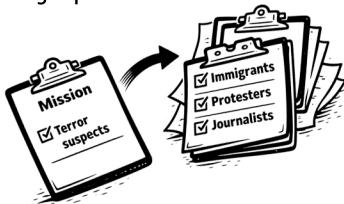


transparency and almost no way to appeal. labeling people as threats, with no automating that same injustice: quietly immigrations and similar tools risk judges biased „neutral“ scores. higher rates than white people, feeding falsely labeled Black people „high-risk“ at far algorithms used in criminal justice have who is ignored. Past who gets targeted and scored quietly decides an alert, and how risks is include, what triggers in AI systems, design is policy. Palantir claims it „just provides the tools“. But **Algorithms as Secret Law**



Mission Creep: From Hospitals to Workplaces

Once Palantir's systems are in place, they tend to spread. At JP Morgan, for example, Palantir tools encouraged constant surveillance of workers until investigators were even monitoring top executives.



Police in U.S. cities have quietly used Palantir to build lists of “persons of interest” and map over-policed neighborhoods, creating feedback loops that justify even more surveillance.



Power, Profits, and Contempt for Democracy

Palantir sits at the crossroads of tech oligarchs and authoritarian politics. Thiel has written that since women got the vote and social programs expanded, “capitalist democracy” is basically an oxymoron. He and fellow billionaires like Elon Musk have poured money and staff into Trump’s administration, while Palantir’s CEO boasts that their software exists to “scare enemies and on occasion kill them.” As deportations ramp up, Palantir’s ICE contracts keep growing—turning human suffering and weakened civil liberties into a lucrative business model.

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What We Can Do



This story isn't just about tech. It's about who gets to live freely in a democracy. We can:

- **Demand** that cities, universities, companies refuse or cancel contracts with Palantir and other surveillance vendors.
- **Push** Congress and local officials to ban Palantir from immigration enforcement and block any national “super-database.”
- **Support** immigrant-led groups, legal defense funds, and rapid-response networks that support ICE victims.

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PALANTIR & THE POLICE STATE

How one tech company is helping build the machinery of mass surveillance and deportation



Use this zine to start a conversation

“Seeing Stone” to Surveillance Empire Palantir takes its name from Tolkiens Palantir, a seeing stone that lets the powerful see anyone and twist what they see. For over a decade, Palantir has been the digital backbone of ICE. Its systems (FALCON, Palantir as ICE's Nerve Center

In the real world, Palantir builds All “seeing stones” for governments, militaries, and oceans of personal data. Its software ingests location data, financial records, biometric records, social media, and turns them into dossiers and “risk scores” on real people. Alex Karp have used these tools to win billions in U.S. government contracts. Billions co-founder Peter Thiel and CEO