

# WHOSE FAULT IS IT?

ICE (immigration and Customs Enforcement) is part of the Department of Homeland Security. Their job and actions are dictated by Federal law. The topic is their mandate of immigration enforcement roll.

In a nutshell, they make sure those entering the United States, do so lawfully. Not just at the border, but throughout our Nation's highways and byways. Interesting, their focus at the border is not solely foreigners, but equally on American citizens returning from abroad. One year ago we watched as foreign people amassed at our borders in great hoards. Almost all were permitted into the United States on a promise to appear later, to a hearing to determine if they were allowed come in. Yup, the sentence is written correctly. Go read it again.

Generally, that is how the Biden administration was interpreting (and twisting) our immigration laws. As a direct result 20 million foreigners were let into the United States, many unvetted, to await their hearing. During the last year both Biden, his administration and the democrats on whole, repeatedly professed nothing could be done, their hands were tied and the immigration laws needed to be changed to fix the problem,

We now have a new President and administration. No immigration laws have been changed, and we have ZERO foreigners entering the United States awaiting a determination if they are allowed to even be here. What happened?

ICE, under the Trump administration has been instructed to "follow the law". Our laws are simple and clear when a foreigner appears at our boarder wanting to immigrate. Our current laws state the foreigner is to be detained until it is determined if they are allowed in. That is how we went from letting in 20 million unvetted foreigners to ZERO. By just following the law.

The other mission of ICE involves locating, detaining and deporting those in the United States illegally. One focus is locating.

In the past when local and state law enforcement apprehended an "illegal" alien (someone in the United States without permission), the police notified ICE who in turn

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issued a “detainer”. A detainer is a written request that operates similar to an arrest warrant. It is issued for a person who the Federal courts have determined are illegally in the United States and have a deportation order. The Requesting detainer asks the “illegal” be held for ICE pickup after the apprehended illegal had been dealt with in State court. When this occurred, one, sometimes two, ICE agents would show up at the police station and take possession of the handcuffed “illegal” and take him to a federal deportation processing center. The general public never saw or even knew this happened. The ICE agents entered and left through the back door of the police stations. Case closed.

What happened?

Sanctuary cities and States are what happened. They will not honor the ICE detainer request. Instead of holding for transfer, they let the illegal back out onto the streets.

So, the lawful responsibility of ICE to locate and detain the illegal alien got much more difficult and dangerous. Now, instead of ICE “picking up” a handcuffed illegal, they must hunt them down, just like police hunt down a fugitive.

Just like the police, when ICE hunts down the fugitive they do so with stealth such as a group of officers in unmarked cars and many times without uniforms. So first we hear “hollering from the left” that ICE is abducting people. **Not true**. ICE officers have an arrest warrant for the illegal, because the detainer is only good for the police.

So, the ICE agents locate the fugitive (deemed illegal by a court and has been ordered deported). Because that fugitive was set free by the sanctuary police, many times they are found at home, at work or other social events. Because this field apprehension usually occurs in these environments, many collateral people are exposed to the ICE agents. ICE was not pursuing these collateral people but now have direct contact.

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If the ICE agent has reasonable suspicion that one or some of the collateral people do not have legal permission to be in the United States, they will be detained as well. They do so because that is exactly what the laws say ICE must do.

So, the obnoxious noisy masses yelling that ICE is indiscriminately detaining, casting a net or snatching people, has no factual bases.

When Sanctuary cities refused to honor the ICE detainer, **they** created and exposed the collateral illegals to ICE. Instead of turning over the single illegal, they forced ICE to pursue the fugitive into the general public, which exposes the collateral illegals.

Sanctuary Advocates. You caused the problem. It's your fault.

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