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Reminder that ICE has no power to interrogate random people about their citizenship. The problem is that we don't criminalize violations.

§1357. Powers of immigration officers and employees

(a) Powers without warrant

Any officer or employee of the Service authorized under regulations prescribed by the Attorney General shall have power without warrant-

(1) to interrogate **any alien** or person believed to be an alien as to his right to be or to remain in the United States;

(2) to arrest **any alien** who in his presence or view is entering or attempting to enter the United States in violation of any law or regulation made in pursuance of law regulating the admission, exclusion, expulsion, or removal of aliens, or to arrest **any alien** in the United States, if he has reason to believe that the alien so arrested is in the United States in violation of any such law or regulation and is likely to escape before a warrant can be obtained for his arrest, but the alien arrested shall be taken without unnecessary delay for examination before an officer of the Service having authority to examine aliens as to their right to enter or remain in the United States;

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Correct, which is why Border Patrol should be banished to the actual border. Also, it didn't have its extra-constitutional powers until the 1930s, not the 1920s, which is why it made so few arrests in the 1920s (not because illegal immigration was so low)



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He's absolutely correct.

But Border Patrol does!

Why? Cause it was our job since 1924. ...

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David, honest question....How many illegals are you housing per



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That 1930s distinction changes the framing quite a bit. Arrest totals from the 1920s alone clearly aren't enough to estimate unauthorized immigration.



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