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GOP, Dem Response to ICE Shooting Shows Insurmountable Differences on Immigration

The disparate reaction among Democrats and Republicans to today's fatal shooting of a woman in Minneapolis during an Immigration and Customs Enforcement action shows that the two parties' differences on immigrants, immigration, and immigration enforcement are insurmountable.

Video clearly shows that the woman attempted to run down an ICE agent. He shot and killed her.

Still, Democrats claim the shooting was unjustified, a "heinous" crime. Republicans defended the agent and ICE, and aver that months of far-left and Democratic demonization of ICE agents led to the confrontation.



AP Images
Police at the scene of the ICE shooting in Minneapolis Jan. 7, 2026

Today, ICE officers in Minneapolis were conducting targeted operations when rioters began blocking ICE officers and one of these violent rioters weaponized her vehicle, attempting to run over our law enforcement officers in an attempt to kill them—an act of domestic terrorism....

— Homeland Security (@DHSgov) [January 7, 2026](#)

Democratic Hysteria

As [The New American reported](#) earlier today, ICE was in Minneapolis partly in response to reports of widespread Somali day care, welfare, and other fraud. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) reported that agents were conducting an enforcement action.

Video from several angles of the attempted murder shows the same thing. At about 10:45 a.m. today, an ICE agent approached the driver-side door of the Honda Pilot and attempted to open it, as another stepped in front of it. Trying to escape an apparent arrest, the woman accelerated toward the agent in front of her SUV. He shot and killed her.

Another angle of the ICE involved shooting in Minneapolis.

<https://t.co/KnMm6J4GCv>

— Breaking911 (@Breaking911) [January 7, 2026](#)



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Watch the encounter between ICE and an alleged protester in Minneapolis, Minnesota today, shown in slow motion.

ICE says officers were forced to act because they believed she was about to run them over.

Democrats are saying she was not a present danger.

What do your eyes tell... pic.twitter.com/d1mCPXjSln

— Shadow of Ezra (@ShadowofEzra) [January 7, 2026](#)

Then you must be BLIND!!! pic.twitter.com/EfUMCTwGwi

— Jammles (@jammles9) [January 7, 2026](#)

Far-left Minnesota Democratic Governor Tim Walz, along with Democratic subversive Mayor Jacob Frey of Minneapolis, immediately waged rhetorical war on ICE.

Frey ordered ICE to “get the f**k” out Minneapolis, and claimed that the agent did not defend himself. That is bulls**t,” he said.

Other hate-ICE Democrats piled on.

Responding to Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem, who called the attempt to murder the ICE agent “domestic terrorism,” House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries (N.Y.) called Noem “a stone-cold liar who has zero credibility.”

“There is nothing to suggest the shooting of an unarmed woman in Minneapolis was justified,” Jeffries fumed, leaving out the woman’s attempt to murder an ICE agent. “This heinous killing must be criminally investigated to the full extent of the law.”

DHS Secretary Kristi Noem labels today’s attack on ICE agents in Minneapolis an act of DOMESTIC TERRORISM.

“These vehicle rammings are domestic acts of terrorism. We are working with the DOJ to prosecute them as such.” pic.twitter.com/HBqY6FT9nA

— Benny Johnson (@bennyjohnson) [January 7, 2026](#)

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Steam puffed out of the turban atop the head of Rep. Ilhan Omar of Minnesota.

"ICE's actions today were unconscionable and reprehensible," the [Somali immigration fraudster](#) fumed on X:

I am beyond outraged that their reckless, callous actions led to the killing of a legal observer in Minneapolis. My heart breaks for the victim's family, who will have to forever live with the pain caused by the Trump Administration's reckless and deadly actions.

This administration has shown, yet again, that it does not care about the safety of Minnesotans. Instead of protecting our communities, they are unleashing violence — terrorizing neighborhoods and now killing a civilian. For weeks, ICE's so-called "Operation Metro Surge" has spread fear, chaos, and violence across our state.

This is not law enforcement. It is state violence. It is simply indefensible, and ICE must be held accountable. That must include a full, comprehensive investigation and legal action against the agency.

Nuance, it's safe to say, isn't one of the African congresswoman's strong suits. But that aside, the man [who says](#) that illegal aliens are "the people we care about most" also chimed in.

"Democrats cannot vote for a DHS budget that doesn't restrain the growing lawlessness of this agency," Senator Chris Murphy of Connecticut wrote on X. Representative Daniel Goldman of New York agreed.

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— Chris Murphy □ (@ChrisMurphyCT) [January 7, 2026](#)

Agree. <https://t.co/KfbgrPiTZ6>

— Daniel Goldman (@danielsgoldman) [January 7, 2026](#)

Said Senate Democratic chief Chuck Schumer, also of New York:

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GOP Replies

GOP Majority Whip Tom Emmer, also of Minnesota, targeted Democratic anti-ICE rhetoric, then zeroed in on Walz and Frey.

“Our brave ICE agents put their lives on the line every day to protect our communities from dangerous criminals. May God bless and protect them in their efforts,” he wrote. “Shame on the elected officials who endanger these agents by spewing lies and hateful rhetoric.”

“I pray that every federal law enforcement officer on the ground in Minnesota right now remains safe as they carry out their vital mission,” he continued. “Tim Walz and Jacob Frey are cowards who are inciting violence to distract from their own failures. It’s dangerous. Stay safe, @ICEgov.”

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Representative Michelle Fischbach, also of Minnesota, backed ICE, accurately describing what the video showed.

“Today’s targeted assault on ICE agents in Minneapolis is the direct result of the dangerous rhetoric from sanctuary policies and the politicians who back them,” she wrote on X:

No officer should have to face a weaponized vehicle while performing their duties, yet our officers are facing a 1,300% surge in assaults and an 8,000% spike in death threats. I stand with the officer who acted in self-defense to save lives, and I will continue to fight for the men and women who keep our communities safe.

“This is what happens when Democrats continue to DEMONIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT,” wrote House GOP chief Lisa McClain of Michigan. “Praying for all our brave ICE agents who are working to keep us safe.”



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— Chairwoman Lisa McClain (@RepLisaMcClain) [January 7, 2026](#)

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— House Republicans (@HouseGOP) [January 7, 2026](#)

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House Republicans posted a photo of an illegal-alien goon in the custody of an ICE agent with this message: "REPOST IF YOU STAND WITH ICE"

Famously weak House Speaker Mike Johnson (La.) didn't seem to know what happened. "It appears to, I guess, anybody who sees the video from certain angles, that the driver of the vehicle weaponized that vehicle against law enforcement officers," [he said](#).

[Democrats have repeatedly called](#) ICE agents [Nazis](#), Gestapo, [and terrorists](#), with hate-ICE Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker [vowing to](#) prosecute them for enforcing U.S. immigration law.

That and today's reaction to the shooting prove that reasoning with the party of open-borders, hate-Trump extremists is futile.



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