



A public servant is killed in the line of duty every 1.9 days. “Demonizing immigrants,” is what they are saying. Yet, aren’t they demonizing “Americans?” White Americans? Any sort of authority that doesn’t let our country be a complete free for all? Their demoralization of the police and public servants is nothing new. It’s all about hurting others. Never about accountability, always about demanding it from others. And many on the left are willing to kill over it. Which is why police must defend themselves.

Democrats and anti-ICE protesters have become increasingly confrontational in their opposition to immigration enforcement. At some demonstrations, protesters have displayed Mexican flags as a form of American confrontation, verbally assaulted law enforcement officers, and engaged in physical altercations with police. Their actions raise serious concerns about respect for public servants and the people responsible for maintaining public safety.

Americans can disagree about immigration policy, ICE, and the use of federal authority while still recognizing the humanity of the men and women who serve in public safety and government positions. Supporting those individuals should never make someone a target for harassment, hostility, or retaliation. When public servants or ordinary Americans show compassion toward people on the opposing side of a political dispute, this goodwill should be met with respect rather than treated as an opportunity to demand more or escalate conflict.

This is one of our primary concerns. We see ICE protests as potential opportunities for foreign and domestic exploitation and as open doors for people who may seek to harm Americans. We have also seen disputes involving claims about territory and national identity along the southern border, including individuals expressing views that the United States should belong to Mexico. These statements deserve attention within the discussion about national sovereignty, immigration, and border security.

It is also important to recognize that ICE agents and police officers can become targets of hostility or violence because of the work they perform. These agents have a right to defend themselves and to perform their duties. They are doing their jobs, and civilians should not interfere with lawful enforcement activity. If people are breaking immigration laws, there is a need for immigration enforcement, just as violations of criminal law create the need for police. Some of the confrontations surrounding ICE enforcement create additional demands for the very enforcement presence protesters oppose.

The issue is the growing hostility surrounding these disputes. Political disagreement has increasingly moved into personal conflict, where people are pressured to choose sides and where ordinary Americans become targets because of whom they support or what they believe. The result is a widening divide over immigration, law enforcement, national identity, and the direction of American society.

This is where the line becomes clear: Americans should be able to support public servants, express disagreement with government policy, and participate in political demonstrations without treating fellow citizens as enemies. Political disagreement has a place in American life, while violence, intimidation, and retaliation against people because of their political position threaten the basic relationships that allow communities to function.

Anna Paulina did a great job speaking about Texas as well as Saudi Arabia. She addresses these topics very well, and I am grateful for her work on immigration enforcement.

I do not agree with illegal immigration of any kind, and I believe it is greatly harming our nation. I believe American communities affected by illegal immigration or an invasion deserve justice and meaningful protection. The consequences of illegal immigration has affected communities, public resources, employment, housing, and public safety, and these concerns deserve to be addressed.

Americans have every right to expect their government to enforce immigration laws, protect the nation's borders, and prioritize the safety and stability of American communities. This isn't a debate, yet the left is creating the "demand," for it. *The answer is clear, don't break American laws!*