New Frontier of Immigration Enforcement in WA: Courthouses

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Turn and Talk: Why do you show up for immigrants?

1. Pair up
2. Take turns – total of 2 mins
• U.S. Foreign born population = 40 million
  • 29 million are legal immigrants
  • 11 million are considered ‘undocumented’
Top 3 countries of birth:
Mexico (26.3 percent), Philippines (6.9 percent), and China (6.3 percent)
We must decriminalize and demilitarize enforcement against black, brown, and indigenous people. We must build an immigration system that centers the power and humanity of immigrants, recognizing that migration – for love, opportunity, health, refuge – is a fundamental aspect of being human.
Immigration Enforcement in Washington
Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – Immigration Agents

- Enforces immigration laws
- Identify, apprehend, detain and deport noncitizens

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

- Manages and controls the border
- Has jurisdiction within 100 miles of the border

Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
Immigration Enforcement in WA

ICE/CBP Investigation -> Immigration Arrest -> Detention -> DEPORTATION
ICE/CBP Investigation

- ICE/CBP is notified by:
  - State Agencies
  - Police
  - Jails
  - Prosecutors, Court Staff
- Databases:
  - State (DOL)
  - Federal
Separate ICE and Police, Not Our Families
Immigration Enforcement in WA

**ICE arrests**
- Between Nov 2014 - May 2018
  - 7,139 arrests in WA
  - 47% from local law enforcement

**CBP arrests**
- Spokane Greyhound station
- Courthouses
ICE/CBP Detention

- ICE/CBP detention
- County jails (IGSAs)
- NWDC (Tacoma)
  - 1,575 beds
Deportation

- ICE Flights
  - King County
  - Yakima
What we can do
Courthouse Bill 2020
- Stop info sharing between courts and ICE/CBP
- Collect data on ICE/CBP
- Demand a warrant for civil arrests at courthouses
Showing up for Immigrants

- Volunteer!
  - WAISN/CWJFON Accompaniment
  - Join ACLU People Power – www.peoplepower.org

- Become an E-Activist!
  - Visit aclu-wa.org/get-involved

- Donate!
  - Fair Fight Bond Fund
    - https://fairfightbondfund.org/