MEMO
To: Interested Parties
From: American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
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Subject: New polling shows bipartisan opposition to ICE tactics after fatal Minneapolis shooting

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The [fatal shooting](#) of Renee Good, a 37-year-old mother, by ICE agents in Minneapolis on January 7, 2026, has become a national flashpoint — and new polling released today from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), conducted in partnership with YouGov, finds that voters across party lines oppose ICE's recent actions in Minnesota and nationwide, reject further escalation of immigration enforcement, and want elected officials to rein in ICE's abuses.

Just days after the killing of Renee Good, the Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem [said](#) that the agency would send "hundreds" more officers to Minnesota, adding to the more than 2,000 federal immigration officers deployed to the state. This escalation has intensified public concern about safety, civil rights, and the scope of federal immigration enforcement.

Key findings from this nationwide survey of 1,007 registered voters, fielded from January 9 to January 12, 2026, include the following:

The majority of voters disapprove of ICE's tactics
- 53% of voters view ICE's recent actions in American cities somewhat or very unfavorably, compared with 37% who view them favorably.

Voters are opposed to recent actions by ICE and want ICE to end immigration raids
- 55% of voters support ending mass ICE raids targeting immigrants.
- 53% support pausing planned ICE operations or enforcement escalations in other states.
- 54% oppose expanding ICE's enforcement and detention budget, including 93% of Democrats and 64% of Independents.

Voters overwhelmingly support protecting the rights of people who document ICE activity
- 84% of voters agree that people have the right to safely observe, record, and document ICE activities in public (including 96% of Democrats, 90% of Independents, and 73% of Republicans).

Across the aisle, voters want to see ICE held accountable
- 60% of voters want their state elected officials to take action to protect residents from harmful federal immigration enforcement activity.

- 65% of voters support the passage of accountability legislation by Congress, such as the [Bivens Act](), which would allow people to sue federal officers for constitutional violations (including 92% of Democrats, 76% of Independents, and 37% of Republicans).
- 71% of voters want an independent investigation into the shooting of Renee Good (including 94% of Democrats, 76% of Independents, and 47% of Republicans).

These findings paint a clear picture: Americans reject ICE's unchecked violence, and they want accountability, as well as oversight and protections for their constitutional rights. That demand is already being echoed by local leaders on the ground in Minneapolis — including Mayor Jacob Frey, who has [publicly condemned]() ICE's conduct and called for federal agents to leave, and Police Chief Brian O'Hara, who has [warned]() that ICE's tactics are fueling dangerous confrontations and straining public safety in the city.

This polling also comes amid escalating legal challenges to the Trump administration's immigration enforcement tactics, including [challenges by the ACLU](), as well as states like Minnesota and Illinois, underscoring the growing statewide and municipal pushback.

__Naureen Shah__, Director of Policy and Government Affairs for the ACLU's Equality Division, is available for interviews to discuss the polling results, the Trump administration's dangerous escalation of immigration enforcement, and what lawmakers should do in response. For more information, email [pressaclu@evergreenstrategygroup.com.]()

Methodology: *The above is based on 1,007 interviews conducted by YouGov on the internet of registered voters. The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race/ethnicity, education, and U.S. Census region based on voter registration lists, the U.S. Census American Community Survey, and the U.S. Census Current Population Survey, as well as 2020 Presidential vote and approximate 2024 Presidential vote based on available results, and party identification estimates based on Pew Research Center's National Public Opinion Reference Survey. Respondents were selected from YouGov to be representative of registered voters. The margin of error (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage based upon the subsetted sample is approximately 3.4%.*