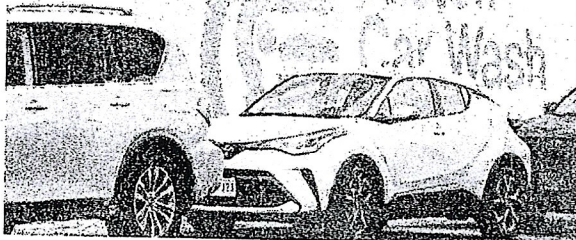


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Allston Car Wash, where nine people were recently detained by ICE agents in an immigration raid.

Trump's new surveillance state

Jeff Jacoby's commentary ("The Allston Car Wash raid and what it means to be a neighbor," Opinion, Nov. 19) can only receive praise. The president of the College Republicans at Boston University, Zac Segal, felt patriotically compelled to call Immigration and Customs Enforcement on nonwhite people just doing their jobs.

Jacoby rightly compares this behavior to people in Nazi Germany who informed the Gestapo about Jews in hiding, or people in East Germany reporting to the Stasi neighbors who were doing or saying things that were against the Communist party line.

Jacoby's piece is also an indictment of Trump's deportation craziness. That's where people like Segal get their ideas. Whatever we think about the divisive immigration issue, we should all oppose what ICE is currently doing. A democratic republic must not tolerate police forces behaving like thugs.

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