



Due Process for All

Tell Congress to ensure that every person in the United States, including non-citizens, is accorded due process!!

As Unitarian Universalists, we affirm that all people have inherent worth and dignity and should be treated with respect and compassion. Further, we affirm that "all people" includes immigrants, and that their fundamental civil and human right to due process is guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution and U.S. and international law.

Due process of law is vital because it safeguards individual rights and ensures fairness in the legal system. It serves as a foundation for justice by guaranteeing that laws are applied equally and that no one is deprived of their life, liberty, or property without proper legal procedures. Due process prevents abuse of power by government authorities and provides individuals with an opportunity to defend themselves and be heard.

Fundamentally, due process protects democracy and upholds the rule of law, ensuring that every person is treated fairly and with respect within the justice system. It was recognized as an essential underpinning of freedom in the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

We call upon members of our faith tradition and those who share similar values to urge Congress to take immediate actions to stop the practice of mass roundups, detentions, and deportations without affording people due process.

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