

# **The Post-9/11 Homeland Security State: Building a Transnational Archive**

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## **DHS Bureaucratic Development**

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The archive contains 2,062+ unique primary sources documenting the creation, development, and expansion of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Presidential documents span the George W. Bush (2001-2009), Barack Obama (2009-2017), and Donald Trump (2017-2021) Administrations. Legislative documents span the 107th through the 114th Congresses. Secretary documents include those of Thomas J. Ridge (2001-2005), Michael Chertoff (2005-2009), Janet Napolitano (2009-2013), and Jeh Charles Johnson (2013-2017). The archive also includes special collections, such as systematic records of DHS foreign policymaking.

## **Oversight and Audits**

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The archive contains audit reports on the DHS and its agencies, published by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the DHS Office of Inspector General (OIG). It includes 1,973 GAO reports and 513 OIG reports, covering the post-9/11 period through 2026.

## **Agency Rulemaking**

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The database includes all proposed rules, notices, and final rules for each DHS agency: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Coast Guard, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Secret Service, and Transportation Security Administration (TSA), from 2003 to 2025.

## **Operations and Deployments**

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The archive contains primary sources on 214+ unique immigration and border enforcement operations conducted by the former Immigration and Naturalization Service and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, spanning 1954 to 2026. Sources include government, news media, and community-sourced documents. Internal reports document federal agents' deployments across multiple sites over time and across geography.

## **Deportation Operations**

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The archive contains English- and Spanish-language sources on U.S. and Mexican repatriation operations spanning the administrations of Carlos Salinas (1988-1994), Ernesto Zedillo (1994-2000), Vicente Fox

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(2000-2006), Felipe Calderón (2006-2012), Enrique Peña-Nieto (2012-2018), and Andrés López Obrador (2018-2024).

## **Congressional Research Service Reports**

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The archive contains 80+ unique Congressional Research Service reports from 1970 to 2025 on U.S. immigration and border enforcement, the U.S.-Mexico relationship, and the United States' relationship with Latin America and the Caribbean.

## **INM Bureaucratic Development**

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The archive contains Mexican presidential, legislative, legal, administrative, and news sources concerning the creation and development of the Mexican Instituto Nacional de Migración (INM), as well as broader transformations in Mexico, including the economy, security, and militarization, among others.

## **Detention across Mexican Territory**

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The archive contains Spanish-language Mexican news media sources from 2000 to 2026, covering 72 Mexican detention centers in Mexico City and across 25 Mexican states (Aguascalientes; Baja California; Baja California Sur; Campeche; Chiapas; Chihuahua; Coahuila; Guerrero; Hidalgo; Jalisco; Nuevo León; Oaxaca; Michoacán; Puebla; Quintana Roo; Querétaro; San Luis Potosí; Sinaloa; Sonora; Tabasco; Tamaulipas; Tlaxcala; Veracruz; Yucatán; Zacatecas). An internal report documents cases of extortion by Mexican immigration agents and collective action by migrants detained in these centers.

## **Mobilities across Mexican Territory**

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The archive includes Spanish-language Mexican news media and secondary sources by Mexican academics documenting migrants' experiences moving across Mexico and their encounters with the Mexican state. An internal report examines the experiences of various migrant groups, including Africans; Chinese; Cubans; Haitians; Hondurans; Guatemalans; Nicaraguans; Salvadorans; transgender people; Indigenous peoples; women; men; and unaccompanied children, among other groups.

## **Systematic Review**

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The archive contains articles published in peer-reviewed journals about the DHS and its agencies. It includes 155+ articles spanning political science, law, public administration, sociology, economics, American studies, ethnic studies, and other disciplines. Internal reports identify patterns in the multifaceted operations of the DHS and its agents.