

# FOUR FACTS ABOUT THE "FREEDOM" FOUNDATION/OPT OUT TODAY'S ANTI-IMMIGRANT AGENDA



The "Freedom" Foundation/Opt Out Today and their staff have deep roots in the far-right and have actively worked to undermine the rights of immigrant communities.

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## **THE "FREEDOM" FOUNDATION/OPT OUT TODAY IS CLOSELY TIED TO THE ANTI-IMMIGRANT AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL (ALEC).**

Arizona's SB 1070 was modeled after an ALEC bill entitled the No Sanctuary Cities for Illegal Immigrants Act. The ACLU explains that the law invites "rampant racial profiling against Latinos, Asian-Americans and others presumed to be "foreign" based on how they look or sound. They also authorize police to demand papers proving citizenship or immigration status from anyone they stop and suspect of being in the country unlawfully."

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## **THE "FREEDOM" FOUNDATION/OPT OUT TODAY HAS ARGUED THAT THE LABOR MOVEMENT'S SUPPORT FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM AMOUNTS TO "RADICAL LEFTIST POLITICS."**

The "Freedom" Foundation/Opt Out Today has argued: "If unions were actually committed to the goals they claim to be, protecting the borders would still be a top priority. Illegal immigrants, after all, compete for jobs against American workers, and unions would naturally want to eliminate the unnecessary competition."

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## **THE "FREEDOM" FOUNDATION/OPT OUT TODAY'S OREGON DIRECTOR WAS A FEATURED SPEAKER AT A RALLY FOR ANTI-IMMIGRANT ARIZONA SHERIFF JOE ARPAIO IN 2015.**

Gurney was a featured speaker at a rally for anti-immigrant Arizona sheriff Joe Arpaio. Gurney was also endorsed in her 2010 race for the State Legislature by Oregonians for Immigration Reform, an anti-immigrant group listed by the Southern Poverty Law Center as a "nativist extremist" organization.

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## **THE "FREEDOM" FOUNDATION/OPT OUT TODAY IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE KOCH-FUNDED STATE POLICY NETWORK.**

SPN member groups around the country have pushed an anti-immigrant agenda. The Wyoming Liberty Group railed against a decision to provide dialysis to end-stage renal patients in Georgia, asking whether "the federal government allow illegals to further drain our health care resources."

Peter Brimelow, a former Senior Fellow at SPN member the Pacific Research Institute, is a well-known anti-immigrant crusader who founded the site VDare.com. The Southern Poverty Law Center calls Mr. Brimelow a White Nationalist and has called VDare a hate group.

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