

DROP THE I-WORD

Media Pledge and Endorsement

Join Us in Dropping the I-Word!

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“Illegals” is a damaging term that **divides** and **dehumanizes** communities and is used to **discriminate** against immigrants and people of color. The i-word is shorthand for “illegal alien,” “illegal immigrant,” and other inaccurate and harmful racially charged terms. We can stop unintentionally fueling racial profiling and violence directed toward immigrants when we drop the i-word.

Through this endorsement, our organization pledges to drop the i-word. We urge colleagues and media organizations to uphold ethical and professional legal and journalistic standards **by dropping the i-word today**. We don't use the i-word slur and related terms out of respect for our craft, truth, and the human dignity of the people we report about.

These terms are:

- Dehumanizing and racially charged.
- Meaningless in the context of immigration court proceedings.
- Not respectful of due process and a person's constitutional rights.
- Promoted by restrictionist advocacy organizations like [Numbers USA](#) and the [Federation for American Immigration Reform \(FAIR\)](#), founded by eugenicist John Tanton.

Foreign nationals, undocumented immigrant, unauthorized immigrant, immigrant entering without inspection and immigrant seeking status are examples of terms we can use that do not dehumanize people.

Your pledge will be sent to various media outlets throughout our campaign. Please also send a high-resolution image of your logo to Mónica Novoa at droptheword@colorlines.com so we can include it on our campaign website.

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