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Immigration Worksite Raids Are as Disastrous as Family Separation

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President-elect Trump has announced that Tom Homan, who ran the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency from January 2017 to June 2018, will return as “border czar” in his administration.

Homan, who has promised to run the “biggest deportation force this country has ever seen,” presided over ICE as the federal government implemented large-scale immigration worksite raids in 2018. These raids resulted in community-wide family separations, the creation of single-parent households, declining mental and physical health, absences from school and the avoidance of healthcare and social services in immigrant communities.