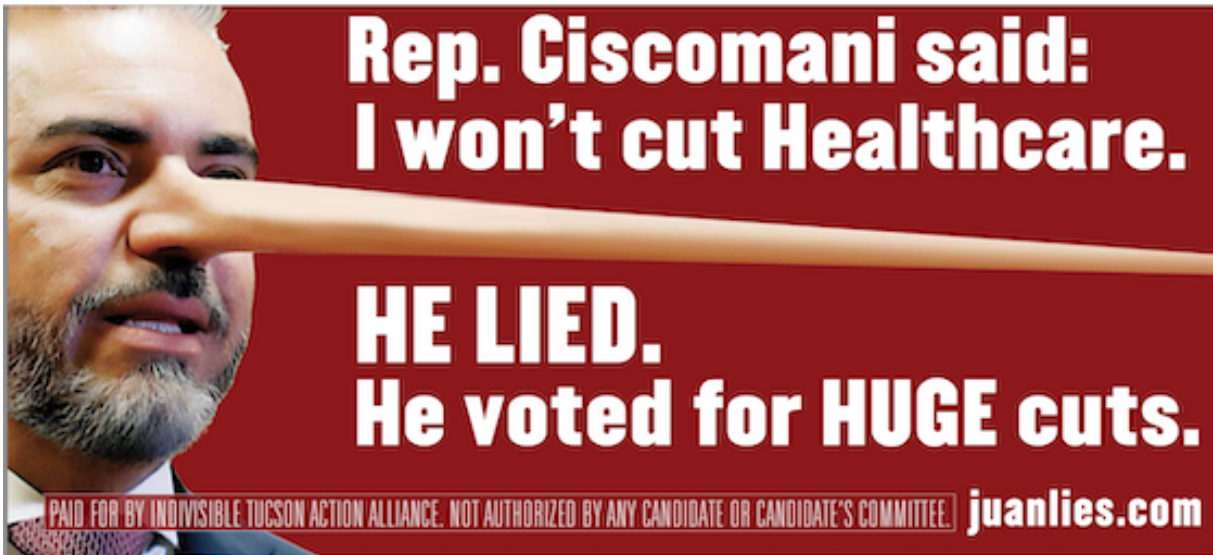


3. Juan lies again!! Despite claiming to support ACA premium subsidies, he spinelessly voted no on the extension bill that passed the Hiuise this week (with 17 Republicans votes). See and amplify our Substack post!

Ciscomani Votes NO on the ACA Extension Bill

We will remember in November

<https://cd6pressureciscomaniteamofitaa.substack.com/p/ciscomani-votes-no-on-the-aca-extension>



4. Juan applauded the illegal assault on Venezuela! No spine for asserting Congressional authority to keep us out of imperialist wars.
If you want to help our next activity, contact me or Don Gates (Don.a.gates@gmail.com) to go door to door in your neighborhood dropping off Vote Him Out cards.

7. Articles, Resources, & Humor

Resources

Resource Guide, from No Kings

<https://www.nokings.org/kyr>

How to Protest Safely: What to Bring, What to Do, and What to Avoid

If you're planning to hit the streets, here's what you need to know.

<https://www.wired.com/story/how-to-protest-safely-gear-tips/>

Articles - in no particular order

Worried about surveillance, states enact privacy laws and restrict license plate readers

<https://azmirror.com/2026/01/08/repub/worried-about-surveillance-states-enact-privacy-laws-and-restrict-license-plate-readers/>

Want to Stop ICE? Go After Its Corporate Collaborators.

ICE can't function without help from the private sector. So we should force the private sector to stop helping.

<https://www.thenation.com/article/activism/ice-businesses-boycott-campaign/>

Over the past week, activists around the country successfully pushed Avelo Airlines to stop running deportation charter flights, and workers in Minneapolis pushed a local Hilton affiliate to stop renting rooms to ICE agents. But these wins are just a fraction of what could be achieved if the millions of people who are outraged by ICE's thuggery organize to pressure all companies to stop working with ICE.

The most strategic corporate targets fall into three categories: low-lift national targets, high-lift national targets, and local targets.

