Responsibility Meter Report

ICE memo asserts home-entry power without judge's warrant

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Event harm: 80.2 · Confidence: 78.0

Summary

An internal ICE memo asserted that officers could enter homes without a judge's warrant under some conditions, broadening the agency's claimed enforcement authority during a renewed crackdown. The policy stance raised immediate questions about search, entry, and the practical limits of immigration enforcement.

Top actors

1. ICE leadership | culpability 58.4 | confidence 91.0
2. Department of Homeland Security leadership | culpability 55.3 | confidence 79.0
3. ICE field enforcement teams | culpability 40.1 | confidence 79.0
4. U.S. public funding base | culpability 13.2 | confidence 63.0

Formulas

eventHarm = (20*severity + 12*scale + 15*irreversibility + 12*targetVulnerability + 15*rightsInvasion + 16*intentionality + 10*duration) / 5

actorResponsibility = (15*authorship + 18*decisionPower + 10*interpretivePower + 12*executionControl + 10*knowledge + 8*foreseeability + 8*discretion + 6*benefit + 8*concealment + 5*repeatSystemRole) / 5

confidence = (25*sourceQuality + 20*evidenceCompleteness + 20*roleCertainty + 20*attributionCertainty + 15*recencyStability) / 5

culpability = actorResponsibility * eventHarm / 100

Sources

• Associated Press: AP report on the ICE memo about entering homes without a judge's warrant