

UNDERSTANDING ICE: FACTS, RIGHTS, RESOURCES

WHAT IS ICE?

- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is a federal agency responsible for enforcing U.S. immigration laws.
- ICE investigates immigration violations and carries out deportation orders.
- The agency operates under the Department of Homeland Security.

Immigrants make up about **14%** of the U.S. population, meaning immigration policy affects **millions nationwide**.

MYTH

ICE only affects undocumented individuals.



Enforcement can impact families and communities.

FACT

MYTH

ICE activity is always public and clearly identified.



Enforcement actions can vary in visibility and location.

FACT

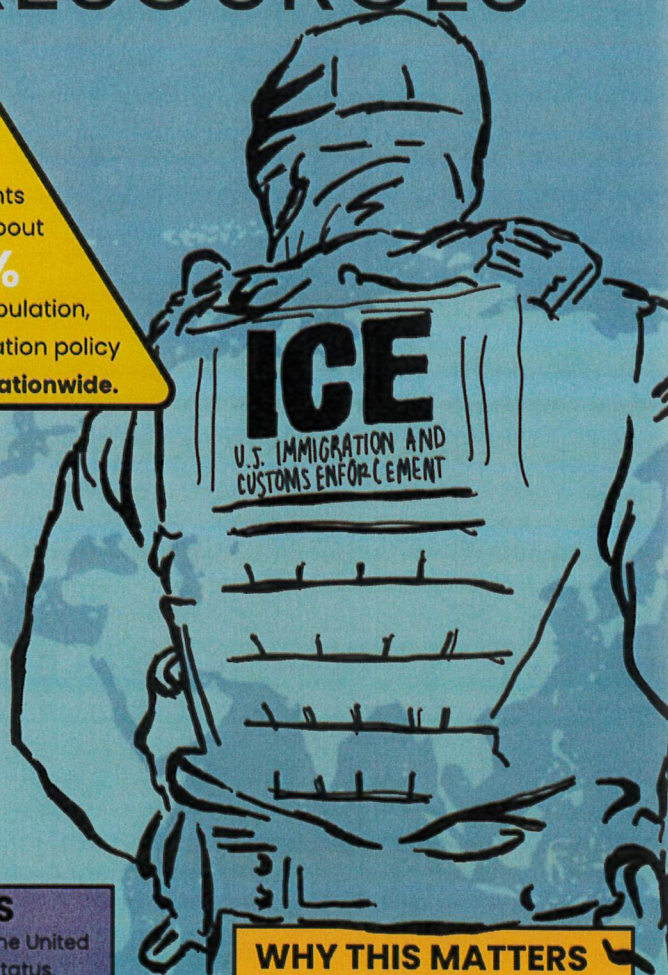
MYTH

Immigration enforcement is only a federal issue



Its effects are felt at the local and school-community level.

FACT



WHAT TO DO

- Stay informed using credible news and legal sources.
- Share accurate information, not rumors.
- Support classmates and community members respectfully.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

These rights apply to everyone in the United States, regardless of immigration status.



You have a right to remain silent.



You can ask to speak to a lawyer.



You do not have to open the door without a warrant.



You can ask if you are free to leave.

WHY THIS MATTERS

- Immigration enforcement affects families within local communities.
- Social media has increased awareness of ICE activity nationwide.
- Students are engaging with the issue through protests and public dialogue.



NATIONAL DEBATE

Enforcement practices become a major national debate.

2003

CREATION

ICE is created after the Department of Homeland Security is formed.

2010s

2020s

YOUTH ACTIVISM & VISIBILITY

Immigration enforcement gains increased attention through social media and youth activism.

Created to provide context following student walkouts addressing ICE enforcement concerns in the Omaha community.

Sources: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, ACLU, National Immigration Law Center, student reporting

Lily Gutta - Infographic Artist statement

Understanding ICE: After Westside High School had an ICE protest, I decided to accompany the story written about the protest with a graphic to inform students and families about why the protest is happening, and other information about ICE. All the drawings (ICE agent silhouette, hands holding photos, and world in the background) were drawn using procreate. The world in the background represents all the places immigrants have come from to the US. The ICE agent shows the main subject of the infographic, and the hands holding up posters show photos from the protest at Westside High School. The information is displayed in various ways to help divide the information, and make it easy to read for anyone. The differing colors also help make it more eye-catching, as well as mask the heavy topic for readers.