



# Arizona Senate Bill 1070

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“The intent of the business boycott is not to punish companies by asking our supporters to not purchase their products. It is to get Arizona business to realize that their support of these individuals for even 'strictly business' purposes is creating conditions of hate, fear, and violence against Latinos and immigrants in Arizona.”  
- Alfredo Gutierrez

## Introduction

### Arizona Senate Bill 1070

In April 2010, a law was put into effect that would change the lives of everyone in Arizona.

The police were given the power to stop anyone based solely on their looks.

If an individual stopped does not have their identification documents with them they are immediately thought to be an undocumented immigrant.

The Bill mainly targeted Latin Americans as this population constituted the largest number of undocumented individuals.

This law was a major attempt at ethnic cleansing to remove a majority of the undocumented people, and Latin American population as is.



Proposition 200  
Similar to Arizona SB 1070



Robert Krentz – lived and was shot near the Mexican boarder



Janice K Brewer – Was a radiological technician. She passed Arizona SB 1070 in April 2010.

“I will not tolerate racial discrimination or racial profiling in Arizona”

## Arguments of Latin Americans Against the Bill

- How in the 21<sup>st</sup> century did we allow such a law to pass?
- Racial Profiling was prominent and would create issues as to who is undocumented and can be stopped
- Fear and confusion amongst the population and the police as to a lack of trust between the two groups.
- Race-based issues come up amongst the community to problems more so for the citizens as well

## Programs to Protect Latin Americans

Several grassroots programs rose up in order to protect the rights of Latin American people.

- Somos America/We Are America – kept people safe from raids held by the police through phone trees and text messages
- National Day Labor Organizing Network – emphasized importance of leadership roles of Latin American men and women in society
- Los Abogados Hispanic Bar Association of Arizona – focused on educating and helping Latin American people into the legal profession

## Impact of the Bill

- According to research conducted by the department of homeland security, this led to about 17,850 undocumented people who must face a judge each year in Tucson alone, and almost 7,000 who receive prison time, ranging from 30 days to six months.
- Lawsuits are filed continuously against the Arizona state government because many people who are not undocumented have been stopped and detained multiple times. Is this way constitutional?

### Pros

- Undocumented individuals are not able to use the resources provided to those who pay taxes
- Undocumented individuals are not able to take the jobs of those who are actually citizens
- It will keep the streets safe (the crime rate is reduced)

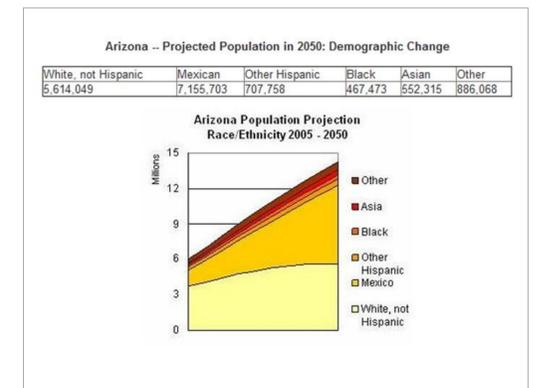
### Cons

- Individuals are wrongfully incriminated
- Individuals who were brought here illegally with no choice (e.g. through trafficking) are now being forced out
- Those who were forced out were stimulating the economy of Arizona not by paying taxes but by purchasing goods and services

## Conclusion

As the chart shows, if the pattern continues the Latino/a population will grow by a great number.

With this in mind, the effect of Arizona SB 1070 will eventually have the power to either keep these undocumented individuals in or out of the country.



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