

Speech Example: “End the Fear: ICE Raids Have no Place in Our Communities”

[Opening – Attention]

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This isn't a war zone. This is an early morning ICE raid in a Denver neighborhood.

And for thousands of families across the country, this is their reality.

In the span of minutes, lives are shattered. And an entire community is forced to live in fear, never knowing if they will be next.

[Problem – Need]

Let's be clear about what's happening. Our neighbors and our coworkers are forced to live in fear. They are living in fear of being rounded up in military-style operations that disrupt our communities and violate the very principles of justice and fairness we claim to uphold.

ICE raids don't make us safer. The data is clear: immigration does not increase crime. What these raids do is create fear, push people into the shadows and separate families in ways that are cruel and unnecessary.

[Solution – Satisfaction]

So, what do we do about it?

First, we must recognize the harm caused when local governments cooperate with ICE. Communities thrive when families feel safe, not targeted. Across the country, some places have taken steps to protect immigrants, but much more is needed. True courage is found in standing with our neighbors against fear.

Second, we must imagine a better immigration system. One that offers belonging instead of criminalization. Fairness instead of deportation. A system that upholds the dignity and humanity of every person, no matter where they were born.

[Vision – Visualization]

Imagine a different future.

A future where no child fears that today will be the last time they see their parents.

A future where families live, work and contribute to their communities without fear of being torn apart.

A future where our immigration policies reflect our highest values: compassion, fairness and opportunity.

That future is possible. But only if we act.



[Action]

ICE raids do not reflect the values of a just and compassionate society.

So here's what I ask of you:

Learn more about what these raids mean for families and neighbors. Share stories that lift up the humanity and dignity of immigrant communities. Support organizations that provide safety and resources to those affected. Speak out in your networks and circles when you see injustice.

Because history has taught us that silence is complicity. And we cannot be silent while families in our own communities live in fear.

We have the power to raise our voices. We have the power to stand together. And together, we can create a country that truly lives up to its promise of hope, not fear.

Thank you.

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[Problem – Need]

Across the country, aggressive ICE raids are tearing families and communities apart. These raids create fear, disrupt communities and leave children without parents. The notion that these actions make us safer is a myth. Data shows that immigration does not increase crime, yet ICE continues to operate unchecked.

[Solution – Satisfaction]

We need approaches that prioritize dignity and due process, ensuring that every person is treated with fairness and respect. Communities thrive when families feel safe and valued, not when they are targeted or torn apart. Real solutions uplift belonging over criminalization, fairness over exclusion, and practices that honor the humanity of every individual, no matter where they were born. By centering compassion and justice, we can create a society where everyone has the chance to live, work, and contribute without fear.

[Vision – Visualization]

Imagine a different scenario, one where families feel safe in their own homes, where immigrants can contribute to their communities without fear, and where policies reflect our shared values of fairness and opportunity. We have the power to create that future.

[Action – Action]

ICE raids do not reflect the values of a just and compassionate society, Learn what these practices mean for families and neighbors in your community. Share stories that uplift the humanity and dignity of immigrants. Support groups working to provide safety and resources. Use your voice to challenge fear and division whenever you encounter it.

It's time to stand up for our neighbors and reaffirm that America is a place of hope—not fear.