



**IMMIGRATION**

**SECRECY**

**The state of transparency in  
the U.S. immigration system**

303 F.3d 681  
United States Court of Appeals,  
Sixth Circuit.

DETROIT FREE PRESS, et al., Plaintiffs–Appellees,  
v.  
John ASHCROFT, et al., Defendants–Appellants.

No. 02–1437.

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Argued: Aug. 6, 2002.

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Decided and Filed: Aug. 26, 2002.

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Rehearing and Suggestion for Rehearing En Banc  
Denied Jan. 22, 2003.

#### Synopsis

Members of the press and public brought actions against the Attorney General seeking declaration that closure of alien's removal proceeding to the press and public violated their First Amendment right of access, and an injunction against future closure in the proceeding and requiring the government to provide transcripts of previously closed proceedings in the case. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, 195 F.Supp.2d 937, Nancy G. Edmunds, J., granted relief, and government appealed. The Court of Appeals, Keith, Circuit Judge, held that: (1) Constitution meaningfully limits non-substantive immigration laws and does not require special deference to the Government; (2) there is a First Amendment right of access to deportation proceedings; and (3) directive requiring closure of “special interest” deportation cases impermissibly infringing on newspapers' First Amendment right of access to deportation proceedings.

308 F.3d 198  
United States Court of Appeals,  
Third Circuit.

NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP, INC.; *New Jersey  
Law Journal*  
v.

John ASHCROFT, Attorney General of the United  
States; Michael Creppy, Hon.  
John Ashcroft, Attorney General of the United States  
and Michael Creppy, Chief Immigration Judge of the  
United States, Appellants

No. 02–2524.

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Argued: Sept. 17, 2002.

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Filed: Oct. 8, 2002.

#### Synopsis

Newspaper publishers brought action challenging administrative directive which denied them a right of access to deportation hearings in “special interest” cases involving persons whom the Attorney General had determined might have connections to or knowledge of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, John W. Bissell, Chief Judge, 205 F.Supp.2d 288, granted publishers' motion for preliminary injunction, and government appealed. The Court of Appeals, Becker, Chief Judge, held that newspapers did not have a First Amendment right of access to deportation proceedings that were determined by the Attorney General to present significant national security concerns.

NCTC's response

(U) Current Use of (b)(3) in Screening and Vetting

1.1. (U)COMPONENT NAME: **National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC), Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI)**

(U) INTRO TEXT:

(U) Current Use of (b)(3) in Screening and Vetting:

(U//~~FOUO~~) NCTC screens (b)(3) of US-bound travelers and potential immigrants against relevant classified holdings.

(U) Assessment:

(U//~~FOUO~~) A review of screening metrics indicate that incorporating (b)(3) into the screening process resulted in very little impact on improving the screening accuracy of relevant systems.

(U) Recommendations:

(U//~~FOUO~~) (b)(3), (b)(5)

(b)(3), (b)(6)

Director of the ICSE & Biometrics

ODNI/MI/MPAC/SG/I2

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Good Morning,

I wanted to reach out with a concern and recommendation that I have in regards to the use of social media identifiers in the screening and vetting process. My overall concern is that the PP10141 report will reflect a negative perspective on the usefulness of social media identifiers. The NGO's are planning on gaining access to this report and per my discussions with ODNI CLPT the thought is that social media identifiers will no longer be collected, since they add no value. While the answer is appropriate that there is little value in S&V, there are tertiary affects that are not being thought through at an enterprise level. I would hate to see that this impact the USG's ability in the future to collect and use for I2 purposes.

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I see what you are saying.

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Do you need us to recast the language below?

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Thank you for your willingness to revisit this discussion, if you could recraft the language that would be fantastic.



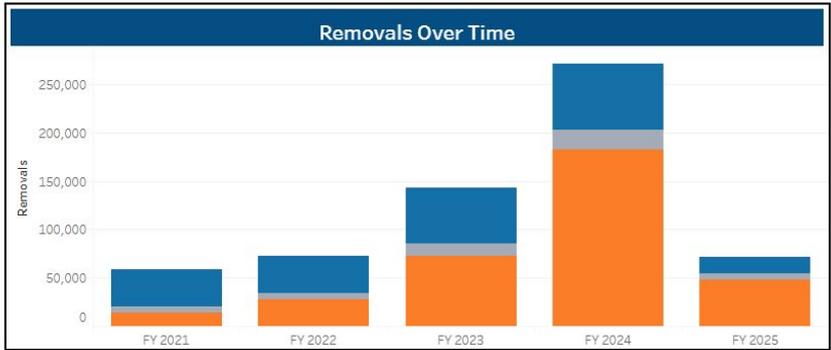
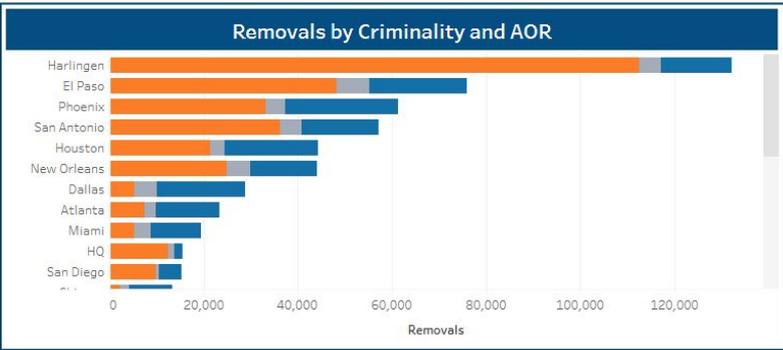
# U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT REMOVALS STATISTICS

Results of fewer than 10 aliens for filtered values are obscured for privacy reasons. Data as of beginning of October 2020 through end of December 2024. Data is current as of January 2025.

<b>Removals</b>	<b>Date Selector</b>	<b>Removal Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Removal Month</b>	<b>Area of Responsibility*</b>	<b>Country of Citizenship</b>	<b>Criminality</b>	<b>Arresting Agency</b>
616,657	Year	(All)	(All)	(All)	(All)	(All)	(All)

**Criminality**

- Criminal Conviction
- Pending Criminal Charges
- Other Immigration Violator



**Color Selector**

Criminality





Requesters seek the entry in the following data fields in tbl\_Court\_Motions for each motion to dismiss that ICE has made in each case in EOIR Case Data from May 1, 2025, until the day of the query:

- MOTION RECD\_DATE;
- HEARING\_LOC\_CODE;
- STRFILINGMETHOD;
- DEC;
- APPEAL\_RSVD;

Motions to Dismiss (0) Filed by DHS (1) From May 1, 2025 to July 28, 2025:

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