



A FEDERATION OF LGBT ASIAN AMERICAN, SOUTH ASIAN,
SOUTHEAST ASIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER ORGANIZATIONS

STOP PROFILING IMMIGRANTS!

The new Priority Enforcement Program (PEP) was ordered by President Obama through executive action on November 20, 2014 to replace the regressive Secure Communities program. PEP de-prioritizes certain communities and non-violent offenses in immigration enforcement, but it also prioritizes the detention and deportation of people who “pose a danger to national security,” are “suspected of terrorism,” or have been “active...in a criminal street gang.” These terms of enforcement often profile and criminalize LGBTQ API communities.

Asian Americans, Southeast Asians, South Asians and Pacific Islanders are profiled by local law enforcement and immigration officials. South Asians and Muslims are profiled as “terrorists.” Southeast Asians are profiled as gang members. LGBTQ API people are routinely harassed and made to feel unsafe because of gender presentation and sexual orientation. Trans* people, and especially trans women, are especially subject to violence because of gender presentation.

Profiling and harassment on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or gender identity should be illegal in immigration enforcement, including in PEP - and these practices should not lead to the detention or deportation of vulnerable communities. **WE DEMAND** THAT THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

1) PROHIBIT PROFILING: DHS, ICE and all immigration enforcement agencies need a clear definition and expressed policy to prohibit profiling based on race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and gender identity. This definition must apply to border security, national security, and state and local law enforcement.

DHS Secretary Johnson:

As lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer Asian American, South Asian, Southeast Asian, and Pacific Islander communities, we urge you to bar any profiling based on race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or gender identity in immigration enforcement, including in the Priority Enforcement Program (PEP).

DHS, ICE and all immigration enforcement agencies must define and prohibit profiling based on race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and gender identity in border security, national security, or state and local law enforcement.

A clear process must address allegations of inappropriate profiling. This process must include profiling by local law enforcement and procedures should be developed with immigrant rights advocates.

When inappropriate profiling is used in immigration enforcement, any resulting detention or deportation is improper and should be revoked, as is already done in criminal proceedings where wrongfully obtained evidence is suppressed.

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2) CREATE A PROCESS FOR PROVING PROFILING: DHS, ICE and all federal immigration agencies need to create a clear process for addressing allegations of profiling based on race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Since local and national enforcement are linked through the PEP, this process must include profiling by local law enforcement. Procedures should be developed in conjunction with immigrant rights advocates.

3) REVOKE DEPORTATION WHEN RESULTING FROM IMPROPER PROFILING: When local law enforcement or immigration enforcement agencies use improper profiling based on race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or gender identity, DHS and ICE should adjudicate matters similar to criminal proceedings where wrongfully obtained evidence is suppressed. This may result in the revocation of orders of detention or deportation.

SEND A POSTCARD to the the Secretary of Homeland Security and the next President of the United States.

SHARE YOUR STORY - Have you experienced profiling based on race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity by local law enforcement or immigration enforcement agencies? Share your story with NQAPIA. Email sasha@nqapia.org.

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Complete and tear off postcards and submit to NQAPIA at 233 Fifth Ave., Ste. 4A, New York, NY 10016. You may keep the fact sheet side.

All postcards will be delivered together to the Secretary of Homeland Security in 2015 and to the next President of the United States early in 2017.

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