

[Green MP condemns Reform plans for ICE-style deportations](#)

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Reform UK has [announced plans](#) to create a deportations agency modelled on ICE – the US governmental agency terrorising communities across the country.

Green MP Carla Denyer has [released a video](#) condemning Reform’s plans for an ICE-style agency, and criticising Labour for parroting Reform’s hate.

In the video, Carla Denyer said:

“Instead of standing up to Reform’s Trump tribute act, this Labour government is parroting their hate – scaling up immigration raids, changing the rules for migrants who are already living in the UK, and plumbing new depths by broadcasting footage of people being detained and deported straight into our phones”.

“Reform has nothing else to offer and sadly neither do Labour anymore. When they have no solutions they look for scapegoats, desperately dragging the conversation back to migration again and again.”

“The Green Party knows that it is inequality not immigration that is making life tough, and that’s why we are offering hope and a plan to go with it – to bring down bills, protect the NHS, and rebuild our public services.”

A Green Party spokesperson said:

“Almost two-thirds of Americans say ICE makes their country less safe; Reform’s plans are a danger to people in the UK. People here do not want to be harassed and intimidated as they go about their daily lives. They do not want to see British citizens racially profiled and arrested based on their accent or appearance. They do not want children to be terrified to walk to school. Together we must reject the politics of division and hate.”

EDITORS NOTES

1. Since September ICE agents have [shot 14 people](#), killing two US citizens, and there have been a further 24 [deaths in ICE custody](#). President Trump is [accused](#) of using ICE as his personal paramilitary force. The agency was [criticised by a judge](#) for its “culture of lawlessness”.
2. Almost [2/3 of Americans](#) say ICE is making their country less safe.
3. [US citizens](#) are regularly arrested or detained by ICE based on racial profiling, accent or appearance. Last year, a [65-year-old British woman](#) with a valid tourist visa was detained by ICE for six weeks.
4. Children as [young as five](#) have been taken into ICE custody. Small children have also been [seized as hostages](#) to compel their parents to surrender themselves. Armed raids of hospitals, churches, homes and

schools are said to have [“turn\[ed\] life into a daily terror”](#).

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Education Minister Paul Givan has announced that every school in Northern Ireland now has a life-saving defibrillator on site.

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Communities Minister Gordon Lyons has welcomed the appointment of Northstone to deliver the construction phase of a major £2 million Environmental Improvement Scheme across the rural towns of Rathfriland, Gilford and Markethill.

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A 59-year-old Ballymena man charged with an offence in breach of the Human Medicines Regulations was today fined £1000 (plus offender levy).