

Discussion Questions for Undeterred

1. How present is militarized law enforcement in your area and what form does it take (ICE, Border Patrol, state or city police)?
2. How do these agencies affect different groups in your community? How do they affect you personally?
3. *In the film, it was explained that the jurisdiction of the United States Border Patrol reaches 100 miles into the interior of the country from any border or coast. This was established in 1953 by the Department of Justice. The ACLU refers to the area as a “constitution free-zone” because Border Patrol has the power to search and detain people within this zone. This area includes 9 of the 10 largest cities in the country and approximately 2/3 of the US population.*
Are you located within the 100 mile border zone? If so, are you aware of it? In what ways?
4. *There were 450 agents when the Border Patrol first came into being in 1924. The number of agents remained as low as 4000 until 1993. Today, there are over 21,000 agents in the entire United States. Immigration Customs Enforcement, or ICE, was established in 2003 and today has over 20,000 agents.*
Were you aware of the relatively recent growth and development of these agencies? If so, how have you witnessed this change?
5. Were you familiar with the policy of Prevention Through Deterrence before watching this film? What other immigration policies follow the same logic of deterrence? Are there any taking place in your community?
6. The idea of abolishing ICE has recently gained more traction. Do you believe we should abolish ICE? Why or why not? What about Border Patrol?
7. Are there organizations in your area doing work related to migrant justice and the demilitarization of policing?
8. What are the things that strengthen and support community organizing in your area? What are the things that make it difficult?
9. *The sanctuary movement began in the 1980’s as a religious and political campaign to provide safe-haven for Central American refugees fleeing US-backed state violence. Today it comes in many forms including cities, congregations, and colleges who refuse to*

cooperate with ICE and Border Patrol, as well as the physical sheltering of people who fear deportation.

Is there a Sanctuary movement in your community? If not, do you think it makes sense to have one?

10. Are people imprisoned or detained near your community? What organizing exists to support people who are incarcerated or detained?
11. What does freedom of movement mean to you?
12. What do you think the US/ Mexico border should look like?
13. What would a fair and just immigration policy look like to you?