

American rock singer Bruce Springsteen published on Youtube on January 28, 2026, a song 'Streets of Minneapolis' (1) a tribute to Renée Goode, a mother of three children, killed on January 7th, 2026 by ICE and Alex Pretti, a nurse in a palliative care department, killed on January 24th, 2026 by the CBP. Claiming self-defense (refuted by the videos taken by the protesters) in the face of supposed "insurgents", the agents of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement police (ICE) and the United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) both of which depend on the Department of Homeland Security, coldly shot two protesters who presented no danger. They were protesting against the extreme brutality that has been unleashed since January 2025 against presumed undocumented migrants, increasing arbitrary arrests of adults and even children and tracking protesters denouncing the expeditious methods of a migration policy instrumentalized by US President Donald Trump.

In the streets of Minneapolis, in January 2026, Homeland Security agents killed in the USA. The city, led by a Democratic mayor, Jacob Frey, in a Democratic state, Minnesota, governed by Tim Walz, running mate of Kamala Harris (presidential elections of 2024), was not chosen at random. Homeland Security primarily targets democratic cities and states, a sign of extreme politicization. Minnesota is further weakened by massive public aid fraud during the Covid pandemic unrelated to undocumented immigrants (2). The lyrics of the song by Bruce Springsteen testify to the drama that occurs live in front of the eyes of the Americans and the world. « Oh, our Minneapolis, I hear your voice / Crying through the bloody mist / We'll remember the names of those who died / On the streets of Minneapolis » (1). It is a cultural and even civilizational war that is addressed as much to the Americans as to the rest of the world. Major players in the cultural world are therefore justified in reacting. At the Grammy Awards ceremonies on February 1, 2026, Puerto Rican singer Bad Bunny, awarded for the album of the year, paid tribute to "all those who had to leave their homeland to pursue their dreams" and called to "put out" the American immigration police (ICE), slogan chanted by the protesters for weeks. "We are not savages. We are not animals. We are not strangers. We are human and we are Americans," he added.

Anti-migrant hatred and brutality are not unique to the United States. The Mexican filmmaker Michel Franco was interested in violence within his country and the way Mexicans are treated in the United States (3). In his film "Dreams", he describes a toxic relationship between a rich American patron and a young Mexican dancer, an allegory of the unequal and perverse relationship that unites the United States with Mexico. Miguel Franco does not, however, clear his country in a Manichaeian approach where the "United States are the bad guys and the Mexicans the victims". For him, it is not a question of nationality but a "primitive way that man has to walk on the other and to exclude him". He adds that "Immigrants in Mexico are very poorly treated, and the media talks about it little." He mentions the drama that occurred in Ciudad Juarez, a border city where people disappear every day. A fire had taken over a detention center in 2023 where mainly Venezuelan immigrants had rebelled. The Mexican guards locked the doors, leaving them to burn alive without anyone being worried. The Mexican filmmaker fears the xenophobic upsurge in the United States and its contagion.

Reactions in Europe to the ICE's methods have raised other concerns about unethical and undemocratic practices. In Italy, on the day of the murder of Alex Pretti, the Italian newspaper

«*Il Fatto quotidiano*», published a scoop. ICE agents should assist the American diplomatic security services, responsible for protecting their country's athletes, during the Olympic Games held in Milan and Cortina, from February 6 to 22, 2026. (4). The disastrous image of ICE agents is aggravated in Italy by the attacks on January 25, 2026, on RAI journalists who were covering the events in Minneapolis. Freedom of the press is another issue raised by ICE - journalists are targets, "troublesome witnesses". The media have been attacked by Donald Trump since his first term. Considering himself 'mistreated', he insults them and pursues them regularly. Police brutality and the lack of respect for human rights against migrants are combined with an escalation in violence against anyone who denounces the facts or attempts to testify about human rights abuses.

Logically, the means employed by the ICE are also subject to caution. The online media outlet "Observatoire des multinationales"(Multinationals Observatory) revealed on January 21, 2026 that the American subsidiary of a French group, Cap Gemini Solutions (CGS), won in December 2025 a contract with ICE whose purpose is to "get people finding services (skip racing) for execution and eviction operations" using AI (5). ICE further promises "financial bonuses or rate adjustments based on the supplier's success rate in verifying foreigners' addresses and delivering documents". CGS's business relations with ICE go back more than 15 years; the French subsidiary handled the «planning of detentions». For the online site "Digital Solutions", "Major digital players are no longer judged solely by their ability to deliver complex projects, but on the concrete impact of these projects on individuals and society." By revealing the contract between a US subsidiary of Cap Gemini and ICE, the debate shifted "from economic terrain to governance, ethics and accountability." (6) The French minister of economy, Mr. Roland Lescure, and the minister of the armed forces, Ms. Catherine Vautrin, reacted during questions to the government, at the National Assembly, Wednesday, January 28. Roland Lescure asked CGS to "shed light in an extremely transparent way on the activities that are his". Catherine Vautrin added that "the contracts of the French groups deserve all vigilance" by recalling that "respect for human rights is an issue". (5) As an aggravating circumstance, CGS has developed relations with Palantir, the American and global giant of data analysis, whose co-founder Peter Thiel was the first billionaire at Silicon Vally to support US President Donald Trump, as early as 2016. He is also the mentor of vice president JD Vance since his university years at Yale. Mr Vance is the first supporter of ICE.

The migration issue is at the heart of ethical challenges posed to Europe - cultural and technological ones. For some analysts, Donald Trump has deliberately hysterized his migration policy to accentuate the fragmentation of the population in the United States and in Europe. The Europeans are directly concerned. Leaders of extremist parties extol the virtues of the ICE's muscular strategy and advocate its equivalent in Europe.

There are numerous safeguards in Europe in 2026 - agencies responsible for the fight against discrimination or the AI Act for an ethical use of AI (7). How long will they resist?

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- (1) Bruce Springsteen “Streets of Minneapolis”, publié sur Youtube , 28 janvier 2026 - <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=wWKSxG1K7w>
- (2) Editorial du Monde, mardi 27 janvier 2026
- (3) Interview de Michel Franco par Boris Bastide, propos recueillis et publiés dans Le Monde, mercredi 28 janvier 2026
- (4) Alain Kaval « En Italie, polémique sur la présence de l’ICE aux JO de Milan-Cortina », Le Monde, 29 janvier 2026
- (5) Olivier Pinaud « Capgemini dans la tourmente pour son travail avec ICE », Le Monde, jeudi 29 janvier 2026
- (6) Charlotte Rabatel « « Capgemini et l’ICE : une collaboration qui secoue l’opinion », mardi 27 janvier 2026- <https://www.solutions-numeriques.com/capgemini-et-lice-une-collaboration-qui-secoue-l-opinion/>
- (7) IA Act (EU) 2024/1689 du Parlement Européen et du Conseil de l’UE du 13 Juin 2024 , entrée en vigueur en 2026, encadrant l’intelligence artificielle en Europe - <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/regulatory-framework-ai>