

# EMGAGE ACTION STATEMENT



## DHS Policy Targeting Social Media Activity in Immigration Screening



Engage Action is deeply concerned by the Department of Homeland Security's new policy to screen immigrants' social media for alleged antisemitic content as a basis for denying immigration benefits. This policy risks creating a dangerous precedent that conflates political expression—particularly criticism of foreign governments or U.S. foreign policy—with hate speech or terrorism.

This announcement opens the door to broad surveillance, subjective interpretations of speech, and targeted discrimination, particularly against Muslim, Arab, and Palestinian communities. It undermines due process and First Amendment protections by policing political speech under the guise of national security.

We urge lawmakers and civil rights advocates to reject this policy and ensure that immigration decisions are not driven by political bias or ideological litmus tests. All communities deserve equal protection under the law—without fear of censorship or selective enforcement.