

Know Your Rights, Protect Our Rights

Glossary of Important Immigration Rights Terms

Asylum Seeker: A person trying to be recognized as a refugee or to establish a claim for protection. ([UNHCR](#))

Customs and Border Protection (CBP): A branch of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that is charged with keeping terrorists and their weapons out of the U.S. while facilitating lawful international travel and trade. ([CBP website](#))

Deportation: The removal from a country of an undocumented person whose presence is unlawful or prejudicial. ([Merriam-Webster.com](#))

Due Process: A course of formal legal proceedings... Or a judicial requirement that enacted laws may not contain provisions that result in the unfair, arbitrary, or unreasonable treatment of an individual. ([Merriam-Webster.com](#))

Expunge: To strike out, obliterate, or mark for deletion. ([Merriam-Webster.com](#))

First Amendment: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. ([U.S. Bill of Rights](#))

Fourth Amendment: The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized. ([U.S. Bill of Rights](#))

Fifth Amendment: No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation. ([U.S. Bill of Rights](#))

Hate Crime: A criminal offense against a person or property motivated in whole or in part by an offender's bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity. ([FBI](#))

Hate Speech: Speech that is intended to insult, offend, or intimidate a person because of some trait (as race, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability)... Under the First Amendment, individuals do have a right to speech that... is offensive and hateful. ([American Bar Association](#))

Human Rights Partisans: As human rights advocates, we are not aligned with any political party; we actively support and protect universal human rights. (HRWSTF)

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE): A branch of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that enforces federal laws governing border control, customs, trade and immigration to promote homeland security and public safety. ICE was created in 2003. ([ICE website](#))

Migrant: Broad term for a person who moves to a foreign country for a certain length of time, for a variety of reasons, in order to improve their lives. They are fundamentally different from refugees and are treated very differently under international law. ([UNHCR](#))

Nativism: A policy of favoring native inhabitants as opposed to immigrants. ([Merriam-Webster.com](#))

Refugee: A person with a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion who is outside his/her country of nationality and is unable or unwilling, because of that fear, to return. ([UNHCR](#))

Xenophobia: Fear and hatred of strangers or foreigners or of anything that is strange or foreign. ([Merriam-Webster.com](#))