

## **Arizona immigration ruling key points**

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In a 5-3 **ruling** issued Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down much of **Arizona**'s tough **immigration** law, SB 1070, but upheld a **key** provision allowing officers to question people about their **immigration** status.

Here's what the court concluded:

**Arizona** police cannot make warrantless arrests and jail immigrants just because officers believe they are deportable

**Arizona** cannot make it a state crime for illegal immigrants to seek work or to be in the state without carrying federal documentation

**Arizona** police can briefly detain and question someone they've stopped and contact federal agents if they have reasonable suspicion they are in the country illegally

Voted in the majority: Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Anthony Kennedy and Sonia Sotomayor

Dissented: Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas would have upheld all of **Arizona**'s law; Samuel Alito wanted to sustain two of the three provisions the majority rejected.

Not participating: Justice Elena Kagan recused herself.

Reactions:

"I remain concerned that the sole remaining provision -- the requirement that police check the **immigration** status of a person they've otherwise stopped or arrested -- raises serious constitutional concerns that will result in civil rights violations against citizens and immigrants alike." -- U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-San Francisco

"I am disappointed by the Supreme Court's decision. ... Today's **ruling** essentially puts an end to **immigration** enforcement since the states no longer can step in and fill the void created by the Obama administration." -- U.S. House Judiciary Chairman Lamar Smith, R-Texas

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