

Resources for Immigration Education #DefundHate2019

→ What is the Defund Hate Campaign?

The Defund Hate Campaign is a coalition of immigrant rights and progressive organizations that have been working for two years to get Congress to reduce funding for ICE and CBP, the two agencies most responsible for tearing apart immigrant families. Co-chaired by two of our closest partners, Detention Watch Network (DWN) and United We Dream (UWD), the coalition seeks to divest from immigration detention and enforcement, and invest in programs that we actually need, like health care and education. Indivisible is a proud member and partner of the Defund Hate Campaign.

→ Understanding how we talk about people who migrate to the US:

The terms "immigrant," "refugee," and "asylum-seeker" may seem interchangeable at times, but there are a few key differences you should know about. Immigrants are people who come to the U.S. from other countries. Refugees and asylum-seekers are immigrants who come to the U.S. in flight from persecution in their homelands. Refugee status must be approved before a person enters the U.S., but a person must be in the country already, or at a port of entry, in order to apply for asylum. We never use the terms "illegal" or "alien" as both are incorrect and dehumanizing.

→ Understanding the Congressional appropriations process:

Each year, Congress uses this process to decide how much funding agencies will receive for the year—including ICE and CBP, the agencies primarily responsible for carrying out Trump's attacks on families). Fortunately, the Constitution gives Congress—not the White House—the sole power to appropriate money. That means that Democrats, using their majority in the House, have the power to limit the harm being inflicted on immigrant families. So far they have shown a disappointing unwillingness to do so. They will soon have another opportunity.

Congress needs to pass another government spending bill by Sept. 30. We need Democrats to use their power to demand that the next funding bill contains cuts to ICE and CBP, and strict guardrails to ensure that money isn't misused. By Defunding Hate, we can finally begin to undo the damage that has come as a result of decades of treating immigration like a security problem, and demonstrate that we stand with immigrants—not just with words but with actions.



→ **Is Your Member of Congress Complicit?**

Check to see if your member of Congress voted with Republicans to pass Mitch McConnell's bill to give millions more to ICE to continue separating and terrorizing families.

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/votes/116-2019/h429>

→ **ICE's Fiscal Mismanagement: Deceit and Abuse:**

<https://www.detentionwatchnetwork.org/sites/default/files/ICE%E2%80%99s%20Fiscal%20Mismanagement-%20Deceit%20and%20Abuse.pdf>

→ **How does our current immigration process even work?**

It is a much longer process and more complicated and confusing (sometimes impossible) than most people realize. Take a deep breath, then take a look.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/family-immigration/family-based-immigrant-visas.html>

→ **Podcasts to check out:**

- Sanctuary, part 1 99% Invisible podcast
- Border Trilogy, Podcast by Radiolab

→ **What other organizations should I check out?**

- Detention Watch Network www.detentionwatchnetwork.org
- National Immigrant Justice Center www.immigrantjustice.org
- Immigrant Legal Resource Center www.ilrc.org
- Immigration Counseling Service www.ics-law.org
- La Resistencia www.nwdcresistance.org
- Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMIRJ) www.imirj.org
- Causa Oregon www.causaoregon.org

→ **GET INVOLVED LOCALLY:**

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POWERFUL, RELEVANT BOOKS TO CHECK OUT:

- 'Tell Me How It Ends: An Essay in Forty Questions' by Valeria Luiselli
The 40 questions that guide Valeria Luiselli's book-length essay are mandatory inquiries made of Latin American children seeking refuge in the U.S. Their answers determine whether or not they will be allowed to remain in the country. Based on Luiselli's time working as a translator and interviewer for undocumented children, Tell Me How It Ends is a gut-wrenching and necessary read.
- 'In the Country We Love: My Family Divided' by Diane Guerrero and Michelle Burford
Orange Is the New Black actress Diane Guerrero tells the story of her family's experience with the U.S. immigration system, which came to a head when Guerrero, at age 14, was separated from her family in Boston after her parents and brother were deported to Colombia.
- 'We Built the Wall: How the U.S. Keeps Out Asylum Seekers from Mexico, Central America and Beyond' by Eileen Truax
Journalist Eileen Truax centers on asylum lawyer Carlos Spector for this exposé on immigration at the southern U.S. border. Peeling back the curtain on a world in which "98 percent of refugees from Mexico are still denied asylum," We Built the Wall is an eye-opening look at the conditions asylum-seekers face in this country.
- 'Storming the Wall: Climate Change, Migration, and Homeland Security' by Todd Miller
Todd Miller travels around the world to connect the dots between climate-ravaged communities, the corporations cashing in on border militarization, and emerging movements for sustainability and environmental justice. Reporting from the flashpoints of climate clashes, and from likely sites of future battles, Miller chronicles a growing system of militarized divisions between the rich and the poor, the environmentally secure and the environmentally exposed.
- 'The Land of Open Graves: Living and Dying on the Migrant Trail' by Jason de Leon
Drawing on the four major fields of anthropology, De León uses an innovative combination of ethnography, archaeology, linguistics, and forensic science to produce a scathing critique of "Prevention through Deterrence," the federal border enforcement policy that encourages migrants to cross in areas characterized by extreme environmental conditions and high risk of death. For two decades, this policy has failed to deter border crossers while successfully turning the rugged terrain of southern Arizona into a killing field. In harrowing detail, De León chronicles the journeys of people who have made dozens of attempts to cross the border and uncovers the stories of the objects and bodies left behind in the desert.
- 'Migra!: A History of the U.S. Border Patrol' by Kelly Lytle Hernandez
The untold history of the US Border Patrol from its beginnings in 1924 as a small peripheral outfit to its emergence as a large professional police force that continuously draws intense scrutiny and denunciations from political activism groups. To tell this story, Kelly Lytle Hernández dug through a gold mine of lost and unseen records and bits of biography stored in garages, closets, an abandoned factory, and in U.S. and Mexican archives. Focusing on the daily challenges of policing the Mexican border and bringing to light unexpected partners and forgotten dynamics, Migra! reveals how the U.S. Border Patrol translated the mandate for comprehensive migration control into a project of policing immigrants and undocumented "aliens" in the U.S.-Mexico borderlands.