Trump Is Falling for a Trap We Can All See Coming

Jan. 6, 2026

https://www.nytimes.com/2026/01/06/opinion/venezuela-american-history-trump.html?unlocked_article_code=1.CVA.ZYFc.wJTR14q7fO1I&smid=url-share

More than 1800 detainees are missing after the closure of Alligator Alcatraz. Their families and lawyers can't find them and they've vanished from the ICE database.

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/immigration/article312042943.html>

probably this is what happened to them

ICE Is Deporting People to Africa on Nearly Un-Trackable Military Flights

At least one of the flights dumped people in a prison camp in Ghana, a country where they had no ties

<https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-features/ice-deporting-africa-military-flights-1235431848/>

'Highly problematic': Trump admin faces internal doubts over ICE shooting response

Even supporters of the president fear that the administration's approach risks undermining public confidence in the ongoing investigation.

Jan 09, 2026

<https://www.politico.com/news/2026/01/09/highly-problematic-trump-admin-faces-internal-doubts-over-ice-shooting-response-00720663>

[NOTE: since the only thing that matters in the end is what Trump thinks says and does, don't expect this internal angst to have any effect at all.]

Inside ICE's Tool to Monitor Phones in Entire Neighborhoods

Joseph Cox

Jan 8, 2026

<https://www.404media.co/inside-ices-tool-to-monitor-phones-in-entire-neighborhoods/>

Furious Democrats threaten government shutdown after Minneapolis shooting

<https://www.axios.com/2026/01/08/democrats-ice-government-shutdown-minneapolis>

Finland teaches media literacy starting in pre-school

Finnish children learn media literacy at 3 years old. It's protection against Russian propaganda

<https://apnews.com/article/fake-news-classrooms-finland-russia-194b32d8829838bfe47469d6ff357689>

Congress is debating the possible consequences for ICE and even Noem after Renee Good's killing

<https://apnews.com/article/immigration-customs-enforcement-democrats-noem-impeachment-funding-03095f6a4041bef063afe22becf1a788>

From an email by Joyce Vance

A Little Good News on a Saturday Night

Saturday night, a federal judge prevented the Trump administration from revoking "parole" as many as 15,000 people who don't have legal immigration status but have been permitted to remain in the U.S. for family reunification.

“Parole” means that an individual has received temporary permission from DHS to enter and stay for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit, even if normally inadmissible. Parole is granted on a case-by-case basis. It is not a permanent status. People who receive it are able to remain in the U.S. and work, for the period of time they are granted parole.

Just before the holidays, the administration announced that it would revoke parole for these folks, all of whom are here legally and have sponsors in the U.S., by January 14th. These are people who have played by the rules and are waiting to get their green cards. The administration’s decision would have had no public safety benefit; it was simply a cruel holiday boot to these families, requiring applicants to return to the country they came from. The lawyers in *Svitlana Doe v. Noem*, a previously filed case in the District of Massachusetts, rushed into court on December 29, 2025, to amend their complaint and seek injunctive relief for the people about to be impacted, and an emergency hearing was scheduled for last Friday after DHS threatened to “promptly remove aliens” who entered the United States under the family reunification programs if they remained in the U.S. after the January 14 parole termination date.

The lawyers asked the court to enjoin the government from early termination of previously granted parole status. They also asked Judge Indira Talwani to certify a class action so that, in addition to the plaintiffs named in the lawsuit, everyone impacted by the administration’s decision would receive protection. Judge Talwani’s order prohibits the government from revoking parole granted to Colombians, Cubans, Ecuadorians, Guatemalans, Haitians, Hondurans, and Salvadorans with family reunification status for the next 14 days. She also set an expedited briefing schedule to consider the plaintiffs’ claims.

HUMOR

MIKELUCKOVICH AJJE © 1-9-26



THE REVIEWS ARE IN!

A NEW FILM
MELANIA
TWENTY DAYS TO HISTORY

EXCLUSIVELY IN THEATERS
JANUARY 30



"If syphilis were a movie!" - Indiewire

"I can't understand a f*cking thing she says!" - Variety

"Should be considered a war crime!"
- Hollywood Reporter

"Like being taken hostage by the Taliban!"
- NY Times

"Watching Melania's journey from Slovenian prostitute to First Lady is like walking barefoot in a field of Lego while you have explosive diarrhea!" - RogerEbert.com

"If Epstein really did kill himself, watching this film may have been why!" - Screen

That's it for this week. Don't give up the ship!

-- Margrit of ITAA