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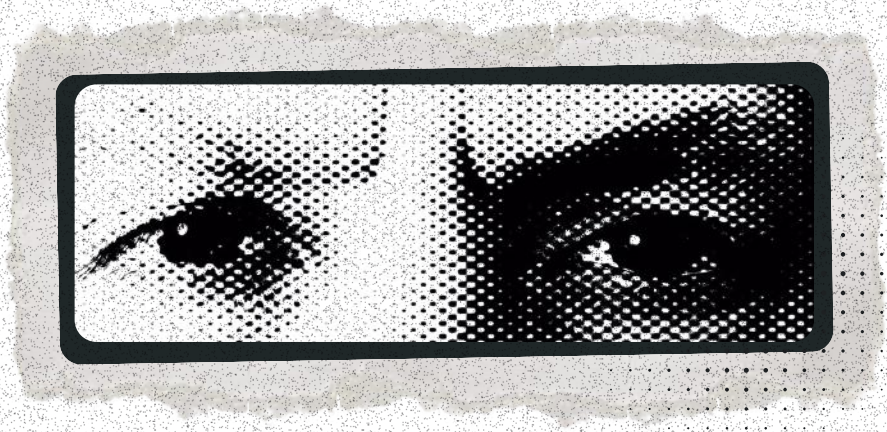
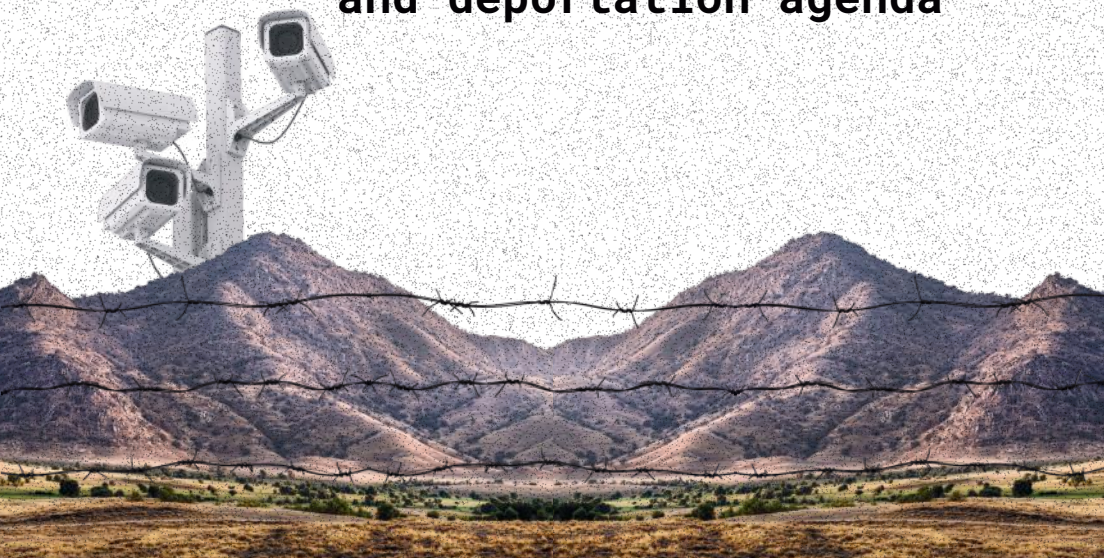


WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT PALANTIR:

The tech company powering **Trump's mass surveillance and deportation agenda**



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WHAT IS PALANTIR?

Palantir is a **data-mining** firm that sells **data analytics software** used by companies and governments to manage and analyze large amounts of data.

Palantir has contracted with the U.S. government for **14 years** but has recently been under fire following Trump's desire to compile a **master database** and its new ICE contract to **track migrants**.

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GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

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The Trump Administration has tapped Palantir to compile a “**master database**” of information on every American.

Since Trump's inauguration, Palantir has won over **$900 million** in federal contracts, and its stock has more than doubled.

Palantir has previous and current contracts with:

the CIA, National Security Agency, FBI, Department of Defense, several local police departments, ICE, IRS, Securities and Exchange Commission, CDC, FDA, and National Institutes of Health,

making the merger of data between government agencies through Palantir the “**easiest**” option.

CONTRACT WITH ICE

In April 2025, ICE signed an additional **$30 million contract** with Palantir to build a **platform to track migrants** by September 25.

Known as "**ImmigrationOS**," the platform will:

- merge data from multiple government databases and private sources to target undocumented people in the U.S.
- help track and manage deportations
- target criminal organizations
- include "near real-time visibility" on people self-deporting
- help prioritize ICE enforcement against those who remain
- monitor visa overstays

MILITARY USE

The **Department of Defense** is Palantir's largest government client with a **$1.3 billion contract** running through 2029.

Palantir provides the military with **AI software** that's used to identify airstrike targets, predict bombs and ambushes, analyze satellite imagery, drone footage, radar feeds, ground reports, and other data.

Outside of the U.S., Palantir has worked with the **Ukrainian military**, **Britain's Defense Ministry**, and its AI software is used by the **Israel Defense Forces to strike targets in Gaza**.

MEET THE BROLIGARCHS

"Palantir is here to disrupt and make the institutions we partner with the very best in the world, and when it's necessary to scare our enemies and, on occasion, kill them."

CEO ALEX KARP

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Palintir CEO Alex Karp describes himself as "**progressive but not woke.**" He is a Democrat donor and supported Kamala Harris in 2024. Karp **believes Silicon Valley has lost its way** and that tech companies should play a **bigger role in Washington and military technology**.

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CO-FOUNDER PETER THIEL

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Palantir co-founder Peter Thiel is a long-time Republican donor who helped launch **Elon Musk's** PayPal as an early investor. In 2022, Thiel helped **JD Vance** win his U.S. Senate seat with a **$15 million donation**. Thiel was Vance's long-time **mentor** and **boss** at Thiel's venture capital firm.

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