

# Survival Is Naming the Threat Out Loud

## “Remigration” Is Not a Policy — It’s a Warning

There is a particular violence in pretending that dangerous ideas are harmless just because they’re spoken in government language.

And yet communities are expected — again — to stay calm, stay polite, stay quiet while officials use a word with a documented white nationalist origin: **remigration**.

The expectation is familiar:

Hear the threat.

Smile anyway.

Pretend it’s normal.

But nothing about this is normal.

“Remigration” is not a neutral term.

It was built — intentionally — to communicate who is unwanted, who is removable, who does not belong.

It is a word designed to sound bureaucratic while carrying the weight of removal, expulsion, and erasure.

It tells some families their safety is conditional.

It tells some children their lives are negotiable.

It tells entire communities that belonging can be revoked on a politician’s whim.

This is not safety — it’s psychological warfare.

It’s a destabilizing tactic disguised as policy.

And we are supposed to pretend we don’t feel the ground shift.

Communities who live closest to harm hear the message immediately.

Immigrant families listen with their whole bodies.

Black and brown children take in the tension before they understand the language.

Educators see the fear beneath the questions kids don’t know how to ask.

This is what targeted rhetoric does — it rearranges the nervous system long before it rearranges the law.

And still, we are told to “stay non-political.”

To “wait for clarification.”

To “assume good intent.”

But survival has never come from assuming good intent.

Survival comes from listening to the quiet part that has suddenly grown loud.

The system expects silence.

Silence keeps the threat invisible, and invisible threats are the easiest to escalate.

Naming it, instead, is treated as overreaction.

But here is the truth we are not supposed to say:

**Language is policy in the making.**

**Rhetoric is action's dress rehearsal.**

**Words like “remigration” soften the public for harm that once would have been unthinkable.**

And when systems tell you who they are, you believe them.

Refusing to pretend is an act of protection.

Calling this language what it is — a precursor, a warning, a tactic of exclusion — is how communities keep each other safe.

Because our silence will not save us.

And our clarity will.

You are not overreacting.

You are not imagining it.

You are not reading too much into it.

Your body recognized the threat before the headlines did.

And saying it out loud is a form of resistance:

“I see what you’re doing.”

“This language is dangerous.”

“You don’t get to hide harm behind sanitized words.”

“We will not be quietly prepared for removal.”

Survival is refusing to normalize the language of displacement.

Survival is naming the threat while others pretend it’s just semantics.

Survival is choosing solidarity over silence.

And survival is remembering — fiercely — that **belonging is not granted by a government. It is inherent. It is human. It is ours.**

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