

# The Truth About SB1070

**Many in the media continue to deliberately misrepresent SB1070 and what it does. While these stories are undoubtedly a ratings bonanza, they are a major disservice to the public that wants to know how the bill really works. This sheet will help you to learn more.**

Many have asked me why people are being misled about this bill. The lies are being fed by a collection of individuals and groups who want to whip the general public into a frenzy to advance a political cause or to make money. They want to collect email addresses and solicit funds for their groups. They want to be on television explaining why their group is so outraged. Liberal politicians will strut in front of cameras to explain why their local jurisdiction will be boycotting, or protesting, or whatever. If they were honest about the bill and what it actually did, they would have no reason to protest, be on television, or ask people for money to support “their fight against racial injustice.” In short, it is a con.

If you are not from Arizona it is difficult to comprehend the severity of the problem. If you are from Arizona then you recognize that “illegal” is not a race. We have people illegally crossing our borders from dozens of countries all over the world. It is an issue of economic, physical and national security.

In truth, SB1070 is a simple bill that protects Arizona residents and helps our law enforcement do its job and keep us safe. It empowers law enforcement, prohibits sanctuary city policies that act like a magnet to attract crime, and it is supported by a large majority of Arizonans from every political party, race or ethnic group, and ideology.

## FICTION

SB1070 makes it illegal to be in the United States without authorization.

SB1070 makes it a requirement that everyone carry their birth certificate or proof of citizenship.

That as an American, you cannot travel to Arizona without a passport. Or that you can be deported with no questions asked. (No joke. These were both stated as fact by L.A. City Councilman Ed Reyes.)

SB1070 legalizes and/or mandates racial profiling.

## FACT

It was already illegal to be in the United States without authorization. However, SB1070 does make it a violation of Arizona law as well, giving our law enforcement a valuable tool to hold dangerous criminals, many of whom would otherwise be released to commit additional crimes.

People who are guests in the United States or here under a visa (work, student, etc.) are already required to travel with proof that they are here legally. In Arizona, proof is as simple as a drivers license or state issued id card. No one is required to have any additional documentation as a result of SB1070.

Utter nonsense. Americans do not need a passport to travel from one state to another and SB1070 does nothing to change that. SB1070 also makes no change to federal immigration laws and does nothing regarding deportation. Of course Mr. Reyes’ contention that a U.S. Citizen can be deported from the United States “no questions asked” is just silly.

No, in fact Arizona law expressly prohibits racial profiling.

For complete and accurate details on the bill, read the official legislative summary!

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