

## Trampling on the Human Rights of Immigrants

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The fate of comprehensive immigration reform is anybody's guess. But, the Obama administration does not require congressional action to take swift action with its own Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency. And, make no mistake: Urgent, remedial action is necessary.

Over at the Center for American Progress, [they detail](#) [1]the atrocities of justice being perpetrated against undocumented workers. An internal government report focused especially on the use of local law enforcement officials in enforcing immigration laws. Other recent reports show other abuses, including the detention of 30 Haitians who were mistakenly put on a plane out of that country. As if they have not suffered enough.

Here is a political issue for the bishops to get their backs up about. Some of the more vocal bishops were unrelenting in their criticisms of the health care reform, often on highly specific, and debatable, points of the law. Here, there is little controversy. The ICE's deportation methods are obscene. I am hoping to see bulletin inserts from the USCCB next weekend.

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