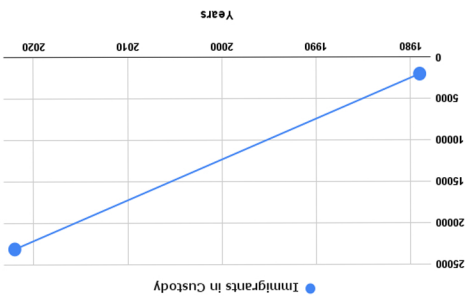




And the harms are growing: 2,571 people were in immigration custody in 1979. Now that number is 23,156.

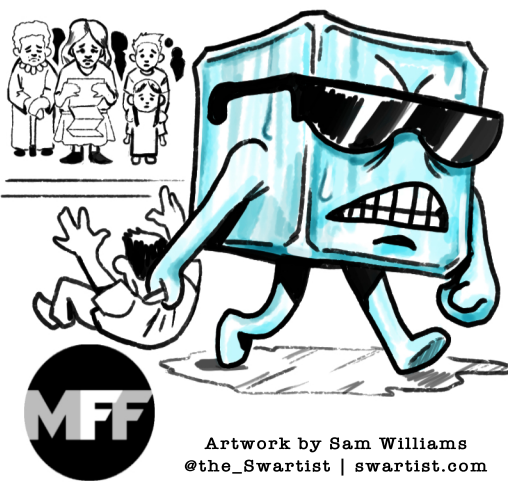
When people are ripped from our community, it has a traumatic effect on us all.

Any immigrant could end up in detention, and ICE can reach people everywhere – not just at a border. But immigrants from majority-Black and majority-Muslim nations are more likely to be held and deported.



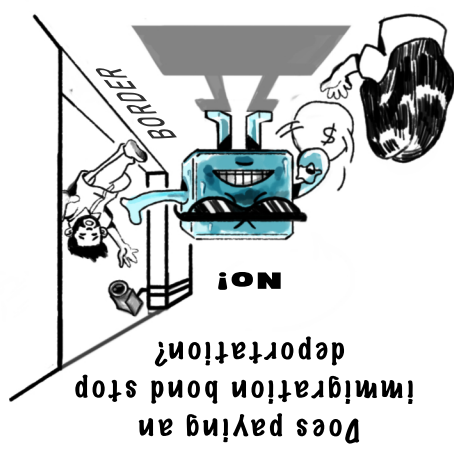
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LET'S TALK ABOUT THE HARMS OF IMMIGRATION DETENTION

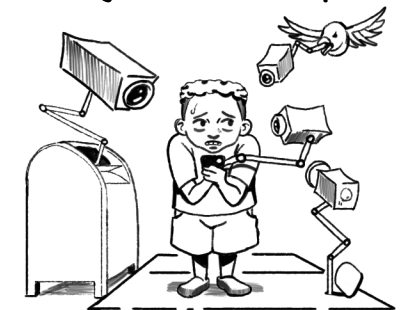


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A bond hearing is separate from the immigration case, which means paying a bond is no guarantee against eventual deportation. However, freedom from ICE detention makes it easier for people to access the resources – including legal representation – needed to fight their immigration case.



What are the harms of the immigration bond system?



ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, a federal agency) uses a vast web of surveillance tools to track immigrants, with huge privacy implications for everyone.

Once arrested, people are separated from family and jailed indefinitely in egregious conditions, often without access to the outdoors, family visits, medical care, or legal representation.



When a person is detained by ICE, they can be jailed indefinitely without bond, or an ICE agent or judge can set a money amount to secure the person's release while their case resolves. Unlike with cash bail, there's no constitutional right to a reasonable bond amount.

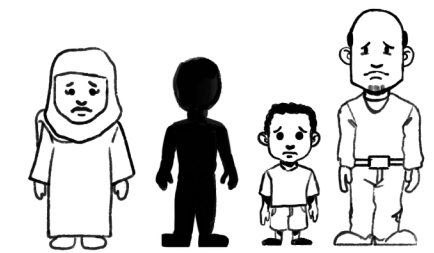
What is an immigration bond?

Is everyone jailed by ICE accused of a crime?

No!

As of 2022, 3 out of 4 of people in ICE detention have no criminal record.

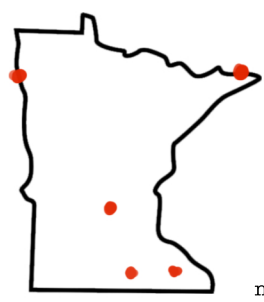
But a criminal record doesn't justify indefinite detention. After someone serves their sentence, they should be released, not doubly punished with deportation.



What do we do?

We have work to do in Minnesota.

Our state has FIVE detention sites that jail up to 800 people. While we pursue national solutions such as pathways to citizenship and a streamlined asylum process, we should also apply pressure at home to stop detention expansion and get ICE out of our communities.



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